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Woodville District Baseball Club
SENATORS

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

2017-2018



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From the Chairman.

My privilege to serve the Members of recent and past years. I acknowledge and extend my gratitude to all Volunteers, Coaches, Players, Members, 5023 Committee and fellow Board Directors in achieving the many outcomes. Too often we underestimate the contribution of Members, may be the case with the newly formed OBG group and an awesome work horse on and off field in Adam Lodge, who is stepping down.

This is my final report as Chairman and as a Volunteer of the club after many years involvement. I am therefore drawn towards presenting a report covering the past two years as a block. The theme these two years was a positive "What We Can Do"

Financially, a big thank you to all our sponsors and the generous donations from Dennis and Raelene Cutting and Terry Fitzgerald. The new Gold Sponsor in The Lakes Hotel was significant this season in the scheme of things and we should be confident of the relationship in future years. The 5023 committees' work is most appreciated and great to see more past players re engage with the Club.

Overall, I am comfortable and satisfied with the financial outcomes given the added value to Club facilities and our operational costs and the base set for Junior and Senior player lists rebuild. There was a greater expenditure column than income in 2017/18 before audit, as was the case these past 6 years. The areas attributing to the increased expenditure are the numerous one-off contributions to facilities with main diamond grass upgrade, shelters to junior diamond and main diamond, maintenance and machine repairs, subsidising Senior and Junior fees and immigration costs.

Total costs were in the vicinity of \$33000, of which the Club contributed approx. 55%. We were, as always, well supported financially and with ongoing maintenance by our Patron Mayor Angela Evans, Councillors George Turrelli and Paul Sykes and the City of Charles Sturt Council.

An objective, and achieved, was to become more efficient in the bar and canteen, always the club's biggest source of income. The 2017/18 bar income increased 7.9% and increased GP of 1.48%, the canteen had a margin increase of 26%, the best return in a decade. Well done to all.

The concern though is the canteen turnover decrease these past four years of 35%, due mainly to smaller Junior Friday nights, reduced Goodwill Series return, Baseball SA programming and competitions eroding club income, training and games cancelled or rescheduled due to the heat policy.

On-field, the Club re-asserted themselves as a rightful finalist in the top 3 senior grades, just falling in the last 2 weeks as a possible Club of the Year Award again, along with a pleasing increase in player numbers and depth. The Juniors, as expected, were just holding ground and hats off to the Coaches, Players, Volunteers and Parents for staying strong, loyal and being part of Woodville.

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Looking to the future, the main pillars are in place and need just a little tweaking.

Financially we should be very sound, expenditure is to reduce with less imports and immigration costs, minimal external facilities spend and substantial reduction in player fee subsidies than these past two years. Power cost savings with solar panels and reduced contributions to the Sports Club will take full effect and an increase in canteen income by \$5000-\$10000 is achievable with the start-up of a Women's Baseball Team and the Juniors rebuild with schools' participation next year. This should give a return to what was once known as a strong Friday night club night.

A bigger Goodwill Series would impact strongly and Baseball SA scheduling a 3rd Saturday Div. 1 twilight home game would be a significant injection socially and financially. A discussion now with Council through the Mayor and Sam Higgins and in conjunction with Sports Club may be fruitful for any future building projects.

Finally, the challenges as I see things are to maintain at a minimum, with an emphasis to improve the Div. 1&2 squad quality and depth as well as Club depth of qualified Coaches. Benefit from the subsequent income streams from Saturday twilight games socially, continue to evolve the Senators 5023 Club and maximise Friday nights with revamped Juniors, and the inaugural Woodville Senators Women's Team.

To all members, Good Health, Good Luck and Thanks for the Journey with Jenny and our Family.

For me, the Club is still about **"What We Can Do "**and **"The Family Friendly Club."**

Noel Annear.

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Baseball Report.

This season we welcomed new Players, Coaches and their Families to the Club across all teams. I would like to welcome you all and hope that you enjoyed your season. Thank you to the players and families who supported us from Mildura each week.

With the introduction of a new registration system, we had a few frustrations early on which were felt throughout the League. Thank you to all the Players and Coaches who patiently worked with me to ensure that everyone was registered through the new platform.

This season we entered 6 senior teams, 5 junior teams and a T-Ball squad. Congratulations to Division 1, 2, 3 and Under 13's who all made finals but, alas, did not go all the way.

We once again hosted the Goodwill Series, which was successful. It is always a pleasure to host the series and catching up with our friends from the USA who continue to support the competition.

I would like to thank everyone who supported the teams and the Club by attending games, functions and events throughout the season. It is great to see the continued support of many of our Past Players at games and events.

Thank you to everyone who throughout the season coached, scored, managed, counted pitches, umpired, managed equipment, worked in the canteen and bar, maintained grounds and line marking. Without volunteers a Club cannot prosper!

A special thank you to Mel O'Brien & Marie Reval for Thursday night meals. To Alyssa Owen for managing our social media, to John Russell for match reports every week and to Jo Owen for your support in managing the Baseball load.

I would like to thank each of the Board Members for your tireless work throughout the year in your respective portfolios.

Looking forward to a great season in 2018/19.

Amanda Gray

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Facilities Report.

I am going to plagiarise parts of my report from last year as some aspects of the position have not changed. The position to me is a very rewarding position to have, in particular the positive comments from representatives of all Clubs.

It takes a lot of hard work to maintain the high standards of the best ground in the league. Our equipment, which took a battering the previous year, fared well.

The greatest outlay was both ride-on and cylinder mower repairs prior to season start.

- Ride-in Mower had a major overhaul in late August 2017. Several worn parts replaced and the issue of throwing the main belt was finally fixed. At a cost of \$838.00 with records showing the previous major service being in 2014 (prior to my tenure) was \$636.00.
- Push mower was replaced through a donation from Bunnings. This was brought about by Pattie approaching them and her great relationship with them. Thank you Pattie
- Whipper shippers- still have issues with cracked housings and overheating of cutter head. Likely outcome is that we could make one out of the two. These items are more of a home style and not suited to prolonged use. A more industrial type would be better suited which I hope to procure if we are granted a recent application for a \$5000 government grant.
- Blower 240V or petrol. As above with grant, I hope to purchase one also.
- Cylinder mower- drive sprocket had completely stripped so at the same time: we as a Board decided to have major work done at a cost of \$825.00. Upon investigation it was also noted that the last major service (blade and sole plate) hadn't been done since 2014 (prior to my tenure).
- We were granted a Discretionary Ward Allowance of \$3674.00 for shelters on the Junior Diamond. This work was completed this season thanks to Brad Grose and sponsor Oasis Home Improvements. Brad and his team also provided a permanent cover for our main diamond scorers shelter. Cheers Brad.

Brad Atkinson and Shane Lodge also paved the scorers' area. Great work fellas and a huge thank you.

The scoreboard suffered an unexpected meltdown leaving Johnny twiddling his thumbs and a bit lost. The fix is not easy apparently, so if we get the government grant; a chunk of that will go to the repair or replacement depending on cost.

We had a spate of vandalism on our facilities during the season ranging from minor (graffiti, etc) to major (pergola post completely ripped from the ground). This was eventually repaired by Brad Grose after several negotiations between Noel, Brad and Council. Several wheelie bins fell victim to arson as well.

It is something that we need to be aware of and keep on top of through neighbourhood watch and passers-by.

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Grounds received some major love prior to season start with the cut-outs being made smaller and more uniform, by having new turf laid (professionally). This was at a cost of \$6138.00. The cost was partially met by Council however an extra cost was incurred by us due to a "neighbour" obviously needing some of our grass more than us. We then had to order more . Thanks again to Noel for instigating this.

I did receive a lot of help during the season which I am thankful for. My work did however impact more and more on my role as the season went on. Due to circumstances beyond my control I was not able to give the time I initially did to the roll. A massive thank you goes out the OBG's for their invaluable assistance. I hope now that Noel is moving on that the OBG's can continue □□□

I appreciated the opportunity to perform the duties required and look forward to continuing to help as much as permissible. I have however stated that I will be able to set up early Sunday mornings and hang around until my sons' game starts in which case I will go and watch him. Bottom line is that extra help will be needed!

Mick Mullen.



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Club Report.

We would like to welcome to the Club our new Major Sponsor, the Lakes Hotel. Thanks to the Fahey Group for their generous sponsorship of the Club for the next two years. We hope to continue the relationship to our mutual benefit well into the future.

Our Senior Presentation this year was held in the function room at the Hotel. The atmosphere, food and presentation of the venue was outstanding. Couldn't have been any happier with the night overall. Many thanks to Jo, Amanda, Jane, Alyssa and Lucy for their tireless work in setting up such an amazing evening enjoyed by all.

Since the introduction of solar panels and subsequent savings on electricity both Baseball and Lacrosse will see a benefit this year with a reduction in contributions to the Sports Club, to be set as the accounts are reviewed.

We had a busy and productive year. The introduction of our EFTPOS machine saw our bar sales up considerably on last year which generated a refund from the Sports Club of \$1400.

Some exciting news with Council scheduling some major upgrade works to the clubroom including a new roof and upgraded wet areas. Grants for 'Women in Sport' facility upgrade initiatives are also being investigated.

The Sports Club are also in talks with Council to secure funding for new floor coverings and accessible toilet facilities.

With the support of Council installing a security camera and increased police presence vandalism has decreased, with no major issues in the latter part of the season.

I would like to thank John Russell for his above and beyond attitude to making the bar an enjoyable place to be involved with. A massive thank you to Craig Reval for everything that he was able to do when I couldn't be available, eg: bar stock deliveries and many other duties. Dave and Jo Owen for their ongoing support and Dave's training. Thanks to the amazing contribution of all the countless Volunteers who have given their time to work in the canteen and other areas of the Club. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to this years' Board Members and looking forward to a great working relationship with the new Board going forward.

Cam Britcher.

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Junior Report.

This year began with The Junior Senators program which ran for 6 weeks prior to the commencement of the regular pre-season. Like previous years, this program was facilitated by Lawrie Moore and assisted by Dave Gray, with inclusions this year of myself and Shane Lodge. The turn out to these sessions was fantastic, it ranged between 13-24 players every week and covered all the age groups. The technical knowledge and skill development passed on by Lawrie to these players is invaluable. We look forward to continuing this program in the 2018-19 season.

Thank-you for the ongoing support of the 5023 club this season. Its due to their fundraising efforts that we were able to cover playing fees for new Players this year. We will be spending the off season considering other ways we can use this assistance. Not only to attract new players but to assist our current Players and Coaches in improving our on-field performance. This year we were able to field teams in all age groups, with this upcoming season to include an U9's team. Developing strategies and utilising available funds to attract and grow our Junior list will be a high priority moving forward.

Under 17's Coached by Rick Mitchell and Dayton Mitchell had a rough start to the season with 4 of their first 5 games being recorded as a loss, 3 of which were by a considerable margin. After their first win in round 5 they showed signs of improving as they were competitive until late in a number of their losses, however, their opposition were able to rally late in games. Beyond their round 5 win they only managed to win 1 and draw 1 for the rest of the season. A number of the Players were also playing in the senior divisions and U19's.

Under 15's, who were coached by Shane Lodge and Chris O'Brien, had a rough year. They were unable to record a win and finished on the bottom of the ladder. Much like U17's they showed signs of improving but were unable to stop their opposition rallying late in the games.

Under 13's Coached by James Stradling and Nick McCormack started the year in Div. 1 but were re-evaluated after conceding some big losses in their first 3 games and were moved into Div. 2. Round 7, which was their second Div. 2 game, saw them get their first win. For the rest of the Season they won another 3 and drew 1. They managed to make the finals but were unable to get over the line on the day.

Under 11's Coached by Dave Gray and Scott Romain had a competitive season recording 4 wins, 1 draw and another 5 games being decided by 5 runs or less. They ended up finishing ninth but were only 10 runs from finishing equal fourth.

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T-ball, coached by Shane Brown and myself, saw the season start much like other seasons, the numbers were somewhat inconsistent week to week but had a core group of seven to eight kids coming out every week. We conducted a six-week program at Lockleys North Primary School, which was run by Gary Owens, Shane Lodge and the import Players. After the Christmas break we launched a new T-ball program with Brompton Primary School where they brought out a team to play against Woodville. Next year we have confirmed 4 other schools who will be joining our Friday night comp and several others that have expressed interest. The idea is to create a platform for recruiting future Players to move up through our junior ranks and into Seniors in the future.

This year saw some unfortunate inclement weather with 3 family fun nights being cancelled due to extreme heat. We managed to have a Halloween themed night and an American themed night. These along with the Christmas show saw some reasonable turn outs throughout the season.

I would like to thank all Coaches, Scorers, Parents, Players, Umpires and anyone else who helped facilitate Trainings and game days. Without you there is no competition and no Club. I'd also like to thank the Board Members and all other volunteers of the Woodville Baseball Club, there is so much work and collaboration that goes into the running of the Club through the season. So many people give up countless hours for the betterment of the Club, without these people the Club can't exist.

Brad Atkinson



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Marketing Report.

Another great year with 1 new Sponsor and some existing Sponsors coming along once again.

Sponsors

Gold

Lakes Hotel

Silver

Oasis Home Improvement

Tonkin Consulting

My Pool Guru

Terry Fitzgerald

Bronze

Port Adelaide Garden and
Landscape Supplies

All Purpose Tree Services

Seaton Park Meat Store

Keith Mortimore

Community

Moore Maintenance and Electrical

Rob Scali Fuels

Craig and Marie Reval

Garth Lodge

We had some successful events:

Bunnings BBQ

We have held four barbecues this year at Bunnings with Players and some members attending a few hours on the day. We have had a great response from the Club and raised a great amount of money.

Raised \$5007.35

Ladies Day at the Club

Pink hats were sold on the day. \$5 entry fee, food and drinks included,

Good day overall that was enjoyed by the Ladies who attended.

Raised \$250. Donated to Breast Cancer Research.

Men's Health Day

We held Men's health Day again with a gold coin entry, Players wore yellow hats for the game. Bases were painted yellow for the day.

Raised \$250. Donated to the Cancer Council.

People's Choice Lottery

Sold twenty books. Pity it was off season, which affected results.

Raised \$400.

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Halloween Night at the Club

Always a fun night with heaps of kids dressing up and enjoying the meal and giveaways for best dressed.

Dine on the Diamond

With the H2Owens Project playing. Dancing and meals, what a brilliant night enjoyed by all. Tables and chairs on the field with the stage set up on the diamond. Beautiful weather, food, music and dancing.

I hope next season more attend as it was a fabulous night Dining at the 'D'.

Many thanks to everyone who assisted through the year, especially the Players and Members attending the BBQs at Bunnings.

Thanks again for your fundraising efforts.

I wish to say a BIG Thank You to the current Board. I will be stepping down as Marketing Director, which I have been a part of for the last four years.

I will still be a part of the Senators 5023 Club.

Good luck and here's to a fantastic 2018/19 season at Woodville.

Pattie Tucker

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Senators 5023 Report

Season 2017/18 has been a very successful year financially for the Senators 5023 Club. We raised \$9015.50 with expenses of \$3603.95 giving us a profit of \$5411.56 with the carry-over from last year of \$4214.63.

We had 3 very successful events, the first being held in November. At this event the members enjoyed a lovely 'Roast on the Diamond' lunch with Shane Parker Speedway Driver and Travis Dodd Adelaide United Soccer player as Guest Speakers.

The next event was a Yiros Night and Cocktail Party held after Ladies day. This event ensured our bar takings for the day where very profitable. Many Woodville and West Torrens Players stayed on to enjoy the meal and Gary Owens' band, the H2Owens Project.

The third event was our last luncheon held in February. Members enjoyed antipasti platters and chicken with vegetables and salad. The Guest Speakers for this event were Julian Burton OAM, Sturt Footballer/Bali Bomb Survivor and Katrina Webb OAM, Gold and Silver Para-Olympian Medallist.

I would like to thank the Committee, Andrew Sullivan, Pattie Tucker, Garry Marsland, Grant Behrendt, Cameron Britcher and Marie Reval for all their hard work and making the year enjoyable.

We could not have been this successful without the support of our Patrons Dennis and Raelene Cutting and our Vice Patrons David Freak and Terry Fitzgerald. Your support for the past 2 seasons is greatly appreciated. We look forward to your support in the future. To the junior parents and volunteers who assisted at the events, we thank you.

It is disappointing that the 5023 club was not supported by some Board Members and the Chairman throughout the year.

The initial concept of the Senators 5023 Club was modelled on a club I was involved with in Melbourne and this year the concept has been over thrown by some Board Member. This Committee was and has always promised it's Members our mantra is "It's All About the Kids".

As we have invested so much of our time to set up this Committee and raise awareness of this new initiative, I will nominate myself for the role as Director of the Senators 5023 club in season 2018/19 on the proviso we can run the Club as it was initially intended.



"It's All About the Kids"

Craig Reval

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Finance Report.

The MYOB Accounting system has been used to record the finances of the Woodville District Baseball Club Inc. as at 30th April, 2018.

The following Balance Sheet and Income Statement have been prepared by Tonkin Accounting using the resources and information contained in the accounting system. To my knowledge they are a true representation of the accounts of the Club as audited by Steve Tonkin and Jack Yang of Tonkin Accounting.

The Profit and Loss statement shows us as running at a loss of \$9477.

The Senators 5023 Club has certainly boosted the coffers once again, so thanks go to Craig, Marie, Pattie and the 5023 Committee for running successful functions.

Bunnings BBQ's also raised \$5007.35. Thanks to Pattie and the volunteers for running them.

Our sponsorships, as a whole, are still down on previous years and we as a Club must endeavour to gain more Sponsors. All Players and Members are encouraged to gain Sponsors which will also give them a discount on their fees.

The canteen continues to run at a profit which bolsters the Clubs' finances considerably but we are down on last years' and the fact we only had two Saturday and seven Sunday home games compared to previous seasons of twelve weekend home games it's a drop in our finances. Thursday nights are down but hopefully as we rebuild the culture at the Club increased numbers will stay for meals. I thank all our Volunteers that keep it running so well.

I would also like to thank outgoing Board Members for their hard work and effort, some which have given many years of service to our Club. I appreciate it.

Jo Owen.

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Club Coach Report.

2017/2018 - A foundation building year. Many steps forward were taken this year. There was a different level of enthusiasm and enjoyment around the ballpark. Competition within the playing group for starting spots increased as well, meaning our depth at various positions is starting to build. A lot of younger guys got more experience between Div. 1 and Div. 2.

As a whole we are still not at the baseball maturity level to make that push to win the big dance at the end of the season. However, the gears are starting to turn a bit more and guys are starting to understand the chess match involved in the game of baseball.

We had some hot bats in the first half of the season. Wonderful! However, anyone who knows baseball, knows there is a valley somewhere on the other side of that high. This is where we struggled all year. When a bat goes cold here or there, this is the time we have to be creative and grind. We have to lock in to these one on one battles with the pitcher, we have to learn to limit damage defensively so we can stay in the game offensively. We have to understand the importance of 90 extra feet in a baseball game or an extra few pitches on your starting pitchers' work load. It all adds up. It's the little things that bite this ball club. We are getting there!

This year was about getting back to the basics. The little message at the end of every game day post was "Stay loose and have fun." This was the theme for the year. I truly believe the playing group had more fun this season than they have in a while. Sure, we came up short of the ultimate goal, but it's not all about the destination, have to enjoy the journey as well. I want to take another step forward this coming 2018/2019 season. Add on to the theme - "Stay loose, have fun and COMPETE!" That's every game, every inning, every pitch... find a way to get one up on the opponent.

Thanks to all the scorers that gave us their time. All the Coaches that helped out during the season and especially in the off-season when I can't be there. Thanks to the playing group for giving of themselves to the program. I truly enjoy being around them each day. Thanks to the supporters, I am a man on a mission to bring this Club and all the people who are very much attached to it a premiership to remember!

Build the culture you want and the rest will come!

Thanks for another year,

Gary Owens.

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Division 2.

Overall this season was a big step forward to get back into the Finals again. The squad was very young and considering this, it was a great effort to make the play-offs and really could have taken out the Premiership with a bit of luck.

We fell away right at the end of the season which cost us the double chance and a shot at the title.

It was good development for all the young players this season and great experience for them to make the play-offs.

Further development in pitching and depth for the future would be beneficial for the Club.

I loved coaching all the boys and a special thanks to the "Mildura Boys" for coming down every week to play, a great effort, well done.

I would like to thank Eric Brenk, Troy Scoble, Adam Lodge and Lawrie Moore for assisting me during the season.

Also thanks to Timmy Russell, John Russell and Jo Owen for their efforts this season, much appreciated.

Thank you to Mick Mullen and all his helpers for keeping the diamond the best in the competition and to all Club Volunteers.

Congratulations to the Trophy Winners

Wilson Lee.

Division 3.

After missing the finals last year our goal was to get there again, I chased up some guys that hadn't played for a while and guys that were unsure what grade they wanted to play. We also picked up the Mitchells from Goodwood to add depth to the overall squad. We used a total of 24 players throughout the year, we finished fourth with eleven wins, three losses and three draws.

We showed during the year that we could match it with the top teams and ended up finally losing to Glenelg in the semi-final.

We have a lot of upside with a great bunch of lads which I hope we might be able to go one better again next year.

In capping the year: David Lodge won the MVP, playing in most positions during the year and hitting over .480.

The Coaches' award went to Jesse Whinnen, he was outstanding in the outfield and batted .353, he got better and better as the year went on.

The batting trophy went to Jye Height who belted the ball all year batting .528.

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A special thanks to all the wives, parents, partners and children that were able to help in the canteen and other duties during the year.

Thanks to Barb for scoring every game all year, Noel for being the Team Manager again without any fuss.

To Fanta for being my Assistant Coach, super help and has so much to offer.

Lastly thanks to all the boys and girls for the great year of ups and downs that we had, it was a great ride, let's hope we can get back to where we belong, the TOP!

Darren Annear.

Division 4

The 2017/18 season once again didn't go to plan as we expected. I had a plan to make finals but, unfortunately, we just missed out by a win or two. We had pretty much a whole new line up again and it took a while for them to gel together.

We welcomed the first two Women at our Club to play in Div. 4 in Carly Moore and Louise Bartle. They were very impressive and I'm looking forward to watching them develop as players in the Women's League over the next few years.

We had Dan Hurst and Troy Kortekaas join us and make an immediate impact on and off the field. Troy ended up winning our batting trophy which was a great effort.

Our MVP was Vic once again. He just battled his guts out all year and never let frustrations show which is a great reflection on the guy he is. Hopefully he takes over the Coaching role as I will be moving on next season.

We had some very good wins and some bad losses during the year but everyone had fun and put in the effort on game day which is all a Coach can ask.

I wish the Div. 4 boys and girls all the best in the future and hopefully make finals one day.

Ben Murton.

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Division 6.

We had a couple of new Players come out this season, Kim Bridger and Lawrie Moore towards the end of the year. We finished middle of the table this year. Adam had a good year on the mound pitching and coming second in the Capps Medal, one vote away from winning.

We had a fast start to the season winning the first two games by an average of ten runs, this didn't last for too long. We had Shane Nicholson go down with a knee injury which would see him out for the season. Aaron Petros from Div. 4 came back to Div. 6 where he cemented his spot at centre field for us. We had a few fill-in players throughout the year, James Stradling came in to catch for the team while Mike Chemny was away on holiday. Chris O'Brien came in for a game as well and a couple of other players filled in. The team finished a game and a half out of the finals.

Derek Milne had a great year, winning the batting trophy. Going six for six in one game certainly helped and not injuring himself, this was a great plus. With Shane Nicholson being out for the season, we were looking for a short stop, Derek Milne stepped up and played short stop as if he had been playing there the whole time. Keith Mortimore continues to keep on going, even pitching a complete game against Goodwood.

Derek Milne had a great year winning the Coaches Award and Batting Trophy. Derek would go on to win the Mark Biggins Award for the Club, well done champ.

Adam Picked up the MVP Award.

A big thank you goes out to Judy Currie for scoring, I don't know how you put up with us week after week, hope to see you next season. Thank you goes out to the lovely ladies who work in the canteen for us during our home games and scoring when Judy was away. It was a very enjoyable season and I am looking forward to seeing everybody come back next season and go again.

Awards

M.V.P	Adam Lodge
Batting	Derek Milne
Coaches Award	Derek Milne

Shane Lodge.

WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB

Division 7

The Div. 7 team had an enjoyable season and won five matches, which was a vast improvement from the previous year where we didn't register a win. The main nucleus of Players came back with some big improvements with some of the less experienced Players understanding the game better and some "old heads" and a couple ex-Div. 1 Woodville Players adding to the mix we were very competitive all year.

We had five very good wins and also had three one run losses to East Torrens (the eventual Premier in the season opener, after blowing a four run lead), a tight loss to Glenelg, another finalist and also the final game to finalist Kensington where we blew a handy lead to go down on another walk off hit.

The Batting Champion was hotly contested with five Players all batting over .400. Cam Britcher winning with .583, Noel (Sandshoes) Watson with .533 from 18 at bats, Grant (Behr) Behrendt .518, Tim(Flash) Fawcett with .455 and James (Dorny) Stradling with .434 and donating his left knee to the Div. 6 catching cause for a few games.

We had many memorable moments and fantastic plays, Grant Behrendt led from the front winning our MVP. Pitching some top games and was in the top 10 vote-getters at the Capps Medal for Div. 7.

Cam Britcher batted very well and took out the title and our only Home Run for the season which was a real highlight and Dave (Hot Dogs) Ding was a very good team man taking out the Coaches' Award and being a reliable member of our team except at the start of games when he was trying to buy hot dogs. Some top efforts also from first year player Nick (Stinko) McCormack who played like a seasoned veteran, Craig (Rev) Reval for assisting with his experience, Scotty (Knuckles) Currie also chipped in on the mound when he wasn't at the Physio or Chiropractor or The Shed. Also, Timmy Russell saved it 'til the last game to chalk up his first hit of the season and is always a good man in our team.

A big thank-you to all the team for making my job as easy as they possibly could and to our main scorer Marie Reval and back up scorer/canteen regular Mel O'Brien for even turning up when her husband Chris (Carefree) O'Brien was away working so we really appreciated your support. Hope to see everyone again next year.

Cheers, Flash

Tim Fawcett

WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB

Don Rice League.

First of all, a special thanks to Jo Owen for scoring and offering to help with rides every week and to all of the Parents who helped make the season possible. We had a lot of young kids who had to step in so that we could field a team and I was very happy with how they played and competed.

Developing these younger talents while keeping the core group of Players who are already contributing at the Senior level together will be key for the future success of the Club. I enjoyed coaching this group of young men this year and wish them all success on and off the field for the future!

Eric Brenk

Under 17.

This year I took up the coaching role for the under 17's for the first time and had a great bunch of kids and parents. My family is brand new with the Club but we were embraced immediately by everyone for whom I cannot thank enough for all the people on the Woodville Board and also the Parents as without them this year would not be possible. The nickname for our team was the "Bad News Bears" as we had a ragtag bunch of guys willing to give it all this year and leave everything out on the field. We had an entire list of first year Players with one second year and even a few under 15's played the year as well so no matter what we were going to have an uphill battle all year. We started off a bit rusty but the kids never gave up we trained hard every week helping every Player improve in their hitting, throwing and fielding which seeing these kids absorb and consume the words of advice like a sponge couldn't make me prouder as a Coach. We always said that winning was never the number one priority it was seeing the kids grow as ball players every week seeing what we pushed hard in training reflect on the field. We may not have won many games this year but after Christmas the guys really started clicking into gear and putting what they learnt into play, playing some very competitive games against those teams who made it into finals, only going down by a couple of runs. Being such a young team, we had a lot of fun and made sure not to take the game too seriously, letting players field in a vast amount of positions to see where they may flourish and with this we found a lot of hidden talents in them which they themselves did not know.

I can't thank the parents enough, these guys were the backbone of the team, helping out at games every week behind the canteen and scoring along with them getting the signs on the fence while we are warming up. Constantly asking what more they can do for us to make our job easier and for that again I can't thank you enough.

Dakota Mitchell

Under 15

WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB

This year for the 15's they may not have won a game, however, with the skills they have learned playing in U15's Div. 1, the boys improved throughout the season. They did not drop their heads when it got hard out there on the field.

You could always count on Barry to be smiling so he ended up with the nick name Smiley.

Conner Clark was a good Player for us. He played in the infield and outfield and was a good reliable batter for the team.

Johnny was a third base man for the team and pitcher and a good bat, he was a great character to have in the team.

We had a strong group of kids out there, there were about three players that played U17's and higher when asked. The U15's had five new players come out this season, three with really raw baseball skills. Alex being in the outfield on one occasion caught the baseball. His first catch ever in a game, Alex throws both arms in the air and forgot about the runners on base, I didn't know whether to yell out to him to get the ball in or let him enjoy the moment. You could see his smile from the bench.

Jack Silk was a new Player as well, Jack came at the very start of the year and helped Garth Lodge with the line marking. Jack took to the game very quickly, he played nearly every position on the field. It took to the last game to find out he is a good pitcher.

Jasper is another new Player, he is raw but he goes out there wanting to learn and he gives it his all.

Hunter Jeffries played second base for the team this year and he improved throughout season, he is the type of Player that will do anything you ask of him.

Batting Trophy: Harrison Kiss

Harrison is a great Player, I see him having a big future at the Club. Harrison not only batted well he was the teams' relief Pitcher, he played most positions on the field. When I asked him to step up and play first base because the team was lacking in that area he was more than happy to do it. Harrison played U17's and in Seniors when asked.

Coaches' Award: Blake O'Brien

Blake is a good character to have in the team. I moved Blake into the Catchers' position at the start of the year and he took to it straight away. Blake is the type of Player you want on your side he always wants to be the first out at training, he will help set up and pack up after games. He always wants to learn more about the game. He had a good year with the bat and will continue to learn his new role as a catcher. Will be a good Catcher for the Club in years to come.

MVP: Hunter Mitchell

Hunter was new to the Club this year. He was a first year U15 player and was the starting Pitcher. He also played many other positions.

Hunter did well with the bat. He would play three games a weekend most weekends. Being a first year U15 player he pitched extremely well and will be a great Pitcher for the Club in years to come.

Many thanks go out to Chris O'Brien for being the Assistant Coach this year, Chris would help out at every training and every game. Derek Milne also helped out this year when work commitments allowed. I would also like to thank Mel O'Brien and Kerryn Fry for scoring and doing the pitch count this season, I really appreciate it. I hope to see everyone back next season.

Shane Lodge.

WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB

Under 13/2

We began the season in Division 1. It was a very rough start considering the skill level of the Players. I had some Players that had played for several years and then I had some Players that were not only new to the Club but new to the sport of baseball. Meeting the other Division 1 teams was very confronting for myself and the team as it was very clear that these Clubs had players that had played together for many years. This was very disheartening for me as a Coach, the members of my team and their Parents and it was extremely difficult for me to develop their skills, as we were getting beaten soundly.

Once we were moved to Division 2 our momentum and enthusiasm showed, as we started to have fun, be competitive, develop skills and win a few games. At the same time we unfortunately lost two Players which meant that we only had the required number of Players per game for the remainder of the season. I am so proud of the group for their effort and commitment in training and consistency on game day week after week.

By mid-season the group was having fun and playing great positional play. Our pitching rotation of Kobi, Aldo, Ryan and Liam gave us plenty of options and it was wonderful to see growth and development in each one of them. We had a few spectacular catches in the outfield taken by Stanley and Alek. It was fantastic to see a few team members trying new positions and enriching their baseball skills. Zane at first base and Zoe in centre field. Our main catchers were Luke and Ryan and they both did a fantastic job behind the dish.

By the end of the season we had won a few thrilling games and actually made the playoffs. This was very exciting! Unfortunately, for the draw we were given a tough assignment. We placed sixth and were made to play the top team, Sturt. Our team played an amazing game – we gave Sturt a run for their money on their home ground, going down in the last inning to lose by 4 runs 14-10.

I had a fantastic time as a first-year Coach, coaching this wonderful group of kids. I would like to thank Nick McCormack, Chris O'Brien and Jeff Hearst for helping me at training and on game day. Shane Lodge for allowing us to train with the under 15's on occasions and our scorers Mel and Terri.

MVP - Ryan Stradling

Batting Champ - Liam Hearst

Best Team Man - Zane O'Brien

Most Improved - Stanley Caporn

James Stradling

WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB

Under 11

This year we had a relatively new team with a lot of new Players to both the Club and to the game of baseball. With only three Players returning from our team last season, we had a return to baseball basics to ensure all our new Players were trained in basic game play.

Thanks to the Junior Senators winter academy run by Lawrie Moore in the lead up to the season, my existing Players had gained a lot of additional skills prior to the start of the season.

We had a mixed season with four wins recorded and one draw. A new recruit by the name of Tanish Singh showed some natural talent as a pitcher and opened for most of our games. Some other notable pitchers in our team who showed potential were Deagan Gray, Toby Kortekaas, Jordyn Freeman-Bonfield and Elijah Romain.

I tried to ensure that our Players had a chance to play in multiple positions, with a new team this did prove to be a challenge at times. Many hands were raised to pitch throughout the year but it is difficult to play a child in this position when they have little control and are a potential risk to the batter.

Many of our Players will progress to Under 13's next year and I hope I have been able to give them some skills to take with them and keep building on.

I would like to thank Scott Romain for stepping up as Assistant Coach, Amanda Gray for scoring this season and to all the Parents for ensuring your kids were at trainings and games.

TROPHY WINNERS

Coaches Award	Aemon Duhoslav
Most Improved	Jordyn Freeman-Bonfield
MVP	Toby Kortekaas

Dave Gray

WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB

Tee-Ball

This is my review on T-ball season 2017/2018.

We started positively with a few come and try days. It wasn't real clear how the season was going to pan out as there were a few questions un-answered still at this stage.

I was told the Club was trying to get some school teams to come out. We also tried to get some carnival games organised with other Clubs. Progress on both these topics was slow.

We continued with commencing training on Friday nights, starting the season on the first Friday night of school term four, as we had in the past. Through the early stages we started with twelve Players and sometimes peaking up to fifteen. We had a few new younger Players but mostly older Players who are in their third and fourth seasons. It seemed like a good core or foundation to start a new team with as all the Players seemed very coachable.

As the season went on and it got closer to Christmas break the numbers seemed to get less with some Players not being available because of other commitments or some just not showing up at all. We had some Club training nights which seemed to be good for the kid's skill development and was well organised once we knew what was going on. The Family Fun Nights seemed to work well again and Players have a lot fun forming relationships off-field.

Just before Christmas we had Western Region All Stars Tee ball carnival held at Adelaide Angels Baseball Club. The commitment of the Parents and Players was good and most made it out and the ones that couldn't let me know. The Players had an absolute ball playing against the other Clubs and really got into the swing of things. The atmosphere and after game presentations are a real positive and confidence builder for the Players. We had Brompton Primary School bring out a team to play against Woodville in November. The idea was to get other schools involved so we can have our own carnival/series of games at our Club on a Friday night. The idea is good but needs some tinkering. After Christmas the Brompton team came back out on a regular basis to play against our Woodville team. I found the school team was a long way behind the skills of the Woodville team, not quite ready for games. In hind sight I feel we should have maybe done more training drills with these Players than just play games against them. Our Woodville players seem to have become stagnant in the process and a little bored at times.

I know next season we will introduce several more school teams to come out on a Friday night. So, with that in mind I do believe the Woodville players that have been doing Tee ball for 3-4 years should go up into an Under 9 competition to develop the way into baseball. I feel if they stay playing against these school teams coming out they won't progress and there will too much of a gap between playing tee ball and going into U11s. After Christmas we had organised a Night at the Bite for kids to play on the field before a Bite game and run out onto the field with a Bite Player. This is a great idea and great way to get our Club name out there for everyone to see. However, unfortunately we didn't quite hit the mark with this as we couldn't get enough Players out there and the Players don't all have uniforms to wear. I would like to have another go at organising this next season but with a few alteration so that we look impressive and stand out for the right reasons.

Shane Brown.

WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB

Junior Senators

A six to eight week Program for Junior Senators to enjoy and come along for some one-on-one coaching in Baseball Skills.

We have had from 15-25 coming out during July, August and September.

Open to all Juniors to take part, even those from other sports wanting to try out and see if they would like to join in and become a Junior playing Baseball or T-Ball at Woodville.

The Senators Program has been underway now for a few years and has had positive feedback from the kids and Parents.

A number of Juniors have been attending the Bite Academy with positive feedback.

Thanks to the Coaches who have assisted me during the Junior Senators Winter Program..

I would like to see more Coaches come out to assist during the months, so we can be more specific with Player Development.

All the Best

Lawrie Moore



WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB

**SEASON 2017-2018 TROPHY WINNERS
WOODVILLE BASEBALL CLUB**

DIVISION 1

Keith Mortimore Perpetual MVP	Wilson Lee
	Thomas De Wolf
Batting Champion	Thomas De Wolf
Coaches' Award	Nick Kuhn
Golden Glove	Gary Owens

DIVISION 2

Les Behrendt Perpetual MVP	Todd Dunstall
Pitching Award	Jack Higginbotham
Best Team Man	Sam Zaccone

DIVISION 3

Mark Peters Perpetual MVP	David Lodge
Batting Champion	Jye Height
Coaches Award	Jesse Whinnen

DIVISION 4

Most Valuable Player	Vic Bentvelzen
Batting Champion	Troy Kortekaas
Coaches Award	Carly Moore

DIVISION 6

Most Valuable Player	Adam Lodge
Batting Champion	Derek Milne
Coaches Award	Derek Milne

DIVISION 7

Most Valuable Player	Grant Behrendt
Batting Champion	Cameron Britcher
Coaches Award	Dave Ding

DON RICE LEAGUE

Adam Lodge Perpetual MVP	Jack Higginbotham
Batting Champion	Joe Papps
Pitching Award	Will Kortekaas

UNDER 17

Grant Behrendt Perpetual MVP	Dayton Mitchell
Batting Champion	Jack Higginbotham
Coaches Award	Anthony Ierace

WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB

UNDER 15

Don Klaebe Perpetual MVP	Hunter Mitchell
Batting Champion	Harrison Kiss
Coaches Award	Blake O'Brien

UNDER 13/2

Lawrie Moore Perpetual MVP	Ryan Stradling
Best Team Player	Zane O'Brien
Coaches Award	Aldo McCormack

UNDER 11

Woodville Baseball Club Perpetual MVP	Toby Kortekaas
Most Improved	Jordan Freeman-Bonfield
Coaches Award	Aemon Duhoslav

GAME MILESTONES

200 Games	Craig Abbott Brad Atkinson Nick Kuhn Joe Papps
300 Games	Liam Huppertz Wade Moore
400 Games	Nathan Nicholson
600 Games	Darren Annear

WDBC AWARDS

GEOFF ROGERS AWARD	Marie Mortimore
	Jo Owen

MARK BIGGINS AWARD	Derek Milne
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KLAEBE CLUB INDUCTEE	Jane Nicholson Dave Owen
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TONY HARRIS MOST PROMISING JUNIOR	Hunter Mitchell
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MAX BEHRENDT JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	Deagan Gray
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WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

Philadelphia Phillies	Josh Tols
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BASEBALL SA

Baseball SA All Star Selection	Gary Owens - Outfield Thomas De Wolf - Right field
U16 National Tournament – Golden Arm	Jack Higginbotham

State Representatives and Australian Representatives

Baseball SA Women's State Team	Louise Bartel Carly Moore
Under 18	Will Kortekaas Morgan Ruchel
Under 16	Jack Higginbotham Dayton Mitchell
Adelaide Armada	Jack Higginbotham Dayton Mitchell
SA Schoolboys	Will Kortekaas Jack Higginbotham
Australian Schoolboys	Will Kortekaas

WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB

FINAL STANDINGS SEASON 2017-2018

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	DRAW	MINOR PLACING	FINALS
Div 1	22	14	0	5 th	Qualified, lost first series
Div 2	12	6	0	4 th	Qualified, lost first final
Div 3	11	3	3	4 th	Qualified, lost first final
Div 4	5	9	2	8 th	Did Not Qualify
Div 6	7	10	0	7 th	Did Not Qualify
Div 7	5	12	0	9 th	Did Not Qualify
Don Rice League	2	6	0	10 th	Did Not Qualify
Under 17	2	11	1	12 th	Did Not Qualify
Under 15	0	13	0	11 th	Did Not Qualify
Under 13/2	4	5	1	6 th	Qualified, lost first final
Under 11 North	4	9	1	9 th	Did Not Qualify