

Woodville District Baseball Club Inc

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

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*Senators*





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## From the Chairman

2023/24 has been an amazing season for our club a very successful one. Men's D1 made the finals playoffs for the first time in 8 seasons by finishing 2nd at the end of the minor round and then unfortunately losing in both finals series we played in, much satisfaction should be taken from this great result. This team also saw Drew Janssen awarded as the Capps Medallist as the Most Valuable Player for the D1 competition and also a team of the year selection and pitching award, the first Woodville Player to do since Tony Harris won the medal in 1987, 37 years ago. An outstanding coaching effort from club life member Lawrie Moore who also took out the BSA Coach of the Year award. Wade Moore celebrated a milestone of 500 games, along with Nathan Nicholson playing his 600th game, well done guys.

The Men's Div 2 team again performed well and also made finals, eventually losing the preliminary final to the strong H&G side. Some great efforts, Joe Papps being in the Top 5 BSA MVP awards and again thanks to Ryan Muggleton & Daniel Chapman for coaching the side to their second successive finals appearance.

Women's Div 1 unfortunately didn't repeat their outstanding premiership win from the previous year but again performed very well, making the finals and being knocked out by eventual premier Sturt. Well done to Amara Quinn & Alyssa Lasscock for their selections in the SA Women's team for the National championships, unfortunately for Alyssa a season ending knee injury put pay to a trip to Melbourne in April, a big thanks for Todd Dunstall for again stepping up to coach this team.

Women's Div 2 narrowly missed the finals, had a great season and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, some new players started to really learn the game, and some young players really shone through a great overall team effort a big thanks to Shane Brown & Breandan Taheny for your work with this team and Dave Ding for stepping up when needed throughout the year.

Div3 Men's went well again, unlucky to not be in finals but very competitive again and enjoyed their season, thanks again to Dave Lodge for your great efforts in coaching. Div 6 Men's very competitive this year and won 4 games and finally got off the bottom of the ladder, some great individual performances particularly with Shane Brown who played his 700th game for the club, coach Tim Fawcett played his 400th game. Really proud of this team and a great bunch of guys to coach and play with.

Div 7 Blue again enjoyed the usual banter that these great club guys deliver, first time in missing finals in 7 years hurt them a bit, but again super competitive and just narrowly missed out thanks to all this team for what you bring to the club, a fantastic group well coached by Vladimir Marsland and Behr. Div 7 red also very competitive and a real mix of experience and many relatively inexperienced players all went well and hoping to see many back next year, thanks to Shane Lodge in your efforts coaching this team.

So, the season wrapped up with 3 senior teams making finals, Men's D1&2, and Women's D1 and all the others highly competitive, and more senior players registered than we have had in a very long time. I am also hearing really good things of previous juniors wanting to return and play senior baseball next season with us. And with our club fielding U17 team for the first time in several years we have a genuine pathway to senior baseball for this group.

Onto our Juniors, again also an amazing season for our junior teams. 4/5 possible teams making finals, fielding 6 Junior teams and having over 80 registered junior players we are building a really great culture and community feel within the club. We got 3 of these teams to the Grand Finals and unfortunately didn't get the chocolates on the day but the future is super bright if we keep getting this success.

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We had two MVP medal winners Archie Wallis for LL D2 and Alice Brown for JL D1, an outstanding effort on reflection being one of only 3 female players in the top tier comp of the JL U15 competition, Ollie Hayes and Diesel Fallon also came 2nd & 3rd in the Senior League D2 MVP votes and both participated in Senior baseball at the club, with Ollie making his D1 debut in the final round and also representing SA in the U16 National competition in January, these players and their families trek every week from Mildura to our club a very inspirational and dedicated group of people who I hope will have a long association with our club.

In mid-April we had large numbers of junior players representing the Western Rays in the State Charter competition-SL Diesel Fallon, JL Rays-Alice Brown, Chace Wallis and Will Stock, LL Rays-Archie Wallis and Feilx Oliver and LL Development-Kylah Ding, Riley Sinclair, Myles Braithwaite, Bodhi Ansell and Ely Plaves, no less than 11 reps from our club, something we should be super proud of.

Then, the impossible happened our Youth Women's Team won the Gold Medal at the National Championships in early April, only the second time SA has entered a team. Our Woodie Girls-Indie O'Hazy-Zschorn, Dakota Ding and Alice Brown all performed exceptionally well during the tournament, with Alice taking out the tournament MVP and Golden Arm award whilst guiding her team to an all game pitching effort to win the gold, truly outstanding girls our club is so proud of what you have achieved.

Finally, I thank our board members who work tirelessly for our club and personally give me great support, it is very much appreciated and to all our players, supporters, members and life members we are really onto something special and have made huge steps from where we were 5-6 years ago to where we are now, keep the faith and keep supporting the mighty Senators. A great bunch of people!!

Kind Regards,

**Tim Fawcett**

Chairperson, Woodville District Baseball Club

## Baseball Report

Curious to reflect that it felt like we had a fabulous year yet there were no premierships in sight. Our senior numbers were once again very good throughout men and women, but there were some weeks where we had to scramble for numbers to get teams on the park. This was due more to injuries and unavailability's than overcommitting to too many teams.

We welcomed a new men's coach this year in **Lawrie Moore** who raised the bar in terms of the commitment that he required from the 1s, 2s and 3s players. He also introduced the Club to AAC (Mickey) to help build the players strength and agility and this was met largely with enthusiasm and proved to be well worth the time and effort for those that took it on.

There was an influx of players to the club, and there needed to be, as quite a few people stopped playing. Those coming in included for the men our Div 1 pitching starter and ace **AJ Verastegui!** Others were Greg Bravo and his brother Seb, Freddy Aguilar, Elvin Avila and Declan Quinn. For the women Ella Forrester and Charlotte Paech came in and Louise Pelle returned to the Club.

There was great excitement in the men's ranks also with the return of **Drew Janssen** from Belgium and we took on the new season full of hope. Thanks again to the Kortekaas family for putting Drew up again this past summer. Thanks also to Rick and Joan Manuel for accommodating Todd Van Steensel once again. Great also to have Nick Kuhn travel down from Mildura along with the Hayes family bringing Ollie and Benji as well as the Fallons with Diesel. Amazing effort greatly appreciated!

A few significant acknowledgements from the Senior ranks:

- Klaebe Club Honours - Wade Moore and Troy Nicholson
- Mark Biggins Award – Breandan Taheeney
- Geoff Rogers Award – Pattie Tucker

Our **Player Milestones** for the 2023/24 season were huge... Congratulations to the following stalwarts of the Club:

- 700 games – Shane Brown
- 600 games – Nathan Nicholson
- 500 games - Wade Moore
- 400 games – Tim Fawcett

And, of course, we sadly acknowledge the passing of President Tim Fawcett's father – Vale Kerry Fawcett, a truly great bloke and staunch supporter of our Club, as well as Darna's sister Mieka - a very sad loss.

And now a brief rundown on each senior team and their exploits for the 2023/24 season.

**Division 1 Men** Lawrie Moore brought a fresh approach and lots of hope to the club taking on the role of Club and Div 1 Coach.

It was a difficult beginning to the season with extra inning games and not a lot of wins, but we got back on track and at the Christmas juncture had a good win/loss record and the team was gathering momentum. Last season we crumbled in the new year but not so this time as we fought through the twilight games and won some critical games at the end of the year, including a double header, to finish a solid second on the table at the end. So, we entered the finals with dreams of ending the 43year drought of A grade premierships only to run into a couple of really strong clubs that managed to expose any weaknesses that we had.

Nevertheless, a big improvement on previous seasons and one goal realised – finals!



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Huge congratulations must go to **Drew Janssen** on his **Capps Medal** win and being named Pitching Champion in the Team of the Year! He had a fabulous year with many highlights... who will ever forget his 17 K's v Sturt at their place and his numerous dazzling and timely home runs just to mention a few! Congrats also to **Lawrie Moore** on being named **Coach of the Year** – you did a fabulous job mate.

**Division 1 Women.** It was always going to be difficult for these women to follow the previous year's Premiership triumph! Todd Dunstall somewhat reluctantly took the reins again and was greeted with setbacks which included Carly Moore being infrequently available due to her new FIFO career, Taylor McKay releasing back to her beloved Reds, Ashleigh George's unavailability and nagging injuries to star players Darna and Meggsie Boers-Veen. An overwhelming family tragedy also befell members of the team early in 2024. The ladies battled on bravely however, having several good wins and unearthing a new star on the mound in Amara Quinn, who finished 4th in the medal count. Congrats to **Alyssa Lasscock** (Golden Glove Infielder) and **Sarah McMahon** for making the **Team of the Year**.

We can look forward to an exciting year next year, with our younger brigade joining the WD1 ranks, along with newly named Head Coach Shane Brown, and other people also joining the Club.

**Division 2 Men** again made finals. Coaches Daniel Chapman and Ryan Muggleton had to juggle a 'fluent' group with people coming in and out for a myriad of reasons during the year. Late-season injuries to the main guy Declan made the last few weeks very difficult and the team finished the season in 6th spot. Then had to trek out to Sturt, the same as the previous year, but couldn't pull off the big upset and also subsequently lost the following round to Henley & Grange. A tough year but there is good young talent in the group and a base for improvement next summer.

**Division 2 Women** were coached by Shane Brown. This was a tricky group to manage comprising some very good junior players (who also have to play on Sundays) and a number of more mature ladies, some of whom are fairly new to the game. There were also several injuries throughout the ladies' ranks and at times WD2 struggled to field a full side. On top of this, they had to play against a few sides that really should have been in Div 1.

Nevertheless Shane, with the help of Breandan and Julien, were always competitive and enjoyed the experience, only missing the playoffs by a couple of games.

**Division 3 Men** coached by David Lodge battled hard and had a lot of good wins during the year. Injuries and unavailability in the group and above in Div's 1 and 2 meant that some weeks the ranks were stretched very thin and subsequently lost touch with the finals a couple of weeks before the season ended.

**Division 6.** Tim Fawcett was the coach, and with the help of perennial ace Shane Brown, posted some great wins during the year after none the year before. Well done to this group who are both developing as players and 'dogged' in their determination. Better things to come for these guys!

**Division 7 Blue.** The 'Chiefs' had a bit of trouble with the errant ways of the troops for a large part of the year but once we stopped taking ourselves too seriously, we started to be more successful and only missed the playoffs by a game and a bit. Special Congrats to Behr who made a great full-time return to the field after pretty much a year off the previous season and well done also to other trophy winners including Nick McCormack and the over-achievers picking up the 'Magellan', the 'Ivan' and our new keepsake, the 'Golden Tongue'... you know who you are. Thanks to the coaches Garry Marsland & Grant Behrendt – great effort!

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**Division 7 Red** was coached by Shane Lodge and had a good season. The boys enjoyed some wins and largely had a good time. It's great to see so many parents learning the game and getting a broader feel for the Club. Thanks once again to Judy Currie for scoring.

I must acknowledge Megan Oliver and Shane Brown, our Junior Directors, who did a fabulous job building our junior numbers, coordinating and running the teams as well as sourcing sponsors and entertaining the kids. Well done, congratulations, and many thanks!

Many thanks to everyone else involved in the club, from the coaches and scorers to the other general volunteers and all the supporters! We're very lucky to have such loyal supporters for each and every team throughout the Club.

Planning for **next season** has already begun and under our new men's Head Coach **Drew Janssen** and newly named women's Div 1 Head Coach **Shane Brown** - we are hoping to see more teams playing in finals again in 2024/25 – Go Nats!

**Terry Fitzgerald**

Senior Baseball Operations Director.

## Facilities Report

This past season with help from volunteers Terry Fitzgerald, Garry Marsland and Craig Reval, the ground maintenance was finished in a good time frame. With these helpers, and hopefully some rain, I'm in the process of getting the bases ready for the start of next season. I am in the process of making all bases similar in size and to make them line up again. The fences were erected in time again with help from our players on a training night, thanks Lawrie. It's always an awkward time of the year to take them down but I was lucky to have Rhys Owen back which makes a huge difference.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped. A special thank you to Terry, Craig and Garry Marsland for erecting and dismantling the left and right small fences prior to fencing days. The old Greenfield mower is still in operation and many thanks to Derek Milne. I have been able to talk Derek into fixing the cutting deck and hopefully finding a muffler. At times we had too much rain and our new tarps helped keep the bases dry so games could still be played. Thanks Shane Lodge. The wet weather before Christmas helped with the outfield and after the break, they were watered three times a week which did help enormously. I weeded the bases a few times during the season to keep up appearances. I would like to thank a few people here:

- Shane Nicholson and his crew on Saturdays for setting up the diamond an enormous effort
- Lawrie Moore for offering support and help with the pitching mound
- Shane Lodge for the weather advice again
- Derek Milne who put his hand up to help fix the Greenfield mower again, plus the Masport roller mower
- Craig Reval, Terry Fitzgerald, and Garry Marsland for helping me with the grounds during the week both in Summer and Winter

Once again, we will not be having a weeding day this coming season. I have help from Craig Reval, Terry Fitzgerald through the off season with the bases. We constantly mow behind the shed to keep the weeds down and still mow behind the home plate. Once again, I have enjoyed helping around the club and I find it extremely rewarding knowing that my small contribution helps to keep the grounds in good condition.

Regards,

**Noel Watson**  
Facilities Director

## Club Report

The Canteen and Bar ran at a profit this season, which helped the club significantly. Thank you to all the members for continuing to stick around for a drink or a meal on Thursday nights and game days. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Lucy Owen for stepping up early in the season as Club Director again but had to step down during the season due to personnel commitments. Lucy still continued to help out where she could, so it's much appreciated.

A big thank you to all of our volunteers this season, who helped run the canteen and bar smoothly. Thank you to all of our regular volunteers John Russell, Jo Owen, Jane Nicholson, Alyssa Owen, Lucy Owen, Megan Oliver, Pattie Tucker, Di Barry, Kerryn Fry, Kym Wilson and Tim Fawcett they all continue to give so much of their time for the benefit of the club.

We would also like to thank all junior parents who have done a great job stepping up to volunteer in the canteen during junior games this year, it is much appreciated. Thanks to Natasha Oliver for opening on Friday night training.

Thanks to Alyssa, Lucy, Jo & Pattie for continuing with our Thursday night meals. Thanks to Ruby Behrendt, Alice Brown, Chace Wallis and Megan Oliver who helped run the Canteen for the Division 6 and 7 Blue games. Thankyou as well to Jane Nicholson, who opened and ran the canteen for the Division 7 Red home games this season.

As always, a big thank you goes to Johnny Russell for continuing to run the Bar this season, and also our new volunteer Lukasz Wojniak for helping out this season. Also Nathan Nicholson for helping during our social events.

Thanks To Steve & Judy Currie along with Shane Brown & Lawrie Moore for looking after the playing equipment.

After many years Keith Mortimore is handing over the Statistician role to Steve Currie and we thank Keith for his record keeping it's a big job!

Once again thanks to Jo Owen for overseeing the canteen ordering, purchase of stock and rosters and cleaning.

This season we also saw some much-needed new floor coverings as a result of the carpet tiles being unstuck! Thanks to Jo Owen for organising and meeting with council on numerous occasions to have them replaced.

We are lucky that we still have volunteers running the canteen and not having to outsource to paid people like a lot of other clubs. But having said that it's a huge commitment in which we really need more help.

Our Club Manger role is a much-needed role that needs to be filled.

With Thanks,

**Woodville District Baseball Club Board**

## Junior Report

Season 2023/24 was a successful season for our Junior Senators – we fielded more teams than we have had for a number of years including the return of Pee Wee U9 and Senior League U17, a successful T-Ball Program, teams playing off in finals and Grand Finals, State Participants, Charter participants and Competition medal winners.

Our season started in Term 2 of 2023 when we invited all Junior Senators and new players to join our T-Ball afternoons held at the club on Friday afternoons – this was a huge hit – having 2 T-Ball games going after warming up together. Our groups were split into the older kids and younger kids – there was a lot of noise and a lot of fun.

Term 3 saw our Junior Academy begin at Seaton High School for 6 weeks for the younger kids and at Diamond Sports West Beach for the older kids. This worked really well having two separate nights and coaches. Thank you to the coaches who took time out of their busy schedules to facilitate these programs.

Prior to the season starting we had a large number of kids in Little League U13 and pushing into U15s – we were torn about what to do due to the coaching personnel, player availability and player experience. Even starting in one direction at the beginning of the season we had to make changes very quickly due to lack of players and injuries.

So, in the end we had a Friday night T-Ball program

U9 Pee Wee Team

U11 Minor League Team

U13 Little League Division 2 Team

U14 Intermediate Team

U15 Junior League Division 1 Team

U17 Senior League Division 2 Team

We struggled a little bit with numbers for teams – some kids were playing 2 or 3 games, which is not ideal. The U14s again struggled in all areas – with player availability every week and coaching.

While it is an interesting time trying to find the right combination for teams and finding players – it's also as interesting and challenging to find coaches – we are thankful this season that a lot of our coaches were willing to continue from last season. We had an awesome collection of coaches this season and would like to say a massive thank you to them all:

T-Ball	Shane Brown and Andy Vuong
U9 Pee Wee	Shane Brown, Kosuke Ikeda and Christie Ikeda
U11 Minor League	Nate Oliver and Joe Brathwaite
U13 Little League Div2	Shaun Wallis and David Ding
U14 Intermediate League	Combination of all coaches including Michelle and Phil Perkinson
U15 Junior League Div1	Tim Fawcett and Shane Brown
U17 Senior League Div2	Drew Janssen and Nathan Nicholson

(Along with many support coaches/staff throughout the teams)

Congratulations to the U13, U15 and U17 teams and coaches who made it through to their respective grand finals – unfortunately, we just couldn't take that final step to win the premierships. The future is bright and hopefully more premierships are not too far away for our juniors.



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We would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped throughout the season from getting the grounds ready on a Sunday morning, volunteering in the canteen on a Friday night and Sunday, cooking BBQs, selling raffle tickets and lucky squares and organising fantastic Friday Family fun nights.

We would like to thank the parents and caregivers who bring their kids out to training and games – we know it's hard sitting there watching in the cold and rain or heat. As you all know it's a different climate on the junior diamond on a Sunday morning to a game on the main diamond at the same time!!

Thanks to the Mildura families who travel every week to play for our club – it's a huge commitment that we appreciate.

Thank you to our major junior sponsor – The Auction Rooms who sponsored our monthly awards. We thank you for choosing to promote your business and for supporting our baseball club. A huge thank you to all of our Grassroots sponsors who supported our Junior Senators:

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It was a fantastic brand-new initiative that was supported by many of our local businesses and supporters of our club – raising money for our Junior cohort.



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Thank you to Brett Kelly at Total Fitouts for upgrading our Junior Lockers at the start of the season – it made life for all of the coaches so much easier and helped having equipment mysteriously disappear throughout the season.

Thank you to Andrew Chapman from APC Plumbing who also contributed to work being done with the upgrades.

Late in the season Shane Brown met with members of the City of Charles Sturt council who agreed to upgrade our home dugout on the junior diamond – work on the dugout began at the end of the season and will be completed early in the new season. Stay tuned – good things are coming!



Congratulations to the players who took the next step in their baseball careers by representing their clubs and achieving team and personal success.

## **Senior Representation – Season 2023/24**

**Oliver Hayes**  
**Diesel Fallon**  
**Tommy Jovanovic**  
**Oliver Van Dommele**  
**Amara Quinn**  
**Indie O'Hazy-Zschorn**  
**Charlotte Paech**  
**Dakota Ding**  
**Alice Brown**  
**Jasmine Fawcett**

Senior Men's Div 1, 2 & 3  
Senior Men's Div 2 & 3  
Senior Men's Div 3  
Senior Men's Div 3  
Women's Div 1 & Men's Div 3  
Women's Div 1 & 2  
Women's Div 1 & 2  
Women's Div 2  
Women's Div 2  
Women's Div 2

## **Club Annual Awards**

### **Tony Harris Award**

Alice Brown – Junior League U15

### **Max Behrendt Award**

Oliver Van Dommele – Senior League U17

**Baseball SA Awards**

**Little League Division 2 MVP**  
**Junior League Division 1 MVP**  
**Top 5 Senior League MVP**

Archie Wallis  
Alice Brown  
Oliver Hayes and Diesel Fallon

**Junior Achievements**

**Seahorses Barclay Cup – Perth – October 2023 – Silver Medal**

Alice Brown, Indie O'Hazy-Zschorn and Dakota Ding

**U16 State Youth Championships – Sydney – January 2024**

Oliver Hayes

**Australian Youth Women's Championship – Melbourne – April 2024 – Gold Medal**

Alice Brown, Indie O'Hazy-Zschorn and Dakota Ding

**AYWC MVP**

Alice Brown

**AWYC Golden Arm**

Alice Brown

**Australian Women's Championship – Melbourne – April 2024**

Amara Quinn

**State Charter Weekend – Little League Development Rays – Adelaide – April 2024**

Ely Plaves, Kylah Ding, Bodhi Ansell, Myles Brathwaite and Riley Sinclair – Coach Tim Fawcett

**Seahorses Little League Charter – Lismore – May 2024**

Kylah Ding

**Senior League Charter Championship Armada – Geelong – May 2024**

Diesel Fallon

**Junior League Charter Championship Rays – Lismore – June 2024**

Alice Brown, Will Stock and Chace Wallis – Assistant Coach Shane Brown

**Little League Charter Championship Rays – Sydney – June 2024**

Archie Wallis and Felix Oliver

Thank you for the support that we have had this season and over the last 3 seasons with everyone who contributed to the Junior Senators in some way. We have enjoyed our time helping build our junior program and contribute in some small way to the future of our club. It's time to sit back and watch some baseball, support our children who are playing and take a breather.

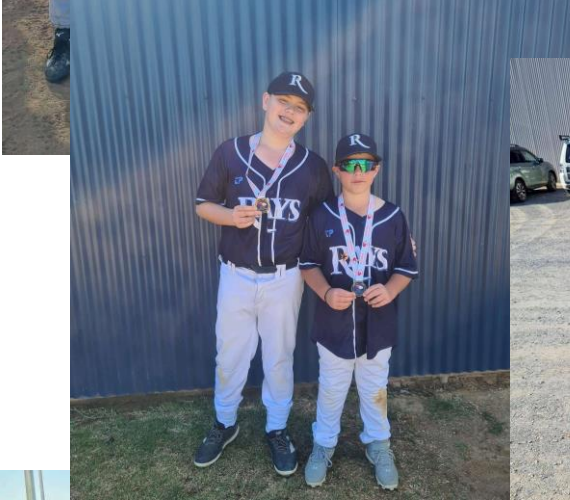
All the best to every Junior Senator who continues to play baseball in the future. Go Senators!

Kind Regards,

**Shane Brown** Junior Director Operations  
**Megan Oliver** Junior Director Administration



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## Marketing Report

This year we continued to acknowledge the below businesses and families for their valued support over the 2023/24 season.

Sponsorships, both corporate and club, provide vital financial support to our club. This assists us in maintaining and upgrading our facilities and equipment, without the need to continually increase your fees we encourage all our members to support our sponsors whenever they can.

### Gold Sponsors

The Lakes Hotel | The Fawcett Family | Total Fitouts

### Silver Sponsors

Tonkin Accounting | Terry Fitzgerald & Di Barry | Linx Insurance | Lanser Group | John Ryan & Family | Grind Roast Masters | Henley Motors

### Bronze & Community Sponsors

Garry & Trish Marsland | Garth & Shane Lodge | Keith Mortimore | Metropolitan Machinery | Moore Electrical & Maintenance Services | Seaton Park Meat Store | The Vitality Project | Bakers Delight

### Club Shirt Sponsors

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### Junior Awards Sponsors

The Auction Rooms

### Grassroots Sponsors

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Lanser Group | 5023 Club | Tony Harris | Mark Haylock | The Fawcett Family  
Rick & Joan Manuel | Caffè Aqua Elizabeth | Grumpy Old Legends  
Nate & Tash Oliver | Mildura Express Couriers | Krissy & Dave Dunstall | Perkinson Family.

We would also like to thank Carol Ryan for her help who took on the marketing role early in the season but unfortunately had to step down for personal reasons during the season.

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in the running of our social events this year, especially to Kym Wilson who ran Quiz Night, Megan Oliver for Life Members/Sponsors Day, Pattie Tucker & Di Barry for Ladies Day, Joel Chapman for running the Woodville Wheel and to our regular helpers for social /fundraising events, Jo Owen, Jane Nicholson, Lucy Owen, Alyssa Owen, Megan Oliver, Kym Wilson, Di Barry, Pattie Tucker & Tim Fawcett.

With Thanks,

**Woodville District Baseball Club Board**



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## Financial Report

The MYOB Accounting system has been used to record the finances of the Woodville District Baseball Club Inc. as at 30th April, 2024

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 \$18862. Our depreciation was \$5438. The bar profit of \$8316.15 was not included in this year's financials but it was a lower result than last year but still helps reduce our actual loss.

Going forward we have to be able to sustain our income because of our expenses.

The canteen and bar thankfully continue to run at a profit which helps the club considerably thanks to our hardworking volunteers that make this possible and to the members for supporting it.

I would also like to thank outgoing Board Members Shane Brown & Megan Oliver for their hard work and effort. It's much appreciated.

**Jo Owen**

Finance Director

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## Division 1 Report

This is at times the hardest part of the Coaching Role, putting this Report together. Trying not to forget someone or something that should be covered in this Report.

Firstly, I would like to THANK the Board for the Support and trust in Appointing me as Div 1 Coach this Year.

Thanks to the Ground Crew- led by Noel Watson, I would also like to acknowledge everyone who worked on the Field in some way to keep WBC ground one of the best in Town.

To Joe Owen & Kerryn Fry for Scoring & Gamechanger throughout the Year.

I would also like to thank the Ladies behind the scenes working Thursday Night Meals & Home Game Nights. John behind the Bar and as well for Tim as usual doing his job collecting the bats. The Season started in July, and the involvement of Micky & Jazz from A.A.C Gym doing a lot of work in the Pre-season setting up quality work outs for Training and access throughout the Season to ongoing support. This has set up the Players to understand what is required to maintain strength and conditioning throughout the Season.

Playing numbers were a problem at first – 20 Players from our Div 1,2 & 3 squad are not playing or playing at other Clubs. This was hard to take and didn't look good. Being able to hold onto our Key Players we grew from this, into picking up Players like AJ, Declan Quinn, Freddy Aguilar, Elvin Avila & Greg Bravo.

As the Season started, we knew we were in for a tough Season. Week 1 draw with Goodwood, extra Innings, 1 run loss to West Torrens, then a 11-run draw to Henley & Grange and finally a close Win over Southern Districts in a 13 innings game.

*The Players had played 9 extra Innings in 4 games!*

This set the Team up for a winning streak of 6 games, the last Game before Xmas against Sturt was outstanding with a 1-0 Win with Drew Jansen picking up 17 Strikeouts over 7 Innings.

*We finished the Season with 18 wins, 3 draws & 5 losses. This set up Woodville to Play in the Finals Series for the first time in 8 Years.*

The finals Series was a real stumbling block for us – First week was a heat Policy Ruling only 7 innings game, I truly believe this didn't help as we had shown throughout the Season, we played 9 Innings with 7,8,9 being the Game-winning innings.

Straight losses to Adelaide, the poor showing against Henley & Grange was very hard to take – still haunts me! and I am sure the Players are still hurting.

A positive from the Season was the new talent that had the opportunity to play Div 1. Jose & Armando Ramirez, Brendan Taheney, Joe Papps, Greg Bravo & Oliver & Diesel (from Mildura) aren't far behind being in the Team.

I would like to acknowledge some Players, most players for an outstanding Year – Mitch Fienemann at First base had a fantastic year, Troy Nicholson filled in at all spots in the Infield, 2nd, 3rd & SS. Cesar Perez Infield/Outfield all Year & quality Batting. Wade Moore was behind the Dish all Season, solid Season. Joel Chapman had a big Season playing outfield, with solid Batting. Greg Bravo Season at SS and Outfield, was a good learning year. AJ shouldered the bulk of the Pitching this Season and set the Team up for some good wins.

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Then there was Drew Jansen, the full package Infield/Outfield & Pitcher an a highly respected Hitter. Drew's average was 407 for the Season and an ERA of 1.08. You can see why he WON the Capps Medal in 2023/24 for Div 1. 37 Years ago, was the last Woodville Player to win a Capps – Tony Harris.

Outstanding Season Drew – pleasure to work with You and Good Wishes for the upcoming Season.

The Team also had success by the Div 2 also putting together a strong Season which helped Players push each other to be better.

Also, it was impressive for Woodville to have Four Players in the Top 10 of the Medal Count. Drew Winning the Medal, Ceaser, Troy & AJ all polling well.

To all the Award Winners – Drew **MVP & Batting**, Wade Moore for **Best Team Man & Commitment to the Team & Club** – Well Done.

Thanks to Daniel & Ryan for their help and Coaching of Div 2, Dave Lodge Div 3 Coach helping out, and thanks to Rhys Owen for assisting me from Xmas in Div 1.

To the Team Manager, Terry Fitzgerald heaps of thanks for the Support and help throughout the Season.

In closing a big thanks to Pattie for her patience & understanding, for allowing me to work with an amazing group of Players and being able to share the passion and knowledge I have for the Game, and trying to pass this onto them all.

Cheers,

**Lawrie Moore**  
Division 1 Coach



## Division 2 Report

Well unfortunately as we reflect back on the year we had it's a little bit of déjà vu. We finished the year with a record of 10-6 and in 4th spot. Before Xmas all things were looking great at 7-2 and in 2nd spot with the potential to host a final or 2. Unfortunately this wasn't to be losing our last 3 minor round games and then 2 more in the finals to finish in a disappointing spot after what could have been a very promising finals campaign.

We had a number of guys come through the B grade again this year and a credit to those that polled votes in the 3,2,1 that Dchap, Kerryn & myself all give at the end of each game. We had a clear winner in Joe Papps this year who also showed that he can play a lot of A-grade baseball in his young career. He won with 47 votes (24 votes clear to 2nd place) and finished the year hitting .385 with a few big home runs in crucial moments but unfortunately the rest of us weren't able to get it done around him.

Andrew Chapman only came to play after Xmas when Freddy decided to head overseas for a number of weeks and he finished 2nd in our Best & Fairest voting however only played in 7/16 (44%) of the games and the requirement to play 50% albeit in the 7 games he was a clear 2nd.

Jose had another consistent year and got a number of chances to play in the A grade and also at such a young age could have a great baseball career if his studies of being a Doctor still allow him to play.

Thanks to Kerryn for scoring all year for us, no games are played without you so it is much appreciated. To the committee for once again appointing us as coaches and congratulations goes to China for taking the A grade to a prelim final and of course, Drew for his outstanding year with bat & ball to win the Capps and his appointment for the A grade position for 2024/25.

Congratulations to all Division 2 Award Winners

**MVP**  
**Coach's Award**

Joseph Papps  
Jose Ramirez

Thanks,

**Ryan Muggleton & Daniel Chapman**  
Division 2 Coaches



## Division 3 Report

Heading into season 23/24 I had no idea that by season start I would be taking on the head coaching role. Lucky for me our group was filled with a great range of players and I was able to lean on everyone for help when needed. It was definitely a team effort all season long.

The division 3 league this season was quite even and had no real stand out teams. It was a little deflating to not capitalise with the squad we had and make finals. Each week we were in most games but unfortunately giving the opposition 4 or more outs in an inning would often come back and bite us.

We started the season off slowly, not being able to get over the line with any wins in the first few weeks. It wasn't until we had a little help from China (the country), which put us on a 4-game winning streak before x-mas. Having Ray (16yr old Chinese Import) as a solid starter for four weeks really helped us build momentum. After x-mas the group grew with more confidence and we were able to go on and win a few more games. Unfortunately we dropped a couple games late which kept us just outside the top 6.

Overall, we finished the season in 7th spot with 7 wins, 7 loses and 1 draw. We missed out on finals by 1 game.

This was a great group of guys and girls. It helped having a really good mix of youth and experience as everyone worked well together and all offered something different. Many weeks we would have the bare 9 so this gave lots of players an opportunity try new positions. Thanks to the Fallon and Hayes families for making the trip down from Mildura most Saturdays. The boys slotted in really well and it was a pleasure to have them on the team.

Even though there was the bitter taste of what could have been, I believe the group enjoyed the season and had a good time.

Thank you to the club and the board for all their organization & communication throughout the season.

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their own time to help out the club in some way.

Thank you to Jo Owen for assisting me early on in the season, making sure I had a scorer for game day.

A massive thank you to Deirdre Quinn for scoring majority of our games.

Congratulations to all Division 3 Award Winners

**Batting Champion**  
**Best Team Man**  
**MVP**

Aldo McCormack  
Josh Bowden  
Aldo McCormack

Kind Regards,

**David Lodge**  
Division 3 Coach



## Division 6 Report

I had the pleasure of coaching our Div 6 team in 2023/24, a great bunch of guys to coach and really enjoyed it.

Our Div 6 team had a mixture of some very experienced players and some "Junior Dads" who following on from Winterball had a crack at Summer baseball.

We had a much more successful year than the previous two and finished off winning a few games and finishing around 11th on the ladder a big improvement and we were super competitive all year very much aided by Shane "Doggy" Brown dominating in the pitching and hitting departments.

Award Winners:

**MVP** - Shane Brown, worked tirelessly all season pitched in many games and polled well in the vote getters across the competition. Was the standout player in our team.

**Batting Champion** - Shane Brown, hit well and consistently all year with an average of .524 with many RBIs and Extra base hits on several occasions, other honourable mentions to Andrew Eime .415, Tim Fawcett .351 and Phil Zschorn a big improver with .314

**Best Team Player** - Andrew Eime. Andrew is also a junior and now in his 2nd summer season of baseball being a former Sheffield Shield Cricketer for SA and Opening bowler at Woodville District CC. Andrew is a great allrounder and pitched really well and hit the ball hard on a number of occasions, he is a great guy to have around the team always gives 110% and gets on well with everyone a real asset to our team.

A big thankyou to Indie O'Hazy-Zschorn for scoring for our team all year again being her 2nd year at scoring she did an amazing job for us throughout the year.

### **Tim Fawcett**

Division 6 Coach

## Division 7 Red Report

This was a great season, played with good friends. We finished in the middle of the table this year. We had a chance of making the finals but dropped a couple of games which we should have won. Players were in and out all through the season. We would welcome new players into our side this year; Andy Young for his first season and welcomed Justin Jandall for his first year coming down to play Div 7.

David Ding found his groove, pitching a complete game and getting the win against Port Adelaide, allowing just one walk for the game. There would be more wins to come.

Hoony Soung had a standout year with the bat, hitting .600 plus. Not only was he good with the bat, but he could also steal bases. In the very first game played at Gawler, with the first pitch, Hoony hit a Home Run.

Kim Soung had a great season at shortstop; not much could get past him at all. Kim was good with the bat too, hitting mid-.500. Kim loved to steal a base as well. It was not until halfway through the season that I found out Kim was a pitcher; then Kim became a part of the pitching rotation.

David Ding is just one of those guys you love to have on your side even when things are looking bad; he can find the positive in them. David played every position on the field this season.

Congratulations to all Division 7 Red Award Winners

**Coach's Award**  
**Batting Award**  
**MVP**

David Ding  
Hoony Kim  
Soung Kim

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. Thanks to Jane Nicholson and the lovely ladies who work in the canteen for us during our home games and scoring when Judy is away. It was a very enjoyable season, and I am looking forward to seeing everybody come back next season and go again.

Kind Regards,

**Shane Lodge**  
Division 7 Coach

## Division 7 Blue Report

Unfortunately, our year did not go to plan & we were unsuccessful in making the finals for the 1st time in five seasons since our magnificent premiership from 2018'19. With the loss of Sully due to Golfing & Glamping, the pressure was on Casey & Behr most weeks from the mound with the King helping out when available - they all did a great job helping us to 7 wins for the season.

A tough start saw us scheduled to play our first 2 games against the grand finalists from the previous year in Glenelg & Adelaide Red which resulted in close losses after being up by 6 runs in both!!! (maybe a sign of what was to play out for the year).

We finally recorded our first win in game three against Port 14-3 followed by another against Goodwood the following week. Golden Grove & Flinders were disappointing losses however a great 10-9 win against Adelaide Yellow (top 6) & then South saw us mid table going into the Christmas break.

Five straight losses in the New Year did not help our cause including 2 against Adelaide Blue (where SAPOL Star Force may be required in future games) before we had a close 5-2 win against Goodwood.

A highlight late in the season was a magnificent 10-6 win against Golden Grove (top 6) with the return of Sully on the mound and backed up by a great defence & offence.

Another highlight was the 10-8 win in our last game against Flinders where we saw Nate "The Pope" Oliver start the game on the mound with Noel "Wille Mays" Watson behind the plate - this did not last though & will never happen again!!!!

Top five performances with the bat throughout the year – Hulk .631, Behr .538, Cam & Morty .500 & the King .481

Special thanks to the following:-

- Di (Pocket Rocket) Barry, Josh (Fillet) Mignone, Shane (Doggy) Brown & Tim (Flash) Fawcett for helping out when needed.
- Andrew (Sully) Sullivan for his cameo 3 "home game" package late in the season.
- Scott (Ray Charles) Currie for umpiring every home game – greatly appreciated (by most!!!!).
- James (Dorny) Stradling for introducing Luke (Red) Taylor to baseball where he was rewarded with promotion to Div 3 after only 3 games.
- Grant & Wendy Behrendt for hosting end of season show.

A huge thanks to our Scorers – Marie Reval, Anne Symons & Renae Kortekaas plus a 1 gamer from Keith Mortimore.

Also, to Ruby, Alice & Chace for covering the canteen at home games (and Renae for assisting 1 game when others were unavailable).

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Special mention to our own internal award winners as follows:

**The Magellan** - Nate (The Pope) Oliver - outstanding diving catch @ left field.

**The Ivan** - Craig (Crackles) Mortimore - not so good base running effort to 3rd with loaded bases when fly ball catch taken @ left field.

**The Golden Tongue** - Cam (Jobu) Britcher – choice of three, however settled with the one when being taken out of a game for Fitzzy and was advised “Don't you want to win the game”.

Congrats to our club trophy winners as follows:

**Best & Fairest:** Grant Behrendt (reliable pitching, solid defence & runner up batting champion with average .538)

**Batting Champion:** Steve (The Hulk) Couzner (outstanding average .631 - 24 hits from 38 at bats)

**Best Team Man:** Nick McCormack (potential future coach)

Wishing everyone all the best for next season & the new coaching staff.

Regards,

**Garry Marsland & Grant Behrendt**  
Division 7 Blue Coaches

## Women's Division 1 Report

Despite facing numerous injuries throughout the season, our women's baseball team persevered with determination and enthusiasm, making it a fun and memorable journey. Each player demonstrated resilience and passion for the sport, fostering a supportive team spirit that carried us through challenging times. Despite setbacks, we celebrated victories both on and off the field, creating lasting bonds and cherished memories that defined our season.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Breandan for his invaluable contribution as my assistant coach this year. His dedication, knowledge, and unwavering support have been instrumental in our team's success and cohesion. Breandan's passion for the sport and commitment to our players have made a significant impact both on and off the field. I am truly grateful for his hard work, positivity, and the collaborative spirit he brought to every practice and game. Thank you, Breandan, for being an exceptional assistant coach and a trusted teammate throughout the season.

Thank you to Jo for scoring and Kerry for doing Gamechanger.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported and allowed me the incredible opportunity to coach our women's baseball team over the past several years. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with such talented and dedicated athletes, whose passion for the game has inspired me every day. Together, we have overcome challenges, celebrated successes, and forged unforgettable memories that I will always treasure. Thank you for your trust, hard work, and unwavering commitment to myself and the team.

Congratulations to all Women's Division 1 Award Winners

**MVP**  
**Batting Champion**  
**Best & Fairest**

Amara Quinn  
Darna Boers-Veen  
Sarah McMahan

### **Todd Dunstall**

Women's Division 1 Coach



## Women's Division 2 Report

Our Women's Division 2 team had a great vibe during the 2023/24 season - this was mainly due to the support that the players had for each other. When the result didn't go our way, someone would always find a positive and would encourage everyone to get up for the next game.

Our season started in August with preseason training at the Seaton High School indoor facility and we were lucky enough to secure sessions at The Vitality Project every week with the aim to build muscle and get fit. These sessions were informative and helpful. I would like to thank Bec Kelly for her enthusiasm, help and professionalism. Our ladies appreciated the time you took with them and our club was thankful for your sponsorship.

BSA hosted a Women's Pitching clinic run by Education and Development manager Matt Williams during preseason. Several of our women's squad attended – by all reports it was very educational and fun. Thanks to Megan Oliver for organising this program for the women and the board for supporting it.

We missed out on playing finals by 1 spot ending up 7th. When you look back on the season there were a lot of games, we could have won. 3 games we lost were by 1 run and there were 2 draws. We were competitive and had our chances. We had 17 players rotate through our team. I am very grateful for all the players that helped out and made sure that we had a team on the diamond each week. There were lots of positives and our team were a very enjoyable bunch of women to coach.

We had a number of juniors playing in our team Dakota, Indie, Alice, Jasmine and Charlotte along with some experienced and supportive players in Di, Kerry, Bridget, Molly and Kym. We also welcomed our new little pocket rocket Jem – I'd like to say how proud I am of them playing on a Friday night and coming to play on a Sunday for juniors and most weeks Division 1 due to a lack of numbers due to injury and other circumstances.

Congratulations to our trophy winners:

**MVP**  
**Batting Champion**  
**Everyday Hero Award**

Dakota Ding  
Alice Brown  
Kerry Fry

Consistency was the key for these 3 playing nearly every game.

I would like to thank our assistant coach Breandan Taheny for getting to every game and training. Breandan was the first base coach, so I knew the women were in good hands when they reached first. Breandan also umpired a game (which he wished he didn't). After every game he would take the gear bag and make sure it got to the Division 1 game on Sunday. He was a massive help and I think the women appreciated having him around.

Another unofficial coach was Julien Clemas, he was at every training and every game helping shag balls, packing up the gear bag, helping with equipment on and off the field. Thank you, Julien, for all your help.

I would like to thank Terry Fitzgerald for sharing the scoring duties and umpiring. Finding an umpire each week can be a hard task, but you had it under control most weeks.

I would like to thank Tanya Ding for sharing the scoring duties. It is a relief knowing that you were always going to be there.



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I would like to thank Megan Oliver for all her hard work setting up the season with sponsor tops, training venues and social media updates.

Thank you for the support from the board – Women's Baseball is an integral part of our club and I can't wait to watch it grow.

Regards,

**Shane Brown**

Women's Division 2 Coach



## Senior League Division 2 / Under 17 Report

As Nathan and myself were first time coaches and brought a team together towards a grand final at home, I think we can just be proud and very happy with the result!

The progress this group made as ballplayers is unreal in the beginning of the year regular catch play in warmups was hard for them to concentrate and focus on their targets, by the end of the year they were turning double plays like no other.

Mentally we made them realize that baseball is a very mental sport and you have to know where to go and when you go to this spot.

But for me, most importantly they all grew tremendously as kids and were so much fun to be around as coaches. We treated them like adults and they seemed to enjoy this very much!

Thanks also to Shane for assisting us and Jane for scoring.

Kind Regards,

**Drew Janssen and Nathan Nicholson**  
Senior League Division 2 / U17 Coaches





## Junior League Division 1 / Under 15 Report

I had the pleasure of coaching our Junior League Division 1 team this season. The team had a mixture of some experienced 2nd year players and a majority of 1st year JL Div 1 players, expectations prior to the start of the season I felt we would be competitive but we exceeded those expectations by finishing the minor round in 3rd position with just 3 losses and then winning both finals strongly to make it to the big dance against Golden Grove Central Districts who had beaten us in 2 of our 3 losses for the year.

Unfortunately, the Grand final didn't turn out the way we wanted giving up plenty of runs early in the game and eventually losing 14-4 but super proud of our team and the progress they have made all season and the way they are combining and starting to play instinctive baseball as many of the team have played together for a few years now.

### Some team member highlights were:

Alice Brown winning the JL Div1 MVP for Baseball SA, an outstanding achievement for this very talented young lady in a competition dominated by boys, she pitched around 150 Ks for the year and was a standout player in our team. Alice's outstanding year didn't stop with us following on at seasons end with pitching the Gold Medal winning game in the Australian Womens Youth Championships for SA U16, winning the tournament MVP and Golden Arm awards she is a talent on the rise.

Dakota Ding also had a great Australian Women's Youth championship pitching and hitting well for the gold medal winning side. Well done Dakota another very talented young lady at our club. At State Charter level we also had several representatives for Western Rays with Alice Brown, Chace Wallis and Will Stock all winning through to play at the recent National Charter championships and Archie Wallis and Felix Oliver just playing at the start of June in the Little League National Charter Championships for Western Rays after winning the state version. Will also hit the lights out in the 2nd half of the season and is also very dedicated.

Sebastian Bravo moved to our club from East Torrens and it was a real pleasure to coach this very talented young man who is super committed to his baseball and will be playing high level baseball in the next year or so, well done Sebastian.

All our other team members again showed great development, a big thanks to Benji Hayes and the Hayes family for making the weekly trek from Mildura to be a great player in our team and catching many top games for the year.

### **Award Winners:**

**MVP** - Alice Brown-had an amazing season in all aspects winning our MVP, the Tony Harris most outstanding junior at the club and then the Australian WYC MVP. Alice amassed 35 votes to comfortably win the BSA JL Most Valuable Player also. Pitched as our main starter all year and was rarely beaten. Wow, what a season.

**Batting Champion** - Sebastian Bravo-great talent and new player to our club this season. A real excitement machine super-fast on the base paths and hits the ball hard, including one big home run at West Torrens which was a real team lifter! Hit a top .500, with Benji Hayes 2nd with .333 and Chace Wallis with .325.

**Best Team Player** - Chace Wallis, had a real breakout season. Chace is an absolute pleasure to coach, he is a super competitor and coped really well with the big jump from LL to JL Div 1 as a first year player. Predominantly played at 1st Base and saved our bacon with some great efforts on many occasions. A great team player will always do his best and sets a great example to his team mates on effort required. Efforts were rewarded with a Rays JL state charter team selection and again he battles and competes at the highest level.

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A big thankyou to Shane Brown who was my very experienced assistant coach and great sounding board all year, having known and played with Shane for a number of years and we tried to have a relatively fun and relaxed atmosphere around the team. Also thanks to Tanya Ding & Mandie Hayes who scored for us throughout the year. Cam Britcher also did the majority of our home game umpiring, so many thanks Jobu for your great work officiating.

### **Tim Fawcett**

Junior League Division 1 / U15 Coach

## Intermediate League / Under 14 Report

A huge thank you to everyone who supported and played in the Intermediate League team this season. Many challenges around availability and team numbers were overcome for an enjoyable season for all. We look forward to developing this team next season for more fun baseball for everyone in this age group.

Intermediate League / Under 14 Coaching Team



## Little League Division 2 / Under 13 2 Report

The team had a remarkable 2023/2024 season, and I am pleased to present our end-of-year report.

Our journey began with tryouts and engaging with parents to establish two U13s teams for divisions one and two during the preseason. However, after careful consideration and with the coaches' input, we made the tough but correct decision to form one team with 15 players and play in Division Two.

Our player group had a diverse mix of skills and experience. As a coaching group, we embraced this diversity and worked to build and expand the talents of as many players as possible. We even took the opportunity for players to play up in the intermediate league, stepping into key positions (i.e. pitching, catching).

The experienced players stepped up and helped lead the team to become competitive and highly respected in the league. For some players, it was the first time their peers had pushed them to improve and be part of a winning team. Despite the more competitive atmosphere, there was still plenty of fun, laughter, and team building for players and coaches.

The team won all its games except for a draw to Northern Districts, becoming minor premiers. However, sadly, it lost to Northern Districts in the Grand Final, failing to become premiers.

Our Little League Team had several standout performers this season. Three players, Kylah, Fleix, and Archie, were successful in being selected to represent the club in the district teams (Rays and Seashores). Additionally, five players, Kylah, Bodhi, Myles, Riley & Ely, were selected to play in the Rays development squad, a clear recognition of their potential and dedication.

**Coaches Award:** Kylah Ding.

Kylah showed commitment and passion for the game. She was always attentive, supportive and positive for those around her.

**Batting Champion:** Felix Oliver.

Felix was a big hitter and finished the year with an impressive 0.655 batting average.

The **Most Valuable Player** was Archie Wallis.

Archie had a great season with the bat and on the mound. He was awarded the Baseball SA MVP for the Little League Division Two competition.

### Team Season Stats:

- 480 Plate Appearances
- 188 Runs
- 142 Hits, 113 Singles, 19 Doubles, 5 Triples and 5 home runs
- 205 Outs
- 167 Strike Outs, from 306 batters and 1294 pitches

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The kids, families, and coaches are very proud of the team and its success. I'm sure WDBC will continue to mentor and support these kids so they will continue to love playing baseball and other sports for many years.

I want to thank:

- David, Assistant Coach.
- Marco, Team Manager.
- Ben for scoring and Peter for pitch counting all our games.
- Megan and Shane for their support and leadership as the junior directors.
- Woodville Baseball Club's Board and Volunteers.

### **Shaun Wallis**

Little League Division 2 / U13 Coach





## Minor League / Under 11 Report

The 2023/24 season saw a team comprised of returning faces from Minor League and Mini League, with new players Harrison, Oliver and Sam joining us. It is a testament to the great work and focus on our Junior Senators that we see new faces joining the club and enjoying themselves while learning a new sport. Additionally, Woodville's promotion and support of women's baseball continues to be reflected at a junior level, with three girls playing Minor League this year.

After a win in our first game, we struggled for consistency and whilst coming close a few times, failed to win another game. Confidence in the batter's box was in short supply though the middle of the season. The group was challenged in the latter half of the season to swing the bat, with a tally kept of hits and other balls put into play, and if a target was reached the kids could throw water balloons at the coach after training the following week. This loosened the arms and coach got wet quite a few times.

This season I was grateful to be ably assisted by Joe Braithwaite and David Lodge as my assistant coaches, and appreciative of the help from Andy Vuong trying to maintain some semblance of order in the dugout.

A big thank you to our wonderful scorer Aaron Burton and the parents who helped with pitch-counting each week. Thanks also to those senior players who volunteered to umpire Minor League games, and to the grounds crew at the club for providing us with a great diamond.

### Award Winners

#### **Most Improved** – Harrison Paris

Harrison joined the team this year and progressed markedly throughout the season, improving in all aspects of the game. He finished the season with the second-most hits, improved his glove-work to the point of giving catcher a go. His throwing strength and accuracy improved and he had a go at pitching at the end of the season.

#### **Best Teammate** – Kasper Oliver

Kasper could be heard consistently throughout the season encouraging his team mates from on the field and in the dugout. Cries of "C'mon, you can do it", and "you'll get the next one" were common, in support of team-mates. With three new starters, Kasper was open and welcoming at training sessions, showing them the basics and encouraging them as they learned a new game.

#### **Most Valuable Player** – Chris Vlahos

Chris continued to improve his game, and was continually relied upon to pitch for us, which he did fantastically. His throwing strength and accuracy improved and he consistently struck out the opposition, or had balls put into play. He was also our leading batter in safe hits. Chris was reliable in the field making very few errors.

#### **Nate Oliver**

Minor League / U11 Coach

## Pee Wee League / U9 Report

We've had a phenomenal season with the U9 Pee wee team.

To our players – you have all been amazing. Whether this was your first season or your second, each and every one of you has shown tremendous growth, effort, and enthusiasm. Watching you come to practice, work hard, and play your hearts out in every game has been amazing. You've shown growth in learning to be part of a team and supporting one another. That was the true focus of Pee wee, it's not about winning; it's about learning how to play the game and the friendships you build along the way.

Every player has had their own special achievements however, it was inspiring to see every player being able to hit the thrown pitch by the end of the season. It was also amazing to see the more experienced players learn to read the situation on the field, make plays themselves and then call out instructions for teammates who were still new to the game.

To the parents, we couldn't have done this without you. Thank you for your support, whether it was driving to practices and games, cheering from the sidelines, or volunteering to help with team activities, it has been invaluable. Thank you for trusting us with your children and for being such an integral part of our baseball family.

To all the coaches and assistants, thank you for your dedication and passion for teaching the game of baseball. You've given your time and energy to ensure that our players not only improve their skills but also learn important life lessons about teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

### **Kosuke and Christie Ikeda**

Pee Wee League / U9 Coaches



## T-Ball Report

We had a wonderful group of kids playing last season. A few new players but the majority returning from the season before.

Our season started in Term 2 of 2023 when we invited all Junior Senators and new players to join our T-Ball afternoons held at the club on Friday afternoons - this was a huge hit - having 2 T-ball games going after warming up together. Our groups were split into the older kids and younger kids - there was a lot of noise and a lot of fun.

When the season started, the older and more experienced T-ball players were given an opportunity to play in our Peewee team. These players did not disappoint and seemed to enjoy the challenge and had lots of fun. The group may only be small but there is a large amount of talent. We challenged the players with some skilled drills but most weeks it consisted of an internal game against each other. We had our challenges with the weather and some sessions were cancelled because of heat and rain. Some Friday nights were hard for me to attend but I had some great people around me to help and support.

Thanks to Megan Oliver for getting these players together and the hard work through the off-season promoting the game. Megan organised the registration of the players and all registered players were given a hat and a Yellow T-ball top and returning players received a Senators cup and straw. This gave so much joy to the players and made them all look part of the team.

Thanks to Long (Andy) Vuong for stepping up and helping on Friday nights and Tim Fawcett.

I will be committing my time to Women's Division 1 baseball this season and sadly won't be able to continue coaching the T-Ball.

I hope someone can continue our T-ball program as it is such a crucial part of development for our players and a very important step for our club ensuring there will be players in the future.

### **Shane Brown**

T-Ball Coach



## TROPHY WINNERS

### Senior Awards

Mark Biggins Award

Breandan Taheny

#### Division 1

Keith Mortimore Perpetual MVP

Drew Janssen

Batting Champion

Drew Janssen

Best Team Man

Wade Moore

#### Division 2

Les Behrendt Perpetual MVP

Joseph Papps

Coach's Award

Jose Ramirez

#### Division 3

Mark Peters Perpetual MVP

Aldo McCormack

Batting Champion

Aldo McCormack

Best Team Man

Josh Bowden

#### Division 6

Most Valuable Player

Shane Brown

Batting Champion

Shane Brown

Best Team Man

Andrew Eime

#### Division 7 Blue

Most Valuable Player

Grant Behrendt

Batting Champion

Steve Couzner

Best Team Man

Nick McCormack

#### Division 7 Red

Most Valuable Player

Soung Kim

Batting Champion

Hoony Kim

Best Team Man

David Ding

#### Women's Division 1

Most Valuable Player

Amara Quinn

Batting Champion

Darna Boers-Veen

Best & Fairest

Sarah McMahon

#### Women's Division 2

Most Valuable Player

Dakota Ding

Batting Champion

Alice Brown

Everyday Hero

Kerryn Fry



## TROPHY WINNERS

### Junior Awards

**Max Behrendt Encouragement Award** Oliver Van Dommele

**Tony Harris Most Promising Junior** Alice Brown

#### Junior League Division 1/Under 15's

Shane Nicholson Perpetual MVP Alice Brown  
 Most Promising Sebastian Bravo  
 Best Team Player Chace Wallis

#### Intermediate League/Under 14's

Tim Fawcett Perpetual MVP Chace Wallis  
 Best Team Man Xavier Gower  
 Coach's Award Jack Kelly

#### Little League Division 2/Under 13 1's

Ian Marsland Perpetual MVP Archie Wallis  
 Batting Champion Felix Oliver  
 Coach's Award Kylah Ding

#### Minor League/Under 11's

Shane Brown Perpetual MVP Chris Vlahos  
 Best Teammate Kasper Oliver  
 Most Improved Harrison Paris

### Club Awards

**Geoff Rogers Award** Pattie Tucker

**Klaebe Club** Troy Nicholson  
 Wade Moore

### Club Milestones

700 Games Shane Brown

600 Games Nathan Nicholson

500 Games Wade Moore

400 Games Tim Fawcett

## STATE REPRESENTATIVES

**SA Open Women's State Team** Amara Quinn  
Alyssa Lasscock

**Under 16 State Youth Championship** Oliver Hayes

**Australia Women's Championship** Amara Quinn

**Australia Youth Women's Championship  
Melbourne, April 2024, Gold Medal** Dakota Ding  
Indie O'Hazy-Zschorn  
Alice Brown

**Barclay Cup Seahorses  
Perth, October 2023, Silver Medal** Alice Brown  
Dakota Ding  
Indie O'Hazy-Zschorn

**Seahorses Little League Charter** Kylah Ding

**Little League Development Rays  
Adelaide, April 2024  
Coach Tim Fawcett** Ely Plaves  
Kylah Ding  
Bodhi Ansell  
Myles Braithwaite  
Riley Sinclair

**Senior League Charter Championship Armada** Diesel Fallon

**Junior League Charter Championship Rays  
Lismore, June 2024  
Assistant Coach Shane Brown** Alice Brown  
Will Stock  
Chace Wallis

**Little League Charter Championship Rays  
Sydney, June 2024** Archie Wallis  
Felix Oliver



## BASEBALL SA AWARDS

**Baseball SA Capps Medal** Drew Janssen

**Baseball SA State Team of the Year** Drew Janssen  
**Head Coach** Lawrie Moore

**Baseball SA Women's Team of the Year** Sarah McMahon  
Alyssa Lasscock

**Baseball SA Pitching Champion** Drew Janssen

**Gordon Ross Golden Glove Infielders Award** Alyssa Lasscock

**Little League Division 2 MVP** Archie Wallis

**Junior League Division 1 MVP** Alice Brown

**Top 5 Senior League MVP Nominees** Oliver Hayes  
Diesel Fallon

