

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

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# 93<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## Order of Business

- 1) Notice of Meeting.
- 2) Adoption of Minutes from the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting
- 3) Presentation of and Adoption of Annual Reports
  - a. President's Report
  - b. Secretary's Report
  - c. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements & Balance Sheet
  - d. Other Board Member's Report
- 4) Election of Offices:
  - President (1)
  - Secretary (1)
  - Treasurer (1)
  - Fundraising & Sponsorship Manager (1)
  - Playing Operations Manager (1)
  - Junior Development Manager (1)
  - Facilities Manager (1)
  - Special Projects Manager (1)
  - Patrons (maximum of 5)
  - Trustee (1)
  - Auditor (1)
  - Solicitor (1)
- 5) Election of Life Members & or Player Life Members (if any nominations)
- 6) General Business
- 7) Close of Meeting

# OFFICE BEARERS 2023 /2024

Patrons	Mr Peter Dixon - OAM Mr Stephen Patterson - Member for Morphet Mr Mark Butler - Member for Hindmarsh
<b>BOARD OF MANAGEMENT</b>	
President	Mr Scott Bradey
Secretary	Mr Leon Eldridge
Treasurer	Mrs Emily Martinella
Fundraising & Sponsorship Manager	Mr Dan Melia
Playing Operations Manager	Mr Justin Millar
Junior Development Manager	Mr Grant Wilson
Special Projects Manager	Mrs Natalie Ziersch
Facilities Manager	Mr Tristan Harding
<b>OTHER POSITIONS</b>	
Equipment Manager	Mr Scott Bradey
Bar Manager	Mr Michael Green
Shop Controller	Ms Lauren Vercoe
Ground Staff	Mr Peter Dixon - OAM
Tee-Ball Coordinator	N/A
Division 1 Coach	Mr Tony Mezzini
Division 1 Women's Coach	Mr Craig Handy
Trustees	Mr Greg Bradshaw ( <i>6-year term</i> ) <i>exp 2028</i> Mr Matt Jones ( <i>5-year term</i> ) <i>exp 2026</i> Mr Peter Dixon <b>OAM</b> ( <i>6-year term</i> ) <i>exp 2024</i>
Public Officer	Mr Greg Bradshaw
Auditor	Belinda Schutz (Accru Harris Orchard)
Solicitor	Mr Terry Evans
Life Membership Committee	Mr Greg Bradshaw ( <i>chair</i> ), Mr Scott Bradey, Mr Peter Dixon <b>OAM</b> , Mr Matt Jones, Mr Dale Ziersch & Mr Leon Eldridge

# HONOUR ROLL

## Life Members

<b>Pre</b>	S. Spencer †	<b>1985</b>	Eddie R Owen
<b>1938</b>	W Fisk †		Bruce D Rhodes †
<b>1939</b>	W.A.G (Bill) Swann †		David J Williams
<b>1946</b>	Tom J Rice †		David J Doonan †
<b>1948</b>	Jeff Noblet †		John K Doonan †
<b>1953</b>	Wally Harman †	<b>1986</b>	Greg S Bradshaw
<b>1957</b>	A S (Alby) Jones †	<b>1989</b>	Chris R Abbott
	David E James †	<b>1990</b>	John S Fisher †
<b>1958</b>	S Max Stone †	<b>1991</b>	Paul D Green
	R.G.M (Bob) Rice †	<b>1993</b>	Mrs Joyce Doonan †
	Don E Franklin †		Roy Page †
	R O (Rocky) Cooper †	<b>1994</b>	Michael B Green
<b>1963</b>	W O (Bill) Jeanes †	<b>1995</b>	Jim F Yeo
	Brian F Hill †	<b>1998</b>	Dennis J Telfer
	C Stan South †	<b>1999</b>	A John Tuckwell †
	Stan J South †	<b>2000</b>	Greg M Elkson
	A Martin Chappell †	<b>2001</b>	Colin B Penney †
<b>1968</b>	Don A Rice †	<b>2010</b>	R W (Bob) Bradley
<b>1970</b>	Mrs Mel Rice †		Tony P Mezzini
	Mrs Marg South †	<b>2011</b>	Chris M Day
<b>1974</b>	Norm W Yeo †		Matt Jones
<b>1978</b>	Lyn M Bradshaw	<b>2014</b>	Tony Creeper
<b>1982</b>	Peter W Dixon OAM	<b>2015</b>	Peter Power
	Phil C Alexander †	<b>2019</b>	Peter McGearey
<b>1983</b>	Lloyd T McMillan †		Mrs Beverley McGearey
	Garry C Ryan	<b>2023</b>	Justin Millar
<b>1984</b>	David R Mosel †		Leon Eldridge
	A J (Tony) Donaldson †		

† Deceased

## Player Life Members

1998	Peter S Fenwick	2011	Dan Wilson
2000	Gary W Mullighan		Jay Ziersch
	Gavin C Kilpatrick		Bradley Ayles
	Brook M Kilpatrick		Adam Thompson
2001	Gary Carman	2012	Tristan Stevens
2003	Andrew Gluyas	2014	Justin Millar
2005	Nathan Davison	2015	Leon Eldridge
2007	Ben P Dixon	2016	Adam Shaw
	Sam W Dixon		Peter Pick
	Jamie L Kloeden	2017	Chris Lawson
	Tony P Mezzini		Patrick Gluyas
	Chris M Day	2019	John Sandercock
	Ben P Alexander		Marten Beyer
	Luke A Thompson		Joe Krajina
	Justin S Oliver	2020	Tim Day
2010	Danny Page	2021	Dave Jucha
	Dale Ziersch		Craig Teakle
	Ben Hilterbrand	2023	Corey Williams

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

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

† Deceased

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

2022	Neil Page	2023	Kym Bament
	Kevin Greatrex		Phil Brideoake †
	Tom J Rice †		Warren Charles †
	Don A Rice †		Ken Kobayashi
	Peter W Dixon OAM	2024	Nathan Davison
	Ron Chandler		
	Greg Elkson		
	Tony Harris		
	Greg Bradshaw		
	Ian Reval		
	Phil Alexander †		
	Paul Begg		

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

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

## Capps Medal Winners

*Most Votes in Baseball SA Major A / Division 1 competition*

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



## Women's MVP Winners

*Most Votes in Baseball SA Women's / Division 1 competition*

2019	Alice Prokopec	2021	Jessica Maslin
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## Major A / Division 1 Premierships

1962

1976-1977

1978-1979

1979-1980

1982-1983

2000-2001

2004-2005

2015-2016

## Women's League - Division 1 Premierships

2020-2021

2021-2022

# MINUTES OF THE 92<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Clubrooms, Anderson Ave, Glenelg North on Thursday 22nd June 2023

## Meeting opened at 7:04pm

### Present

As per attendance list

### Apologies

Jayden Eldridge, Stephen Harris, Erin Harris, Barbara Eldridge, Luke Thompson, Sam Dixon, Jenna Handy, Jacob Eldridge, Brook Kilpatrick, David Munday, Ben Dixon & Tony Creeper.

### Minutes

The President welcomed members to the meeting and the minutes of the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting were then addressed.

It was moved by Craig Handy and seconded by Natalie Ziersch that the minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting. The motion was carried.

### President Report

Scott Bradey gave updates on: -

- o Thanked all members.
- o Acknowledged other board members efforts.
- o Covered off some proposed facility spends upcoming.
- o Talked about some past and upcoming events.

### Secretary Report

Leon Eldridge gave update on new registration and competition management system GameDay to replace RevSport and the challenges ahead around that.

### Financials Report

Emily Martinella gave an update on financials for 2023/24.

### Adoption of Reports

It was moved by Peter McGearey and seconded by Greg Bradshaw that all non-financial reports be accepted.

It was moved by Michael Green and seconded by Simone Bradey that the financial reports be accepted with changes.

### **Election of Offices**

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

President	Scott Bradey
Secretary	Leon Eldridge
Treasurer	Emily Martinella
Facilities Manager	Tristan Harding
Playing Operations Manager	Justin Millar
Junior Development Manager	Grant Wilson
Fundraising & Sponsorship Manager	Dan Melia
Projects Manager	Nat Ziersch

### **Patrons**

Subject to willingness to accept role, it was moved by Scott Bradey and seconded by Michael Green that Peter Dixon - **OAM** be appointed as a Club Patron. Peter Dixon accepted. The motion was carried.

Subject to willingness to accept role, it was moved by Leon Eldridge and seconded by Emily Martinella that Stephen Patterson - Member for Morphett be appointed as a Club Patron. The motion was carried.

Subject to willingness to accept role, it was moved by Leon Eldridge and seconded by Scott Bradey that Louise Miller-Frost - Member for Boothby be appointed as a Club Patron. The motion was carried.

### **Trustee**

No trustee appointments required.

### **Auditor**

Subject to his willingness to continue, it was moved by Scott Bradey and seconded by Emily Martinella that Belinda Schutz of Accru Harris remains as auditor. The motion was carried.

### **Solicitor**

It was moved by Leon Eldridge and seconded by Scott Bradey that Terry Evans be appointed as the club's solicitor. The motion was carried.

### **Life Members**

Greg Bradshaw on behalf of the Life Membership Committee have recommended that the following player be awarded Player Life membership.

It was moved by Greg Bradshaw and seconded by Scott Bradey that Corey Williams be awarded Player Life Membership under the conditions of Clause 7 (c) (1) of the club constitution. The motion was carried.

Greg Bradshaw on behalf of the Life Membership Committee has recommended that the following members be awarded Life membership.

It was moved by Greg Bradshaw and seconded by Scott Bradey that Justin Millar be awarded Life Membership under the conditions of Clause 7 (b) (2) of the club constitution. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Greg Bradshaw and seconded by Scott Bradey that Leon Eldridge be awarded Life Membership under the conditions of Clause 7 (b) (2) of the club constitution. The motion was carried.

### **General Business**

Greg Bradshaw - Presented to the club from Max Stone's family (Life Member 1962) premiership match ball.

Tony Mezzini - Asked about indoor batting tunnels, get action moving, opportunities to become home of women's baseball, lots of money available from federal government. We have construction expertise within the club. Natalie Ziersch suggested a separate committee be established.

Beverley McGearey - Seriously need to do something about getting more scorers. Craig Handy responded that we will try and continue to encourage more people to score. Asked all present to try and look internally to do more than just play. Volunteering is a significant issue.

Peter Dixon OAM - talked about receiving the award, wanted to thank the City of Holdfast Bay and Paul Begg specifically.

Craig Handy - Wanted Emily Martinella acknowledged for the financial audit of the accounts, well done. Acknowledgement to Shelley McPhee for her contribution to the club during her time on the board

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed by the Chairperson at the 92nd Annual General Meeting held 22/06/2023.

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

The 2023-24 season kicked off early this year with a search for a DIV 1 men's coach. The board agreed to form an independent committee to assist and essentially decide the outcome of the position. This resulted in Tony Mezzini being appointed and he hit the ground running. With his entourage in tow, the senior men's squad commenced their preseason.

The season proper had a later start than usual due to our city hosting the Australian Masters Games. Our grounds had 40 odd games played over that week, which meant some hard work for our groundsman, volunteers and board. Was great to see some familiar faces rolling around in various teams with most GBC members getting a medal of sorts.

We fielded 15 teams again this year across the junior and senior ranks. If enjoyment and camaraderie were our goals, then we ticked all boxes. If premierships were our goals, then we only achieved one, with Div 5 dominating all season.

In the junior space, we filled the main age groups from U9-U17. The U15 space was topped up by some West Torrens players and we are grateful for the amalgamation of clubs to allow our players to fill a team.

This year we also have a record number of GBC juniors selected for Charter and Development teams. This is going to have a resounding effect on the development of these players and a flow on effect to their teammates next season. Things are trending up.

Junior Presentation was a different format this year with a more of a 'FAMILY FUN DAY' vibe and I personally think it was a win. Congratulations to the award winners. Keep up the hard work.

A huge thanks to the Junior coaches who selflessly dedicated their time and effort for our juniors. A big shout out to our junior coordinator, Grant Wilson. Thanks for the last 5 or so years. You have been amazing. And finally, thanks to the families that enable our juniors to train, play games and embrace the GBC culture. All you must do is observe the festivities of Tiger Night and you'll see how much the kids love it.

The women's teams again fielded all divisions. With some attrition of players, Div 1 lost quite a few experienced key position players and commenced a rebuild. Craig Handy offered to take the reins to start the arduous process of further developing players to fill the holes. We partnered with Glenelg Rebels Softball Club and utilised an import for the first time. The Div 2- and 3-Women's teams continued their development and had a lot of competitive games.

The men's teams filled all divisions except Div 4. We had various levels of success through this space. The Div 1 men's narrowly missing finals was a marked improvement from the last few seasons. With a few imports coming and going, it could have been a volatile environment, but the team really pulled together this season and got some amazing results. Div 3 worked hard on developing some up-and-coming players. And of course, congratulations to Div 5 again for being our sole premiership team. Thank you to all the coaches, managers and scorers that put their hand up. Not enviable jobs, and much appreciated.

Congratulations to all the individual award winners. I know a lot of deliberation goes into the selection of these recipients with so much talent in the club, so they are well deserved.

Socially, the club had a great year. Events had good attendance, culminating in a Presentation Night with a bit of a twist. Was good to have a change of scenery up at Watkins Winery.

A huge thank you to parents, partners and kids that support our junior and senior players. A lot of families spend most of their summer at the club.

Thank you to our sponsors both major and minor. This season saw more sponsors than ever due to a lot of hard work. As a sports club, we would be lost without them.

Thank you to all the board members and supporting crew for your time and effort this year. They pump so many hours of their precious time into this club. Organising functions, ordering food and drink, maintaining grounds, balancing the books, coordinating uniforms, merchandise and equipment, sponsorship deals, junior and senior coordinating, and so much more. At times the list seems endless. A lot of effort is being made to make these processes more efficient and continual improvement is ongoing. We have made a lot of inroads to streamline processes and make jobs easier to move forward.

I would like to thank the volunteers this season that put their hands up. Not many people truly understand the amount of effort and “person” power it takes to keep the club operational. It was nice to see a few new faces working at the bar and shop. In a world where time seems to be more and more precious, any effort to support the club is truly appreciated. But please don't sit back and assume someone else will do it. Those people are just as busy if not busier than you, and they are sacrificing their own time to help. So, tap them on the shoulder and give them a break every now and then. Life would be great if we could all just sit in the beer garden hanging with mates, but nothing would get done. So, step up and help out.

Have a safe and happy off season, and we will see you again next season.

**Scott Bradey - President**

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

Firstly, my sincere condolences to the Vercoe and Alexander families on their losses of Bill Jeanes and Phil Alexander respectively. Both men were life members of this great club. I didn't personally know Bill; however Phil Alexander had a huge impact on me, I am fortunate to be old enough to be inspired by watching Phil as a player, then be coached by Phil as a junior player, later when I started coaching myself Phil was always available as a sounding board with advice when required. I have a huge amount of respect for Phil and the Alexander family.

More positively congratulations to Brook Kilpatrick and the Division 5 lads for achieving the ultimate and winning back-to-back premierships for the club in that grade.

2023/24 proved yet again a busy year with yet another change in the system that is used for registrations and competition management, this proved to be a time-consuming exercise with the new system not particularly being as user friendly as the previous one.

We also introduced 'Stack Team Sport' app with some moderate success and is something I believe the board will look to try and amp up moving forward. The whole communication and social media space has become a bit of a beast of its own and is an area the club will need to provide some focus on moving forward to ensure we are getting the best return on effort to manage all those.

As I think I say every year I think it would be great to see more members put their hand up to help in any aspect that they think they might be able to contribute.

Finally, congratulations to Scott Bradey on winning this year's Cooper Trophy, a fitting winner.

**Leon Eldridge - Secretary**

# TREASURER / FINANCE MANAGER REPORT

My third and final year as treasurer was the most enjoyable despite the considerable effort involved in the role. In my opinion, under the leadership of Bradey the club looks and feels the best it has in the short time our family has been at the club. The efforts of a few families restored the club both physically and emotionally. The disappointment is only that more people don't put their hands up and continue to make the club a great place to be and to be a part of. I hope that the next board continues to build on what has been achieved this season and the club thrives both on and off the field. I don't need to name the people I am most grateful to for their support and friendship, they know who they are, and I will be sharing a drink or two with them to celebrate - even if they don't drink wine 😊

Key achievements in financial management include:

- Funds remain at a steady level, even after investment in infrastructure and increased player expenses.
- Key suppliers identified for streamline products, delivery, and payment process.
- Increased use of square software and hardware to improve financial analysis.
- Strategic review undertaken to enable grant applications - not specifically financial management but financial benefits will be significant once completed.

Focus points to consider for future seasons:

- Set portfolio budgets early, clarify what expenditure is approved up front and what needs special approval.
- Investment of excess funds to maximise returns.
- Continue to support the grant application process for upgrading of facilities.

All the best and thank you for allowing me the privilege of being appointed to this role.

**Emily Martinella - Treasurer**



# FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Season 23/24 saw a raft of planned changes take effect and we enjoyed a greatly improved sponsor base for the season. It feels like half time for the plans afoot and the upcoming season should see some great new additions to the GBC family. A huge focus will be on interactivity with our sponsors moving forward and we'll look forward to seeing some new faces, products and services dotted around the club.

A new Player Sponsorship push was hugely successful this year as all of our Div 1 and Div 2 Mens are represented on a personal level. Hopefully we can see more growth here pushing into our women's divisions and junior space.

A new guide will be available in the winter months if you or anyone you know may be interested in showcasing their brand as well as supporting the GBC. Looking forward to the season ahead both on and off the diamonds.

**Dan Melia - Fundraising & Sponsorship Manager**

# PLAYING OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

In season 2023-24 the GBC had a total of 10 senior teams. Of the 10 senior teams 4 made finals, with the Division 5 team winning the premiership in a tight 4-3 ball game against Southern Districts at home.

Division	Ladder Position	Regular Season
1	8	14-1-11
2	7	8-3-5
3	12	3-11
5	2 (Premiers)	9-2-5
6	5	10-5
7B	6	10-6
7R	11	5-10
WD1	4	4-11
WD2	14	1-13
WD3	8	5-1-9

Umpiring proved difficult to juggle once again, a huge thanks to anyone who put their hand up to do what is a difficult job. I can't stress enough that we need to remember to be respectful to the umpires across all grades, at home and away. A big thanks to the usual suspects in Sam Dixon, Ben Alexander and Patrick Gluyas - and further thanks to Georgia Kaluza and Scott Crutchley who both stepped up this season to help out.

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

Our Division 1 team doubled their wins to 14 from 7 the previous season. Tony Mezzini took over as head coach and added some new faces into the coaching mix. With a focus on pitching and defence they were able to get some great wins throughout the season. Beau Kearns wore the #17 this season as the club's Primary Division 1 import and provided great leadership for our very young squad. Jayden Eldridge had an outstanding season which is a testament to him working harder than ever before. Kai Reid and Dylan Bentley had great performances with the bat, and we saw marked improvement across the squad. The Division 2 guys missed the finals on run differential, the Divisional 3 space was a learning environment with some older heads there to help guide some younger guys along.

The traditional Saturday grades did their thing, enjoyed a lot of success, and had a fair bit of fun doing it. The 5s went back-to-back in a high quality 4-3 ball game defeating South at home, Hayden McGearey outstanding with a complete game performance and some timely hitting getting the job done, a Lachy McGearey long ball a highlight.

The Women's Division 1 team again made the playoffs but struggled to match it in a tough 1 v 4 first round contest. This year we saw a new addition with a female import joining the team in the form of Sydney Horton, who did a bit of everything for our new look team. A shared resource with Glenelg Rebels softball club, we thank the Rebels for their assistance in this venture. The other 2 women's team had a ton of fun out there as they continue to learn the game and work on their talents.

The board itself has functioned very well this season and with some fresh faces has seen some great gains around the club in general. Tristan Harding really embraced his role in charge of facilities and really got the ball rolling on a huge chunk of work.

Around the club a huge thanks to sponsor Leo Huttunen (and his helpers) for their work on the paint job to lift the club. Another sponsor who helped lift the place is new to the club in Nick George and Coochie HydroGreen, who really greened up the playing surfaces. As it seems each year Peter Dixon put in some huge hours to maintain the fields along with President Scotty Bradey who spent countless hours assisting with the grounds where he could. Further thanks go to all of those behind the scenes that help the club run.

This year we saw the continuation of the GBC Team of the Week as a fun recap of the weekend's games. Thanks to the coaches who provided feedback on players who should and shouldn't make the cut. It was good fun to put together, sometimes stressful, but certainly seemed to bring some fun back into the club atmosphere. Across the year we had husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, fathers and sons, cousins and just good mates make the team every week. Well done to all those who made it, and to those who didn't there is always next year.

This season we saw the club honour Peter Fenwick and his 800+ senior games as Pedro threw out the first pitch. We also recognised our first women's player ever to play 100 Women's Division 1 games in Jenna Handy, a really great effort on the field. Hayden McGearey and Elliott Ross each played senior game number 400. Several others reached a range of milestones during the season across all grades.

We also lost club and general SA baseball icon Phil Alexander. Big Phil was that over-the-top huge personality who will be sorely missed, our thoughts are still with his family and friends.

**Justin Millar - Senior Playing Operations Manager**

# JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

Although our results with the win-loss ratios in the table below do not show it, we have continued to build on our Junior Program initiatives from the years prior with lots of positives coming from this season.

The key standout for me this season was the uptake of players into the Charter program as detailed further into the report. For the first time since the Charter boundaries were established, Glenelg was rezoned into the Southern Charter League - Sea Hawks, moving away from the Rays Charter. This then brought together teams from Glenelg, Sturt, Goodwood and Southern Districts.

At the end of the regular 22/23 season Craig Handy, Luke Thompson and Tim Day introduced the inaugural Winter Development program. The intent of this program was to provide our juniors with an opportunity to hit the ground running when spring training came around. This was then intended to have the participants game ready come Round 1. Our coaching staff provided two-weekly training sessions with expert support in many areas including Pitching, Catching, Infield and Outfield, as well the batting box. Thank you, gentlemen, for your help and support in this space.



Andrew Qualmann and Tim Day also provided pitching and catching support after Thursday training sessions where this level of refinement was not afforded during regular training sessions. Thank you all for your support in developing our Juniors. It is greatly appreciated.

Without the support from West Torrens this year in the Junior League space, we would not have been able to successfully field a team each week without a collective pull of players from the Little League team with only 7 players registered. Each week West Torrens provided between 2 and 3 players as they were in surplus on their end. This then gave both clubs the ability to play ball each week without players missing out from West Torrens (being rostered off) or from Glenelg (from not being able to field a team). This was clearly a win-win in the players' space from both clubs involved and I thank Mark Stevens and his team for their continued support. These players were a fantastic bunch of individuals.

And of course, I can't finish off my thank you's without a special mention to our on-field ground support team Peter Dixon OAM, Scott Bradey and Tristan Harding. Your efforts in maintaining our fields pre and post-game did not go unnoticed. Our grounds are the envy of the competition. Thank you team!

<b>Division</b>	<b>Ladder Position</b>	<b>Regular Season W-L-D</b>	<b>Win Rate %</b>	<b>Runs For</b>	<b>Runs Against</b>
<b>Pee Wee's (9's)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Minor League (11's)</b>	13/17	4-10-0	29%	61	121
<b>Little League (13-1's)</b>	11/11	0-15-0	0%	65	183
<b>Junior League (15-1's)</b>	9/10	2-12-1	17%	63	129
<b>Senior League (17-1's)</b>	11/11	0-14-0	0%	25	164

Success in the League's Charter competition will see our players and Club benefit immensely from the experience. Of particular note, was our clubs uptake in this space with several of the GBC Juniors making it into various teams. I would like to make a special mention of Ben Alexander who took on the Head Coach role of the Junior League team, as well Nathan Green as Assistant Coach to the Little League team. I was very pleased to see our juniors from across the Junior League and Little League get involved in the Charter program. Firstly, to have the level of confidence from their own baseball development journey, to trial, but more importantly succeed in making a team. There was a significant uptake of junior players into the Charter Space this year. I would like to acknowledge the following players for making Sea Hawks Development, Sea Hawks Charter (Little League and Junior League), the Seahorses Little League, as well the SA Schoolboys teams this year:

#### **Sea Hawks - Little League Development**

- Lincoln Harris
- Ethan Swansson

#### **Sea Hawks - Little League**

- Nathan Green (Assistant Coach)
- Preston Green
- Seb Charlick
- Mason Osborn
- Brock Harding

#### **Sea Hawks - Junior League**

- Ben Alexander (Head Coach)
- Ollie Alexander
- Owen Monaghan
- Zac Maclean
- Ari Mundy

#### **Seahorses - Female Little League**

- Pippa Harris
- Bella Qualmann

#### **South Australian Youth Women's Team**

- Pria Bhonalat, winning GOLD for SA for the first time in the tournament's history

## SA Schoolboys

- Callum Wilson

Some great baseball experience and results from across the Charter Tournament Weekend.

Congratulations to Preston Green and Ollie Alexander from our Little League and Junior League teams respectively polling in the top 5 umpire MVP votes for the season. This was a great achievement from a very strong and extensive pool.

A Special thanks to our coaches this season:

Pee-Wee's - Kylie Green (Munday). Assistant Coach Grant Jones  
 Minor League - Grant Wilson (that's me). Assistant Coach - Callum Wilson  
 Little League - Joe Krajina and Assistant Coach/Manager - Tristan Harding  
 Junior League - Kristian Mundy. Assistant Coach - Glenn Pycock  
 Senior League - Luke Thompson, Assistant Coach - Adam Vercoe

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

- The Pre-Season Trip to Berri
- The Show 4.0
- Rookie Ball and the McGearey Family Scholarship
- GBC Junior Disco
- Xmas Clinic
- Xmas Ginger Bread making and Disco
- Player Milestones marking 50 and 100 games in Juniors
- Winter Development Program

### Pre-Season Trip to Berri

Unfortunately, the Preseason trip to the Riverland this season only saw two junior legends take up the offer of heading north to watch our Div 1/2 squad play in Berri in early September this season. They were lucky enough to play alongside their senior team members being given the opportunity to play in the outfield with a Div 1 player, then getting an at bat whilst being pitched at by one of our own as well. This weekend is all about building new and fostering old relationships with teammates and their parents and getting to know our senior team playing members and coaching staff. The trip is meant to also expose players to country baseball at its best, giving players the opportunity to get involved in a country 'Come and Try'/coaching clinic for the younger aged juniors, whilst giving the older players some game time against the Riverland Baseball Association.

### The Show 4.0

The Show 4.0 continued building on the years prior with players seeing this as a staple to the GBC Junior Program. There was some great engagement and feedback from other clubs that we played against who got into the spirit of the initiative and boogied the game away under some amazing summer weather with appearances by the GBC Tiger split across 2 separate weekends. This is a great fundraiser for the club.

The Women's Div 1 squad also took advantage of the initiative to have their own Show 1.0 later in the season.





### **Rookie Ball**

The Rookie Ball initiative was a fantastic turn out over the 6 weeks the program ran for. The season culminated in the awarding of 1 scholarship (Pee Wee's) funded by GBC to recognise the years of service by Bev and Peter McGearey and their sons Lachlan and Hayden running the Tee Ball program at GBC in years gone by.

### **Xmas Clinic**

The 2023/24 Xmas Holidays saw another development opportunity for our juniors to work on their skills in an intense 6-hour clinic. With support from a couple of our Senior and Junior League stars (Lucas, Beau and Kai).

### **Player Milestone's**

Continuing from the work that Tristan and Kelly Harding did last season, we recognised several player milestones in the form of 50 and 100 games as a junior. Kai Sturgeon made his 100<sup>th</sup> game appearance part way through this season with several other juniors reaching 50 games also. These milestones were awarded during Tiger Nights throughout the season.



To help make next season bigger and better I need parent support. This is your call to arms! We need you. Please get in contact with me if you are willing to spend a few hours over the course of the season with various programs we have on offer for our players - notably assistance in supporting our Rookie Ball, Xmas clinics, Pre-Season Trips, Team Management, Team Scoring, Tiger Nights, Player Milestones, Game Day data entry each week and much more.

Thank you to all the parents/carers in getting our junior players to training, to the various games throughout the course of the summer season and of course for getting in and helping out in the canteen. Without you and your support from one weekend to the next we don't have a club...so Thanks. See you all in the 2024/25 season.

**Grant Wilson - Junior Development Manager**



# FACILITIES MANAGER'S REPORT

The 2023/24 season has seen great strides in maintaining and revamping the facilities at Glenelg Baseball Club. Much of this progress is thanks to the dedication of our members and sponsors, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that both our members and visitors have access to top-notch facilities and grounds.

Key offseason projects included:

The Dixon Dugout internal roof and walls were cleaned and painted.

- Thank you to the large number of volunteers who gave up their weekends to complete this task - special thanks to Leo Huttunen and Priority Painting for materials and coordinating the team.

New Fans Added and Electrical Work Upgraded

- Thank you, Tony Mezzini, for supplying the fans and working with Michael Green in installing these magnificent new fans in the Dixon Dugout.

Diamond 1 & 2 base paths and pitching mound refurbishment.

- Thank you to the large workgroup that arranged for new turf to be delivered and installed on the two main fields. Special thanks to Jamie Kloeden, Chris Day, Tim Day and the whole team that worked across the day to cut, install and level the grounds ready for matches.

Winterball was again hosted at GBC and thank you to the team that managed the bar each weekend and managed the equipment and diamonds during the offseason.

The South Australian Country Carnival was again hosted at GBC over the October Long Weekend and the event never ceases to draw a crowd - some fantastic baseball was played and a huge volunteer team, the GBC Board and plenty of extended family of GBC ensure that the event ran smoothly, the facilities were maintained, and amazing time was had by all that attended.

Throughout the season, the grounds were used by all junior and senior clubs with respect, care and consideration for the club. Thank you to coaches, managers, and players for making sure that the grounds were passed on to the next match, and into the next week in fantastic condition.

Huge thanks to Nick George and Coochie Grass for the treatment applied to Diamond 1 across the season - the infield has never looked so good - many thanks.

It was exciting to see so many GBC players represent the Seahawks Charter team, meaning Baseball SA state and charter teams used the grounds for training throughout the summer.

Thanks also need to Peter Dixon and David Williams for the considerable time spent in keeping the club rooms and bathrooms clean, repairs made to the diamonds, the playing lines being marked and the hundreds of other tasks you completed each week - the club appreciates your time, effort and commitment and carrying out any maintenance work that needs to be done.

To Scott Bradey, thank you for your help with weekend setups, for your advice and support in keeping the facilities plan moving forward and being an all-around GBC legend.

To Michael Green, thanks for your work in keeping our electrical problems under control and for your work in keeping the bar stocked.

To Lauren Vercoe, thank you for maintaining the canteen and a huge thank you Alan Crabb and team for the pre-season work in pulling apart and putting back together the internal kitchen area - amazing work.

Key Offseason projects to be completed leading into the 2024/2025 season:

- Installation of chilled water fountain in Dixon Dugout
- Replacement of Diamond 1 benches
- Diamond 1 & 2 infield & outfield refurbishment
- Diamond 1 pitching mound refurbishment
- Completion of clubroom painting refresh
- Rear storage shed empty and tidy - scrap metal recycle.
- Batting cage mesh replacements
- AED relocation to Dixon Dugout for greater public access
- Update of children's corner toybox

Please, if you have a little bit of time or a lot of time on your hands, reach out to help. We have a passion and love for our club and many hands make lighter work for all.

If you have any suggestions for club facility enhancements and updates, know a fantastic supplier or sponsor or just want to lend a hand, please reach out - we are all looking to make GBC the club of choice in SA, and a wonderful place for our members to enjoy.

**Tristan Harding - Facilities Manager**

# SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER'S REPORT

The 2023/24 season has now come and gone and has shown some quality baseball and highlighted some areas for growth and improvement from a management level too. As an active board, we're always trying to find ways to push the activity around what makes us great and where we can aim to improve whilst offering fantastic facilities and club culture to play the game, we all love, and I feel privileged to be a part of shaping some of these. The work this year on the board has been fantastic and I feel like we've really achieved the beginnings of some fabulous work and seen some great physical improvements about the place.

As with all clubs - the significance of volunteer hours and hard work by all board members and club volunteers is often not understood, and I wanted to take a moment to thank all of our contributing board members for their hard work yet again this year and for each and every member who stepped up and helped out with volunteer hours around our great club. There are some that do this continually and without these individuals, we just would not run - or be able to offer what we do as a club.

Our social calendar included a number of events this year hosting our annual Country Championships with SACBA to start and then heading straight into hosting Masters which had our club abuzz with players from all around our regional and interstate areas. What an incredible community we must be able to share our sport far and wide on GBC soil - hard work by all volunteers and our incredible ground staff as well as those behind the scenes coordinating it all. A very profitable few weeks for us as a club too, which is a great financial start to our season.

Our social calendar held several events, most of these really are to provide us a space to connect off the diamond and have some fun, enjoy our GBC community, and build continual rapport and connections around our club members and supporters. Some made marginal profits for fundraising, but most were not organized in most cases to raise money. Next year I hope to see us host a few more fundraisers and set some key targets for some big projects.

Ladies Day had a big turn out this year, we ran a quiet but very connected Poker Night with Dan Melia's support, our Vintage Round saw some incredible vintage strips surface and showcased some truly exceptional athletic physiques as we all got together and enjoyed catching up with some of our past players and we held our Junior and Senior Presentation a little differently this year too- there was some epic plays about the whiffle ball kids vs parents games and thankfully nobody I know of put their back out, or got any major injuries when battling the most significant of oppositions- their children. A good day and a laugh had by all.

This year it was great to see our community health day make a return with a skin health focus, and I wanted to thank Pete McGearey for his efforts in arranging this.

Senior presentations had us hosted by Watkins Winery in a very relaxed feel. A very different approach to presentation night and we would love to hear your feedback- personally I loved the pizza and enjoyed the wine!

We are a club of strong traditions but we're continually seeking improvement and I think we're embracing change and trying to put a new spin on some of our annual events. If you have any ideas about a social event you would love to see at the GBC, or perhaps even some ideas on our existing events and how to change them up- we would love to hear from you!

In closing, thank you to the wonderful people that give up hours of their spare time to make our club better- it's been so great working with you all this year.

Onwards and upwards for season 24/25

**Natalie Ziersch - Special Projects Manager**

# DIVISION 5 – REPORT

**Coach:** Brook Kilpatrick

**Scorer/s:** Beverley McGearey  
Peter McGearey

**Asst Coach:** Scott Crutchley

**Manager:** John 'Fred' Radley

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
2	16	9	5	2	20	63%	121	78
<b>Semi Final</b>		<b>Glenelg</b>	4	Def		Southern Districts		3
<b>Grand Final</b>		<b>Glenelg</b>	4	Def		Southern Districts		3
<b>Trophy Winners</b>				<b>Players MVP</b>				<b>Hayden McGearey</b>
				<b>Outstanding Performance</b>				<b>Lachlan McGearey</b>
				<b>Go Hard or Go Home</b>				<b>Lachlan Eldridge</b>

**Division 5 Premiers 2023/24**  
Glenelg 4 def Southern Districts 3

Lachlan McGearey, Lachlan Eldridge, Andrew Fensom, Aled Loy, Hayden McGearey, Florian Breut, Vanya Golusin, John Radley (Manager)  
John Sandercock, John Loy, Gavin Kilpatrick, Brook Kilpatrick (Coach), Scott Crutchley (Coach), Craig Handy, Patrick Gluyas

Scorers: Bev & Peter McGearey

This season saw somewhat of a merging of the previous season's all-conquering Division 5 and some of the remaining Division 6 team that went out in the preliminary final in 2023/4. With incumbent Division 5 coach Justin Millar taking a role with the young Division 2 squad, I was approached to take on the 5's and was happy to give it a crack. With stalwarts Jamie Kloeden (Division 3), Paul Sadler and Mark Reynolds (family commitments) plus Alfredo Rodriguez (Division 3) departing the 5's, it was always going to be tough to meld the two worlds with an interesting dynamic which proved a little challenging in the early going.

The good news was the core of the 5's including the McGearey and Loy brothers, Lachy "Gamer" Eldridge and Patty Gluyas remained primed for another flag. Joining from the 6's were the brothers Kilpatrick, Andrew "The Fenomenon" Fensom, Vanya "Van the Man" Golusin and Florian "Flo-rider" Breut. Sparkling cameos from Dale "Zeddy" Ziersch and the stretch run addition of Craig "Bender" Handy proved to be the perfect combination for a tough finals campaign that saw us grab another sensational shield for the GBC.

Our season started slowly, dropping two of our first three games before hitting our straps bouncing between 2nd and 3rd spot all season. A crucial late win on the road against Adelaide gave us the double chance leading into the finals with a road game against top team Southern Districts on the menu. We bounced out of the blocks to take a four run early lead, before struggling to get runners in for the rest of the game with the home team chipping away at our lead. Some great pitching from Hayden "Hayds" McGearey and stellar defense from the likes of Patty Gluyas, Flo-rider and Gavin "Killer" Kilpatrick saw us hang on for a 4-3 win and a path straight into the Grand Final.

What started as a welcome week off turned into a bit of a curse as a heat out in week two of the finals meant the Souths v Adelaide final was pushed out by a week. With Southern Districts being victorious, it became a three week break between games for us coming into the Grand Final which was less than ideal. It did of course give us the gift of two extra Thursday night training sessions where our numbers ballooned from the usual four all the way up to a massive eight, auguring well for some standard enjoyable extra beers and banter before looking ahead to the big day. There was more good news to be had as we had an excellent crowd at the home of baseball supporting us on a beautiful sunny day.

In contrast to the first final, South were the ones that bounced out to an early lead, scoring single runs in the second and third innings to take a 2-0 lead after three. Whilst we had scattered some hits, we failed to get that crucial hit to trouble the scorers as the innings flew by in what was a cracking pitching duel.

With tension getting high, a solo home run to Lachlan "Mags" McGearey relieved the pressure a little as we fought back to a 2-1 deficit in the bottom of the fourth. Excellent hitting by Flo-rider, Johnny "J-Lo" Loy and Bender kept the party going and the pressure on, so much so that a South's miscue gave us an extra run that led to a four-run inning - giving us a savoury 4-2 lead after four.

Hayds continued to deal on the bump putting up three straight donuts on the board from the 4th through the 6th, and the status quo remained with a 4-2 score line coming into the 7th and final inning. Just when I could almost taste a delicious "shield beer", the retiring Gary Rice went large for the Southerners to reduce the deficit to an uneasy 4-3 and increase my pacing cadence through the dugout. Starting to plan out our strategy for the bottom of the 7th just in case, with the tying run on third with two out and Hayds pitch count mounting, the sexiest comebacker in baseball history was fielded by the great man who piffed it safely to Gamer for the third out and a hard-earned GBC flag. A beautiful bow on a challenging but super fun season.

## **Awards:**

### **Players MVP (Hayden McGearey)**

Our Players MVP is voted on by all players and coaches each week on a 3-2-1 basis, meaning the winner of this award is truly considered the most valuable player to our team by their peers. Hayds once again proved he is the straw that stirs the GBC drink, performing week in and week out taking the lion's share of pitching duties for the team. It isn't just the talent he showed that got us over the line numerous times and most importantly in both finals, it is his will to win and refusal to lose that sets him apart from his opponents. This guy wants the ball when the game is on the line and as a coach that is an awesome weapon to have. Hands down our MVP, whether dealing on the hill or in the batting box scaring the crap out of the opposition first baseman as he takes the biggest cuts you will ever see. Also backed it up with best on ground honours for the after-game celebrations.



### **Outstanding Performance (Lachlan McGearey)**

This award came down to a couple of great players but ultimately Mags thoroughly deserved to take this one home, just edging out Florian Breut who had an outstanding season with both glove and bat. Mags led the team in on base percentage, slugging percentage, home runs, RBI, runs, extra base hits and total bases. Whilst his stat line was super impressive, it was his ability to get “clutch” hits or an uncanny knack for getting on base when we were desperately crying out for a rally starter. His home run when we trailed 0-2 in the Grand Final was just the kind of result he managed all season, propelling us to some sensational come from behind victories. Mags also played some outstanding defense throughout the season to complement his work with the bat. Finally, his complete disdain for opposition teams bunting put a huge smile on my face on numerous occasions throughout the season.

### **Go Hard or Go Home (Lachlan Eldridge)**

This is an award created by club legend Leon “Lenny” Eldridge from our time as premierships co-coaches. Whilst I am always a little embarrassed by the fact Lenny put my name on the award, I am also perpetually proud to present this award every season. This award goes to the player who is always about team values, the guy who does that bit extra without being asked, the guy that makes the coaches’ life a bit easier. Lachy ‘Gamer’ Eldridge this season was that guy. Never complained when he had to sit on the bench. Never complained when he had to take the ball to eat up innings whether his arm was sore, cooked or just plain out of gas. Always happy to make suggestions for the betterment of the team and a great listener whenever I need an ear. When he played in the field, he laid out to make some big plays because he always gives the works. A true GBC man, I love what this guy brings to a team.

I want to acknowledge the contributions of a bunch of GBC men who put their hand up to play with us when we were short due to injury and an assortment of commitments. Dan Melia, Corey Williams, Ben Dixon, Dale Ziersch, Kym Bartlett and Craig Teakle all played a part in a season that reaped the ultimate success and I very much appreciate their commitment and assistance.

A massive thanks to great mate Scott “Camel” Crutchley for assisting with coaching duties throughout the season along with John ‘Parko’ Sandercock who not only coached base but even got himself in for a few knocks and a few umpires votes.

Massive thanks to our manager John “Fred” Radley, a legend of a bloke who provides excellent support to the coaching staff and the team.

Thanks to Bev McGearey for taking on scoring duties and Peter McGearey who had to step in more than he would have liked to assist when Bev was ailing.

Thanks to Ben Dixon as coach of Division 6 for the excellent working relationship keeping each of our teams afloat throughout the season with personnel.

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

### **Brook Kilpatrick - Division 5 - Premiership Coach**

# DIVISION 1 – REPORT

**Coach:** Tony Mezzini

**Scorer/s:** Leon Eldridge  
**Asst Coach:** Nick Talbot, Paul Green, Randall Birt & Justin Millar  
**Trainer:** Peter Power  
**Manager:** Paul Luders

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
8	26	14	11	1	29	56%	146	121
<b>Trophy Winners</b>			Jamie Kloeden / Ben Dixon			<b>Dylan Bentley</b>		
			Most Valuable Player					
			Outstanding Performance			<b>Jayden Eldridge</b>		

The coaching staff and I are very proud of our group, we all felt that there were many improvements and still some left in the tank, which is the way to go. We just missed the finals by only 1 game, this positive momentum should give us a head start for next season, we are confident that we are in a good place.

I put this down to the players' maturity, just getting a few more games under their belt and having consistent starts - you need to play to get better. We never had a large pool of players to pick from; I believe this worked in our favour. The team selection process was easy, I felt all players were given every opportunity to perform at their best. Often this is a difficult thing to do as a coach and is always up for opinion and criticism, but as this is part of the job, I was always willing to take full responsibility for it.

The players brought in on getting better and the importance of supporting the pitcher with solid defence. We played some very high standard games and had some great wins against teams above us on the ladder.

Our pitching was outstanding, minimising the opposition's bats and always giving our hitters the time and chance to get moving. Putting up zeroes early in the game is just so important.

Most games we hit well, we are getting there, and we did score a lot more runs than last season. We will continue to work on it, and hopefully be more consistent in this facet of the game.

We have a very experienced coaching staff giving the players support in all parts of the game. The coaches all worked well as a group. Paul Green, highly experienced as a coach and a state level player. Nick Talbot in his first year with us as a coach, having 3 Capps medals to his name his resume speaks for itself. State level player Randal Birt in his first year back after he retired as a player, returning as a coach he was a very good player in premierships teams also at state level. Justin Millar coached Division 2, he is a student of the game, and always the rational head that is required to help make composed decisions. He unselfishly gave up wins in division 2 to help division 1. Tim Day was Talbot's right hand man as an additional pitching coach. Patrick Gluyas took care of the players' conditioning and provided BP all season long. Joe Krajina was player coach of the 3's and David Mundy provided specialised skills coaching, also a decorated player himself. As I said at the start, this is a fantastic group of experienced coaches.

The GBC Committee led by Scott Bradey gave the playing group and us coaches full support. I thank all committee members for that. Paul Luders was the best team manager any coach could have. Leon Eldridge as scorer, he is a great analyst of the game - I went to him many times during the season for stats and advice. A huge thanks to Peter Dixon for his tireless work on the grounds, a tough job for anyone, thanks again. Peter Power again acted as our team physio and bat boy.

Our primary import, Beau Kerns was very good for us, not only as a player but as a leader. He provided a professional approach to things and really led by example. He hit when we needed him to but was excellent with the pill in hand. A complete game gem against ET in the final weeks of the season was as good an outing as you will see. We also welcomed Briley Knight into the black and gold, unfortunately he got injured in the last ABL game after driving in the championship run and we dearly missed his bat in the final few games. A big congrats to Briley and The Giants going back-to-back in the ABL. We were also joined by Stephen Chamblee and Jimmy Boyce this season, but regrettably they were unable to see out the season. We wish all the imports the best in their baseball futures.

This season most of the players had personal sponsors and that was a great help, on behalf of myself and the playing group I would like to extend a huge thanks to all involved in organising that. And another huge thanks to the sponsors themselves, it is very much appreciated.

In conclusion I haven't spoken about individual players in this report as that will be done on presentation night. Many thanks to our supporters, partners, kids, and all involved by giving us all the time and space to do something we enjoy so much. Our goal now is to be in the finals and who knows what can happen from there.

Kind regards and thank you all for this opportunity as coach, Mutx.

**Tony Mezzini - Division 1 Coach**

### Division 1 – Games Played

#	Players	Previous	Season 2019/20	Season 2020/21	Season 2021/22	Season 2022/23	Season 2023/24	Total Games Played
10	BENTLEY, DYLAN	50	26	23	27	28	26	180
85	BOYCE, JIMMY	0					8	8
85	CHAMBLEE, STEPHEN						7	7
75	DAY, TIM	174	22	25	26	25	13	285
40	EDGAR, BAILEY	0					1	1
56	ELDRIDGE, JACOB	3	15	23	10	5	14	70
6	ELDRIDGE, JAYDEN	34	13	18	19	15	16	115
78	GEORGE, NICK	0					1	1
19	HARRISON, TROY	0	3	16	8	3	6	36
22	HILL, CONNOR	72	9	29	29	26	22	187
33	HUTTUNEN, TOM	2	2	16	29	19	26	94
26	JONES, NICK	0					2	2
16	JUDD, ZANE	0				25	25	50
17	KERNS, BEAU	0					21	21
7	KNIGHT, BRILEY	0					8	8
49	LUDERS, FLYNN	2	18	20	18	18	10	86
70	MARTINELLA, HENRY	0					3	3
44	MATHEWS, JAIKOB	0				18	24	42
91	NANKEVILL, KRIS	0			1	6	11	18
60	REID, KAI	0		3	4	16	21	44
27	ROSS, ELLIOTT	182	25	27	26	21	11	292
24	SATO, RION	9	16		11	13	20	69
20	STEFF, ALEC	22		1	17	18	22	80
79	WARD, JOSH	0				1		1
93	WEEN, PATRICK	0			1			1





# DIVISION 2 – REPORT

**Coach:** Justin Millar

**Scorer/s:** Cathy Hill & Barbara Eldridge

**Asst Coach:** Randall Birt

**Manager:** Paul Luders

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
7	16	8	5	3	19	59%	108	92

## Trophy Winners

Outstanding Performance

**Bailey Edgar**

Outstanding Performance

**Flynn Luders**

The Division 2 team this season was in a consistent state of movement. With some ins and outs from last year we entered an exciting time to get some guys more opportunities and take on some new challenges.

We started off the season with 3 away games, winning the first by a run and then copping 2 draws - after giving up the lead in the late innings. This would prove very costly in the end after missing the finals by runs for/against. We entered the Christmas break with 4 Wins, 2 Losses and 3 Draws. One of those wins was 11-4 against last year's premiers, so we had gathered some belief.

In the end the 2s are somewhat in the hands of what is happening above, once the twilights started in January things got a little tougher, but we came home with a 4-3 record. But a pretty bad loss in the final game saw us just miss the post season. The competition was very tight this season, had we converted those 3 draws into 3 wins we would have finished inside the top 3. Instead, we just miss out.

Troy Harrison was a standout when he could get here for games, but with life commitments that was understandably tough. He hit .417 and hit 3 long balls, driving in 11 in his 17 ABs. Harro was handy with the pill as well, and essentially was our MVPWP - Most Valuable Player When Playing. Thanks hugely for making the effort to come down when you could, a pleasure to bounce ideas off you and talk baseball in a game situation for the first real time.

Given Harro's status I opted to award 2 Outstanding Performance awards this year.

Flynn Luders was given an opportunity to start the 2s and get some more work in this year. He threw almost half of our innings, posted a sub 3 ERA and interestingly got the lead off out 54% of the time. He started, he came out of the pen, and he also took the stick when I needed him too. Flynn hit .400 in a small sample size - a 2-way guy in the making perhaps?

Bailey Edgar became our everyday catcher this year after a great year in the 3s the season before. Bails was hitting a touch over .300 in mid-January, but after falling sick for a couple of weeks he rounded out the season a respectable .237 - but also hit 3 doubles this year. For a skinny kid who could barely hit it to an outfielder last year he is still a skinny kid, but now can hit em over the OF heads. He was fantastic behind the dish and looks to be a leader in the making, there are a few things to iron out, but I have supreme confidence in his continued improvement.

Our core group was made up of 4 other guys. Kris Nankivell was an awesome on field leader for this team and really did anything I asked of him. He played all over the diamond and even got back behind the dish when needed. He led the team in RBIs and really was just another great teammate, he is a battler and wears one when he has to - a good hardnosed ball player. Nick George was new to the club and put together a solid season, his highlights included a walk off base hit. Kyle Alexander was another guy who got an opportunity to play higher and continued to improve, posting a .435 OB% in

the back half setting the table as lead-off. Patty Ween had some strong outings on the hill and with some self-belief and hard work he can take another step up moving forward.

A shout out to Jacob Eldridge, Henry Martinella and Elliott Ross who all hit over .300 but were in and out with Division 1 opportunities and some minor injury setbacks.

A huge thanks to Cathy Hill and Barb Eldridge for scoring and putting up with my continual tardiness in getting the line-up to them week in, week out.

Thanks to the senior coaching staff who worked well together all season long. We saw the return of Randy Birt this year and his balance of positivity/go get em attitude was a great thing to add to the mix. A big thank you to Tony Mezzini for giving me the opportunity to be involved in the senior squad again, and a final thanks to all the players. We had some ups and downs, but largely some great fun across the board.

**Justin Millar - Division 2 Coach**

# DIVISION 3 – REPORT

Coach: Joe Krajina

Scorer/s: Michelle Eades

Asst Coach: N/A

Manager: N/A

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
12	14	3	11	0	6	21%	82	85

**Trophy Winners**

Batting Award

**Alfredo Rodriguez**

Most Improved

**Callum Wilson**

This season we were once again lucky to be training alongside Mutz's Division 1 & 2 squads, but unfortunately this season was a stark contrast to last year's premiership season. It saw seven of last year's premiership players being called up for regular starts with Division 2, and a host of new players joining the team, including some familiar older faces, and some of the U17's being blooded into seniors early.

The team struggled to get settled with a consistent 9 players every week, cycling through over 20 players over the season. Old heads like Jamie Kloeden, Andrew Qualmann, and Craig Handy who chipped in to assist throughout the season were invaluable to the team. They helped to provide some stability to the team when they were available and were also influential in mentoring the younger players on game day, while taking some of the pressure off the coach.

Defensively, amongst many impressive individual highlights, we collectively let ourselves down at crucial moments, with basic errors plaguing us and costing us unearned runs and subsequently games. Offensively, we were able to regularly reach base, with many individual batting efforts causing havoc with our opponents, but we lacked consistency through the batting lineup to score runs when necessary. This is evident through the number of narrow 1 or 2 run losses. With that being said, the improvement from all in the second half of the season saw us pressure even the best teams in the division. This was a welcome sight, and something that will need to be capitalised on through the next season.

Congratulations go to our award-winning players Alfredo Rodriguez (Batting Award) and Callum Wilson (Most Improved).

- Alfredo had a strong season behind the dish and cut down many base runners who failed to respect his arm. He also was consistent with the bat from both sides of the plate, while bamboozling the defence (and his own coach) with his baserunning.
- Callum started the season throwing hard, but was inconsistent over the plate, regularly going deep into the counts before letting the batter off with a walk. Although there were signs of dominance, he was unable to capitalise early in the year. After the Christmas break, Callum was almost a different pitcher, standing tall on the hill, finding his rhythm, and owning the opposition. Callum will only get better over the next few years, and I would expect to see him throwing much higher than Division 3 in the near future.

Many thanks go out to Michelle Eades who joined the squad to score each week, and to Grant Wilson who filled in whenever Michelle was unavailable.

Finally, to the team, Keep your heads high. This season was a good measuring stick to assess where your own capabilities are and work out where we need to improve for next season. There were many promising signs that we can build on, and we will use this to strive for success in the 24/25 season.

**Joe Krajina - Division 3 - Coach**

# DIVISION 6 – REPORT

Coach: Ben Dixon

Scorer/s:  
Asst Coach: David Munday  
Manager: Kylie Munday

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
5	15	10	5	0	20	67%	164	86
<b>Semi Final</b>		<b>Glenelg</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Lost</b>		<b>Henley &amp; Grange</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Trophy Winners</b>			<b>Outstanding Performance</b>				<b>Kym Bartlett</b>	
			<b>Hitting Machine</b>				<b>Dan Melia</b>	

The Glenelg Division 6 side for season 23/24 consisted of a core group of 11 players:

- Kym Bartlett (pitcher, infield)
- Sam Dixon (pitcher, infield)
- Tom Burton (catcher)
- Craig Teakle (catcher, infield)
- Glenn Pycock (first base)
- Wayne Hughes (pivot, LF)
- Ben Dixon (infield)
- Dan Melia (infield, outfield)
- Corey Williams (infield, outfield)
- David Jucha (outfield, catcher)
- David Munday (outfield)

What a stacked lineup that will surely be around the mark at the business end of the season. In a 17 team, 17 game season and a top 6 finals format we knew that it was imperative to get off to a good start. Notwithstanding that, we did say on the eve of the first game that we needed to take it one week at a time and to just have fun and the results will take care of themselves.

We started the season a bit shaky and found ourselves with a win-loss record of 2-4 after the first 6 games. 3 of those 4 losses were by 1 run but were still L's so not the start we wanted but we still felt confident that we would get things going and still make finals. "You don't want to peak too early" and "They don't hand out premierships in November" was muttered around this time to keep things positive.

At 2-4 I said to the group that if we have a winning record at the Christmas break then Hughesy will sing Thunder Struck in Afrikaans at after the last game of 2023. There were 4 games to go until Christmas, so we needed to win them all. It was around this time that Kym Bartlett had settled nicely into the starting pitcher role and together with Craig Teakle behind the dish they developed a nice chemistry and the wins started flowing. We went to the Christmas break with a 5-4 record (there was a rain out thrown in there) and we got our reward from our Hughesy!. We were up and about and enjoyed our Christmas lunch as could be finalists.

The first game back from Christmas was another rain out and at this point it became evident that 10 wins will be needed to make the finals...Thus, we would need to win 5 of the last 6 games to make the finals. Tough school!

Down the stretch we played every game as if it was a final, winning 5 of the last 6 games (the only loss being by 1 run) to punch our finals ticket for season 23/24. Dave Munday had a week to remember around this time by catching a home run at the Adelaide Giants to win a year's supply of beer and then followed that up a week later with a massive bomb away at East Torrens with his brand-new wood bat courtesy of Jay Ziersch enterprises.

Our finals campaign was a disaster and we got bundled out in the first week by a strong hitting Henley and Grange away at West Lakes Shore.

We did well to make the finals after such a slow start by winning 8 of the last 9 games to finish with a 10-5 record and scrape in. In a 17-team division we are marking this season down as a success as 11 teams didn't make it, but we did.

### Thankyous

Thanks to all the players for a fun season and playing hard week in week out. We are not young men anymore, but we still turned up and played through our injuries and did what we could for the team. There is nothing better than having a win at home with your mates and having a beer afterwards whilst watching Division 1 play on the main diamond.

Thanks to Rose for keeping score this year and encouraging us players all year long. Rose fit in so well with the team and we all enjoyed the banter on our Group chat. At the end of the day, we all did this for fun and Rose's contribution to the fun factor was appreciated by all of us and no doubt contributed to us in a positive way on game day.

Thanks to my Assistant coach's wife (Kylie Munday) who organised all our bar and shop shifts all season long and made sure we all pulled our weight evenly. Kylie coached her own junior team as well this season, so she wore many club hats this season. Kylie's contribution to the Div 6 team was very much appreciated and made my life easier.

Thanks to Sanga for umpiring every single game that was allocated to Div 6 this season. Not only did Sanga's teammates benefit from this (as we didn't have to do it) but the players he umpired were also beneficiaries as he is the best in the business.

Thanks also to all the club umpires (from other grades) that umpired our games this season. It is always a tough gig umpiring any sport so thanks to all of you for doing it.

Thanks to all the players from other grades who filled in for us at various times during the season. It feels good when the lower grades all have the mantra of all helping each other out during the year, ie, when someone is short.

Finally, thanks to everyone at the Glenelg Baseball Club for their contribution this season no matter how big or small - board members, sponsors, volunteers, ground staff, coaches, players, members, parents/kids of members .... everybody. The vibe around the club this season has felt better than it has in previous years so let's keep it rolling into 2024/25.

**Ben Dixon - Division 6 Coach**

# DIVISION 7 BLUE – REPORT

Coach: Ben Alexander

Scorer/s: Valerie Rose  
Asst Coach:

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
6	16	10	6	0	20	63%	196	113
<b>Semi Final</b>		<b>Glenelg</b>	7	Lost		Adelaide Red		17
<b>Trophy Winners</b>				<b>Most Valuable Player</b>		<b>Jack Teakle</b>		
				<b>Best Team Man</b>		<b>Paul Luders</b>		

## MVP - Jack Teakle

Jack had a great season on the mound and with the bat. When he had a good day so did the team.

## Best Team Man - Paul Luders

Luders was a positive influence on the group. He is the type of guy you'd like to have multiples of.

The season went well as a whole apart from not being able to beat one Adelaide team. They had 3 teams in our league, and we just couldn't manage to find a way to beat them, and they ultimately knocked us out of finals.

The team was full of fantastic blokes who got along really well.

Thanks to all who helped along the way, especially to Val on the pencils each week and all those that stuck their hand up for bar and shop.

Hopefully next year we can go deeper into finals and bring home a flag.

**Ben Alexander - Division 7 Blue - Coach**

# DIVISION 7 RED – REPORT

Coach: Stephen Harris

Scorer/s:  
Asst Coach: Ash Bartlett

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
11	15	5	10	0	10	33%	160	144
<b>Trophy Winners</b>		<b>Most Valuable Player</b>			<b>Alan Laukirbe</b>			
		<b>Coaches Award</b>			<b>Adam Vercoe</b>			

Thank you to all our Club volunteers, club umpires, our team volunteers Greeny for Thursday hydration, Scorer's Rose Ziersch, Deb Mandell and Georgia Kaluza and the board for all of your time you have put into this past season.

We finished our season with 5wins and 10loses unfortunately 5 of these losses were by 2 or less runs. We started the season beating WT giving them their only loss for the season but sadly our season was rocky from that win onwards.

Alan Laukirbe being an obvious standout at first very rarely making any errors while at the same time saving a few extra bases with his great glove work plus he was brilliant in the batting box. Adam Vercoe was our work horse on the mound all year, being our only pitcher, this season we really put a huge workload on his back. We welcomed back Ash Bartlett from a year off due to injury, Jason "Hollywood" Zecchin for his first full season and Kelvin Osborne coming back for a couple of games. I would like to thank Adam Bartlett for taking on the assistant role again. I was extremely thankful for all your help again this year.

Sadly, I won't be coaching this group again next season, but I really want to thank everybody in the team who came to support us through the year, and I'll see you all next season.

**Stephen Harris - Division 7 Red Coach**



# DIVISION 1 WOMEN'S – REPORT

**Coach:** Craig Handy

**Scorer/s:** Natalie Lilburn

**Asst Coach:** Bailey Edgar, Josh Ward, Tim Day

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
4	15	4	11	0	8	27%	98	167
<b>Preliminary</b>		<b>Glenelg</b>	3	Lost		Southern Districts		12

**Final**

**Trophy Winners**

Offensive Player of the Year

**Peyton Daniels**

Players Player

**Jenna Handy**

Finals MVP

**Jenna Handy**

This season we started a mini rebuild with the departure of some experienced players. The opportunity this created was embraced by our squad as we saw the return from injury from Izzy Lilburn, recruited some new talent in Kylie Lok, Peyton Daniels, Sydney Horton and Emily Moxon - whilst our returning players embraced new roles and opportunities.

We faced a full-fledged rebuild of our Division 1 pitching ranks and I want to thank the contributions of Tim Day who acted as our part time pitching coach this year and was fantastic at both developing this group but also in conjunction with assistant coaches Josh and Bailey helped continue to facilitate our ongoing relationship with our men's program. As the season progressed, we got some fantastic performances on the hill from Peyton Daniels and Sydney Horton and as recognition for continued development in recent years in our Division 2 space Bec Saville took her opportunities with both hands and was fantastic for us late in the year. Pitching is a very physically and mentally demanding aspect of our sport and to learn this on the run and deliver as you all did was very impressive.

Catching was split across several players, we initially brought in Syd to fill this space but as her ability to influence games on the mound increased, so did opportunities behind the dish open for others. Georgia Kaluza, Sally Forrest and Izzy Lilburn split the majority of the rest of the innings. Thank you, ladies.

Offensively we were very good for much of the season, our defensive depth being tested late in games where we at times fell away from winning or very competitive positions. We set a goal to show continued improvement throughout the season and challenge for finals and we met that - we again qualified for finals and whilst ultimately finishing in fourth place we are positioned for further success in coming seasons.

I am very proud of our playing group and our focus and application to learning the game of baseball but also how we wanted to approach our team environment.

We had two players make the league team of the year - congratulations to Sydney and Peyton. Peyton was also awarded the league rookie of the year. Statistically we were unlucky not to have up to another 2 players in that team with both Izzy Lilburn and Kenzie Ween having strong seasons in our infield and producing fantastically offensively.

Collectively we saw another wonderful season of support both up and down the division 1 and 2 ranks. Sophie Wells (congratulations on winning our perpetual "Most Improved Female Player" Award) having a breakout season at the division 1 level, Sally Forrest and Bec Saville taking hold of their opportunities and delivering along with the exposure and growth given to Millie and Megan. I'd like to highlight the emerging leadership of some of our experienced players that assisted in this space that were taken on by Jenna Handy, Erin Harris, Georgia Kaluza and Izzy Lilburn.

We celebrated two significant milestones with Georgia joining the 50 game club ranks and Jenna breaking fresh ground as the first women's player in our club to play 100 Div 1 games. This was under threat when Jenna went down with injury, missing about a month of games. Showing the growth of our new players, Kylie Lok was given the opportunity to lead off in Jenna's absence and never looked back - showing poise and success in the role beyond her games of experience. Kylie and Izzy formed a strong 1, 2 partnership that set the table for the middle of the order as the season progressed.

Josh Ward was a fantastic addition to our coaching ranks and was instrumental in the skill and knowledge development of our team throughout the summer. Thank you greatly for your efforts this year.

Natalie Lilburn has been an essential component of this team for the past 3 seasons, and we were blessed to have her step up to the dual role of team manager and scorer this year - I know I wouldn't have managed without you.

Thank you to Bailey Edgar for joining our coaching ranks mid-season and for your contributions, enthusiasm and knowledge when available. Gav Kilpatrick again took the reins of our Div 2 program, thank you for your contributions and support it was a pleasure working with you in developing our Div 1 and 2 teams.

Thank you to the board who answered the call preseason when we enquired about engaging with our friends at Glenelg Softball on potentially sharing an import player to assist both our programs development. Sydney was a fantastic addition to both of our teams (winning our perpetual "Female Defensive Player of the Year" Award) and we are hopeful we can extend that arrangement for the coming season. Thank you also to Kay Bevan who hosted Sydney all season.

I am very proud of our achievements on the field this year, and the development and growth of our playing group. However, I am most pleased with the connection and relationships that were formed. Sharing experiences on and off the field, thanksgiving dinner, movie nights, and some raw and honest times that can only happen if you trust those around you. We recognised our inaugural players player - congratulations Jenna - and I thank you all for embracing our teammate goals.

I am excited about the future of every one of these players, the connections they formed with our emerging junior playing group and the future of women's baseball at our club. Congratulations to Pippa Harris and Bella Qualmann on their selection to the Adelaide Seahorses Little League team.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts - for trusting me with this program this year and for wearing the yellow and black with pride.

"Onwards, forward, together"

**Craig Handy - Women's Division 1 - Coach**

### Division 1 – Games Played

Name	Previous	Season 2020/21	Season 2021/22	Season 2022/23	Season 2023/24	Total Games Played
DANIELS, PEYTON					16	16
HANDY, Jenna	38	17	14	20	11	100
HARRIS, Amelia				2	5	7
HARRIS, Erin	10	17	19	13	15	74
KALUZA, Georgia	0	3	17	17	16	53
KILPATRICK, Holly				1		1
LILBURN, Isabelle	0	14	15		12	41
LOK, Kylie					16	16
MOXON, Emily					14	14
ZIERSCH, Natalie	14	0	0	1		15
FORREST, Sally	0	0	3	11	11	25
HORTON, Sydney					15	15
SAVILLE, Rebecca					4	4
WEEN, Kenzie	0			17	14	31
WELLS, Sophie	0	0	1	8	13	22

### Division 1 Women's – Batting & Fielding Stats

Player:		FIELDING				BATTING:																					
		PO	A	E	Average	PA	AB	R	H	Bat Average	1B	2B	3B	HR	Slug Average	OB Average	RBI	SAB	SAF	BB	HPB	CI	K(so)	GDP	SB	CS	LOB
LILBURN	ISABELL	15	6		1.000	36	33	7	11	0.333	8	3			0.424	0.389	7			3			5	2		1	25
LOK	KYLIE	7	9	1	0.941	45	32	9	8	0.250	7	1			0.281	0.467	5			12	1		9				20
FORREST	SALLY	12	1		1.000	20	16	4	4	0.250	4				0.250	0.400	3			4			1		3		19
HANDY	JENNA	6	2	4	0.667	34	20	10	6	0.300	5	1			0.350	0.588	5			13	1		4	1	2	1	7
HARRIS	AMELIA					4	4	1	0	0.000					0.000	0.000							3				9
HARRIS	ERIN	36	2	1	0.974	40	29	12	6	0.207	6				0.207	0.425	8			8	3		5	1			22
WEEN	MCKENZIE	13	9	5	0.815	34	25	6	11	0.440	11				0.440	0.588	10			8	1		5		1		20
DANIELS	PEYTON	15	11	9	0.743	50	40	15	16	0.400	8	7	1		0.625	0.520	12			4	6		7				30
KALUZA	GEORGIA	41	10	4	0.927	46	38	7	12	0.316	12				0.316	0.435	8			7	1		9				35
MOXON	EMILY	16	2	3	0.857	31	30	5	6	0.200	6				0.200	0.226	8			1			5			1	29
WELLS	SOPHIE	1	3	1	0.800	26	23	9	8	0.348	7	1			0.391	0.423	9			3			1		5		12
HORTON	SYDNEY	30	10	5	0.889	48	34	14	13	0.382	11	2			0.441	0.542	10		1	13			5		2		22
SAVILLE	REBECCA	0	2	1	0.667	7	7	2	1	0.143	1				0.143	0.143	1						2				2
		192	67	34	0.884	421	331	101	102	0.308	86	15	1	0	0.360	0.454	86	0	1	76	13	0	61	4	14	2	252

### Division 1 Women's – Pitching Stats

Games Pitched			PITCHING:																			
			Start	Inn	H	K(so)	BB	HPB	RS	ER	WP	Bik	PCS	BFP	Ball	Strikes	Total	ERA	Strike%	W	L	S
11	DANIELS	PEYTON	11	30.2	59	32	64	13	93	58	18		2	239	506	489	995	13.24	49.15	2	9	
16	HORTON	SYDNEY	4	24	27	42	18	10	30	26	4		1	131	239	331	570	7.58	58.07	1	1	
4	SAVILLE	REBECCA		3.1	6	2	7	3	8	8	7			27	53	47	100	16.80	47.00			
7	WEEN	MCKENZIE	1	2.1	10	2	16	3	22	19	3			36	99	51	150	57.00	34.00		1	
8	HANDY	JENNA		1.2	10		7	1	12	10				25	51	36	87	42.00	41.38			
17	HARRIS	ERIN		1.2	4		4	2	8	7	1			16	38	26	64	29.40	40.63			
	MOXON	EMILY		0.1	2		3		2	2				6	18	10	28	42.00	35.71			
4	KALUZA	GEORGIA		0.1	5		5		6	6				11	24	18	42	126.00	42.86			1
<b>TOTALS:</b>			26	229.2	123	78	##	32	181	##	33	0	3	491	1028	1008	2036	14.25	49.51	3	12	0

# DIVISION 2 WOMEN'S – REPORT

**Coach:** Gavin Kilpatrick

**Scorer/s:** Rose Ziersch  
**Asst Coach:** Scott Crutchley

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
14	14	1	13	0	2	7%	81	170
<b>Trophy Winners</b>				<b>Co MVP</b>		<b>Sophie Wells</b>		
				<b>Most Improved</b>		<b>Amelia Harris</b>		

While last season I went into the process of coaching our team with little idea as to the idiosyncrasies associated with a transition from being an experienced men's coach, this year provided no such illusion. I knew exactly what I was getting into and had a pretty decent idea of the challenges associated with coaching our Div 2 team. Thankfully, most of our players had either enough trust or blind faith to sign on again, which I appreciated immensely. We lost a couple of our players but were lucky enough to pick up a few 'newbies' who acquitted themselves well with the trials of playing in an incredibly competitive division.

As was the case last year, our competition was loaded with teams who were essentially their club's top team as they chose not to enter the Division 1 competition. This is something that needs to be addressed at association level for the development of the league itself as players will only improve if they have the ability to compete against the best opposition available. 15 teams in Division 2, of which 8 were the top side in those organisations who chose not play Division 1. This also left the Division 1 competition with only 5 teams. The only bonus to that is that our Division 2 players managed to play against quality opposition each week with the added bonus of facing pitching that helped them make a seamless transition to playing in our Division 1 team when required. Well done this year to Sophie Wells, Sally Forrest, Milly Harris and Bec Saville who all played important roles in our Division 1 team throughout the season.

If success is measured by the position on the ladder at the end of the season, we achieved one of our goals by not coming last! Thankfully, success can be measured in a resounding variety of ways and if the gauge is to be hardworking, cohesive, and appreciative of the chance to play for each other and a great club, then we knocked it out of the park every week. I would like to thank everyone for the endeavour they demonstrated during the season especially when it came to making an effort to get to training. Our numbers each week were outstanding, and everyone was keen to develop their skills. I would like to thank our coaching staff of Bender, Josh, and Bailey and each of our guest coaches who helped to support a program that would continue to develop our Div 1 and 2 players and give them the best opportunity to work collectively together for the combined success of both teams.

As for our trophy recipients, congratulations. To our Most Improved winner Milly Harris. Milly's development this season was exponential and hopefully she'll continue to work on her craft in an effort to continue the trend next year. To give each person in our team a chance to contribute to selection of those players who performed well in a range of facets of the game each week, everyone voted on a 3-2-1 basis and the votes were tallied each week. Our overall MVP, Sophie Wells had an outstanding season which saw her routinely promoted to play Division 1. Sophie won the award on a first preference countback to our starting battery of Bec Saville and Sally Forrest with all three players tied on 17 votes at the conclusion of the season - a remarkable three-way tie.

To all the players, I'd like to give you all a big thank you individually for the efforts made throughout the season. Everyone contributed something that helped to hold us together over the journey this season. In no specific order;

- Thank you to Bec for carrying the bulk of the pitching load - as anyone who has had a go can attest to, it can be a very lonely place out there with the eyes of the world upon you. You kept us in every game.
- Thank you to Deb for holding down the right side of the infield with some stellar defensive efforts and great hitting and baserunning as well - an outstanding season.
- Thank you to Sal for your awesome season behind the dish. You are our rock and all those bruises are a testament to how hard you work every week looking after our pitching staff.
- Thank you to Megan for giving your best effort every week and holding down the right side of our outfield. Looking in to that blazing sun every Friday night is no easy task as anyone who has done it can attest to.
- Thank you to Tasma for locking down both corners of our infield and not forgetting your effort on the mound earlier in the season. We loved what you brought to our team chemistry.
- Thank you to Milly for developing your skills on the hot corner to become a dependable infielder with an awesome arm who worked hard on the mound as well - a bright future awaits.
- Thank you to Holly for having a great season in the outfield with a few cameos at second. You always seemed to chip in with a timely hit that drove in much needed runs for us each week.
- Thank you to Sophie for your best season of baseball to this point. You've been our sparkplug at the top of the line-up and your hitting and baserunning has been sensational.
- Thank you to Nat for the fire that you brought to our team. You're always happy to take on any assignment that benefits the group and your selflessness is something we should all aspire to.
- Thank you to Carla for your infectious enthusiasm and the spectacular plays that you made throughout the course of the season. With a full season under your belt next year anything is possible.

And to everyone else that has helped us along the way as well, we couldn't do it without you.

- Thank you to Kylie, Georgia, Izzy, Ezzie, Jenna, Emily and Jo who all chipped in to play for us at some point in the season. You guys helped to make sure that we put a full team on the field every week and we really appreciated everything you brought to our playing group.
- Thank you to Rose for turning up every week to score for us and being a big part of who we are. You take so much pride in your craft and I know it drives you bat-shit crazy when I make so many changes to try and keep us in the game. You are a star and I really appreciate your support.
- Thank you to Camel for keeping me sane in between the innings and looking after our base runners every week. Always love having you alongside me, mate.

For me, my favourite part (probably a thought not shared by either scorer) was the way everyone had a great crack at playing positions which for many of our players, was the first opportunity they had in those spots. It certainly helped everyone to gain a degree of insight into how hard all 9 positions actually are and the challenges associated with each one. The huddle at the end of each game and the smiles on everyone's faces irrespective of the result has been a privilege to be a part of this season.

To close another season together, perhaps consider the words of Hall of Famer, the great Rogers Hornsby. "People ask me what I do in the winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."

**Gavin 'Killer' Kilpatrick - Women's Division 2 - Coach**

# DIVISION 3 WOMEN'S – REPORT

**Coach:** Emma Young

**Scorer/s:** Sam Dixon & Jacqui Dunn  
**Asst Coach:** Trent Kramer

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
8	15	5	9	1	11	37%	138	201
<b>Trophy Winners</b>			Most Valuable Player			<b>Sarah McKay</b>		
			Most Valuable Player			<b>Chantel Chaplin</b>		

Season 23/24 saw most players returning for another season. Jacqui Dunn out due to injury but was at training every week on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays working on her rehab. She also helped all season with scoring and assisting at training when Trent was jet setting.

We had 4 new players join the squad, 3 recruited from Bulls Winterball. Kelly and Emma Guthberlet and Jo Princi. All new to the sport but with enthusiasm and energy for our beloved game. Chantel Chaplin came in as a late starter after getting itchy feet from the side lines and with her natural ability jumped into pitching and the core batting group.

Big thanks to our support crew this year. Scorers, warm up crew, training assistants - Sanga Jacqui and Blake. Peter Dixon and Scott Bradey for our diamond prep especially when we had major rain the day of play. Miller and Gamer for coming out to help the girls with bullpen when available. This is something lacking for our Women's teams and was very noticeable at game time over all 3 divisions. We are getting left behind in this department.

Huge thanks to Trent for his time assistant coaching, bringing a wealth of knowledge and some fun training aids from America. Everyone loves the sling shot.

Our season was up and down working with the new recruits to understand the game, the loss of a key pitcher and some key position players. The girls still showed up to training and games full of enthusiasm and eager to learn. We missed out on several games by the tiniest of margins which would have seen us in finals this year. Several teams from Div 2 had dropped to take out the title and clearly shouldn't have been there. Very evident in the results.

Our 2 trophies go to key batting and position players this year as voted by the team. Sara McKay stepping into catching for the first time and solid behind the dish and able to throw to 2nd. She had a couple of starring games at short stop and reliable with the bat. Chantel Chaplin came in with no background in baseball, all-natural talent. Had the arm strength for 3rd and short stop and picked up game knowledge very quickly. She was solid with the bat going 4 for 4, 3 for 3 in several games. With her natural arm she became part of the regular pitching crew.

All in all, a fun season with mixed results. I am very proud of our girl's commitment to the club, volunteering, supporting club events and regulars supporters of other teams during the season.

Great job team

**Emma Young - Women's Division 3 - Coach**

# SENIOR LEAGUE (17'S) – REPORT

Coach: Luke Thompson

Scorer/s:  
Asst Coach:

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
11	14	0	14	0	0	0%	25	164
<b>Trophy Winners</b>			Most Valuable Player			<b>Kai Sturgeon</b>		
			Most Valuable Player			<b>Beau Vercoe</b>		

If you looked at the above and see the win loss column and runs for and against you may think the season was not a success.

While we had our share of really tough games and lost some close ones, we kept fronting up and doing our best, which is all I asked of the team.

Winning can hide over cracks where sometimes while not great for moral losing can build character and by the end of the year you could really start to see this group grow into strong resilient men.

The first-year players in Cam Lucas Ben and Blake really showed a lot of promise if they put their heads down and really work on it, they all have a future.

The senior guys all had their moments and showed great progress throughout the year. Noah really took control at first and Flynn started looking more and more comfortable in the outfield.

We had an excellent addition from Henley in Pria who slotted into any position she was asked played with a smile and enthusiasm that rubbed off on us all. Big thanks for the season Pria

My pitching staff of Beau Vercoe and Kai Sturgeon really battled all year and carried the bulk of the pitching duties due to injuries to the other guys I wanted to get in there.

They both tied for the MVP and showed with Beau at Adelaide (finished 3rd) 4 innings one hit no runs and Kai at Souths (finished 4th) 5 innings 1 run that they have bright futures on the mound.

Unfortunately, we always seemed to have one inning where the entire 4 wheels of the cart fell off and everything and anything would happen and before we knew it bang 7 runs. It's hard to come back when you're always chasing your tail.

This group many a times this year showed incredible skill. The key is doing it for an entire game. With a better understanding of training standards, a will to get better and understanding that baseball is a game of failure so you better learn that quickly this group can and should play some excellent baseball in the future.

Big thanks to Adam Vercoe for his flipping skills through the year and Flynn Luders for helping with the pitching staff.

**Luke Thompson - Senior League - Coach**



# JUNIOR LEAGUE (15'S) – REPORT

**Coach:** Kristian Mundy

**Scorer/s:** Scott Maclean

**Manager:** Shelley Maclean

**Asst Coach:** Glenn Pycock & David Mundy

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
9	15	2	12	1	5	17%	63	129

**Trophy Winners**

Coaches Award

**Owen Monaghan**

Coaches Award

**Justin Adams**

The junior league team started the season with 7 players. An opportunity to field a team every week confirmed with the help of rotating West Torrens junior league squad members.

As the season progressed it was also great to provide an opportunity for GBC Little League players to play in the Junior League team.

With a small squad of players, the team were involved in a development program focusing on fundamentals.

- Throwing/ catching
- Team skill development
- Infield/ outfield
- Pitching/ catching
- Hitting/ bunting
- Base Running
- Strength and conditioning

All players further developed their baseball competency, mechanics, and autonomy.

The squad was a great group to coach and the development of players was a real highlight of the season.

Oliver Alexander had an outstanding season being recognised in the club perpetual awards and as one of the top ten players in the Baseball SA league medal.

Oliver Alexander, Zac Maclean, Owen Monaghan and Ari Mundy were also recognised for their hard work and development in being selected in the Junior League charter team.

Thank you to Mark Stephens, Daniel Broadbridge and the West Torrens Baseball Club for the support throughout the season.

**Kristian Mundy - Junior League - Coach**



# LITTLE LEAGUE (13'S) – REPORT

Coach: Joe Krajina

Scorer/s:  
Asst Coach: Tristan Harding

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
11	15	0	14	1	1	3%	65	183
<b>Trophy Winners</b>			Most Valuable Player			<b>Preston Green</b>		
			Encouragement Award			<b>Nathan Kewell</b>		

This season saw the Little League team field 15 players of varying degrees of skill and experience. To ensure that all the kids received similar playing time, a rostering system was utilised for only 12 kids to play each week. A massive thank you to all of the parents for making this system work.

We set out this season with a goal to win games, to be competitive, and to ultimately develop the kids to put them into a position to vie for charter teams and represent the GBC at the next level of baseball. Unfortunately, our season did not yield any wins, coming away with only a draw, regardless of the hard work and dedication our players put in. Individually, we had quality players on the team, with 4 players making the Seahawks Charter team, 2 players making the Seahawks development team, and 2 of our girls making the Seahorses Charter team. This is a testament to the growth, development, and commitment of these players, and is a great position as a club for future years.

Consistency was our biggest challenge this year, with required substitutions to meet the SABL requirements disrupting the momentum gained in several games this year. The kids constantly kept their heads high, and refused to lie down to the opposition, showing great determination which will benefit them in years to come.

After the Christmas break, we unfortunately lost two of our squad members, reducing the squad to 13 players for the remainder of the season. We wished these players all the best for their future endeavours, and then got back to work for the remainder of the year. Offensively we started to look dangerous in the batter's box, with almost every player getting hits. Defensively, there were some amazing plays and catches that increased our players' confidence each week.

Although as a team we did not win any games this season, I was immensely impressed with all the kid's determination and commitment, which will be the foundation for next year's Little League team, and those players moving to the Junior League next season, they will be well prepared to compete and dominate.

We could not have managed the individual successes this season and the running of the team without key helpers. Many thanks to Simon Kewell and Andrew Qualmann for your assistance over our training sessions, and a special thank you to my right-hand man Tristan Harding, who helped with training, organised the kids and the parents for games and trainings, base coached, and provided insight to what was occurring when I was concentrating on other areas. It has once again been an absolute pleasure working with you.

We were also very lucky to have amazing expertise with scorers this season. Thank you to Tim Swansson, with guest appearances from Simone Swansson, Amanda Osborne, and Dan Carter. I also appreciate Kelly Harding for managing the pitch counts each week, as this task can be tedious, but is very important.

Other thank you's include our ground staff who ensured we had everything we needed for game days, along with the numerous Division 1 & 2 players who came out early on Sunday mornings to umpire our home games.

**Joe Krajina - Little League - Coach**

# MINOR LEAGUE (11'S) – REPORT

Coach: Grant Wilson

Scorer/s: Dan Carter  
Asst Coach: Callum Wilson  
Manager: Nat Ziersch

Pos'n	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Points	Win/Loss	RF	RA
13	14	4	10	0	8	29%	61	127

## Trophy Winners

All Players received medallions

A lovely season was had by all, and especially enjoyed by the coach. This was my first year coaching a GBC cohort of any sort. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, both during training, in the lead up to games and of course enjoying the spoils of our efforts on game day. I want to thank my athletes for their involvement and efforts across the season. Although we didn't get the finals chocolates, I feel we developed as players and as a team across the season.

We were very competitive in both our wins and our losses. I was proud of how the team came together week in week out and how competitive we were on game day given our varying degrees of skill. I was particularly impressed with how effective our at bats were across the season. In years gone by, the U11's cohort have been guilty of closing their eyes and hoping for a miracle when it came to batting, or quite often swinging at junk balls. This season we saw batting with purpose where bats remained on the shoulder when pitches were outside our swing zone, but more importantly, when the bats were swung when the ball was within it. Often, we made effective contact. The table below gives us an idea of how effective our plate appearances were. Unfortunately, not all these plate appearances and on-base percentages converted to runs, meaning we were inconsistent at bat from player to player, and as I found out, from week to week 😊.

In Minor League, it's an opportunity for coaches to rotate players through all positions to help develop them as players, but also to see from a coaching standpoint, where players fit. I feel this was achieved giving players a taste of most positions. With pitcher development key to the success of a baseball team, I was able to rotate 9 of our 12 team members through this position, whilst all our players were able to rotate through each of the other key positions.

There were times where our attention span out in the field was what you would expect of 8- and 9-year-olds where butterflies and airplanes were key interest points, but when push came to shove, plays were made, and outs were given.

Player	At bats	Walks (not an 'at bat')	Plate Appearances	Batting Avg
Ash	3/16	7	23	.188
Arnie	10/20	7	27	.500
Brock	1/5	-	5	.200
Duke	4/15	7	22	.267
Dylan	12/17	10	27	.706
Eleanor	0/8	12	20	.000
Hugo	4/13	4	17	.308
Jack	13/23	9	32	.565
Maclennon	4/14	6	20	.286
Oscar	6/17	7	24	.353
Radek	8/23	7	30	.348
Sarah	1/11	19	30	.090

Now to the thank you's! It's important to thank the players' parents, grandparents and their carers, whom without their countless hours of travel to trainings and various venues across the city, I don't have a team to put out in the field each week.

Thank you to the parent helpers at training and on game day which help keep the kids occupied between and during the countless drills.

Thanks, Dan Carter, for scoring week in, week out. This is on behalf of me as well as the parents that avoided having to do that job each week. You made interpreting the plays that much easier. Thanks, Craig, for your pitch count and keeping me in check, every 10<sup>th</sup> pitch!

Thanks, Nat, for keeping parents updated and informed.

Last but not least, thanks Callum. Without you mate, our pitchers wouldn't have had the attention they needed on a Thursday afternoon, or pre-game. I wouldn't have been able to get kids warmed in time for game play. I wouldn't have been able to run as tight a ship as I was able to.



2023/2024 Minor League Team  
**GLENELG BASEBALL CLUB**  
 EST. 1931



Back Row: Callum Wilson – Assistant Coach, Sarah Handy, Alex Haines, Jack Maxwell, Eleanor Holford,  
 Oscar Wilson, Grant Wilson – Coach  
 Front Row: Maclennon Jones, Dylan Carter, Arni Frayne, Hugo Pinnell, Duke Demmrich, Radek Ziersch  
 Not Pictured: Brock Charles



**Grant Wilson - Minor League - Coach**

# PEEWEE LEAGUE (9'S) – REPORT

**Coach:** Kylie Munday

**Scorer/s:** Multiple  
**Asst Coach:** Kylie Lok, Justin Roesler  
**Manager:** Anna Petts

## **Trophy Winners**

All Players received medallions

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This year we started game 1 with 10 players and by game 2 our ranks soared to 15. With these numbers I thought it would be challenging to give everyone a fair go but the kids and their parents rose to the challenge.

It was by far the most enjoyable season I have coached. Seeing these future superstars start their baseball careers with us at GBC. Each game the kids just got better and better. By the end of the season there were home runs, plenty of catches, double plays and even a rare triple play. These kids are the future of Glenelg Baseball Club, and I will call it now, the future looks bright!!

My coaching ranks were bolstered with the amazing Kylie Lok and Justin Roesler.

The kids were spared my terrible pitching after the 1 and only game I pitch led to about 5 hit pitch balls!! Although it did lead to my own child's first ever home run!! (The word favoritism was thrown around.) The pitching talent included Andy Qualmann, Dale Ziersch, Grant Jones, Scott Bradey and we even imported the famous Nathan Davidson. What lucky kids they were.

Every parent stepped up and did their part. Anne Marie and Ronnie, scoring and t man. Anna as my manager. And everyone else doing whatever was needed of them. It took a village to run all these kids and luckily, we have the best village in Adelaide.

2023/2024 the best Pee Wee season yet. Here is to 2024/25. Thanks for the opportunity to be a part of their journey.

**Kylie Munday - PeeWee League - Coach**

# CLUB TROPHY WINNERS - 2023 /2024

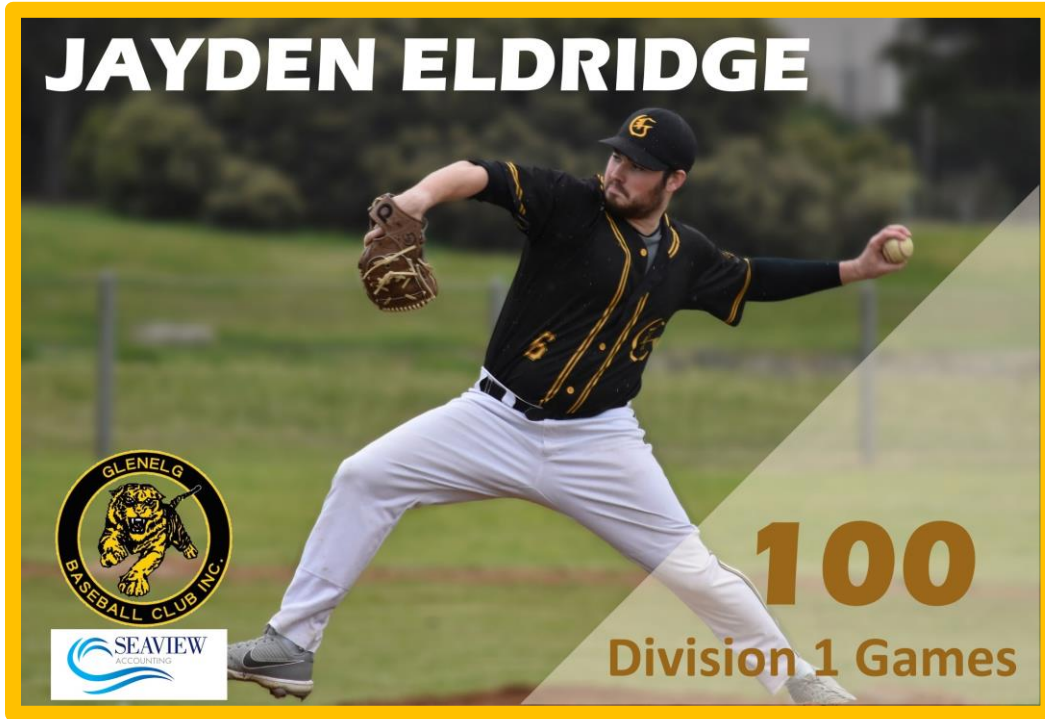
<b>Cooper Trophy</b>	<i>Outstanding club person</i>	<b>Scott Bradey</b>
<b>Tom &amp; Mel Rice Memorial Award</b>	<i>Division 1 player who received the most Capps medal votes</i>	<b>Jayden Eldridge</b>
<b>Women's Division 1 - Most Votes</b>	<i>Division 1W player who received the most umpire votes</i>	<b>Sydney Horton Peyton Daniels</b>
<b>Women's Finals MVP</b>	<i>Division 1W - Most Valuable Finals Player</i>	<b>Jenna Handy</b>
<b>David Doonan Memorial Trophy</b>	<i>Outfielder of the Year</i>	<b>Connor Hill</b>
<b>Best Defensive Female Player</b>	<i>Female Defensive Player of the Year</i>	<b>Sydney Horton</b>
<b>Bob Elkson Memorial Trophy</b>	<i>Most Improved Player</i>	<b>Kai Reid</b>
<b>Most Improved Female Player</b>	<i>Most Improved Female Player</i>	<b>Sophie Wells</b>
<b>Patrons Trophy</b>	<i>Junior player who received most umpire votes</i>	<b>Oliver Alexander</b>
<b>West Beach Trust Trophy</b>	<i>Outstanding Junior Player</i>	<b>Henry Martinella</b>
<b>Mayor of Holdfast Bay Trophy</b>	<i>Outstanding Junior Club Person</i>	<b>Blake Osborn</b>
<b>Mark Fenwick Memorial Trophy</b>	<i>Under 15 player who received most umpire votes</i>	<b>Oliver Alexander</b>
<b>Blake Horrocks Memorial Scholarship</b>	<i>Awarded to a junior player with potential</i>	<b>Brock Harding</b>



# MILESTONES - 2023 /2024

Division 1 – 100 Game Cap

Jayden Eldridge



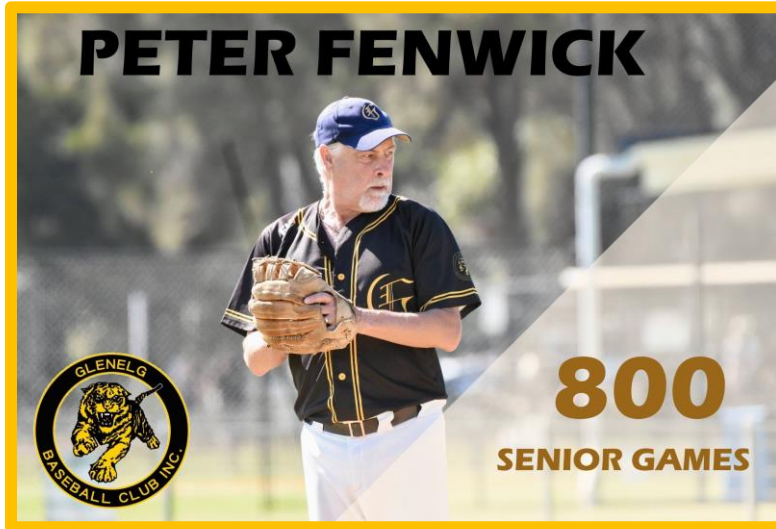
Division 1W – 50 Game Cap

Georgia Kaluza



### Senior Milestones

- 800 Games - Peter Fenwick
- 600 Games - Justin Oliver
- 400 Games - Hayden McGearey
- 200 Games - Tim Swansson
- 100 Games - Jenna Handy





### Junior Milestones

#### 100 Games - Kai Sturgeon

- 50 Games: -  
Oscar Wilson  
Pippa Harris  
Isaac Sherlock-Watkins  
Aiden Bradey  
Austin Thomson  
Dylan Carter  
Ethan Swansson  
Radek Ziersch



# REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS - 2023 /2024

<b>Team Australia - 2023 Asian Professional Baseball Championships.</b>	Briley Knight
<b>Adelaide Giants Representatives:</b>	Briley Knight Stephen Chamblee
<b>Baseball SA - Women's All-Star Team</b>	Sydney Horton Peyton Daniels
<b>Baseball SA - Women's - Rookie of Year</b>	Peyton Daniels
<b>Junior League - Seahawks</b>	Ben Alexander (Head Coach) Oliver Alexander Owen Monaghan Ari Mundy Zac Maclean
<b>Little League - Seahawks</b>	Nathan Green (Assistant Coach) Preston Green Brock Harding Mason Osborn Sebastian Charlick
<b>Little League (Girls) - Seahorses</b>	Pippa Harris Bella Qualmann Andrew Qualmann (Coach)
<b>Little League - Seahawks Development</b>	Lincoln Harris Ethan Swansson
<b>State Schoolboys Open Team</b>	Callum Wilson

# VALE'

## Phil Alexander



Phil commenced his Division 1 playing career in 1967 at Glenelg playing 448 Division 1 games. With over 30 years at Glenelg, Phil was involved as a Player, Senior & Junior Coach and President. Phil was involved for 19 seasons as a Claxton Shield as a player & coach & ABL as a coach. He is the only player to play every position at State level.

For over 3 decades Phil had a column in the Advertiser as well as a regular radio spot with KG Cunningham on radio.

Phil's was inducted into both the Australia Baseball & Baseball SA Hall of Fame's and his contribution to baseball in Australia, South Australia and club is insurmountable, as you can see by the list of achievements when Phil was inducted into Baseball SA Hall of Fame in 2022.

### **Claxton Shield**

Player (12 Years) Assistant Coach (2 years)

### **Australian Baseball League**

Adelaide Giants - Team Coach (3 years)

Adelaide Giants - Coach (2 years)

### **Glenelg Baseball Club**

Division 1 Coach (9 years)

Division 1 Premiership Coach (3 times)

Division 1 Premiership Player (4 times)

Under 17 Premiership Coach

### **Australian Baseball**

Australian Representative 1970-72

**Major Awards**

Capps Medallist

Life Member - Glenelg Baseball Club

Australian Sports Medal

Claxton Shield - Diamond Anniversary Allstar Team

Life Member - Baseball SA

Australian Baseball Federation - Hall of Fame

Glenelg Baseball Club Uniform #1 - Retired

More than that Phil was a great bloke, a leader, a teacher of baseball and a fierce competitor, and a mate that will be sadly missed.

## William (Bill) Jeanes



Bill commenced his membership at the Glenelg Baseball Club in 1949 at the age of 15, playing D Grade, which was the only junior side in the competition.

Bill achievements include: -

- 1949/50 - State Schoolboys Team
  - 105 Major A games
  - 1951 Major A Fielding Trophy
- 1956/57 & 1957/58 - Sturt Tigers Premiership Player
  - Club Committee Member (2 years)
    - Club Secretary (3 years)
    - Club Auditor (2 years)
    - 2 x Cooper Trophy Winner
- 1963 Awarded Life Membership of Glenelg Baseball Club

A true gentleman - one of the club's great contributors and a very good baseball player.

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