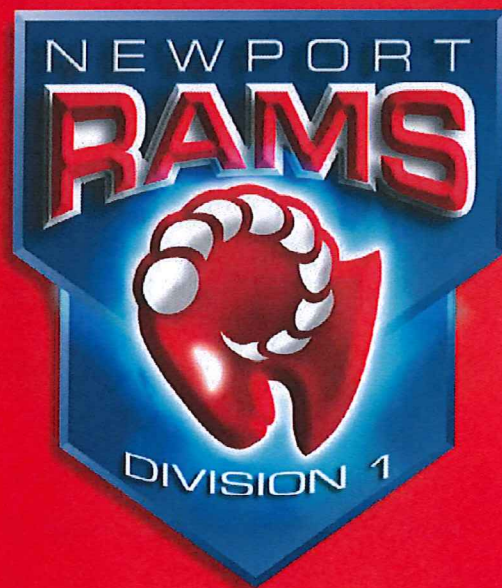


ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13



A BIG SEASON.

**WELCOME BACK TO DIVVY ONE.
THANKS STOTTY. 13 YEARS AS PRESIDENT.**

NEWPORT BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED
ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13

Members of Newport Baseball Club Incorporated

I hereby submit to you the Annual Report for 2012/2013 for your perusal and consideration. Reports submitted to me on the various aspects of the club are contained herein.

**Newport Baseball Club Inc.
Committee of Management**

President	Roland Stott
Secretary	Kaylene Pengelly
Treasurer	Michelle Sutherland
Playing Manager	Scot Malthouse
Activities Manager	Jacinta Edwards
Junior Manager	Alan Condie/Paul Walshe
Club Manager	Paul Walshe

Other Office Bearers

Bar Manager	Jordon Pengelly
Ground Manager	Paul Walshe
Kitchen Co-Ordinator	Karen Van Wyngaarden
Masters Representative	Alan Bunting

Life Members

Baseball

1934 H. Johnson (dec)
1937 J. Marx (dec)
1940 G. Edwards (dec)
1945 J. Carroll (dec)
1946 L. Duggan (dec)
1949 J. Cornish (dec)
 L. Fraser (dec)
 M. Ryan (dec)
 S. McKay (dec)
1952 J. Richardson (dec)
 L. Cosway (dec)
1953 W. Gledhill (dec)
1954 R. Briscoe (dec)
 R. Davis (dec)
 W. Thom (dec)
1956 A. Herring (dec)
 H. Douglas (dec)
1958 L. Milne (dec)
 N. McKenzie (dec)
1960 L. Richardson (dec)
1962 G. Williams (dec)
 Mrs J. Cornish (dec)
 Mrs M. Ryan
 Mrs D. Thom (dec)
1964 W. Milne (dec)
1966 D. Sturrock
 Mrs J. Richardson(dec)
1968 B. Shields (dec)
1970 C. James
 J. Dunstone (dec)
 Mrs A. Whiffen (dec)
1972 B. Cleary

1974 G. Murdoch
1976 D. Cornish
 G. Butlin
1978 J. Merriman
 W. Minett
 Mrs B. Bunting (dec)

Cricket

1956 H. Johnson (dec)
 R. Bennett (dec)
 W. Gledhill (dec)
 L. Fraser (dec)
1958 I. Christie (dec)
 J. Bourke (dec)
 L. Duggan (dec)
1962 J. Cocks (dec)
 F. Evans (dec)
 A. Gansberg (dec)
1965 G. Cleak (dec)
 C. Grubb (dec)
1966 D. Sturrock
 W. Thom (dec)
 Mrs A. Gansberg(dec)
 G Williams (dec)
1967 Mrs J. Bourke
 Mrs L. Ruby
 Mrs C. Grubb
 Mrs R. Bennett
 Mrs G. Williams
1971 R. Thomas
1977 J. Taylor (dec)

Baseball and Cricket

1980 J. Smith
1982 P. Murdoch
1984 David Malthouse
 J. Armstrong
 J. Lynch
1986 C. Smith
 G. Walshe
 J. Comer
 R. Scott
1988 S. Bunting
1990 I. Middlemass
1992 G. Bunting
 R. Simpson (dec)
1994 A. Harris
 P. Cassell
1996 D. Mildenhall
 T. Williams
1998 B. Portelli Snr
2000 R. Stott
 C. Dey
2001 R. Penrose
 D. Wood
2002 Mrs V. Stott
2003 Darren Malthouse
 A. Howard
2004 S. Cleary
2005 S Comben
2007 M Jowett
 S Centurino
2008 A King
 D Riches
2009 Mrs B Malthouse
 Mrs K Pengelly
 (nee Bunting)
2010 J Pengelly

PRESIDENT REPORT

The Rams have had a good year on the field, with the Firsts and the Thirds finishing on top, but both lucked out, neither making it to the Grand Final and a couple of Junior premierships on Friday Night. The Firsts number one finish means the Club has been promoted to Division One next year. Our young group of players in the Firsts will have to step up again next year to consolidate their position in Division One. Baseball Victoria has proposed radical changes to the structure of the Summer League competition. These changes were proposed for the 2013-14 season, but have been delayed by one season. The Club needs to consolidate its position to ensure that it is well placed for the restructuring.

The Club has remained in a weak financial position. The financial reports reveal a low bank balance, which has reduced over the last year by the amount that was spent on the upgrades to the ground and the rising costs of running the Club and 14 teams. With the planned changes to progress the Club into the future we need to find sustainable ways to increase the Clubs income.

The Club did not have a Major sponsor this season. There are a growing number of minor sponsors which must be nurtured to fill the void if we do not have a major sponsor.

Bob Milne has left a substantial legacy to the Club. A sub committee was formed at last year's AGM to review possible uses for the money and to provide options to the Committee of Management. The preferred option has been implemented. This Strategy will enable Bob Milne's legacy to benefit the members of the Newport Baseball Club for the next 40 years plus. An investment account has been set up which can only be operated by a Trio of Trustees who are all Life Members of the Club. A portion of the profit on investments will be made available each year and the Bob Milne sub-committee, in conjunction with the Committee will decide on projects within the Club to fund. The initial projects are starting this winter. Look out for the new stairs to the scorer's box.

The Clubrooms and facilities are looking exceptional. The only items left on the redevelopment plans are the new front entrance through the current storeroom next to the bar and the development of a Committee Room in the current foyer and office.

I apologise if I miss anyone, but I would like to highlight some of the Clubs achievements and individual efforts, which featured over the last year.

Grant Weir in his second season as Club Baseball Coach has led the team to a first place finish. Grant has continued his work in training and moulding our young senior squad. Congratulations to Grant and his assistant Gavin Young for their efforts this season.

The Thirds finished on top, but could not carry their good form through, losing both finals. Congratulations to Stewie Jeffrey for managing the team and the players for a good season.

There was no Kitchen Manager this season and the time consuming task of buying all the stock was taken on by Karen Van Wyngaarden. Karen also helped set up and serve on game days as well as organising and serving Tuesday Night meals after

training. For her commitment to the Club over the past couple of seasons Karen was awarded the Currie Memorial Trophy for Best Clubman.

Alan King once again put in many hours managing and serving behind the bar including game days and training. Alan has decided to resign from his role in the Club and the Club thanks him for his many years of service.

The Junior Sub Committee was headed by the Junior Manager, Alan Condie. The members were, Caron Condie, Paul Walshe, Jacinta Edwards, and the new addition Leanne Wilson. They put in a high level of effort in managing the juniors, which has maintained junior player numbers over 100, including the rally cap program for the training of 5 to 8 year olds. The current training program for all the juniors based on progressing through skills stations has proven to be popular with the players and is improving their skill levels.

Congratulations to the premiership winners: the West Centre Under 14 Rams team and the West Centre Under 12 Pistons. The West Centre Under 12 Rams in the were Runners Up to the Pistons.

The following players represented the Club in State Junior Baseball teams this season: Jeremy Young (U18Blue), Cameron McNish (U18Blue), Tyson Foreman (U18White), Jamie Young (U14Blue), Angus Edwards (U14White), Kirsten Bezzina (U15 Girls) and Britney Cedelland (U15 Girls). The Clubs other state representative was Leslie Anglin who played in the Victorian Women's Team. Tania Capovilla and Angus Robinson played for the Western Mets and Jaidyn Wilson and Nathan Bezzina played for the Bellarine Rays in the State Little League Championship.

The Masters Baseballers enjoyed another Monday night season. The team was in Division 2 North West, finishing fourth, but losing their semi-final. Thanks to Alan Bunting for organising the team. The highlight of the season was the introduction of the New "Old School" grey playing tops.

The Club has continued the junior winter baseball teams in 2013 with one under 14 team and one under 12 team. In 2012 the two under 14 teams played off in the Grand Final with Paul Walshe's Rams winning and Jeff Morrisons Pistons runners up. Caron Condie coached the under 12 team to the premiership. The Club needs to run over the winter to stop other sports from requesting use of our grounds, as well as the financial advantages from using the facilities all year round. To that end Northcote Baseball Club has started its third season playing on our fields. There are many familiar Newport faces in the Northcote team and the arrangement may continue over future winter seasons.

Jacinta Edwards was coerced onto the Committee this year in the position of Activities Manager, while remaining on the junior sub-committee. Jacinta was a bit apprehensive about being able to do the job but with a bit of help from Paul Walshe, put in a fantastic effort including our first ever Pirate Function. Jacinta and Paul combined on many projects such as cleaning out the office and storerooms, with their best achievement being the organisation of the memorabilia display in the back room.

Paul Walshe re-joined the committee in a familiar role as the Club Manager as well as continuing in his role as Grounds Manager, putting in many hours during the day on the grounds.

Thanks Jacinta and Paul

Thanks also to Scot Malthouse who continued his role on the committee as the Playing Manager.

Thanks to Michelle Sutherland for doing the Treasurer's job again.

Thanks to our Secretary, Kaylene Pengelly for her tireless efforts in ensuring that the administration of the Club is always top notch.

I would like to thank all other office bearers for their many hours of time and effort and support over the year. Thanks to all the junior and senior team coaches, managers and scorers for their efforts. Thanks to the parents and supporters who served in the kitchen and bar and other jobs around the Club. Like all amateur sporting clubs the only way to keep costs down is to use our volunteer's time.

Our current challenge is to maintain our high number of junior players and to balance our budget so that we can keep our costs down for our members. Money from the Bob Milne Legacy will ensure that there is constant improvement in our facilities.

I was elected President (unopposed) in 2000. The Firsts had just won the Division 2 Premiership and we were heading to Division One. We are in a similar position this year. This plus the proposed restructuring of the summer competition could mean that fundamental changes to how the club operates may be needed. I have had 13 years as President and 21 years straight on the Committee and I feel it is time to step aside for someone with renewed energy for the position to lead us through any changes required. Becoming a family man has limited the amount of time I wanted to spend around the Club in the last couple of years. I will still be an active Club Member and as I still have a goal to play baseball forever I will be at the Club for many years yet.

Finally, I thank Nat and the girls for their support and patience throughout the year.

Go Rams

**Roland Stott
President 2012-136**

CLUB MANAGER

I have enjoyed the past 12 months as NBC Club Manager. With enormous support from Jacinta Edwards and other anonymous people, we as a Club have achieved quite a lot. Thank you to the NBC Committee for your support to allow me to continue to represent NBC. Thanks to Kim and the boys who "allow" me the time spend at NBC contributing to our great Club.

Prior to the commencement of the summer season we implemented a plan to clean out a number of areas within the Club that had become difficult to work in and were stifling forward progress. This included: the cleaner's room, the back area behind the bar, the cool room storage area and the office otherwise known as '*the black hole*'. Not only was it a good time to throw out some accumulated clutter and improve the workability of the areas, it also enabled us to re-discover some great Club Memorabilia not seen in some time. This project set the tone to "*get things done*" over the summer.

We were very happy to welcome on board some new Club Sponsors in both financial sponsorship as well as service providers. With baseball being a minority sport we face a constant challenge to generate and retain sponsors. To acknowledge and promote our sponsors better we now have a '*sponsors wall*' with plenty of room for more as well as putting sponsors banners on the fence on home game days. The responsibility for generating new sponsors is not a portfolio assigned to any one person, it is the responsibility of all members. If you know someone who may be interested in sponsorship please contact a member of the Committee as we have a sponsor's package that we can provide. A couple of us are working at approaching a substantial number of Newport and Williamstown businesses in the lead up to the next summer season seeking sponsorship. Any help or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

During the 2012 off season Hobsons Bay City Council completed stage two, of the three stage club renovation plan, this provided NBC with new player & umpires change rooms, a fresh back room housing the pool table and couches that would then receive a transformation over the Christmas break. New storage areas for playing and ground equipment directly accessible from outside made everything very workable and really started to put a polish on our already great facilities.

Two of the main income streams we have are the kitchen and bar so it is important they are managed efficiently to maximise their potential. Once again Jordon Pengelly took the role of bar manager and made certain we were always well stocked with a variety of refreshments, this included being able to host a number of private functions held at NBC. Well done Jordo. The same can be said about Karen Van Wyngaarden and her efforts in keeping the kitchen fully stocked with drinks, food and lollies across the summer. Not content with just stocking the kitchen, Karen (*and her daughters*) went about organising the Tuesday night meals to not only increase the kitchen revenue, but also ensuring the meals and desserts were healthy and good value for money. This resulted in Tuesday nights being almost standing room only which is great for the Club overall. Karen was indeed a very worthy recipient of the Currie Award for Best Club Person. A very big thank you to Karen, Gretel and Heidi for their efforts. I have it on very good authority they are looking forward to continuing in this role for the 2013/14 season.

For nearly two years the NBC photos and memorabilia had been in storage to allow for stage one and two of HBCC renovations to be completed. After quite a bit of discussion and planning Jacinta and I went about creating an NBC Hall of Fame room. We engaged the polishing services of Dave Malthouse and over three days, between us, we put together something we think NBC should be proud of. This was most evident on our annual Life Members Day where when sending out invitations to our life members we also put the word out that we are looking for more memorabilia items. Some of the items we received on that day were truly amazing especially the receipt issued to the first ever NBC member paying fees in 1928. Plans are now well advanced to have a suitable door installed to the Hall of Fame room so it can be secured when NBC is used for private functions.

Life Members Day was also a day to re-commemorate the L.R. 'Bob' Milne Field by laying some of Bob's ashes under the home plate. This was a very special moment acknowledging the rich history of NBC and was very well received. There was a great turnout of life members and they were all suitably impressed by the continuing improvement of our facilities both in and outside. Whilst the large turnout of life members may be directly attributed to the occasion of laying of Bob's ashes, there has been some good planning for future life member's days to include past players and sponsors such as the "Heritage Days" held by other sporting clubs. Watch this space...

NBC's biggest asset is our fantastic club rooms and the flexibility to host a range of club and private functions. Over the next couple of years NBC will be investing in continued improvement to our rooms to increase the number of private functions we can attract, and therefore increasing the clubs income. Once again this is an area all members can contribute to as not only will there be working bees to get some work done. It will also be important to make non NBC people aware that our wonderful facility is available for hire.

Whilst many things are going well and will continue with momentum into the future there is always plenty to do. There seems to be a common misconception that you need to be on the committee to do things or have ideas, this is incorrect. As all of us enjoy the great facilities and benefits of being an NBC member, it is therefore everyone's responsibility to contribute toward the continued improvement of the Club in every way.

Paul Walshe
Club Manager 2012-13

ACTIVITIES MANAGER

My primary focus for the year was to get by without stuffing too much up and hopefully I have managed that. Whilst much of an Activities Managers focus is probably supposed to be on fundraising I was hoping to change that to FUN raising with some profit occurring as an aside. In most cases this was successful and many wonderful days and nights were had in the clubrooms and beyond. Thanks to the Committee for advising me about what I had to do and chipping in to help. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Paul Walshe who was really the manager with me as assistant.

In future I think there needs to be an activities sub-committee to support the Manager throughout the year.

Christmas function: A stifling day and balmy night only 3 days before Christmas lead to reduced numbers for the Christmas function. Those who did attend enjoyed a BBQ and good company! The highlight was definitely the Jumping Castle, though, despite being suitable for adults, the kids reigned supreme complete with sprinkler causing this adult to reminisce about misspent childhood days on trampolines with sprinklers going full blast.

Life Members Day: Life Members Day was a great success with a large number of Life Members, past and present senior players and many junior families represented. Some of Bob's ashes were reverently laid on the field and the remainder stored in the Bob Milne cabinet. The highlight was the enthusiasm amongst many older club members for the newly set up memorabilia room.

Junior movie nights: Friday movie nights have become a highlight of the junior calendar. Held on Friday nights when most teams are at home they are a great chance for families to socialise and enjoy a good baseball movie. Pizza supplied by club sponsor, Pizza Train, is always a hit and, thanks to Walshy's endless supply of movies, there are sure to be more over the winter and next summer season.

Chocolate Drive: Every family received a box of chocolates with the expectation that they were sold and money returned to the club by early December. A total of 120 boxes were distributed with only one box returned partly sold. This was quickly snapped up by a willing seller. A recommendation that 140 boxes would be a reasonable purchase next time as a number of families expressed interest in taking more. Unfortunately up to 30 families had to be hassled after Christmas but many quickly paid up having simply forgotten.

Pirates Tavern: A great night was had at Williamstown's Pirate Tavern with approximately 70 swash buckling pirates and a number of buxom wenches braving a very warm night. Music was provided by RMD and although it was too hot to boggle the night away the atmosphere was still great. The night saw a good mix of Rams oldies, new families and a good collection of friends of current Rams. A raffle made up of an eclectic mix of vouchers, baseball gear and the increasingly sought after Rams bracelets, kindly made by Leanne Wilson, provided 20 attendees with something to take home. Whilst it is always good to make a profit on a night like this its main purpose was FUN raising so the small eventual profit was welcome. Thanks also to Bill Minett from TWM Imports for donating the fabulous go-kart as door prize.

Junior Presentation: The clubrooms were full to overflowing when the junior teams got together to celebrate the summer season and honour those players who had made significant contributions to their teams. Once again each family provided a plate to share with the club putting on a selection of hot foods. Aussie T-Ball and Under 12 Participation

awards were given out first, the Under 14, 16 & 18 player award winners were announced, followed by Dinner. A great night was had by all with many families staying on to socialise into the late evening.

Senior Presentation: The clubrooms came up a treat, with little effort, in preparation for the Premier event on the Newport Baseball Club calendar. Over 70 players and club supporters attended the night with, once again, Dean Anglin as MC providing an artful power point display and keeping the night moving along. Players and friends enjoyed a meal catered by Christy's Roast allowing all to enjoy the evening with little work to be done other than serving and clean up. A selection of Senior Players were honoured from all teams, as well as Junior Players playing seniors. Congratulations to those who were honoured with individual awards as well as all team members who have contributed to the club's move to Division One!

Jacinta Edwards
Activities Manager 2012-13

COACHES REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present the 85th Coaches Report for the Newport Baseball Club.

Once more the Newport Baseball Club was a good place 'to be' for players, officials, volunteers, parents and supporters. This is ultimately the objective of any organisation and the Club continues to meet this which places it in a great position as the baseball club of choice in the western suburbs. Good communities and cultures have positive spin offs that far transcend the mere playing of the game.

Any good sporting club can only develop through planning and heaps of hard work from its President and Committee. To both the senior and junior committees this year I thank you for the work that you have undertaken and the trust you have shown in me as the club coach.

I would like to especially thank and pay tribute to all the volunteers who contributed countless hours to making sure that all members had a positive experience throughout the season. There are literally hundreds of jobs that are undertaken on a weekly basis most of which go unrecognised and unrewarded in an era where we are all more time poor than ever before.

To the coaches and scorers, from the teeball to the masters a job well done. Every week you organised, instructed, listened and gave up your time and expertise. Thank you.

A special mention should be made of my direct assistant coaches Gavin Young, Peter McNish and Mark Jowett who were at training and games every week and were brilliant in assisting the players to reach their potential.

The 2012-13 year for the 1st nine was one of a major accomplishment in gaining promotion back to Division 1. This may have taken place a year or two quicker than planned and will create challenges, but I am sure we would all agree we would not have it any other way. The promotion was gained with a young squad who apart from one player all played with the club in its junior program. There are many people over the years who contributed to this and you all should be very proud.

This young talented squad now has the challenge ahead of them to keep working hard and keep improving so that we not only stay at the top level but become a strength that other clubs measure themselves against.

I congratulate all of the individual award winners and those who were selected in representative teams this year. Although baseball is a team game it is appropriate that we acknowledge those who performed exceptionally.

So we can look back on a season where the club made gains in some areas and losses in others. We attempted to play the game in the 'right way' and give the sport and all who have participated in it the respect it and they deserve. The Newport Baseball Club was a great place to be this year and will be even better next. I can't wait.

Grant Weir
Club Coach 2012-13

MASTERS REPORT

The MASTER RAMS have had another good season in 2012-2013. With the core set of players that have fronted up for the past few seasons together with some second year players just learning the ropes (Darren Malthouse and Paul Rosado), we added another young rookie in the form of Garry "Jock" Sturrock.

We played in the North West Division of Division 2, and comfortably sat third or fourth on the ladder all season. Our Final Home and Away game against Werribee was to determine who we would meet in the semi-final. The Weather Gods intervened to see the game called off, and we had to front up against Werribee in the Semi-final the following week.

Werribee, with Earl Byrne and Phil Balzer sharing the pitching duties, held the Master Rams batters in check all game and we only posted 1 run in the semi-final whilst Werribee piled on 14 with a combination of hits and errors. But, as we do in the Masters, we had a refreshment after the game, smiled to ourselves that we can still take the field, and relax and wait for our next game to start.

The MASTER RAMS then sent a side to the Victorian Masters Championships at Ballarat, where we played in the Over 45's Division 2. We acquitted ourselves well but only won 2 of our 5 Preliminary games, and therefore missed out on the Sunday Afternoon Final. Funnily enough, once again, we weren't terribly upset about this.

Many Thanks to these Old fellas that keep the Newport Name alive in the Old Man's League.

Darren Anderson	Brian Anderson	Bruce Boucher
Alan Bunting	Steven Cleary	Rick Dunstone
Sam Galafaro	Greg Griffith	Darren Malthouse
Graham Norman	Jordon Pengelly	Paul Rosado
Roland Stott	Garry Sturrock	Paul Walshe

And for those additional players that joined in for the Vic Masters

Peter Eckhardt	Peter Cassell	Tony Wyatt
Bill Leropoulos	Rob Vance	

And also,

Many Thanks to Shelley Dunstone and Sean Pengelly who ensured the team has a Scorer all year; Karen and Terry Gould for scoring at the Vic Masters; Paul Walshe for having the ground in superb condition each week; Our Umpires when we needed them – Sean Pengelly, Peter Cassell, and Josh Walshe; Our Catering specialists – Steven Cleary, Peter Cassell and Sam Galafaro; and of course Alan King and Jordon Pengelly for keeping the Bar Open (Us old blokes get thirsty after extreme exercise!!)

Alan G. Bunting
Masters Representative 2012-13

OVER SIXTIES CRICKET REPORT

After an absence of a few years, Cricket returned to the Club in the form of an Over 60's team. Combining with 4 players from Fitzroy Baseball Club and also recruiting from the Essendon Over 60's Cricket, we managed to put a team together.

The first practice session was arranged on a Sunday morning in late August and much to the surprise of everyone 11 players turned up so we were off to a flyer.

A bag of gear was donated from the Victorian Over Sixties Cricket Association (VOSCA) and was most appreciated as the expense of buying new equipment would have meant charging higher fees.

Under the banner of Hobsons Bay we played every 2nd week which made a total of 9 games for the season.

Over the course of the season we had 13 players: Peter Cassell, Colin Rich, John Klidomitis, Colin Richardson, Rob Ryan, John Rogers, Ray Matters, David Malthouse, Kevin Tweedly, Storm Arnott, Ted Sedgman, Stuart Crossman and Graham Moss.

We are all looking forward to next season and many more to come.

Many thanks must go to the Club and Committee who fully supported this new venture.

Peter Cassell
Over 60's Cricket Coordinator 2012-13

JUNIOR REPORT 2012/2013 SEASON

The NBC junior program continues to be a fantastic and exciting part of the Club to be involved in with the opportunity to watch young boys and girls evolve through our wonderful t-ball program on Friday nights through to our higher level junior teams competing on Sunday mornings.

After reaching an all time high of 126 juniors last season things balanced out this season starting with 106 juniors and an increase of 5 more over the season which is great numbers for a great program. We are looking for a strong increase on that for the 2013/14 season as we have our biennial campaign into local school newsletters and notice boards throughout the western suburbs recruiting players of all ages.

Supporting a Junior Manager is the Junior Sub-Committee that is able to spread the vast workload of admin and on field matters. The Junior Sub-Committee for 2012/13 was: Al Condie, Caron Condie, Jacinta Edwards, Leanne Wilson and Paul Walshe.

In addition to the Junior Manager and Sub-Committee, the 2013/14 season will see the appointment of Darren Malthouse to the position of Junior Development Officer. This role will provide a greater emphasis and focus on tracking the development of our junior teams and individuals from a more strategic perspective rather than month to month as we have done previously. Darren will oversee all junior coaches and work with the coaches to set more holistic training programs ensuring that our kids are instructed in all aspects of our great game.

I would like to thank Jo from ZuzuPetals (*NBC Club Sponsor*) for the work undertaken in printing the junior handbooks and producing many of our flyers to promote the club at the beginning of the season. I would also like to thank all the families for not only bringing their children down to play, but supporting the club by working in the canteen and attending the junior functions. Attendance at the junior movie nights was again in excess of 100 people as was the junior presentation function as we continue to provide a family friendly atmosphere to be enjoyed both on and off the field.

Year in Review

- Over 20 children participated in the Aussie T-ball program
- We had 9 Junior teams entered in the summer season competition
- Three Under 12 teams in the Friday night area centre competition – two of these making the grand final.
- One Under 12 team in the Major League Sunday competition
- One Under 14 team in the Friday night area centre competition – winning the premiership
- Two Under 14 teams in the Sunday competition
- One Under 16 team – making the semi finals
- One Under 18 team combined with some really great players and parents from Geelong – making the semi finals
- Currently we have two winter teams (1 x U12& 1 x U14)

Of course as we continue with substantial growth comes the need for more coaches, scorers and support staff; we know this is a regular line in all reports and other forums, but it is a fact of any sports club. There is no point in the Club continuing to grow its junior numbers if we cannot give them the high standard of baseball experience that NBC currently provides.

It has been great to see a couple of new coaches this past season as well as some new parents taking up the pencils and learning to score. In addition to this a number of the coaches & scorers have been people relatively new to the Club, which is great. We would also like to acknowledge the senior players who assisted with umpiring junior home games as well as the few that helped out with trainings. I think there is still plenty of room for a greater presence of our senior players within the junior program, and this is something that will be looked at further in the lead up to the next season.

To all the coaching staff this year; thank you and we appreciate all the time you gave to the kids and the Club.

- David Hoke & Brendan O'Brien (T-Ball)
- Greg Spaetgens (Under 12 Friday night Merinos)
- Todd Grego (Under 12 Friday night Pistons)
- Steven Cleary (Under 12 Friday night RAMS)
- Greg Wray (Under 12 Sunday)
- Paul Walshe (Friday night & Sunday Under 14 RAMS)
- Roland Stott (Sunday Under 14 Pistons)
- Graham Norman (Sunday Under 16)
- Mark Jowett and Peter McNish (Under 18)

Thank you to our scorers

- Rachel Howard
- Jeff Morrison
- Leanne Wilson
- Meredith Henkle
- Shelley Dunstone
- Sam Foreman

State & Elite Team Representatives:

- Jeremy Young Under 18 Victorian Team
- Tyson Foreman Under 18 Victorian Team
- Cameron McNish Under 18 Victorian Team
- Brittney Cedelland Under 15 Victorian Girls Team
- Kirsten Bezzina Under 15 Victorian Girls Team
- Jamie Young Under 14 Victorian Team
- Angus Edwards Under 14 Victorian Team
- Tania Capovilla Western Mets Little League Team
- Angus Robinson Western Mets Little League Team
- Jaidyn Wilson Bellarine Rays Little League Team
- Nathan Bezzina Bellarine Rays Little League Team

Award Winners:

Under 14's (Friday Night) Coach - Paul Walshe

Most Consistent Player	Bert Henkel
Coaches award	Fraser Paull
Most Valuable Player	Aaron Hibberd

Under 14 PISTONS Coach - Roland Stott

Best Defensive Player	Kirsten Bezzina
Best Offensive Player	Nathan Winkler
Most Valuable Player	Nathan Bezzina

Under 14 RAMS Coach - Paul Walshe

Best Offensive Player	Jamie Young
Most Consistent Player	Angus Edwards
Most Valuable Player	Kyle Morrison

Stan McKay Memorial Award for Best U14 Player - Kyle Morrison

Under 16's Coach - Graham Norman

Best Defensive Player	Ayden Norman
Best Offensive Player	Harley Goss
Most Valuable Player	Jack Van Wyngaarden

Perpetual Award for Best U16 Player - Jack Van Wyngaarden

Under 18's Coach - Mark Jowett & Peter McNish

Most Consistent Player	Jacob Gale
Batting Award	Tyson Foreman
Most Valuable Player	Jeremy Young

Bill Thom Memorial Trophy for BEST JUNIOR PLAYER - Sean Pengelly

NBC junior baseball & t-ball provides our young people with an energetic, safe and inclusive sporting experience that not only serves as an introduction to a life time involvement in our great game, but also has far reaching benefits outside of sport including; physical and mental health, social skills, self-esteem, self confidence and a strong feeling of belonging. As the NBC junior program continues to grow everything around it must grow with it and continue to provide the man power and infrastructure to allow it to flourish. There is room for every club member to play a role (large or small) in this so step forward and get involved.

NBC Junior Committee 2012-13

Al Condie

Leanne Wilson

Paul Walshe

Jacinta Edwards

Caron Condie

Senior Trophy Awards

Best Clubman

Currie Memorial Trophy - Best Clubman

– **Karen Van
Wyngaarden**

Baseball

Mackrell Trophy – Best Player

– **Griffin Weir**

Jack & Beryl Bunting Trophy – Most Valuable Player

– **Matthew Lawman**

Reg Simpson Memorial Trophy-
Best Junior Playing Seniors

– **Tyson Forman**

Firsts Batting Average
Firsts Best Defensive Player

– **Matthew Lawman**
– **Matthew Lawman**

Seconds Most Valuable Player
Seconds Best Offensive Player
Seconds Defensive Player

– **Ned Franklin**
– **Leigh Barnes**
– **Stephen Pengelly**

Thirds Best Team Player

– **Jack Van
Wyngaarden**

Thirds Best Offensive Player
Thirds Best Defensive Player

– **Sam Aldenhoven**
– **Josh Walshe**

Fourths Most Valuable Player
Fourths Best Offensive Player
Fourths Best Defensive Player

– **Bruce Boucher**
– **Brad Russell**
– **Sam Galofaro**

CONCLUSION

2012-13 - Another year has been and gone but as always not without some good memories to treasure for the future. Back to Div 1, Refurbished Memorabilia Room, a growing membership, some fabulous team and individual performances and Life Members Day with the Re-Dedication of the Bob Milne Field.

To all the trophy winners at the Club this season, my congratulations on your splendid individual performances both on and off the field. We also had many representatives at state and touring levels again this year. All are a credit to the Club and themselves.

A new face to the Committee this year was Jacinta Edwards taking on the role of Activities Manager. She introduced us to "Pirates Night" – a fun and entertaining evening even if the weather saw us sweltering into the night. The Bunnings BBQ, Raffle Draw and kids Movie Nights were also a success. I hope to see her continue in the role for a few years to come. Congrats Jacinta

Michelle Sutherland again stepped into the role of Treasurer. It is never an easy task trying to balance the books and with the club's balance sheet being poor again this year the task was even more challenging. Thank you Michelle for giving your time to this very important role.

The Playing Manager role was again filled by Scot Malthouse and he was even able to take the field of play this season. As the go-between for players and the Committee and Coaches he again brought his ability to present both sides fairly and honestly. Well done Scot

Paul Walshe, was Jack of all Trades this year. He again took the reigns of Ground Manager and added Club Manager and Junior Sub-Committee Member to his name. He and Jacinta with the assistance of David Malthouse also took on the Memorabilia Room. This room has been the talk of all who have visited the clubrooms since the refurbishment over Christmas. The Life Members were particularly impressed to see their images back in pride of place. A big thanks to you Paul.

Roland Stott was again elected as President for the 2012-13 year. This is his 13th and as you will have now read his last at the helm. Roland has dedicated the last 21 years to various roles on the Committee. There have also been many coaching duties, and work in the kitchen and behind the bar. A big Rams Thank-you from us all. Imagine how many days and possibly weeks in meeting hours those years add up to. Roland I'll leave you to calculate that little bit of trivia in your spare time.

Meals on Training Nights were again a hit this year with not only main course but desserts being delivered by Karen Van Wyngaarden and daughters Gretel & Heidi. Her work in the Kitchen both on training nights, purchasing stock and ensuring that Sundays started up on a good note earned Karen the Best Clubman award this year. Thanks and Congratulations Karen.

Jordon Pengelly was again in the role of Bar Manager ensuring that all our thirsts were quenched and that both club and outside functions were stocked for success.

The Junior program continued on from the successes of years gone by. Alan Condie started the year in the role but had to step aside for personal reasons. As a result the Junior Sub-Committee stepped into the breach and between them made sure the year kept on track. Our thanks go out to Paul Walshe, Caron Condie, Jacinta Edwards, and Leanne Wilson.

A young Seniors Team fought their way back into Division One even though they stumbled in the Semi-Finals. We need to continue with the rebuild and redevelopment on the field which was again lead this year by Club Coach Grant Weir. Moving back to Div One ahead of schedule will have some challenges for the young team but its youth and the experience of its coaching group are certainly a strong base for success.

Congratulations to all the individual award winners both Senior and Junior and a Very Big Thank-You to all the Scorers, Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Managers of all the teams for volunteering your time.

To all those club members who, in their own way, contributed to the smooth running of the club on game days and functions, the Club thanks you.

All sporting clubs have their challenges and this year we again struggled to balance the books. However with the Club, having been through 2 of the 3 to 4 staged renovations on the books with the Council, is now in a position to hire out the clubrooms again. Hiring out the rooms is a great income generator for the club and staffing the bar is one small way members can help the Club coffers.

I ask you all to look around the club, appreciate what we have and ask how you can assist in keeping and improving it both on and off the field. As the old saying goes, "many hands make light work". I have seen many new faces volunteering their assistance this year and hope to see many more enthusiastic faces in the upcoming year.

I have now put together 9 of these Reports and have found this one probably the most exciting. There will certainly be at least three new faces on the Committee with Roland, Michelle and me vacating our positions. To the elected Committee for 2013-14 I wish you all the best. I am sure you will bring your "A" game to the table to ensure this wonderful Club continues to grow and prosper.

On a final note I would like to thank my family, Jordon, Stephen and Sean for all their understanding and support over the last 9 years. The last couple have certainly been a struggle to balance the various demands of family life, scoring, baseball and work commitments, but there is also been a great deal of satisfaction along the way.

It has been a pleasure to work with the various committee members over the years and an honour to represent the Newport Baseball Club as Secretary. I wish the future committees all the success for the years to come. I will certainly be around, scoring if I am allowed, and supporting the Club in any way I can.

Kaylene Pengelly
Secretary – 2012-13