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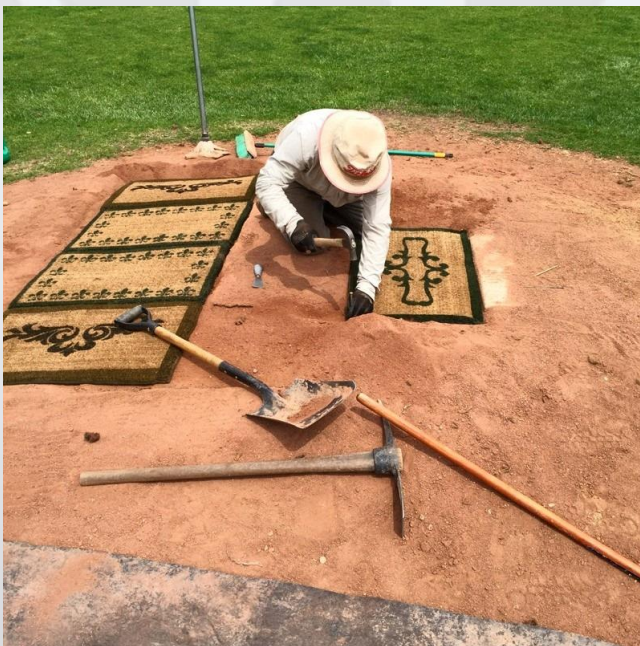
Dear Member,

A number of close results over the weekend - the firsts defeated Waverley 5-2 in a top of the table clash in the Eastern conference, and followed that up with a 2-1 win in the mid-week game, the seconds won by a run, the thirds and fourths were both beaten with the opposition down to their final outs. The lady D's won both their games in close results. The Masters 38 A team had a big win in a top of the table clash with Doncaster.

Junior highlights were U18 State and U16 State team both enjoying big wins, with many of these boys now filling positions in every Senior Men's team from 1sts onwards.

We have a new major sponsor Fletchers Real Estate. Fletchers have confirmed a 3 year tenure as Gold sponsor of the Melbourne Baseball Club, which will include advertising across the club including their logo on current and future jersey orders. Fletchers will be represented at our club by player Nathan Aron who is available to provide quality service and advice for members.

Social events coming up in November include the Aces vs Heat fundraiser at Melbourne Ballpark on the 14<sup>th</sup>, the Trivia Night on the 21<sup>st</sup> and Thanksgiving dinner after senior training on the 26<sup>th</sup>.



A big thankyou to Fuzzy who repaired the mound and batter's box at short notice, here he is laying out the "Welcome mats".

## Events

**14/11/2015** Aces vs Perth Heat Fundraiser

**21/11/2015** Trivia Night

**26/11/2015** Thanksgiving Dinner

## Results

1st Nine		
Round 5 – Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> November		
Men's Division 1	Waverley	2
	Melbourne	5
Round 6 – Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> November		
Men's Division 1	Waverley	1
	Melbourne	2
Senior Grades – Round 5		
Men's Division 1	Waverley	4
Reserves	Melbourne	5
Men's Division 1	Melbourne	2
Thirds	Waverley	3
Men's Division 1	Melbourne	4
Fourth's	Waverley	5
Men's Division 4	Melbourne	9
East	Monash	15
Men's Division 4	Melbourne	-
South	Monash	-
Women's Division 2	Footscray	6
	Melbourne	7
Women's Division 3	Melbourne	3
	Melbourne	8
	Melbourne	11
Masters A 38+	Doncaster	3
Masters B 45+	Melbourne	4
	Springvale	5
Masters C 45+	Melbourne	-
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## Upcoming Games

**08/11/2015** 1sts and 2nds @ Home vs Sandringham

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## Match Reports

### Division 1

Melbourne took on Waverley in a top of the table clash - the only two undefeated teams in either conference, Melbourne got on the board first in the bottom of the third after a single by Ollie McMahon, a Sac bunt by Scott Moore and infield single by Nathan Aron which scored 2 on the wild throw. Robbie Hondo scored on a wild pitch later in the same innings to put Melbourne up 3-0. Waverley responded with a run in the fifth innings but Robbie Hondo scored again in the sixth on a failed pickoff after singling and being moved around by Nathan Aron's double.

Waverley threatened in the 8th dig with a leadoff single and two infield hits to load the bases, but Matty Blackmore diffused the threat by inducing a double play and a ground out to only allow one run and then closed out the 9th 1-2-3 for a 5-2 win.

Evan Brisentine only gave up 2 hits in hits 7 innings and striking out 9 before getting into trouble in the 8th, giving way to Matt Blackmore. Nathan Aron continued his hot streak with 3 hits (2 doubles), Mathew Kent, Robbie Hondo, Mathew Blackmore and Ollie McMahon with singles.

The midweek game saw Melbourne play Waverley again at Surrey Park, Melbourne prevailed in a close contest 2-1.



Mathew Kent rallies his troops in the game against Waverley Sunday

### Division 1 reserves

A good win 5-4 although for much of the game the seconds held the game in their control - giving up a few runs late.



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## Division 1 Thirds

The thirds took on a young Waverley outfit at Waverley on Sunday. With Aaron Hoskin on the hill again, he threw a solid 6 innings giving up 1 earned run through 5. Unfortunately the defence could not back him up in the last inning, making a couple of costly errors that saw us give up two runs and a walk off win for Waverley. With only Roy (double), Hsien (single) and Robbie (bunt single) picking up hits for the day, it was always going to be a big ask to score runs. A must-win game this weekend against 2nd place Sandringham.

## Division 1 Fourth

A similar story to the thirds - not a lot of hits and some chances to break the game open were missed, Enoch held a strong hitting line-up for most of the day until nearing his pitch count - Waverley winning on their last out 5-4.

## Masters A 38+

Cup Eve and off to a picturesque yet slightly worn Doncaster ground with both teams undefeated and down a few players. We had Lard, Bryce, Sean, Mick and Ben out so Skinny and Rod Jackson stepped in. We got through seven innings, with Skinny throwing three innings for only one hit offering 27 strikes and 8 balls! Warren had been begging to throw for two years so he got his chance and threw two innings giving up a couple of hits and three runs (may not see any action again ;-), then Jason Bulger came in for one and Murray closed it out when due to the fact we were up by eight so there was no chance he could get the loss.

Offensively we were pretty consistent scoring 1,2,3,3,0,1,1. Bulge hit a triple and Dave Keyhoe on one leg smashed the ball to all parts, with Craig Mitchell picking up four albeit two of them cheeky infield hits. 15 hits and 9 walks for us to 7 and 1 summed up the game.



The Division 2 Women's team got a much needed win on the weekend - overcoming Footscray 7-6 to get back into the four.

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## News

### [Fletchers Real Estate Sponsorship announcement](#)

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### [Aces Club fundraiser night](#)

Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> will be a big club fundraiser is for the Melbourne Aces vs Perth Heat game at Melbourne Ball Park, tickets \$25. By purchasing the ticket through the club you go into the draw to throw out the first pitch of the game – drawn only from our club ticket buyers.

### [Trivia Night - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November](#)

Save the date - 21<sup>st</sup> November for the Trivia Night, 7PM for a 7:30PM start - \$10 per player

### [Thanksgiving dinner – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November](#)

Set aside the date after Senior training in the clubrooms for a traditional thanksgiving dinner with partners

Also a reminder to all players that Club fee component is now due, you have the opportunity to pay direct – which includes a saving of 4.4% off by paying direct to the club. Please do so.

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