



Woodville District Baseball Club

Annual Report 2013 -14



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From the Chairman.

A memorable season from the point of view of scattered success on the field, with our U17s winning our only premiership, going back to back in 2013/14! Well done Phil, Shane and of course the boys!

Other highlights included the U19s who attempted to defend their title in the Grand Final, only to fall just short against a very well credentialed Sturt outfit. Also, the Div 3 boys, after years of toiling away, made it to the big dance, only to be wrong-footed by an American arm who was pretty steady throughout.

The U15 boys deserve to be mentioned having qualified for the finals, and our 2 Little League teams put together solid seasons, and there was considerable improvement in many of the players on both teams.

But that's about where the on-field celebrations stopped for the Senators in 2013/14. There wasn't much to get excited about from our Div 1 and 2 lads, and while the 5s and 6s tried hard, they only had spasmodic success.

Many, many thanks to the Coaches, Managers and Scorers of all teams, senior and junior and, of course, well done to all the players for their time and efforts in keeping the Senator spirit running.

There are several individuals who deserve special mentions for their extraordinary baseball achievements in 2013/14, and others for their contributions to the on-field efforts of the Club for the season.

First and foremost, congratulations to Ben Lodge who became the Club's first senior national representative for many years! We are all very proud of Ben and he deserves every success that comes his way. He has worked hard for many years and he will undoubtedly continue to get better and stronger and gain further representation as his career expands. He certainly has the talent and the genes, eh, Shauna and Adam?

In the same vein, well done to Wilson Lee and Dylan Child on suiting up with the Bite, as well as our other State reps namely Peter Drover, Kane Razis, Hayden Carroll, Wei Cho, and James Henty as a coach and also as an Under 23 Bronze Medallist, along with Brodie Hertel and Rhys Owen.

Another huge highlight at the end of the summer was Rhys Owen winning the medal in the U19 Don Rice League! Richly deserved, Rhys has a very bright future if he realises how good he could be, and works hard to make it all come true.

I must thank James Henty for putting his hand up to coach the Div 1 side in season 2013/14. We were without a suitable candidate after Alex Derhak decided to stay in Czech, and James took on the role despite his inexperience and a whole lot of preparation. On top of this James also asked Wally Marks to come to the Club and help him and I believe the Club will continue to reap the rewards of this combination for many years to come!

A special mention to Jason Daniels who has proven to be a shining light for the Club over the three years that has been with us. Extremely consistent and reliable, we will miss him both on and off the field. Well done Jason and thank you very much!

Well done also to those players who achieved significant games played milestones during the season. I believe that these are important achievements that serve to promote a sense of belonging and motivation to continue competing.

Off the field the club has had a reasonably good time of it recording an increase in cash holdings over the year. The Profit and (Loss) statement reveals a loss for the year, but when we extract the depreciation, which is a non-cash item, there has been a healthy and significant improvement over the previous season. Having said that, the Sponsorship and Fund Raising dollar continues to be extremely hard to come by and we need all the assistance that you can muster.

Another significant achievement has been the compilation of the Club's Strategic Plan which is on the website and available for all to see. We invite your comment, thoughts and

suggestions for its growth and improvement. The Plan is to be seen as a working document that stands as a framework of the structure and operation of the Club for many years to come.

So well done and many thanks to Dave and Jo Owen, Enza Henty, Phil Hirschausen, Vic Bentvelzen, Priscilla Loechel and Ben Lodge for their time, effort and assistance in ensuring the Club continues to operate relatively smoothly and consistently. To everyone else in the Club, please don't leave so much to too few, as the few can only bear so much.

The Senior Presentation Night once again proved to be a great success at the Cyprian Community Centre, and similarly the Junior nights were a spectacular success.

The Goodwill series also proved to be another success in 2013/14! Many thanks to all the willing Volunteers in my absence, especially the Board, the Ground Crew, the helpers in the canteen and Pattie Tucker. An incredible effort by everyone involved once again!

Finally, please remember that this is your Club, and that it will only be as strong as you make it. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB in every way, including FINANCIALLY.

I believe we will have a very strong and successful season in 2014/15 and we would love to have you help us along the way, and also enjoy the success with us.

Terry Fitzgerald.

Baseball Report.

This season the Club was able to field 10 teams, with five each in the junior and senior competitions. For the first time in a while the Club was able to field two Little League teams, meaning we were able to welcome new families into the Club and I hope that they enjoyed their first season with Woodville and remain with the Club for many years to come.

Of these 10 teams, we had four that were successful in making it into the finals. These teams were Division 3, Under 19s, Under 17s and the Under 15s. Unfortunately the Under 15s were knocked out in the first final, but the other teams were able to make deep runs into the finals, with all three making it into their respective Grand Finals, with the Under 19s and Under 17s playing their games at home. Although the Under 17 team were the only team to come away as Premiers, all these teams need to be congratulated on fantastic seasons.

A special congratulations need to go to Phill Hirschausen and Shane Nicholson for coaching the Under 17 Premiers. A special thanks needs to go out to the many country players that helped their respective teams this year. Without their commitment and sacrifice, the Club would not have been able to field the teams we did, so this is much appreciated.

Some of the Club's players also had individual success this season: Kane Razis and Peter Drover represented South Australia at the Under 18 National Championships. Hayden Carroll and Wei Cho played in the Under 14 National Championships for the home state South Australia and James Henty was the Under 16 South Australian Head Coach. As well, in September Brodie Hertel, James Henty and Rhys Owen represented SA in the Under 23 team, which won a bronze medal at the National Championships.

Congratulations need to go to Rhys again, as he also won the Don Rice League Most Valuable Player Award at the Capps Medal night. Finally, congratulations go to Ben Lodge for his selection in the Australian team, who played in the historic MLB Opening Series exhibition games in Sydney against the LA Dodgers and Arizona Diamondbacks in March. Ben was also successful in being named the Best Hitter for the Adelaide Bite.

We were again lucky enough to host the Goodwill Series in December, where Bob and Robert Williams bring out teams to play games against our state teams to prepare them for their National Championships in January. This year again ran very smoothly with the tireless work of our volunteers in the canteen and bar, and from our fantastic Ground Crew. Thanks need to go out to Bob and Robert for continually bringing out teams to play the series at our Club.

This year we brought back some old favourites for our fundraisers, with the Quiz Night and Mouse Cup making a return, which were organised by Priscilla Loechel. We also held a Gentlemen's Night, which was organised and run by Vic Bentvelzen.

Despite some lower than usual numbers at these events, they were somewhat successful and enjoyed greatly by all who attended. Like every season, the Club held Family Fun Nights once a month on Friday nights for the juniors and again they were well attended as the juniors bring out their entire family for a cheap meal and a night out. This year we also tried to recruit players to our Club at the Eagles Football Club Community Day. This entailed us going to one of the Eagles games at Woodville Oval and promoting our Club. However, this was not such a great success.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time this season, whether it be coaching, scoring, managing, pitch counting, umpiring, managing playing equipment, working in the canteen or bar or maintaining the grounds throughout the season. Your hard work is very much appreciated. I would also sincerely like to acknowledge my fellow board members for their tireless work that they have put into their portfolios and extra work around the Club this season.

Vale Matt Cutting (Past Chairman and Player), who will be sorely missed.

Enza Henty

Facilities Report.

Very little to report in terms of major work this season as we continue to focus and direct our resources to on field.

Season 14/15 will see some upgrades around the place. Earmarked for work will be:

- Side fences redone
- Extension of both pergolas
- Paving under pergolas
- Upgrade on both bullpens.

We will continue to be active around funding as a new backstop and dugouts are planned for diamond 2. We now have housing all across the back of the diamond and we will be discussing with Council on how both parties can work together to achieve the best result.

Congrats to all the teams for this past season and to all the volunteers who continue to make this Club great.

To Grant, Shane and Garth (the ground crew) for all the hard work and again presenting the best field each week.

Looking forward to the season ahead and seeing more success onfield in all grades.

Jeff Doyle.

Club Report.

With another season gone it's time to reflect on what has happened and where we're aiming our resources over the coming year.

Many have noticed the new air-conditioners installed in time for the start of the season. This resulted from petitioning the Council for a budget allocation to replace the units that were well past their use by date and beginning to chew up cash for maintenance, along with leaks

developing in the roof around them. We're continuing to lobby our Councillors for assistance with improving the kitchen/bar area.

A new gas space heater was also installed in October following a request from Lacrosse. Thanks to the City of Charles Sturt for providing the Club with this equipment at no cost. It should also be noted we are listed to have the Clubrooms rewired pending funding.

We are currently looking at replacement of the freezers as these too are ageing and will likely not be serviceable for much longer. With rising electricity prices running these old appliances adds up!

The Canteen as always is where the bulk of the Clubs' finances are generated. Running costs on and off the field not covered by Membership fees are paid with the continuing hard work of our Volunteers week in, week out.

Every year I thank the volunteers. One thing that's become apparent is that the list hasn't changed a whole lot in the last few years. Those of us who work in the canteen do so mostly because we enjoy it, however, it can become a chore when the load is not spread and it is vital to the continued viability of our Club. The workload isn't getting any lighter and the list of volunteers isn't getting much longer!

To those who did roll up their sleeves, thank you all. A special mention to Pattie who has really been a big help this year, especially Thursday night meals!

To our all Members and families, please consider volunteering if you haven't already. We'll strive to make it as painless as possible!

Revenue from the Bar has remained lower than we would prefer, as in recent years. The Bar is run profitably, again with entirely voluntary help, but the general drop in turnover has remained, attributable to a number of factors. Thursday 'Club Night' remains a concern and we would welcome suggestions as to how we can improve attendance.

To new Families, please feel welcome to come along on a Thursday Night and enjoy being a part of and *supporting your Club* with us.

Meals are available at reasonable prices, as we have provided at our regular 'Family Fun nights'.

Happily, we have just attained Level 3 accreditation in Goodsports. This required the development of an Alcohol Management Policy and more Members undergoing training in the Responsible Service of Alcohol. Participation in this program shows we as a Club take our responsibilities in the community seriously and is an integral part of maintaining eligibility for funding in the future.

Currently only Clubs holding a *Limited Club License* such as ours are exempt from having RSA trained servers behind the bar at all times. This is likely to change in the future. If anyone can help with bar service we can arrange free RSA training. Thanks to the people who have already stepped up and undergone RSA training.

Thank you again John Russell, you continue to carry the flag behind the bar and make my job so much easier.

Thanks again to my family. Jo, who takes on ordering and scheduling for the canteen as well as being there more than anyone in addition to her work as Finance Director. Alyssa for your help in Canteen at busy times and for your IT expertise. Rhys for helping out with whatever needs doing around the place. Last but not least, Lucy for helping in the Canteen, even sometimes without complaint.

To all our Members, please remember, we won't please all the people all the time, but at least we're here trying.

Dave Owen.

Junior Report.

A Big thank you to all of the junior coaching staff, scorers, parents and supporters who make it possible for the kids to play the sport we all love so much. It is a big commitment these days in our busy lives to give up our nights and weekends for our children to play a sport, however, I believe that team sports and activity in general are crucial in the healthy development of our kids and our responsibility as parents is to give them every opportunity to participate, especially with the increasingly difficult world that they are forced to grow up in now days. I take my hat off to all of the kids for showing the commitment and dedication to the chosen sports they play. Well done to you all.

Thank you to all of the Club officials, Volunteers and Members for making Woodville a safe and friendly environment for our youngsters. Ever since I can remember, from my junior baseball days to the present, Woodville Baseball Club has worked hard to provide a safe family environment for our Members and will continue to do so for many years to come. Thank you to all of the Volunteers that help make Woodville one of the best playing and training facilities in the League.

Our junior season starts each year with our Junior Senators Program. A program which was started some 10-12 years ago by Grant Behrendt. A terrific lead up to the season for our U13/15 players. The program has been helping our future stars get a "leg up" on the game for a lot of years and will continue to do so for years to come. I have personally been involved for the last 7 years and recommend all youngsters in these grades take advantage of this great opportunity in the future. A huge thank you to those Volunteers that help the program stay successful.

Our Friday Family Fun Nights were a big success again this year with a lot of the Tee Ball/U13 parents and players as well as the other junior teams choosing to hang around at the Club for a meal and a drink and help support the Club. It is also an opportunity for the Coaches to talk a little about their teams' progress and acknowledge some great things being done by their players. Thank you to all of the Volunteers that help make these events successful ones. I especially enjoyed our Halloween and Christmas shows this year. All of the kids looked awesome in their Halloween costumes and a big thanks to John and Tim Russell for escorting Santa Claus in to our Club and helping hand out presents to all of the small kids and some of us "big kids".

The 2013/14 baseball season was a good year on field for the junior teams that participated this year with the U15, U17 and U19 teams making the finals and I have had the pleasure of being involved as a Coach and parent and look forward to reading the Coaches reports.

Each year we do our best to put a team in each of the grades and for the past 2 years we have been able to field 2 little league teams which is a great effort and should allow us to continue to be strong in our U15-U19s for years to come. One of our biggest challenges as a Club currently is attracting new kids to our sport and retaining the ones we have. There are a lot of other sports to compete against and social pressures that make it tough for us to fill every team. So spread the word people.....Baseball is a great sport for kids to be involved in.

Phill Hirschausen.

Marketing Report.

Another wonderful year for the Club with some great results on the field, my congratulations to all those involved. Off the field things are building also.

This year we ran several major events and I would like to extend my personal thanks to everyone who attended, supported and contributed in any way, your support of our Club is paramount to our survival and growth. A Club like ours will only ever be as strong as the people in it and it is no wonder Woodville District Baseball Club is the envy of so many.

I think we would always hope for more Members to attend our events but I am quite sure that those who did had a great time. The quiz night was a lot of fun with something for everyone on the night. Between the questions for the kids and the questions for the 'bigger' kids, everyone had a fantastic time.

The Mouse Cup is probably the highlight of the social calendar year for most, and this year was no exception. The Club was packed, the race card was full and everyone was ready for a great night and what a great night it was. Yes, there were winners and losers on the night, a race meeting will always have that but it was our Club that was the big winner. Everyone went home that night with a huge smile on their face, as it was another huge success. My special thanks to all those who sponsored races for the night, your generosity and support of the Club is vital to its growth and prosperity and hugely appreciated by its Members, none the least myself. Thank you.

We tied in the Sponsors/Life Members day with the Christmas party this year and I must say it was a great success and everybody who came had a fantastic day. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the Sponsors, Life Members and families and look forward to doing it again this year. I would also like to say a big thank you to our Father Christmas who again put big smiles on all the kids faces.

Thank you again to everybody involved for making the former season a success and I'm looking forward to doing it again for the season ahead.

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We wish to acknowledge the above sponsors for their valuable support during the 2013/14 season.

Please help us to retain our sponsors by using their services wherever possible.

We would like to secure more whether they be Corporate or Community to help keep our Club financial and to help keep your fees reasonable.

This is an area where all Members can assist.

Players bringing new sponsors to the Club will receive a discount on their playing fees, so if paying fees is a struggle, get a sponsor or two and that will reduce the amount you need to pay and assist the Club at the same time.

If you know of anyone who may be interested please get hold of a sponsors' pack for them.

Priscilla Loechel.

Finance Report.

The MYOB Accounting system has been used to record the finances of the Woodville District Baseball Club Inc. as at 30th April, 2014.

A Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement have been prepared by Tonkin Accounting using the resources and information contained in the accounting system.

To my knowledge they are a true representation of the accounts of the Club as audited by Kimani Nganga of Tonkin Accounting.

For Members interested in more comprehensive information regarding the financial details of the Club please contact Jo Owen at: djowen@adam.com.au

Thankfully we have had a slightly better year than previous years showing a small profit. This was helped by the fact all Playing Members paid their own Insurance and Capitation fees upon registration this season thus allowing the Club to avoid running at a loss as per previous seasons.

Our Fundraising and Sponsorship areas are still down and we must as a Club endeavour to increase both of these areas. All Players/Members are encouraged to gain sponsors which will also give them a discount on their fees.

Please note that the loss of \$6146 shown on the Income Statement includes the Depreciation of Equipment of \$14389 thus resulting in an actual profit of \$8243 which includes the grants from Council and Dept of Rec & Sport of \$6635 so the real profit is \$1608 if we do not take the grants or depreciation into account.

Jo Owen.

Club Coach Report.

After playing off in the Grand Final the year before, the Division 1 team came into the season with high expectations, from both outside and inside the Club. Import Jason Daniels came back for his third season with the Club and in Round 2 we had Sascha Lutz join the group as our second import. We also had Dylan Child and Wilson Lee for the entire season after returning from professional baseball in the US.

However, we struggled through a real up and down season. At times, we played fantastic baseball, beating top of the table teams like Golden Grove, Glenelg and one of only two teams all season to beat the eventual premier, Kensington. We also had draws against Goodwood and Port Adelaide, but these great games became insignificant as we were not able to repeat these performances week in, week out. We lost both of our 2 games against 6th placed East Torrens, each by a run and also lost to other non-finalists Sturt, Adelaide and West Torrens.

In the majority of our games this season, we were in positions where we were in the lead or seemed to be in control of the contest. However, we seemed to find different ways to let teams back into the game before eventually giving up the lead. Too many times we would have one bad inning on defence, whether it be through errors, walks or a combination of both, where we would lose all momentum and have to fight to get it back. Our biggest struggle all season was our pitching and defence, as we had too many games with scores like 12-13, 10-10, 8-12, and even one game which finished 19-22.

Another struggle for us was trying to cover for our Adelaide Bite players when they were unavailable, particularly on the mound. With Wilson Lee away, after Jason Daniels our pitching struggled to compete against the stronger teams in the competition, again with walks being an Achilles heel, and our offence couldn't keep up. However, we were able to blood some young kids from our successful junior teams of last year, in particular Rhys Owen and Jesse Toepfer, who made their Division 1 debuts and were able to hold their own for much of the season.

However, we still went into the final weekend with a chance to get ourselves into the finals if we could had some help from other teams, but it was not meant to be. Despite not playing finals this season and all the problems we suffered through this season, we only finished a couple of games outside of the finals. I have no doubt that as a team we will bounce back and fix the problems we had this year and return to the finals, where this squad is good enough to be every year.

As always I need to thank everybody who works behind the scenes at the Club, whether it is in the Canteen, behind the Bar, or on the Grounds Crew. I need to thank the Board for giving me the opportunity to coach Division 1 this year. I also need to thank my Assistant Coaches for the year, Lawrie Moore for his help at trainings, Michael Doyle, Stuart Millar and Warwick Marks. Being a playing Coach is hard enough, but I would not have been able to do anything this year if it weren't for these men, in particular Warwick Marks, who was my right hand man all season and was invaluable as the Coach on the bench while I was on the field.

Finally, congratulations to our award winners, Sascha Lutz who won the Gold Glove, Chris Doyle who won the Player's Award, Ben Lodge who was our Batting Champion, and to Troy Weinert who was our Most Valuable Player.

James Henty.

Division 2.

Division 2 had a mixed season, unfortunately just missing out on finals. The year started well with either wins or very competitive 1 run losses to strong teams. However with Div 1 losing Bite listed players and playing double-headers and mid-week games our depth was tested with players being promoted. We therefore relied on juniors to compete, and while they were certainly talented enough to play at the level, their consistency was irregular.

This was evident with wins and draws over top 3 teams, GGCD and Glenelg, but losses to bottom 3 teams, West Torrens and Sturt. On the positive side, it showed that our best can match the top teams.

The team's greatest asset was certainly its offence, in which we ranked 5th in the league for runs scored. We had a good mix of batting ability (power, average, speed), which meant we could consistently score runs in every game.

Pitching depth was an issue, with position players and juniors often required on the mound. The ability of players to play multiple positions on the field was a strength of the team.

I believe this team is definitely good enough to play finals next season and with grand final appearances from our U19 & U17s the Club has a fantastic group of young players who will be coming up and playing senior baseball over the next few years.

Michael Doyle.

Division 3.

I took over the reins from Phil who over the last few years had built a stable squad and a great bunch of lads.

Over all the 2013/14 season was a successful season returning to the final series which we had missed out the past couple of years.

We got off to a fantastic start in winning our first 4 games, by round 8 we were sitting on top with an 8-1 record. We then lost 3 games straight losing touch with the top 2 spots, after this wakeup call we were able to get our season back on track with crucial wins against lower ranked teams, securing 4th spot heading into the final series.

Knowing all our final games would be knockouts and played on the road we headed on the longest trip in baseball down south to battle the Hawks.

With Dog putting in another great performance to cap his hard work all year, we secured the win.

We were then on the road again to face the Bay boys which we hadn't beat all year. In what many have said to be one of the best games of baseball that they had witnessed, in a thrilling finish we pulled through injuries and all to finally make it to the big dance.

With the majority of our squad besides one, none of us had ever played off in a grand final, but with this said we all had come together at the right time of the year.

We matched in the Grand Final against Kensington, during the year we had 2 close games, splitting the wins 1 all. Kensington have been the bench mark for the last 2 years winning back to back premierships and adding 2 more imports to their already impressive line-up. This would be a hard task, but we were up for the challenge.

Doggy started against their import and again pitched outstandingly like he had all year. We took the game right up to them leading for majority of the game, but we just couldn't scrape across the line going down by 1 run in another classic. I was so proud of the boy's scraping our worn bodies off the canvas just to come up short.

In capping the year - David Lodge was outstanding for us all year playing multiple positions and winning both MVP and the batting trophy.

Shane (Doggie) Brown made a great return winning the runner up MVP and was a major influence on the success of our team as a whole.

A big thank you to Nick Carroll and his family for making the special effort every weekend travelling from Mildura and was a major part of our squad, he also had a very good year. Thanks to the other squads above and below that were able to help out during the year and Troy Nicholson for stepping up the grade on many occasions.

It was a challenging season due to the squads having family and work commitments, but all in all it was a great season.

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

Thank you to Bec and Emma for scoring all year, Noel for being the Team Manager again without any fuss.

To Phil - I couldn't have been the Coach this year without the help from him, his knowledge of the game and general help has been great.

Lastly thanks to all the boys for the great year we had, it was a great ride, let's hope to go one better next year.

Darren Annear.

Division 5

Season 2013/14 started with an under strength squad with no set pitcher, catcher or even first base spots filled but in spite of this the team had a winning record through the first third of the season. This was due to some great batting and guys willing to go the extra mile to help out the team, in particular Adrian Hill who stepped on the mound and stayed there for most of the rest of the year and to Dean Bridger, Adrian Hill and Arno Ziervogel who were on fire with the bat.

Unfortunately our problems with lack of numbers on a week to week basis started to tell from then on in. With a continual number of players coming in and dropping out from week to week consistency became more and more difficult to maintain. Many times during the season we did not have a full squad and it is with great thanks to the Div 6 boys, in particular Matty Cutting, who several times drove as far as from Woodville to Golden Grove or Flinders to our game after catching Div 6 an hour before on incredibly short notice that we were able to field nine players every week.

It was our inconsistency during the year that ended up costing us a place in the finals. Many times we took the best teams in the division on head to head quite often beating them only to show up the next week against a team lower on the ladder than us and losing.

Highlights for the year included the comeback win against Norths and 2 hard fought battles against East Torrens where 1 bad innings turned the tide against us. Also of note this year was the pitching and hitting of Adrian Hill and also Arno Ziervogel and Dean Bridger who all hit well over .400.

Trophies:

MVP:	Adrian Hill
Batting:	Adrian Hill
Most Improved:	Dean Bridger

Craig Mortimore

Division 6.

This season was like the last season, finishing around the middle of the table. We had Garth Lodge and Shane Nicholson doing the bulk of the pitching in the first half of the season, Keith Mortimore and Lawrie Moore did most of the pitching in the second half.

Our outfield was held together by Terry Fitzgerald, a big congratulations goes out to Terry for playing his 600th game this year. We had many juniors come through our grade this year, all have a bright future in baseball ahead of them.

A big thank you goes out to Judy Currie for scoring again and hopefully she will return next season. Thank you to Jane Nicholson and Michaelene Mullen for scoring when Judy was away.

Trophy Winners

Batting	Matt Cutting
Best Team Man	Shane Nicholson
MVP	Terry Fitzgerald

Shane Lodge.

Under 19.

Well a great year by the guys! Thanks for the opportunity to coach the U19s again this season.

A shift of game time would be our biggest change to start the season, moving from Sunday mornings to Saturday afternoons. We played 14 games for the season due to heat policy rulings. Six were easy wins, 4 close games, 2 draws and 3 losses.

Rhys Owen & Wade Moore as Pitcher /Catcher combo both grew in stature this season, taking charge of the game, outstanding work by them.

Kane Razis at 1st base, Peter Drover in the outfield and as a Pitcher also.

Brayden Marchioro for an outstanding year showed good leadership and had a great season with the bat & fielding. Jesse Toepfer for his leadership on the field, great defence all year up the middle.

Matt Durflinger, Zac Green & Jessie Loechel-Law worked well in the outfield. Blake Gillman played up till Christmas – worked well. Jared Milne, Nathan & Troy Nicholson, Sam Razis, Jordy Grose, Matt Hren, Callum Robinson & Liam Mullen all played at some stage during the season & helped with our success building a strong foundation within the team.

Highlights:

Congratulations to Rhys Owen for winning the U19's medal in the Don Rice League, Claude Pearce Medal- he won by a huge margin.

To see Rhys Owen and Jesse Toepfer play in Div 1 during the season. Peter Drover & Wade Moore regular's for Division 2.

Kane Razis & Peter Drover for making the U18's State Team.

Finals:

After the Minor Round finished we were 2nd on the Ladder.

This meant playing Sturt at Sturt in the first final. This started off a tight affair which you would expect. In the 3rd innings we broke the dead lock, opening up a four run lead.

Sturt responded with one in the fourth, but we struck back with one in the fifth. Rhys Owen was in control only giving up five hits through six innings. Jess Toepfer came in and finished out the game. Woodville scored 4 more in the 8th Innings. 9-2 Sturt scored 1 bottom of the 8th. Then 3 bottom of the 9th. Woodville **WON 9-6**

2nd Week we played Port Adelaide. This was going to be tough because we had split the result during the Year 2-1 & 1-2. This ended up being a comfortable **WIN 9-1**.

Rhys Owen pitching 6 innings for 10K and 1BB. Woodville picking up 9 Hits.

Grand Final:

Grand Final was played at Woodville against Sturt. Things changed now with Sturt out of Div 1 play off, Shaun Wright started with Jordan McArdle behind the dish. The Game was a pitching duel

between Rhys & Shaun. Sturt scored 1 in the 4th. Rhys came out in the 7th, but we gave up 3 in the 7th.

Woodville scored 1 in the 8th then 1 in the 9th.

Unfortunately we weren't able to get the job done in the Grand Final, **losing 4-2**

But, in saying that, the way we played against a Div 1 Pitcher was outstanding. Highlight being Liam Mullen's triple in the 2nd. We only picked up 4 hits for the game, but it was a high standard game. Great Work by Rhys Owen & Jesse Toepfer on the mound. Wade Moore behind the plate, no stolen bases. Actually only one stolen base for three 9 innings games during the finals series.

A special thank you to two families who made the trip down from Mildura each weekend. John Razis & Doug Hren .

Phil Hirschausen for working together with the U17's at training & also working together with player movement between U17's & U19's on game day.

Derek Milne – my Assistant Coach, again another great job this year. It has been really good working with a Coach who is strong & passionate about the game.

Many thanks again to Jo Owen for scoring for the season, Andy Toepfer & Kim for pitch counts each week. Wally Marks for working with the Pitchers during the Season. John Russell for his weekly reports as they should be written & the Ground Crew for preparing the field each week...

And a BIG thanks to my family and to Pattie for getting me on time to the games and the coffees on home games.

Signing off as the U19's Coach 2014 - Lawrie Moore

Trophy Winners:

<i>Batting:</i>	Peter Drover
<i>Most Consistent:</i>	Brayden Marchioro
<i>MVP:</i>	Rhys Owen

Lawrie Moore.

Under 17.

The U17s had a fantastic year again winning the Premiership for the 2nd year in a row. For some of the boys it was back to back grand final wins and for a few, their 1st real taste of success in baseball.

A big thank you to Shane Nicholson, my Assistant Coach, who helped make it possible at times for the boys to train due to my work commitments. He was the teams "pack horse", taking all of the gear to and from away games. He has so much passion for the game and loves to see the boys succeed. Shane and I have coached these kids since Little League and it is such a pleasure for both of us to see all of their, and our, hard work pay off. You underrate yourself Shane. Thanks for all of your help mate.

Thank you to our Scorers this year, Sue Carroll, Bec McMullen, Michaelene Mullen and Jane Nicholson. Thank you to John and Tim Russell for helping with cold drinks for the boys on hot days and all of the other volunteers that help make our Club a great Club.

Thank you to Lawrie Moore, Derek Milne and the U19s for combining trainings on a Wednesday night. The lads benefited immensely from the experience and it helped the U17s that played up in 19s settle in to the higher grade with ease.

Thank you to Nick Carroll, Doug Hren and John Razis and families for making the massive commitment to bring their boys down week in week out from Mildura. We couldn't have done it without you.

Our season consisted of 15 games with 12 wins 2 losses and 1 draw. The team changed a bit from the previous year losing some big boys to U19s, forcing the existing players to fill their

shoes and throwing some 1st year u17s in the deep end. Shane and I had no expectations of grandeur for the group and knew that with some hard work we could be competitive and aim to be close to finals come the end of the season. We must have failed to mention that to the players because they came out and smashed teams early and had their sights set on another grand final.

We lost a player before early in the season, which left us with 9 players, forcing us to bring some U15s up from time to time. A big thank you to Chris Papps, the coach of the U15s, for putting the higher grade first and at times leaving himself short of players including the 1st week of finals leading to the U15s losing their elimination final after a great year in the Div1 comp.

The boys lost their 1st game in the 9th round and would lose only one more before the finals. The group played together with such maturity, each of them as important as the next. Defence was outstanding, lead by some fantastic pitching by Jordy Grose, Kane Razis, Troy Nicholson and Anthony Carroll. Liam Mullen caught nearly every game, growing in confidence week by week and took control as a leader in the team behind the plate and with the bat.

We finished the season in 2nd place and secured the double chance in the finals. We faced Sturt in our 1st final and it seemed destined to end in failure with a late withdrawal of one of our Mildura boys, confusion over time and place of the game and who would fill the missing hole in our line-up.

Then we turned up to Sturt for a 9am start and the sprinklers had been on the night before causing the pitcher's mound to behave like a mudslide, and the early start brought the sun in to play on the right side of the diamond. We walked away licking our wounds but determined to bounce back.

A week later we took on Golden Grove at home and from the start of the game the boys took control. Bat on ball was the key for the day, with GG making too many errors, allowing our boys to cruise to the GF. Jordy Grose led the charge on the mound, as he had so many times during the year and set up a great win backed up by some solid defence. Kane Razis closed the game out and we were GF bound. There was a real buzz around the Club later that day as we waited anxiously to find out the result of the WT v Sturt game. If WT won we would have a home Final. Lady luck was on our side and we would face WT at home.

We faced a very good West Torrens a week later in the Grand Final and knew that we had our work cut out for us. Those that turned up to support our boys that day witnessed a game to remember. Jordy Grose threw his heart out, 70 strikes, 28 balls 5 Hits 5 Ks 1 ER and his defence backed him up keeping the heavy hitting West Torrens to 3 hits. We took great catches in the outfield and made tough plays in the infield to keep them to only 2 runs. Kane Razis once again came in and closed the game. We faced one of the best young pitchers in the league and with some tough batting, smart base running and unselfish sacrifice bunts we manufactured 3 runs, winning the game 3-2.

We are so proud of what the boys achieved this season and wish them all the best in their future baseball careers.

Award Winners:

MVP: Liam Mullen
Batting Champ: Liam Mullen, Batting Ave .522
Runner up MVP: Jordy Grose
Runner up MVP: Kane Razis

Phill Hirschausen

Under 15.

Our pre season kicked off with the Junior Senators Program in July and ran for 8 weeks. Held at Woodville and led by Phil Hirschausen, the young players showed good determination and development. Some players had participated in the SABA program and this was evident in a consistent approach to training. Thank you to those senior players who devoted time to this great program. Numbers were down again this season and once again we looked to our country connection with Mildura, Joe Papps was able to play in the Country Championships at Glenelg and

we were fortunate and grateful to once again welcome the Carroll family back to Woodville and also welcome the Kortekaas family to the Club. We also greatly benefitted from Peter Gee's Seaton High School program sending us two likely international players Wei Cho from Taiwan and Martin Nicolay from Belgium. With the influx of internationals and Sunraysia players we formed a team with 4 young players coming up from U13.

I was appointed Coach and was incredibly lucky to have Nick Carroll and Troy Kortekaas as Coaches on game day, the group were in good hands. The season started with an emphatic display from our import Wei who fanned 11 batters from East Torrens who likely had not seen this quality pitching before. The young players played their parts all year and as we battled much stronger sides we began to see the challenges and the development from these guys. Memorable games involved Hayden pitching at Kensington, Joe turning a double from the catchers' position and Wei hitting a bomb which is purportedly still travelling through the air!

This exemplified our team at its best, not relying on Wei, all playing a part, even Jack getting cleaned up and still making the out, Arthur stealing bases with great joy. When Wei injured his back it was a bigger struggle in critical games leading up to the Christmas break. As coaches we were proud of the efforts of the pitchers and the team backing them up. The post break games were not helped by scheduling, the effect of the heat ruling, Bite championships (Well done Wei and Hayden) and unavailability of players.

A twilight mid week game was a highlight despite a loss as we saw the future of players like Jack Clarke and Zach W as well as the amazing efforts of Cody and Tahlea Tape.

Our season ended with a win loss record of 8 Wins 7 Losses, we scored 141 runs and conceded 103, this shows we could score but leaked runs in defence (premiers Port Adelaide scored 123 runs but only concede 58 in comparison). We made the finals and were feeling confident, however once again favouritism in scheduling impacted heavily as our U17's were needing a player for their final at Sturt, robbing us of a very solid player in Joe. The league did not supply officials and although the result was not affected, ultimately it typified what we had experienced all year. The tone of this is not to convey negativity but to emphasise we expect fairness across the board and teach our players to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.

Big thanks to all of my players and their parents for putting in the effort during our tough season. Thanks to the Carroll and Kortekaas families for their tireless commitment to bringing their boys on an 8 hour round trip each week and all of the support they gave to the Club. Thanks to Troy and Nick for carrying me all year, they must have been exhausted. Thanks to the indefatigable Sue Carroll for scoring. Thanks to the U13s that helped out through the year, especially the Tape family and to Nathan for helping coach at West Torrens.

Award Winners:

MVP: Hayden Carroll-Wei Cho. Both Pitched solidly and effectively, played middle infield and first base flawlessly and led off my line up each week, and batted 4th in a commanding fashion. Well deserved. Both made it to the SA Bite team and participated in the Championship at sunny Glenelg.

Runner up MVP: Abe Kortekaas, who provided much needed depth behind the dish when Martin went home before Christmas, Abe batted solidly and was a genuine threat at the 3 spot. Well done.

Team Award: Will Kortekaas, as a younger player his dedication, commitment and energy was noticed by all coaches as well as intelligent base running and good fielding in defence.

Honourable mentions to Joe Papps for a good season with the bat, only just shaded by Abe and for his continuing growth as a fielder, pitcher and "smart" player. To Lee, congratulations on the Max Behrendt award, it is most deserved. To Jack, Kye, Spiro and Arthur, well done on a season where you had chances to shine and you did so.

Chris Papps

Little League Woodville.

This year the Club entered a team in both the Minors and Majors for the Little League competitions with Sue and I being given the duty of coaching the Majors.

We started with the bare minimum in numbers but as the season went on we had a couple of new players to the Club come in to help and they fitted in really well. All of the kids were enthusiastic at the start of the season and even though we were not winning games we were being competitive for the early parts of games but just not quite able to maintain the effort for the whole 110 minutes. Compared to the other teams we were very inexperienced with none of our players having played in the Majors before and the majority of them being in their first or second year of baseball.

As the season went on we made huge improvements in all parts of the game but we really improved our pitching and fielding the most which was really pleasing and in the end we ended up beating one of the more experienced teams.

I believe that even though we only won one game for the year the experience gained and the improvement showed in each player shows that it was the right decision to play in the Majors rather than have both teams in the minors.

I think that one thing that could be done from the Club is to maybe get some more of the senior players and or Coaches in the Club involved a bit more in the Little League training sessions to help them improve even more but to also get the kids more engaged with the game and the Club.

On the down side to the season it was very disappointing to see the lack of support from the parents from week to week, making it very hard to prepare the team as I was often trying to find helpers. I don't have a solution to the problem and I don't think there is a quick fix but it is probably something that needs to be addressed early in the pre season. Unfortunately baseball is not seen by a lot of people as their main sport and some parents are just happy to drop and go until the games start or just not even come if they have other commitments, I think this is something that the Club should be looking to address.

We would like to thank the Club for all of the support they gave us during the year especially Terry who helped out on Sundays until he had to go away and to Phil who helped out whenever he was needed. We have found that the Club is prepared to go over and above to help out, we as a family have been very happy to be a part of the Club.

Nathan & Sue Tape

Little League Senators.

The 2013/2014 season has come to an end. Firstly, a big thank you to Frank Letamendia for being my Assistant Coach this season. Also, thanks to my two scorers Andrew Frangiskos and Larry Ierace. Having these three reliable guys helping out made my job easier.

It was great to see some of the drills and skills learned at training come into play on the field this season. We as a team just need to continue working hard but, most of all, enjoy your game and have a go. All of you U11 players can be great ball players, just keep up the good work.

Sean Conlon

Tee-Ball

This season we had a relatively young group of players, the numbers were about the same, around the 15 - 20 mark. We don't seem to attract big numbers like other clubs but we don't have school teams. West Torrens seem to have a monopoly on them in our area. The players still have a lot of fun and more than half go on to play in the under 13's.

We competed in the All-star competition again although Gawler pulled out and left just 3 sides, the players develop enormously during the course of the series so it is worth remaining in. East Torrens and Henley and Grange tied for the Cup. We will be hoping that Gawler comes back in or they will have to source a replacement.

Next year we only have a couple of players old enough and skilled enough to go up. I have decided to nominate as a Coach for one of the Little League teams. T-Ball will, most likely, be handled by a selection of younger Senior Players. Good Luck Guys.

Once again I would like to thank the Committee for their support and also the volunteers that continue to man the Canteen on the Friday nights and run the Family Fun Nights.

Graham Newbound.

SEASON 2013-2014 TROPHY WINNERS WOODVILLE BASEBALL CLUB

DIVISION 1

Keith Mortimore Perpetual MVP	Troy Weinert
Batting Award	Ben Lodge
Players Award	Chris Doyle
Golden Glove	Sascha Lutz

DIVISION 2

Les Behrendt Perpetual MVP	Troy Harrison
Batting Award	Damien Wall
Best Team Man	Nathan Nicholson

DIVISION 3

Mark Peters Perpetual MVP	David Lodge
Batting Award	David Lodge
MVP Runner-up award	Shane Brown

DIVISION 5

Perpetual MVP	Adrian Hill
Batting Award	Adrian Hill
Most Improved	Dean Bridger

DIVISION 6

Most Valuable Player	Terry Fitzgerald
Batting Award	Matt Cutting
Best Team Man	Shane Nicholson

UNDER 19

Adam Lodge Perpetual MVP	Rhys Owen
Batting Award	Peter Drover
Most Consistent	Brayden Marchioro

UNDER 17

Grant Behrendt Perpetual MVP	Liam Mullen
Runner Up MVP	Jordy Grose / Kane Razis
Batting Award	Liam Mullen

UNDER 15

Don Klaebe Perpetual MVP	Hayden Carroll / Wei Cho
Runner-up MVP	Abe Kortekaas
Coaches Award	Will Kortekaas

LITTLE LEAGUE MAJOR U13's (Woodville)

Ian Marsland Perpetual MVP	Tahlea Tape
Most Improved	Tyron Engels
Best Team Player	Thomas Llamas

LITTLE LEAGUE MINOR U13's (Senators)

Ian Marsland Perpetual MVP	Anthony Ierace
Batting Award	Hunter Ding
Best Team Man	Sam Conlon

GAME MILESTONES

200 Games	Wade Moore Troy Nicholson Callum Robinson
600 Games	Shane Brown Terry Fitzgerald Craig Mortimore

GEOFF ROGERS AWARD	Jo Owen
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MARK BIGGINS AWARD	David Lodge / Nathan Nicholson
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KLAEBE CLUB AWARD	Craig Mortimore
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TONY HARRIS MOST PROMISING JUNIOR	Jesse Toepfer
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MAX BEHRENDT JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	Lee Tape
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BASEBALL AUSTRALIA

Australian Team Selection	Ben Lodge
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BASEBALL SA

U19 Don Rice League Claude Pearce Medal	Rhys Owen
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