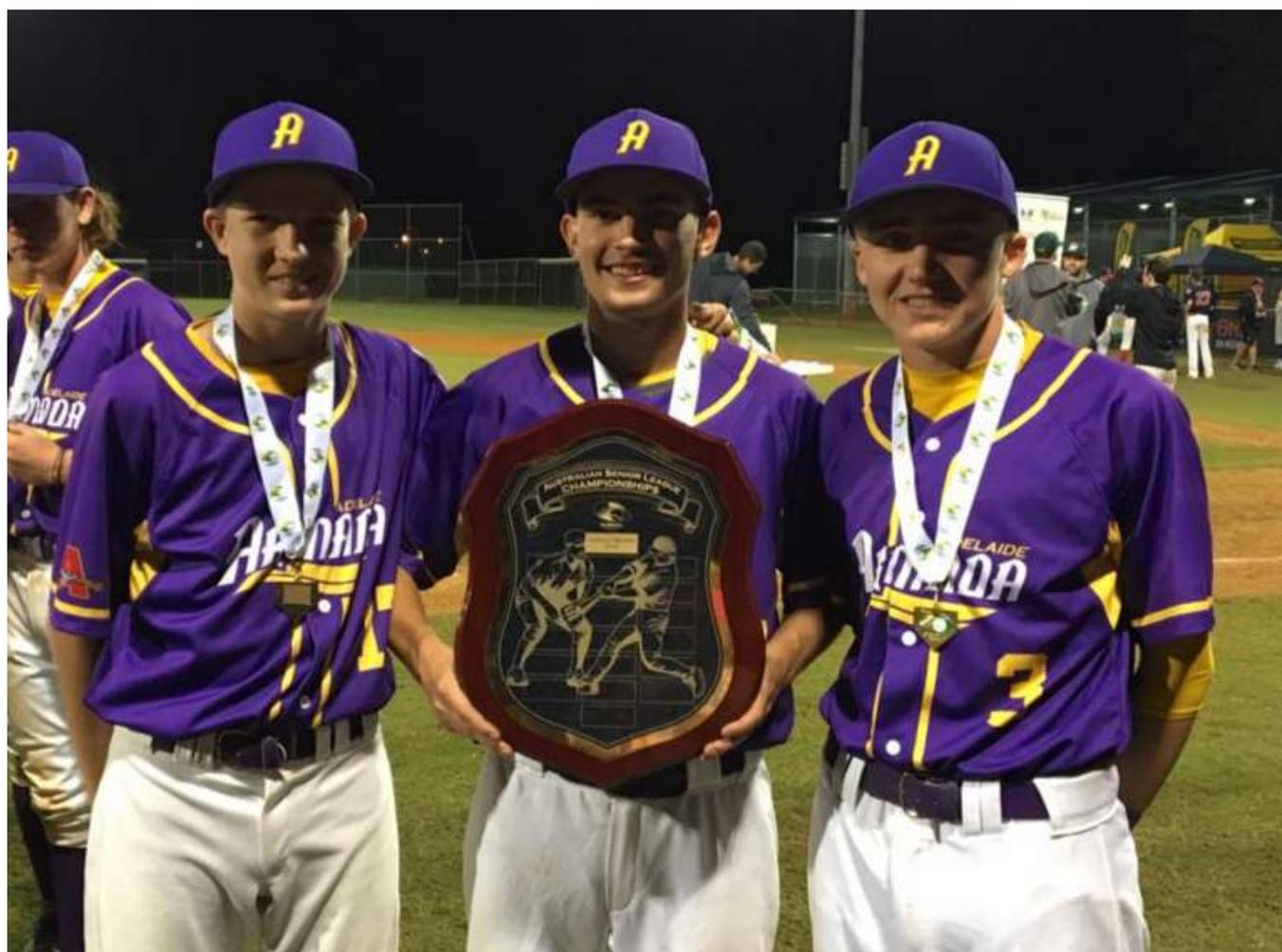


# *Woodville District Baseball Club*

## *Annual Report 2016-17*



Congratulations Hayden Carroll, Morgan Ruchel and Will Kortekaas and the Adelaide Armada on winning the Senior League Championships in Lismore. They are now off to Easley in South Carolina in July for the Senior League World Series.

*WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB*

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## **WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB**

### **From the Chairman.**

Season 16/17 was a moderate on field and a solid off field result, a tough but transitional year overall. One could reflect on negatives and the past, but there is no gain.

Many thanks to the fellow Board of Directors who put in some enormous hard yards, Sponsors, all Coaches, Players and Members for the loyal support shown. Well done to our wonderful Life Membership nominations Darren Annear, Ian Marsland, Craig Mortimore, Tony Page, Sue Rogers and Peter Wyatt.

Vale Steve Edgeword Colin Harrison John Ryan

“From negatives in life, positives are born,” and it is my responsibility to look to the future and what it may hold for us all. The appointments of Gary Owens, Wilson Lee and Troy Scoble to lead the Club in season 17/18 is exciting and we look to bounce back strongly. The continuity of returning Senior Team Coaches in ‘D, Red and Shane only contributes to the strength of our Club.

Due to a significant change to the Div 1/2 squad personnel, some players were exposed in 16/17 to the pressures of Division 1 before their expected time frame. That very experience will only strengthen the resolve of individuals and the depth of the squad for next year.

Heeding to my predecessors’ comments and need to focus on Juniors, the reappointment of Lawrie Moore as Junior Coaching Director will only build on last year’s progress, notwithstanding the player base created from strong subsidising of Junior fees last season by the Club.

The Board had five new Directors appointed this season and we have some high quality additions in Amanda Gray, Adam Lodge, Cameron Britcher, Craig Reval and Michael Mullen. The Club is in very good hands and I encourage you to support them in the future.

New income streams are vital and the Senators 5023 Club’s inaugural year will now go from strength to strength and we urge you to network with us and build this fantastic concept and a most rewarding one for all Members/Attendees. It is equally as important to strengthen our biggest income streams, canteen and bar, with increased revenue, support that is vital from all at the Club.

The Board has delivered the best bottom line result for 7 years and have created a financial base opportunity to go forward together.

The Players/Members Handbook will be re-issued with emphasis on Players, Coaches and Supporters Code of Conduct for season 17/18. This is a high priority project. The high culture standards built over many years of this great Club must be adhered to and be driven by us all. You must play a part to make weekends a great match day experience at Woodville at every game.

We will have some further projects that will be ready for the upcoming season. Junior diamond shelters will be built, Main diamond cut outs upgrade will be completed in June and the playing equipment will also be upgraded. There are further projects to be announced at a later time.

Onwards and upwards

*Noel Annear.*

## ***WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB***

### **Baseball Report.**

The season began with new additions to the Coaching Staff and several new Players with some past Players taking a year to revive their passion for the game we all love. I would like to thank all Coaches and Players for their dedication and effort throughout the season and believe that we are building a strong united Club to push into the future.

We had a large number of teams this year with the addition of the Div 7 and having 2 U/15 teams. A great effort from the families that supported us from Mildura and look forward to seeing you all at the Club again next year.

I would like to congratulate all our players that represented their respective Charter Teams and a special mention to Will Kortekaas, Morgan Ruchel and Hayden Carroll. All are a part of the successful Adelaide Armada team that won the National Junior League Title, and will now represent Australia at the Senior League World Series in America.

I'm sure they have been thanked before, but another note of appreciation to all Scorers, Managers, Umpires and Families that support our Players and Club throughout every season.

I couldn't have got through this season without the assistance from the Board and all Members at the Club. And a big thank you to Jo Owen who helped me greatly on top of her already large role at the Club.

Unfortunately I won't be continuing on the Board after this season and would like to thank the Members for giving me the opportunity and will still see you all around the Club next season.

Cheers

*Vic Bentvelzen*

## ***WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB***

### **Facilities Report.**

This year being my first year was challenging. I have always wanted to help out with grounds but was never afforded the opportunity. It is a very rewarding position to have, in particular the positive comments from representatives of all Clubs. This didn't just happen; it took hard work and tough decisions over many years to get to where we are today.

Added to this the uncanny weather culminating in extra work maintaining the high standards of the best ground in the league; our equipment took a battering. It is more than likely that my predecessors took the foot off the pedal as far as maintenance of equipment.

The greatest outlay was the ride on mower, which is still not 100% yet. The list of casualties are as follows:

\*Ride-on Mower: approx. \$500 spent and possibly another \$250?

\*Push mower-rotor plate collar shattered: likely outcome is that it would be better to replace it at a cost of \$300 to \$400.

\*Whipper shippers: both have issues with cracked housings and overheating of cutter head. Likely outcome is that we could make one out of the two. These items are more of a home style and not suited to prolonged use. A more industrial type would be better suited.

\*Blower 240V- motor blown: been using my own Ryobi battery blower. Recommend to purchase same or similar.

\*Cylinder mower: drive sprocket has completely stripped. Send to Seaton Mowers for repair and sharpening of cylinder and sole plate in the off season. Cost unknown at this stage.

We have been granted a Discretionary Ward Allowance of \$3674.00 for shelters on the Junior Diamond. This is approx. 50% of the quoted price. I will be in touch with Brad Grose to discuss a better price.

Grounds did not escape either. It was exposed to a nasty fungus which was too expensive to eradicate with chemicals, so we had to ride it out. We also had a black beetle outbreak in the outfield but that was towards the end of the season.

I did receive a lot of help during the season which I am thankful for. My work did however impact more and more on my role as the season went on, due to circumstances beyond my control. I was not able to give the time I initially did have to the role.

I appreciated the opportunity to perform the duties required and look forward to continuing to help as much as permissible.

Regards,

*Mick Mullen.*



## **WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB**

### **Club Report.**

A busy year for season 2016-17, with a couple of new projects through the season, fine-tuning the new kitchen, consisting mainly of exchanging the dishwasher fitted in the make-over for a commercial grade unit more suited to the task. Again, our Councillors and their Colleagues at The City of Charles Sturt have been keen to assist us in improving the Club.

We now have a Defibrillator, courtesy of a Discretionary Ward Allowance, which will increase the chances of survival in medical emergencies for any patrons of the Club. Due to fortunate timing of the purchase we were also able to acquire a new, comprehensive first aid kit at no cost to the Club. The AED is mounted in easy reach of the rooms or field near the back entrance of the building and is very simple to use, giving step by step audio instructions. An instructional DVD is also available for anyone wishing to familiarize themselves with its use.

The biggest project has been the fitting of solar panels to the batting tunnel roof, this time with the assistance of Council's 'Green Buildings' initiative. Not complete at the time of writing, the system will be connected by the end of June at a minimal cost to the Club, the majority of the \$10 000 cost coming from the Grant and expected to return savings of up to \$2500 per season at present rates. With all the preparations involved in a project like this, from early planning in taking advantage of a State Government energy audit program, to quotes and Grants proposals, this has been a three year undertaking. Thanks also to Hayman's Electrical and Adelaide Commercial Electrical for their assistance with this project. Remember to consider supporting our Sponsors when you can.

A volunteer grant sourced from the Federal Government last year has funded the purchase of a new portable PA system, along with new IT equipment and software to go some way to making life easier for volunteers busy with the day to day business of running a club. All purchases were carefully considered to maximise the ongoing benefit to the Club.

One of the more frustrating aspects of maintaining the Club's facilities is the cost (and time) of repairing damaged playing equipment, fixtures and fittings resulting from the lack of respect and/or control some Players display when things don't go their way. Volunteer's have enough to deal with without adding to the workload so, to those few people responsible, please consider the consequences of your actions.

With it now being time for me to step down after seven years, I would like to thank all the people who have been only too willing to help out around the Club during that time. There are few new faces, many who have been there longer than me and continue to shoulder some of the load. To all who have helped in the canteen and bar, thank you, it is a very important part of the financial security and future prosperity of the Club. If I start naming names I'm bound to miss someone so, please accept my thanks, (but keep doing it, the work doesn't stop).

*Dave Owen.*

## **WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB**

### **Junior Report.**

We started off prior to the season again this year with our ever expanding Winter Academy which was run by Lawrie Moore and assisted by David Gray. This has become a fixture for our juniors pre-season over the past few years and all that attended have benefitted from Lawrie's experience and setting them up for success early in the season. Players ranged in age from U11's right through to U17's players, I hope to see this continue and to gain further interest from returning and new players to the Club

Thanks largely to the support of the 5023 Club and the free fees that were offered this year to all junior players, we were able to field teams in all age groups and 2 teams in the Under 15's. The support that has been offered by the 5023 Club has gone an exceptionally long way in building our junior numbers this year and to create a strong foundation for us to continue our recruitment on throughout the off season.

Under 17's had a strong year, coached by Michael Doyle they finished strongly in 5<sup>th</sup> position and progressed to the preliminary final sadly going down in a well fought game against the eventual premiers West Torrens.

U15's fielded a team in each division this year which was great to see. Numbers were a little tight in each team throughout the year but luckily some players were able to play 2 games to make up the numbers and we managed to field two sides each week. Unfortunately, neither team had many wins on the board this year. Thank you to Sean & Bernie Conlon and Derek Milne for taking on the coaching roles this year and assisting each other to ensure all the players had a chance to learn and grow in training and on game day.

U13's started off the season low on numbers but thanks to some of the U11 players for stepping up and some mid-year recruiting they finished the year strongly and just missed out on a finals place. Lawrie Moore and Graham Newbound did a brilliant job in developing the skills of this group this year.

U11's were coached by David Gray with James Stradling assisting. They had a great year with 8 wins from 15 and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder

T-ball saw an influx of numbers this year and was run by Scott Romain and Shane Brown. They have both done a brilliant job with implementing the All Star round robin competition which had the t-ballers playing a variety of Friday night games throughout the western suburbs bringing more teams and parents together at the Club.

This year we moved away from the traditional Junior Presentation Night with T-ball held separately and instead held a Presentation Day. We were able to bring in a few attractions on the day such as a bouncy castle for the younger kids and a pitching target for the older kids. Thanks to some amazing weather, the event was held outside and after presentation a parents vs kids game was held. The kids all had a great time and the Club was alive with activity, I hope to see this new format continue as a fun day to bring the parents and kids back to the Club one final time before the season end.

Lastly, I would like to thank all that have supported the Juniors, from the Board Members who run the family nights, organise Bunnings BBQ's and arrange uniforms and Umpires. To the parents who bring the children out each week, who assist with fund raising and coach or score. To the Coaches who give their time to help with building our junior expertise and to the 5023 club for working hard to raise money to ensure that the Junior Program succeeds. Without all of the help and support of everyone involved, we wouldn't be where we are today.

*Amanda Gray*

## **WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB**

### Marketing Report.

Another great year with 1 new Sponsor and some existing Sponsors coming along once again.

#### New Sponsor

Bronze sponsor – All Purpose Tree Services

#### Existing Sponsors

##### **Gold**

Seaton Hotel

##### **Silver**

Caprice Promotional

Tonkin Consulting

Terry Fitzgerald

##### **Bronze**

Craigmore Golden Chickens

Port Adelaide Garden and

Landscape Supplies

Seaton Park Meat Store

Keith Mortimore

Garth & Adam Lodge

##### **Community**

Moore Maintenance and Electrical

Welland Waste and Recycling

Rob Scali Fuels

#### Meat Raffle:

We had a couple of meat tray raffles, some happy Members took home the goods.

Raised: \$80.00

#### Cadbury Chocolates:

Sold 60 boxes for the season. Great effort by everyone.

Raised: \$1500.00

#### Bunning's BBQ:

We have had 4 BBQ's this year at Bunning with Players & some Members attending for a few hours on the day. We have had great response from the Club and raised a great amount of money.

Raised: \$4041.00

#### *We held some successful Events:*

##### ***Senators 5023 Club. 2 Events during the Season***

###### ***"All about the kids"***

Mr & Mrs Cutting, Patrons of the Club.

Terry Fitzgerald & David Freak, Honorary Patrons.

From Matt Cutting's wishes & donation of funds the Senators 5023 Club was started.

Matt's passion was for the kids at the Club playing & enjoying themselves, this is how the Club got started.

## **WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Event Guest Speakers:** John Galloway & John Platten

Both were very entertaining. John Galloway spoke about his path with Baseball, Coaching and as a Player, what he is currently doing with himself and how the game has changed. John Platten spoke about his pathway to AFL Football, his career in Melbourne and, since coming back to Adelaide, Coaching at Central Districts Football Club. With 42 Guests, Sunday Roast which went down very well. Junior Mums waited on the tables Great success with Past Players & Life Members attending as well.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Event Guest Speakers:** Tony Harris & John Lynch.

Tony spoke on his journey in baseball as a young player and what he currently is doing now travelling the world as Australian Coach.

John was very funny & witty with heaps of laughs with his stories.

He then spoke about the serious work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service which has been doing exceptional lifesaving recoveries in remote areas.

Garry Marsland was presented with his Life Membership on the day.  
Well done Garry from everyone at the Club.

Raised: \$ 17,200

The Club received 1 free ticket for a Player to attend Bite Academy in July from purchase of tickets to the Capps Medal Presentation.

From Senators 5023 funds we sent two other Players to the Academy. One more Player was sponsored by a Member to attend, totalling four from the Club:

Jack Higginbotham, Will Kortekaas, Harrison Kiss & Ashlin Miller.

**Night at the Dogs**- 65 attended, food was excellent once again we attracted 7 Sponsors for the event:

Enviro Sweep, Moore Maintenance & Electrical, Riverside Pizza, Adelaide Fine Electrical, Fine Concepts, Unique Commercial Tiling, Craig & Marie Mortimore.

Raised: \$ 1765.00

### **Ladies Day @ the Club.**

Sold Pink Hats to the ladies. Good day overall was enjoyed by the ladies that attended. \$5.00 entry with Food & Drinks.

Raised: \$250 donation to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

### **Men's Health Day**

We held the Men's Health Day again with a gold coin donation and players wore yellow hats with yellow bases on the diamond.

Many past players attended the event.

Raised: \$250 donation to the Cancer Council

### **People's Choice Lottery Raffle.**

Almost 30 Books sold. Pity it is off-season for selling tickets.

Raised: \$1260.00

### **Halloween Night at the Club.**

Always a fun night with heaps of kids dressing up and enjoying the meal & giveaways for the best dressed.

### **Christmas Night at the Club;**

Held on a Friday night before Christmas, Santa Claus visited the Club after over 90 people enjoyed a schnitzel & salad. All the juniors & kids enjoyed themselves.

## ***WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB***

Family Fun Nights on Friday nights at the Club are a huge success with a good number of families attending.

Junior Director Amanda Gray organized Div 6 & 7 to play and have some fun after the season. Our Coach Gary Owens umpired shirtless, huge success and fun with food and drinks, fun had by all.

Hopefully we are able to have some new ideas for fundraising next year at the Club, Bogan Bingo & Reverse Raffle.

We will be handing out People's Choice lottery books to sell during the off-season for 2017.

Many thanks to everyone who assisted throughout the year, especially the Players & Members attending the BBQ's at Bunning's.

Thanks again for your support with the Fund-raising events.

***Senator's Marketing Director***

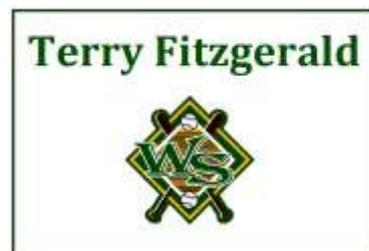
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## **WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB**

### **Finance Report.**

The MYOB Accounting system has been used to record the finances of the Woodville District Baseball Club Inc. as at 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

The following 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.

The Profit and Loss statement shows us as running at a loss of \$215, however, please take into account the depreciation figure of \$11043.

Our Fundraising areas are up thanks to the Bunning's BBQ's (Thanks to Pattie and the volunteers.) The Senators 5023 club has certainly boosted the coffers, thanks go the Cutting family and Craig, Marie, Pattie and all their helpers for setting this up.

Our Sponsorships are still down on previous years and we as a Club must endeavour to gain more Sponsors. All Players and Members are encouraged to gain Sponsors which will also earn them a discount on their fees.

The canteen continues to run at a profit which bolsters the Clubs finances considerably but we are down on last year. The fact we had only nine Sunday home games compared to previous seasons of 12 has a significant effect on revenue.

Thursday nights attendances were down but hopefully as we continue to rebuild the culture at the Club increased numbers will stay for meals. I thank all our volunteers that keep it running so well.

I would also like to thank Dave Owen who was instrumental once again in successfully obtaining a Council Grant for solar panels and then organising everything involved in getting the job done. This will benefit both the Baseball and Lacrosse Clubs with an expected reduction to total power bills of as much as \$4500 a year.

I would also like to thank outgoing Board Members for all of their hard work and effort, some which have given many years of service to our club. I appreciate it.

*Members wishing to access financial statements, please contact Jo Owen:*

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*Jo Owen.*

## **WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB**

### Senior Coaching Directors Report

Firstly, I would like to thank all the Coaches this year who gave their all to help the W.D.B.C in their quest to become a better Club.

I would like thank Sean Bird in being appointed Div 1 Coach at the start of season. Sean took on the task with great enthusiasm and after a long pre-season got on to a good start with a 2-0 victory over last year's Premiers, Glenelg.

Also much appreciated is Troy Scoble, Wally Marks & Phil Hirschausen for their support to the Club and Players .

As the season wore on, things became more difficult due to player loss (injuries, suspensions, interstate transfers, travelling, etc)

After a difficult decision, Sean Bird stepped aside and the team regrouped under new Club Coach, Gary Owens.

Both Div 1 & 2 just missed out in the end to make the finals, which was a bit of a wake-up call as we have been quite successful in the last five years, but as a Club we will all learn from this experience and move on with great expectation for the coming years.

Div 3,4 & 6 didn't make finals this year, but in some ways had successful times. The Club has given a lot of young players the opportunity to play this year and have unearthed some great talent. Thank you to Darren Annear, Ben Murton and Shane Lodge for their efforts and time.

Thanks to Coach Dave Gray, who organised and coached the Div 7 team, which was a joy to see with so many new players to the Club enjoying themselves playing this great game.

All the best to Phil Hirschausen in being appointed Div 1 Head Coach of Golden Grove Central District Baseball Club and to Wally Marks going "Home" to East Torrens to join their coaching staff. Thanks to you both, for your efforts and time in Season 2016/2017.

Finally, thanks to the W.D.B.C. for giving me this new position, which I did enjoy, only to learn from it, so we can all improve for season 2017/18.

Thanks, see you all in Season 2017/ 2018.

*Adam Lodge*

## ***WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB***

### **Club Coach Report.**

Disappointing season overall. Immaturity has been our downfall, not only this year, but the past two missed Grand Final opportunities. We have talent, that hasn't changed. It's the mental side of the game that is holding us back. Many of our losses to the teams near the top of the pack were due to minor mental mistakes, not physical errors. We did not quite grasp the concepts of pressuring the defence, taking extra bases, small victories and limiting the damage defensively. It was like a broken record after every game going over the same mistakes. Our Players have to become students of the game rather than just Players that see and react. Once we learn the mental part of the game, we will shoot to the next level and finally reach the ultimate goal.

On a brighter note, a lot of younger guys had opportunities to play at a higher level. The jump between Div 2 and Div 1 can be quite large. Our friends from Mildura got some valuable playing time as well. Hopefully we can continue a strong relationship with this group and they can continue to grow. Great opportunity ahead of us as a Club to shock the SABL and I'm looking forward to it.

Thanks to our Scorers for their time this season. I believe we had multiple scorers. Thanks to the Coaching Staff for their efforts on and off the field. Thanks to the Supporters and Volunteers. Thanks to a group of guys that I'm willing to be in the trenches with on any given day! We move forward and rise up!

We are the boys from the ol' Senators!

*Gary Owens.*

## **WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB**

### **Division 2.**

This season turned out to be a tough one on the field for the WDBC. The success of the past few years at the Club, both at a senior and junior level, was not to be this year. There were a couple of contributing factors with the major one being those Players that chose not to play this year, a number of them from the top level. However, this gave those younger guys a great opportunity to play at a higher level of baseball than they might have if the team was the same or stronger from the past 3-5 years. Those that did get to move up to that higher level now have a better understanding of what it takes to be successful in a tough competition and I commend those that took up the challenge, worked hard and improved as the year went on. Injuries and suspensions also rattled the cage and stretched the already thin squad.

Division 2 teams this year were made up from a lot of young, up and coming stars with the average age of the team each week being around 17. A team that for more than half the time consisted of more country players than locals. Without the likes of Scott Knudson, Anthony Carroll, Hayden Carroll, Sam Zaccane, Morgan Ruchel, Nick Kuhn, Matt Austin and Will Kortekaas we would have struggled to be competitive. On behalf of the Div1/2 squad and the WDBC, thank you for your effort each and every week.

The season was, in all, a rewarding one for the guys at this level with this young group finding their feet after the midway point and charged towards a potential finals birth. They finished half a game short of sixth spot with a win loss-record better than .600. In the past this would have gotten them over the line but the top six this year were good enough to hold us out. It hurts to lose and it is an unfortunate part of the game that needs to be accepted to better oneself.... But you don't have to like it. Use it to drive you harder, train harder and play harder and the rewards will be sweet. Thank you to all of the Players for your commitment this season and I wish you all the best in the future.

Thank you to Warwick Marks, Troy Scoble, Adam Lodge, Lawrie Moore, Sean Bird and Gary Owens for your hard work this season and commitment to the Club. Again, I wish you all the best in the future. Thanks to Jo Owen, Jane Nicholson and Bec McMullen for scoring this season. And to John and Tim Russell for everything you do for the group.

#### **Award Winners:**

**MVP: Anthony Carroll.**

Fantastic year on the hill and was instrumental in a lot of our wins. Well deserved. All the best with your U.S. hopes. GOOD ON YA A.C.

**Batting: Nick Kuhn.**

The passion and experience this guy brings to a team is outstanding and no doubt would've needed a wheelbarrow presentation night should he have played the entire season in one grade. GREAT GUY. GREAT MATE.

**Best Team Man: Wade Moore.**

Wade put in a fantastic pre-season and was rewarded with a Div 1 start come October. Always up and about, wears his heart on his sleeve and was a true leader of the Div 2 squad. GOOD ON YA MOO. Will miss you next year mate.

## ***WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB***

Thank you to all of my friends, past and present for the past 25 years. I will miss you all and wish you all the best for the future.

Finally, thank you to my family for all of the support you have given me throughout the decades so I could continue to do what I love and I'm so glad that you embraced the WDBC with me.

*Phill Hirschausen.*

### **Division 3.**

This year was always going to be harder again after the success we had winning back to back premierships, but we were up for a challenge. Our squad wasn't the same from last year, losing quite a few senior players to injuries and family commitments it was mainly made up of a few Senior Players but the majority of quality Junior Players. We used a lot of Players during the year, ranging from players from Div 2, Div 4 and a lot of Junior's.

We battled during most games during the year but we lost to teams we would usually and should beat. This cost us dearly on our run to the finals. We showed during the year that we could match it with the top teams but could not get enough wins to make the Finals. We finished the year with 8 wins, 9 losses and 1 draw, a disappointing result but plenty to look forward to. We have a lot of upside with some great Juniors coming through the ranks, so all is not lost.

In capping the year –

I won the MVP, catching most games and hitting over .400.

The Coaches Award went to Hayden Carroll, he was outstanding in the field, was one of our main relief pitchers and he got better & better as the year went on.

The Batting Trophy also went to a junior Jack Higginbotham who also got better as the year went on batting .452.

A big thank you to all the Junior Players and especially the Parents for making the special effort every weekend travelling from Mildura.

A special thanks to all the wives, parents, partners and children who were able to help in the canteen and other duties during the year. (A special shout out to my daughter Thalia who worked in the Canteen on every home game & also on Sundays at the Club). Thanks to Barb for scoring most games all year with Bec & Sue helping, Noel for being the Team Manager again without any fuss.

To Fanta for being my Assistant Coach, super help and has so much to offer, Nick Carroll for his help also, thank you for all your support.

Lastly, thanks to all the boys for the great year of ups and downs that we had, it was a great ride, let's hope we can get back to where we belong, the TOP!

Thanks

*Darren Annear.*

## **WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB**

### Division 4

The 2016/17 Season was almost the same as last season in terms of our finishing position and the constant changes to our line-up every week. We had a couple of good wins for the year but a lot of close losses and blow-outs which were sometimes due to our own mistakes and missed opportunities. We were lucky enough to have a couple of the Mildura boys help us out in Harry, Brayden and Angus. Unfortunately, we lost Angus and Brayden after Christmas and it did hurt us as we struggled to fill a side each week. Big thanks to Harry and his Mum for coming down every week to help out. Hopefully Dee doesn't pinch him off me next season!!

We were also very fortunate to have Vic Bentvelzen with us for the year as he injured his hand and could not swing natural right handed. He ended up hitting over .600 and pitched almost every week for me which earned him both the Batting Trophy and MVP for the year.

The other mention goes to a guy that I pinched from the Div 6/7 squad at the start of the year as he was pretty much the only bloke in that whole squad that could cover 100mtr in under 3mins (sorry guys but it's true! Hahaha). Aaron Petros was the only choice I had and what a great choice it was. Aaron had a great season in outfield as the enforcer out there running everything down that came his way. It was also amazing on Presentation Night to see him receive the great honor of winning the Mark Biggins Award. Well deserved Azza, great job!

Jack Clark also had a great first year in seniors and look forward to working with him next season. A future A-grader if he keeps with it. The usual crew helped out as usual, Kymmie Bridger, Nathan Collins, Brodie Usher and the others. Thanks guys. Let's try and move up the ladder next season. Thanks to Mum for scoring all season.

Lastly, a big thanks to all of those behind the scenes which makes our Club as great as it is. From the Ground Staff to the Canteen Staff. The Club wouldn't run without you so thanks you from all of us.  
Look forward to a fresh start and hopefully a finals birth in the 17/18 season

Thank You

*Ben Murton.*

## **WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB**

### **Division 6.**

We had a couple of new Players come out this season, Adam Lodge and Mark Moore towards the end of the year. We finished mid of the table this year, Adam had a good year on the mound pitching to his old partner in crime Wayne Dienhoff.

We had a fast start to the season winning the first two games by an average of 10 runs, this didn't last for too long. We had Aaron Petros move up to Div. 4's where he cemented a spot in centrefield for them. We had a few fill in players throughout the year.

Casey Moore improved quite a bit from moving into centrefield. Derek Milne had a great year coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the batting average and not injuring himself, this was a great plus.

Shane Nicholson was outstanding this year coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the batting average. He also would spend every home game working on the diamond getting it ready for us to play on, Shane ended up playing short stop, pitching and catching this year for Div. 6. Shane made 200 games this season and by doing this he has made the Nicholson's the first family to have 3 generations on the 200 Club board, congratulations.

Adam Lodge had a great year on the mound coming back from ten years away from the game. Adam picked up the Batting Award and MVP Award as well at one stage during the season there were 3 Lodges, 2 Mortimores and 2 Moores on the field at one time, this goes to show what a family Club we are.

A big thankyou goes out to Judie Currie for scoring, I don't know how you put up with us week after week, hope to see you next season. Jane Nicholson, thank you for working the canteen at our home games and scoring when Judie was away. It was a very enjoyable season and I am look forward to seeing everybody to come back next season and go again.

Awards:

M.V.P

Adam Lodge

Batting

Adam Lodge

Coaches Award

Shane Nicholson

*Shane Lodge.*

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### Division 7

2016/17 was the first year playing for 90% of the Div 7 team with only Chris Papps, Tim Fawcett and myself having played before. As a new team, we didn't have high hopes of finishing with many wins but we went out with the intention of having a good time and this was certainly achieved.

Playing against some very experienced teams such as Glenelg, Henley & Grange and Flinders Uni showed our lack of knowledge of general baseball rules. By mid-season and with a number of focussed training sessions, we had progressed to base stealing and players backing each other in the field. Thanks go to Mike Chemny and Tim Fawcett with assisting in sharing their extensive baseball knowledge.

Late in the season we had our best game yet, playing 10<sup>th</sup> placed Sturt at their home ground saw a close game but unfortunately we went down 10-7. This game showed some great promise of good things to come from these players next year, in particular a double play to Tim Russell.

Big thanks to the wives and girlfriends for all your support in the canteen & on the sidelines. We couldn't do this without your support to play each week. Thanks also to Amanda Gray for scoring this year and to Mel O'Brien for filling in when Amanda wasn't available.

It has been a fun season with lots of laughs and I look forward to seeing everyone back next year to do it all again.

#### AWARDS:

Best Team Man  
Batting  
Most Improved

Dave Ding  
Dave Gray  
Graham England

*David Gray*

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*Div 6 & 7 'friendly' to finish off the season*

### **Don Rice League.**

Somewhat of a rebuilding year for the 19s. We relied on younger players coming up and being thrown into the fire. I think they've learned that the game speeds up quite significantly and it turns into a chess match rather than checkers. We had our chances to make the finals and there was a sense of urgency to get there, which is a positive sign for the years to come.

This group is hungry for baseball in its purest form and if they can continue to grow as athletes the future looks bright. The atmosphere from the playing group was just what you look for, loose with a will to win. They all gelled together quite well and were quite easy to manage as a whole.

Look forward to seeing what this group can accomplish next season.

Thanks to Jesse Toepfer for putting his hand up to help coach the boys, was reliable all season and a big help.

Thanks to Shane Nicholson for filling in when there was a conflict with the Div 1 schedule.

Thanks to Jo for scoring for us and thanks to our supporters for being there and supporting the youngsters.

*Gary Owens*

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### **Under 17.**

The U17's were fortunate to have a strong team for the 16-17 season which included 4 SA state representatives. The team consisted of half Adelaide based players, the other half coming from Mildura. It was a credit to the boys that they gelled very well as a team despite not having the opportunity to train as a squad during the week.

While not having a full strength line up every week, with many of the boys also playing in senior teams for Woodville, we finished the minor rounds fifth on the ladder with 9 wins, 5 losses and 1 draw.

One highlight for the season was that the team had the second lowest amount of runs conceded for the year, a sign of great pitching and defensive support. This saw our first final against the second placed Port Adelaide in which we were successful with a 1 run victory.

We then progressed to play West Torrens (the eventual Premiers) and unfortunately came up short by one run. While we were not able to progress to the Grand Final, the experience the boys got from playing in two close fought finals games will be fantastic for their baseball careers.

I'd like to thank the U15's coaches, Sean and Brett Conlon, for their support with training throughout the year.

Many of the boys will be moving up into the senior divisions next season and I'm confident that the Club will have some bright talent for many years to come.

*Michael Doyle*

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### **Under 15/1**

It was pretty clear season 2016/17 would be a challenging one from the outset, with no Coach in place for the second team, a problem unresolved until well into the season. With up to 28 Players at training on any given night, individual development and working on team strategy was at times difficult.

We had a number of games against quality teams that could have been wins if not for the extra outs required in a number of innings. It was great when the U15 teams began training separately and the results began to show on the diamond.

With a good pre-season, team work and dedication this group of Players hopefully will improve and develop into good baseball Players and a better team. As Coaches both Brett and myself enjoyed seeing the improvement in Players and hope that all Players have enjoyed their baseball as well as learnt more about the game too.

Congratulations to the trophy winners:

MVP:	Jack Higginbotham
Batting:	Jack Higginbotham
Coaches Award:	Anthony Ierace

Also, it was pleasing to see Jack receive recognition by Baseball SA for his efforts.

I'd like to thank Brett for all his help getting the season started and during the year. Also to Mike Doyle for his help with trainings.

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*Sean Conlon.*

### Under 15/2

The U15 Div 2 team was a collection of first time players and those progressing from U13s. The newer players had a steep learning curve, discovering some of the simpler things like, which way to run around the bases, the difference between a ball and a strike, as well as the more complex holding up on a fly with less than two out. Leading off bases was new to all and we suffered early in the season as other sides took advantage of our inability to hold runners on base or throw them out stealing. Whilst we still have work to do here, the whole team progressed well in this area as the season went on.

Achieving a good score line was a struggle this season, but full marks to everyone in the team for never letting this get them down and never dropping their heads.

As a coach I have two main goals:

- That everyone enjoys the season
- That everyone improves their game

It is a bit hard for me to properly judge my performance on the first point, but there is no doubt in my mind that each and every player improved.

The trophy winners are:

- Rookie of the Year – Caleb Sheffield.  
Awarded for commitment to the team, pitching strikes, and all-round improvement during the season.
- Best Batter – Dajmien Loucas  
Topping the batting average with a respectable .375 for the season.
- Most Valuable Player – Blake O'Brien.  
Awarded for his ability and willingness to play anywhere on the field. Most prominent in the roles of pitcher, pivot player and first base. He was however

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seen catching and playing outfield as well during the year. He was always encouraging his team mates and is a worthy winner of this award.

To repeat from my speech on presentation day, the most important thing that you need going into next season is to bring confidence in everything you do on the field and at training. Trust yourself that you can crush the ball at each at bat, trust your skill and throw hard, you will hit your target and trust your glove work. I know that each of you will see a steep change in your performance if you can do this. Nico, you already have much of this self-belief already and it showed at game time – keep up the good work. A big thank you goes to the following people in no particular order:

Mel for scoring.

Matt and Chris for their game day coaching.

Sean & Brett Conlon for their midweek coaching and getting the team up and running early in the season.

There are of course many others to thank, including Groundsman, Committee, Parents for bringing their children out and working the canteen.

Finally a big thank you to everyone. I had a great time this season and that is what baseball is all about for me. Fun and friends.

Cheers,

*Derek Milne*

Under 13/2

Thank you for the opportunity to coach the U13's this Season at Woodville.

While on thank you's, I will continue:

A big thank you to the Ground Crew for preparing the ground every weekend.

To all the Parents and Careers for Helping out in the Canteen.

Importantly, a thank you to all the volunteer Umpires throughout the season.

To Amanda Gray, thank you for stepping up into the role of Junior Director, great drive and passion for all the Juniors.

Natasha Crosby, Kerryn Fry and Terri Poole for carrying out all the scoring, pitch counts and off-field roles for our team.

John Schultz and Gary Owens for helping out with our trainings. Their commitment to the Juniors at Woodville was outstanding.

Graham Newbound would be one of the hardest working & caring Coaches I have worked with, what he did to help grow our number of Players was amazing.

Souley Holly & John Von Senden were two recruits Graham worked on to become involved at the Club.

In the wash up we finished eighth on the ladder. Sixth, seventh and eighth all finished with the same Win/Lose ratio of 13 points. Unfortunately, our runs percentage was against us. Six wins, and one draw was a good result as most of our games were closely contested.

The boys were a good mix of Players. Harry Kiss & Cooper Newbound did most of the pitching & catching all year with Callum Seal putting in a couple of good outings also. John Von Senden helped out late in the season.

In the infield Connor Crosby showed he was very able at first base, being that brick wall. Luke Poole played second and developed well as a solid player, also catching and showed good leadership within the playing group. Sam Matthews slotted into short stop for most of the year, again picking up what was required to play this position.

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Blaize & Ari Ryan joined the Club this year and showed good promise as players. The outfield was controlled by Callum Seal at centrefield with Ari Ryan and Ethan Gosling in the corners. Souley Holly also played outfield this season, along with John Von Senden.

Boys, thank you for the pleasure of coaching you, to see you guys improve throughout the year makes it special. Base hits, good catches, good base running and playing the game in the right spirit is a credit to you all.

To the Parents, thank you for your commitment to make sure the boys made trainings and games.

Thanks to the boys from Under 11's for helping out during the season.

In closing, special thanks to Pattie for the support again throughout the season.

### **Congratulation to the Trophy Winners**

MVP:	Harrison Kiss
Most Promising Player:	Cooper Newbound
Coaches Award:	Luke Poole

Cheers Lawrie ( China)  
Good Luck for 2017/2018

*Lawrie Moore*

## **Under 11**

This year saw more than half our team filled with new players to both the Club and to the game of baseball. Thanks to the winter academy run by Lawrie Moore in the lead up to the season, my existing players had gained a lot of additional skills prior to the season.

We started out strong in our first game against an inexperienced Henley and Grange for a good win, this set the scene for the majority of our season with a total of 8 wins for the year from 15 games played.

This season I had a variety of pitchers with experience or natural talent, our leading pitcher Liam Hearst was a first year player who showed some huge potential, followed up with Charlie Thomas, Zane O'Brien and Ryan Stradling who all threw more strikes than balls throughout the season. Deagan Gray played his first time as catcher and set himself up for the year as our main catcher after a brilliant pop up catch with mask still in place. Lachlan Fraser also took a spectacular catch in the outfield later in the season which I think surprised himself!

I tried to ensure that all players were played throughout the fielding positions to ensure that they had as much experience as possible. At times this was a difficult task when all players wanted to play as pitcher but we managed to give a chance to all to play the positions they wanted.

I would like to thank James Stradling for stepping up to Assistant Coach, Amanda Gray for scoring this season and to all the Parents for your assistance at training and on game day.

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### TROPHY WINNERS

Best Team Man	Ryan Stradling
Most Potential	Deagan Gray
MVP	Liam Hearst

Congratulations also to Liam Hearst for making the top 10 for Baseball SA Under 11's.

*Dave Gray*

### Tee-Ball

The 2016/ 17 T-Ball and Under 9 competition was extremely successful and also very busy with carnivals on a Friday night and under 9 games on a Sunday morning! This year we put up our hand to host the first All Star night and both Shane and I were very impressed with the turn out and the professional way our Club went about hosting this event. Many thanks to Amanda Gray for organizing the Ground Staff, Umpires and Canteen Staff. Job well done.

These carnivals are a great night for the players to play varied positions over two games to better their knowledge of the game. With all of our players coming out it was difficult to manage but we ended up giving each player at least one full game spread out over the two games. We were fortunate to have three All Star nights and each night the players played beyond our expectations hitting extremely well, advancing runners, playing defensive on field plays and taking catches, it was very pleasing to watch .

Our training nights were in between All Star nights where we are very busy dividing into four groups, all improving every training session which was evident at games. All aspects covered were catching techniques, batting, fielding and teamwork a big focus. A huge highlight was an extra All Star night playing before the Adelaide Bite/ Brisbane Bandits ABL game!! Our team performed extremely well and it was a treat for all to be on the ground to see the players on to the field, some getting to go on to the field and stand with a player for the National Anthem. A great night was had by all.

The Under 9 competition was a huge success to say the least, with all our players being able to hit a live ball from the coach/pitch rule . Our players excelled in this type of game and our defence was extremely strong , taking infield and outfield catches (Declan Amato 's catch at centre field a highlight against Glenelg) We're sure in the five games we played every player grew in confidence and every game we became very competitive (Aaron Rudd!) Our last game against Goodwood was a great last game, you had to be there.

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All this could not have happened without the amazing support Shane and I got from lots of Parents of our Players. Special mention to Megan Oliver who did ALL the player rostering for all the All Star and U9 games, messaging parents, creating a Facebook T-Ball page and taking amazing photos along the way. Megan did an amazing job and both Shane and I are extremely thankful for the work she did, it made our T-ball program very cool, thanks Megan, YOU ROCK.

Also a HUGE thank you to Aaron Rudd and Brad Atkinson for their work at training nights, for running the dugout batting line-ups, working in the field during games was very valuable to the Players. Shane and I couldn't have done all that we did this season without these two guys by our side. GREAT JOB GUYS.

All in all a great, jam-packed season was just what we needed as we had an absolute ball coaching a great bunch of kids and having supportive parents is absolutely awesome, and the parents enjoyed it too!

Cheers,

*Scott Romain.*

*Shane Brown.*

## **SEASON 2016-2017 TROPHY WINNERS WOODVILLE BASEBALL CLUB**

### **DIVISION 1**

Keith Mortimore Perpetual MVP	Gary Owens
Batting Champion	Troy Weinert
Golden Glove	Nick Kuhn
Consistency Award	Jordy Grose

### **DIVISION 2**

Les Behrendt Perpetual MVP	Anthony Carroll
Batting Champion	Nick Kuhn
Best Team Man	Wade Moore

### **DIVISION 3**

Mark Peters Perpetual MVP	Darren Annear
Batting Champion	Jack Higginbotham
Coaches Award	Hayden Carroll

### **DIVISION 4**

Most Valuable Player	Vic Bentvelzen
Batting Champion	Vic Bentvelzen
Coaches Award	Aaron Petros

### **DIVISION 6**

Most Valuable Player	Adam Lodge
Batting Champion	Adam Lodge

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Coaches Award	Shane Nicholson
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### **DIVISION 7**

Batting Champion	Dave Gray
Coaches Award	David Ding
Most Improved	Graeme England

### **DON RICE LEAGUE**

Adam Lodge Perpetual MVP	Joseph Papps
Batting Champion	Liam Mullen
Best Pitcher	Troy Nicholson

### **UNDER 17**

Grant Behrendt Perpetual MVP	Will Kortekaas
Batting Champion	Morgan Ruchel
Coaches Award	Harry Graham

### **UNDER 15/1**

Don Klaebe Perpetual MVP	Jack Higginbotham
Batting Champion	Jack Higginbotham
Coaches Award	Anthony Ierace

### **UNDER 15/2**

Don Klaebe Perpetual MVP	Blake O'Brien
Batting Champion	Dajmien Loucas
Rookie of the Year	Caleb Sheffield

### **UNDER 13/2**

Lawrie Moore Perpetual MVP	Harrison Kiss
Most Promising Player	Cooper Newbound
Coaches Award	Luke Poole

### **UNDER 11**

Woodville Baseball Club Perpetual MVP	Liam Hearst
Most Promising Player	Deagan Gray
Best Team Man	Ryan Straddling

### **GAME MILESTONES**

200 Games	Shane Nicholson Emanuelle Hirschausen Josh Lochiel-Baker
300 Games	Kim Bridger Jye Height Wayne Dienhoff

### **WDBC AWARDS**

GEOFF ROGERS AWARD	John Russell
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MARK BIGGINS AWARD	Aaron Petros
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KLAEBE CLUB INDUCTEE	Jo Owen Tim Russell
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TONY HARRIS MOST PROMISING JUNIOR	Will Kortekaas
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MAX BEHRENDT JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	Blake O'Brien
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## **AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL LEAGUE**

World Baseball Classic Selection	Dushan Ruzic Josh Tols
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## **BASEBALL SA**

Baseball SA All Star Selection	Gary Owens - Left field
Don Klaebe Memorial Award Youth State Team Most Consistent	Will Kortekaas
U18 Greatrex Sporting Award	Morgan Ruchel
U15/1 Youth MVP Medal	Jack Higginbotham
Life Membership, SABL	John Ryan
Ken Wesslink Award Volunteer of the Year	Lawrie Moore

## **State Representatives and Australian Representatives**

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Under 18	Hayden Carroll Morgan Ruchel
Under 16	Jack Higginbotham Will Kortekaas Angus Ashcroft
Adelaide Waves Australian Junior League	Jack Higginbotham
Adelaide Armada Australian Senior League Champions	Will Kortekaas Morgan Ruchel Hayden Carroll

## **FINAL STANDINGS SEASON 2016-2017**

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	DRAW	MINOR PLACING	FINALS
Div 1	13	19	3	10 <sup>th</sup>	Did Not Qualify
Div 2	11	7	1	7 <sup>th</sup>	Did Not Qualify
Div 3	8	9	1	9 <sup>th</sup>	Did Not Qualify
Div 4	4	11	1	10 <sup>th</sup>	Did Not Qualify
Div 6	6	12	0	10 <sup>th</sup>	Did Not Qualify
Div 7	0	18	0	14 <sup>th</sup>	
Don Rice League South	3	4	1	4 <sup>th</sup>	Did Not Qualify

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Under 17	9	5	1	5 <sup>th</sup>	Lost Semi Final
Under 15/1	3	12	0	10 <sup>th</sup>	Did Not Qualify
Under 15/2	0	14	0	10 <sup>th</sup>	Did Not Qualify
Under 13/2	5	5	1	6 <sup>th</sup>	Did Not Qualify
Under 11 North	8	7	0	4th	Do not play finals