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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
17/10/11	7:30pm	Committee Meeting Clubhouse
22/10/11	Various	Junior Team Photos Jannali Field
28/10/11	7:30pm	Trivia Night Kareela Golf Club
21/11/11	7:30pm	Committee Meeting Clubhouse

## WELCOME TO THE 2011-2012 SUMMER SEASON!



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*For regular updates and more information on the season and events to come!*

## **POSITIONS STILL VACANT**

Every club needs a band of members who are willing to put in just a little bit each month on the committee or in the background.

Some positions require only occasional attendance at committee meetings

All players over 18 and all parents are welcome and encouraged. Come along; step up to the plate!



## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first Comets Newsletter for the Summer 2011-2012.

Each week I will try to get a copy of the newsletter out to all teams. It will also be posted on the Comets website, [www.comets.org.au](http://www.comets.org.au). Whether this Newsletter has content or not depends wholly on you, the members of the club. I'm happy to include anything and everything you want to put in a public forum, within reason. I obviously can't print anything that isn't PG or which is slanderous.

If you're, perhaps, a club member and want to sell something, send me an ad and I'll place it in the next Newsletter. Likewise, if you want to buy something that someone within the club may have send me an ad and I'll put it in the next Newsletter.

If you just want to send a "Letter to the Editor", by way of general comment on life, the universe and everything, feel free to do that, too. As long as it's PG and not slanderous, I'll publish it in the Newsletter.

***The Newsletter is supposed to be for you and should reflect what you want it to be.***

Without input from the members, it will die. As a starting point, the Exec expects every team to submit a brief match report of each game.

I will be creating a template for each team, which says "No Report Submitted". This will be overwritten with your report, when you submit it, and those that don't submit match reports will, therefore, be noted in the Newsletter with the default entry. I have not done this in the first edition, but it will be there from next week. Thank you to the 10/2s — the only team to submit a report for all three of their games so far. Keep up the good work team!

Your match report doesn't have to be a Walkley Award winner, nor does it need to be War and Peace in length. Just a few words about how your game went and any outstanding performances. Try not to criticise other clubs/teams or the umpire(s). Try to keep your submission positive.

I look forward to some regular contributions from all teams, Juniors and Seniors.

Yours in Baseball,

Graham Grigg, Newsletter Editor

## AGM

Comets' AGM was held on Monday night, September 19th. There was an excellent attendance and I'm pleased to report that the majority of positions were filled. Please check the website ([www.comets.org.au/office.htm](http://www.comets.org.au/office.htm)) for a full list of filled and vacant positions.

The elected Executive positions were:

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# MATCH REPORTS

Grade	Round	Date	Ground	Comets	St Pats
10/2	1	10/09/11	Waratah	1	2

Well the old Comets T-ball team is back for a season in front of the Zooka gun, with new recruits Blake, David and Benson very welcome.

The first round against St. Pats was a cold, windy affair at Waratah Oval. Both teams are still getting their eye in on the Zooka, leading to almost as many strikes as a NSW Public Service union, but there was also a sneak preview of some of the good hitting & fielding we can expect this season from the mighty Comets.

Bruce started proceedings well in the first innings with a good hit & run to first. Yok followed with a solid hit to mid-field, then Conor's run to first left us with loaded bases before, alas, our third Out meant side away before any of them could get home. In the field, Flynn was unlucky not to take a fly-ball at left outfield but kept his head with a good throw to Matt on second base. Blake put in a good first innings performance as catcher –a great start to the season from a talented player.

In the second innings, Matt continued last year's big swinging, with St. Pats grateful that he didn't connect on this occasion. Looking forward to some out-of-the-park hitting from Matt later in the season. David got to first with a great hit to right field, while Kyle also hit solidly but lost the race to first base by a toe. Back in the field, even a hit to the face couldn't upset Yok's great work behind the plate. An unlucky fly ball dropped between Bruce, Hayden and pitcher Flynn, but we also saw some good fielding from Blake at right outfield with a strong throw to Matt on first base.

Bruce's second visit to the plate resulted in a huge hit to centre field and a run to first base. Flynn followed with two great hits that, unhappily, just crept across the foul-ball line. Hayden was unlucky to be caught off a great hit that rattled his hands, with Bruce falling to the double-play on first. David did well as catcher in the third innings, and we also saw good fielding from Flynn with a throw to Matt on first almost getting an out. But later in the innings, Matt got his revenge by beating the St. Pats runner to first base after a great pick-up.

Two homes from St. Pats in the third inspired the Comets in the fourth innings, when everything started coming together. Yok launched a hit towards third base and eventually made it all the way to third courtesy of sweet hits from Matt and David. Then Blake showed great composure with a hit that got Yok home for a well-deserved run. Cayden was a great inspiration to the team, swinging well all day and making a great contribution in the field. In our final stint of the day on the field, Yok showed her skill with a pick-up and throw to Bruce at first who, cool as you like, stepped on the base with a St. Pats runner bearing down on him at speed. Out! Bruce's next play on first – after a throw from Kyle – just missed another out, but Kyle made up for it very next ball with a great pick-up at second and a strong tag on the St. Pats runner for the third out.

Congratulations to all the Comets players on a great opening game. Here's looking forward to a fun season ahead!

# MATCH REPORTS

Grade	Round	Date	Ground	Comets	Illawong
10/2	2	17/09/11	Jannali	10	4

Wow what a game!!

On your second week of zookaball, and all the challenges hitting the ball can bring, and not only did we do well hitting, but our fielding was on fire from the outset also.

Some lovely putouts at first in the first two innings by Matt and Kyle to Yok on 1st. Big attempts by Brock, Cayden and Connor also to keep the visiting Illawong side to 0 from their first two at bats.

In return, the hitting was great. Conor, Yok, Brock, Matthew and Flynn all making great contact and pushing runs around. Flynn has picked up his pace from last season making some great base running. Remember to listen to your base coaches though guys!!

In the 3rd inning Illawong came back strong at us, leveling at 4-4, they were starting to make good contact also.

4th inning. First three batters on base through singles and Kyle steps up to the plate and delivers our first homerun for the season! Grand slam up over the first base line. This lifted all our batters to another level and the hits kept on coming. Cayden, Ben and Zoe especially making some lovely contact with the ball.

Awards today to Kyle, Cayden and Ben.

# MATCH REPORTS

Grade	Round	Date	Ground	Comets	Sharks
10/2	3	24/9/11	Sylvania Waters	5	5

What an exciting game our team played against Cronulla Sharks today. We played at Sylvania Waters, under cloudy skies and with a cool breeze blowing over us.

We got off to a slow start but once the team got into gear there was no end to the action. An awesome Double Play occurred when Hayden took a great catch at Shortstop, and threw an incredible pass to Yok on first - getting 2 players out. In fact, Hayden had a great game catching lots of those high balls, - way to go Hayden!

Blake, as pitcher, collected the ball twice to get batters out with some great throws to Matthew on first. Incredible teamwork boys!

Kyle was like a machine at bat today, hitting an awesome 3 base hit; followed in the next innings with a HOME RUN! Brilliant stuff!

Yok and Zoe followed up Kyle's 3 base hit with some super shots that saw Kyle come home and the girls advance bases. Connor's concentration was incredible and it had great results with a powerful hit through the gap which saw him head to first.

Flynn followed Connor with a great hit that saw him safe at first base, and Connor advance to third. Matthew hit an awesome flyball which saw Connor home. Benson was next to bat, his fabulous hit saw both Flynn and Matthew home.

Cayden, at Shortstop, collected a ball which he threw to Blake on 2nd base for an out. Kyle then created another beautiful Double Play when he caught the batter out and threw to Matthew on first for the third out.

Flynn was our catcher today for 5 innings and he did a brilliant job. What a great game, awesome teamwork, amazing concentration and lots of fun to watch.

The whole team should be proud of their 5-5 draw game today, FANTASTIC! Today the awards went to Yok for big a hit fantastic fielding & Flynn for his fantastic job at catching and big hits too.

# MATCH REPORTS

Grade	Round	Date	Ground	Comets	Eastern Suburbs
14/3	1	10/09/11	Pioneer Park	14	5

What a start to the season. We travelled to Pioneer Park, some of us getting lost along the way, to play Eastern Suburbs. Mick was set and the team took to the dug-out. Everyone was there smiling faces and ready to begin the season with a win.

We had to try to get used to the longer running distances, but took this all in our stride. Chris, Reece, Erin, Harry, Angus, Jordan and Bailey all getting home assisted by the batting of Nick, Joe, Tahlia and Liam. 7 home in the 1st innings and Nick up to pitch.

1st batter hits and makes it to 1st, then proceeds to steal home. 2nd batter struck out. 3rd batter hits and gets to 1st then steals to 3rd. 4th batter hit to Nick and Nick throws to Erin for the out on 1st. 3rd out caught by a screamer of a catch in right field by Harry.

Up to bat again. This time everyone went out swinging and managed to get bat to ball. A very encouraging sign. We managed another 5 home in this innings. This time Liam came up to pitch – but was told that if his smile disappeared he was in trouble. It remained there and he pitched really well, with Jordan backing up as catcher. With 2 strike outs and 1 out on 1st we left runners stranded on bases.

Batting this time and again everyone swung. The Dolphins pitchers struggled with the extra distance and the wind so there were a number of walks. We only managed to get 2 home. Reece came up to pitch and did really well for his 1st ever game of baseball. 3 out for 1 run.

We didn't manage to get anyone home in the 4th innings. Joe came up to pitch and got 3 out for 3 runs. The team should be extremely proud of their first effort in the 14's and as they are a mix of 2 teams from last year with new blood they have gelled really well.

I love the fact that although they may not have made it home they assisted other runners, which is just as important in the game. They all swung and had a go. As manager I am very excited to see what they can achieve this season. I love that they backed each other up and played their hearts out. It is great to see a team that supports each other and parents that are as supportive and are more than happy to help.

What a welcome to the season, if the rest of the season continues like this we will be winners, even if we finish last.

Player of the Game – Reece  
Encouragement Award – Jordan  
Achievement Award – Liam

# MATCH REPORTS

Grade	Round	Date	Ground	Comets	Eastern Suburbs
14/3	2	17/09/11	Jannali	9	15

Another Saturday and another game. We lined up against a St Pats side on another beautiful day at Jannali.

Angus was called in as starting pitcher. He did a great job and had some of the St Pats players playing at the ball. Liam took over the pitching and again had the St Pats players swinging. St Pats managed 7 home in the 1st innings.

The St Pats pitcher knew where the strike zone was and again the Comets went out swinging. We only managed 1 home in the 1st. In the 2nd Liam remained as pitcher and did his job well, although the smile slipped slightly. Chris took over as pitcher and struck the St Pats batters hard. 3 out for 3 runs that innings, great pitching by both boys.

We were up to bat and again only got 1 home, but Bailey had a great safe hit to make it to 1st. Tahlia got a bad call with a strike being called around her head, but you take the call as given. Then there was the questionable call at 1st but such is life.

Chris and Reece pitched the 3rd innings and we managed to keep St Pats to 5 home this innings. Up to bat knowing it was our last innings and we went for it. We swung, got bat to ball and assisted runners on bases. 7 home this innings. And again Tahlia got an unfortunate call with an infield fly. But we pulled back and finished on a good note, so well done team.

Remember in the game of baseball there will be strange decisions, but you always listen to the umpire and never argue!

Player of the game was Bailey for safe hits and getting on base

Encouragement award went to Angus

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Grade	Round	Date	Ground	Comets	Eastern Suburbs
17/1 CCs	1	10/09/11	Jannali	21	2

first game of the season the 17 1's C/C's notched up a convincing win against Illawong.

Connor commenced the game from the mound with Illawong securing a one run lead. Bottom of the first James hit a home run with the C/C's advancing to a 5-1 lead.

Strong batting and defensive play from Claude, Craig, Brandon, Kieran, Ben, Blake, Liam and Bailey secured a strong win of 21-2 against Illawong.

The players have really gelled well together as a team and it will be exciting to watch the forthcoming games as they further develop.

# MATCH REPORTS

Grade	Round	Date	Ground	Comets	Eastern Suburbs
14/2	2	17/09/11	Heathcote	3	13

This seems to be a bit of a learning curve for our players (and coaches).

We are in the process of getting to know each other and what abilities each players has.

Chris is doing a great job letting each player find his own niche in the team. With the extra 15 mins each game, we are seeing everyone get a go at pitching and a fair go with the bat.

Whilst the score is not flattering, our players can hold their heads high and know they gave their best.

There were highlights from our players that brought great applause from the dugouts and crowd.

Our runs were all scored from hits, whilst they seem to get theirs off walks. We can see improvement each week in the players, so hats off to everyone concerned.

Thanks also to Michael and James for their support each week. These 2 have a lot of knowledge to pass on, so listen up boys.

John Back

Grade	Round	Date	Ground	Comets	Bonnet Bay
14/3	3	24/09/11		12	5

What an impressive game. We knew Bonnet Bay were a strong team as this is the team that were in the Grand Final of the 12's last year, we knew we could match them, we are just as good, all we had to do was stay strong the whole game, we did just that and it paid off big time!

We all batted well (the score reflects this), great base running, there was great team work in the field, fabulous pitching by all our pitchers.....this left a very happy Comets Coach.

Congratulations to Erin for the player of the match for her great outs at first and all round great game. Harry received an award for great batting and fielding. Chris received an award for his awesome pitching. I am sure we could name something everyone did that was awesome today, could we please have some more awards.....

Thank you to Robert Kemp who was at home washing cars and dropped everything to come and help out coaching at 1st Base

Tracey



# MATCH REPORTS

Grade	Round	Date	Ground	Comets	Giants
12/2 Gold	3	24/09/11	Apsley	4	14

A cool and overcast morning greeted us at Apsley park. The Giants looked as though they had started warming up the night before and proceeded with their drills before we had our first 3 players arrive. With Coach Munro on the scene our nerves were put at ease. Josh led us off and tried valiantly to get something started however some really good pitching kept him off the bases. Amy stepped up to the plate and with her first swing, her hitting career began. A single to Centre field. Ticara went swinging and was unlucky not to get on base. A walk to Roy and a few stolen bases, saw our first run of the day scored. We struggled for the remainder of the innings and could not manage to double that score.

Leon started pitching for us and toiled away, throwing some great strikes. Hitting was kept to a minimum and the Giants stole home relentlessly. Roy kept things tidy behind the plate but alas, the Giants raced to 7 runs and it was side away.

We started solidly again in our second innings with Kosta getting us off with a terrific hit to Right field. A couple of walks and stolen bases and we had raced to 3 runs. Amy had then made to get 2 hits in a row, unfortunately fielders choice robbed us of that. A big welcome to Iggy, who left nothing at the plate, with some almighty swinging. If he had of connected I'm sure the ball would not have been seen again.

Brett, Antonie and Ethan all had a real go as our pitchers in the second Giants innings, but things just did not go our way. Our fast balls were not quite fast enough and our curve balls a little straight to stop a rampant Giants batting line-up. Home was stolen 7 times and it was again side away.

We managed a consolation run in the 3rd, but it was not enough to make the Giants bat again. Well done to Leon and Iggy our award winners this week.

Grade	Round	Date	Ground	Comets	Giants
8/2 Royal	3	24/09/11	Jannali	7	0

After a hard fought tie the week before against the Giants, Comets Royal were looking forward to another game against Scots.

Unfortunately Scots had to forfeit the game because they only had 6 players.

But the teams played on and the Comets Royal loaned a few players to the Scots to field. The kids played really well today, had made several 'outs' with some excellent tagging. The kids are really trying hard, competing and having heaps of fun.

The coach is really proud of the progress made by all the players. Training is still on during the holidays. See you on Thursday.

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