



# Comets

## Summer 2018-2019 Presentation

### Season Reports



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**Junior Teams**



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Date	Time	Event
6/4 & 7/4		StGBA Round 1
13/4 & 14/4		StGBA Round 2
17/4	7.30pm	COMETS Meeting
27/4 & 28/4		StGBA Round 3
4/5 & 5/5		StGBA Round 4
11/5 & 12/5		StGBA Round 5
15/5	7.30pm	COMETS Meeting
18/5 & 19/5		StGBA Round 6
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1/6 & 2/6		StGBA Round 8
8/6 & 9/6		StGBA Round 9
15/6 & 16/6		StGBA Round 10
19/6	7.30pm	COMETS Meeting
22/6 & 23/6		StGBA Round 11
29/6 & 30/6		StGBA Round 12
6/7 & 7/7		StGBA Round 13
13/7 & 14/7		StGBA Round 14
17/7	7.30pm	COMETS Meeting
20/7 & 21/7		StGBA Round 15
27/7 & 28/7		StGBA Round 16
3/8 & 4/8		StGBA Semi Final
10/8 & 11/8		StGBA Final
17/8 & 18/8		StGBA Grand Final
21/8	7.30pm	COMETS Meeting

October 2019

COMETS - Annual General Meeting

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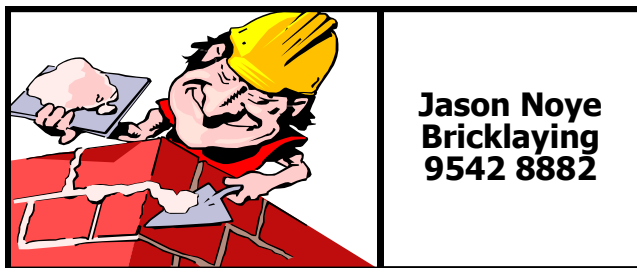
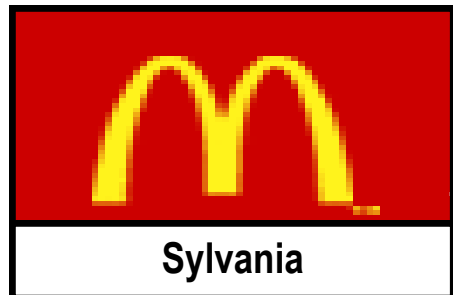
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## PRESIDENTS REPORT - Summer 2018 - 2019

With the 2018/2019 season now over It is time to reflect on the year that was.

I would like to thank all involved. Parents, grand parents, aunties and uncles, brothers and sisters and friends for helping out. Whether it was fetching and carrying players and equipment, helping in the canteen or with ground duty or working bee. You are all volunteers and the club really appreciates the support in any shape or form.

Thank you to the players, Junior and Senior, whose behaviour on and off the field is something families can be proud of.

To the team's who made the finals, very well done. One thing we must remember is not to count the games we win, but win the games that count.

Well done to:

Reilly Vanzanten CSJBA Junior league.

Kuean Geldenhuis CSJBA Belfour Cup

In a few of the trials that I attended some of the Comets players only just missed out and all I can say to those players is don't be disheartened, don't give up, keep trying and you will get there.

Thank you

Suzette - all your hard work in the canteen (including Emma)

Jimmy - keeping our fields in top condition

Dru - stocking the bar and helping Jimmy

Frank - dealing with council

Dan - junior registrar

Thank you to the Comets executive for the time that is put into everything that they have done. Without your hard work the club cannot function.

U10's Social committee - trivia night and Christmas party.

Thank you to my wife, Monja, for to live baseball, literally 24/7.

Comets Legends: Carol McDonald, Peter Munro, Stuart Martin, Paul Sammut.

Lastly spread the news Comets are looking for players through all age groups.

Wishing you all a safe and successful year ahead and remember to Swing for the Fence.

*Trevor Geldenhuis*  
**Club President**



## **Juniors - T-Ball Minors**

**Coach:** Trevor Geldenhuis  
**Manager:** Brian Hogan  
**Scorers:** Kristy Hogan & Kris Harrison

**Team:** N. Harrison, M. Hogan, G. Hogan, L. Shumack, J. Harris, G. Kelly

It was a season of 1st for everyone; first time players, 1st time manager, first time scorer and 1st time parents.

Learning on the job is never easy and this was reflected in our first game. Chaos and confusion were the names of the game. Admittedly our base running was initially excellent! Unfortunately, we were doing this whilst fielding... and generally taking a roundabout path as we went. But there are benefits to this; it's really hard to be given out when you are fielding. Despite all this, bigger things were achieved that day; smiles all round, a sense of team and a thirst to come back next week & do it all again.

A key benefit of young keen minds is they learn quickly. This was on display throughout the season as skills became not just achievable but easier. We knew where to stand, we knew where to throw the ball. We knew when and where to run. We remembered to run. Well, we remembered to run most of the time.

From each batter taking 7 swings to hit the ball, we finished with most hits on the first go. From runners going from 1st to the pitcher's plate and then 3rd, we ended up with them going to 2nd. From players fighting over the ball in the field, we moved to picking it up and throwing it toward 1st. From the "I don't believe I can do this" that you saw on little faces around the start of the season to the understanding that "Yes, I can and have done it" as we went along.

And on occasion, we saw glimpses of the future. A clean pickup, an accurate throw and the catch/gather of the ball on first. A simple out for older players but an absolute celebration for U7s.

Some key memories of our first season:

The day we realised sliding into home was a thing. Ball thrown to 2nd and you're running home? Slide. Ball in the outfield still on the ground? Slide. You've already been tagged out on the way home? Slide. You ran over home and didn't touch the plate? Come back and slide. You slide early and didn't reach the plate? Get up and slide again. You're playing catcher and need to put the ball on the tee? Slide. It probably all makes sense if it was a wet field. It wasn't.

Realising that the most important thing isn't to score a run yourself but to make sure your teammate gets home.

Dealing with the inevitable disappointment and tears that come with being given out.

A fairy tale victory. Playing away. Loaded bases. 2 out. Comets 1 run ahead. It's a short hit! The pitcher reacts quickly. It's a clean pickup. The race is on to home base. The dust flies! There's millimetres in it. The crowd goes silent. All eyes are on the umpire... OUT! Comets Win! The crowd goes wild! (To be fair, it probably meant more to the parents).

Understanding that no matter how you play, we win and lose as a team but in the end, who cares anyhow? It's about enjoying the game, playing with your friends and having a sausage sandwich after.

I want to thank everyone who made the season possible. To the (long-suffering) parents, the Comets committee and everyone else involved with the club, the season wouldn't have been possible without you. A special thank you goes to Trevor for mentoring both the team and manager; without you the season wouldn't have been possible. Also, a special thanks go to Joe & Paul for running training; my monkeys still name stuck in the mud as their favourite game.

A final thanks to the team; I hope you all had a great season and a lot of fun. Remember to always keep smiling and enjoy yourselves.

Goooooooooooo Comets!

**COACH**

*Trevor Geldenhuis*

## **Juniors - T-Ball Majors 2**

**Coach:** Ben Goldsbrough  
**Manager:** Justine Goldsbrough

**Team:** B. Hall, J. Blacklock, K. Belding, I. Goldsbrough,  
T. Husband, J. Reberger, L. Wane, A. Reeve, C. Weigland

It was the first year of Tee-ball for many of the kids this season and I was very proud to watch them all develop friendships and grow as a team.

The start of the season started off a little slow with us not winning a game, but momentum gradually built throughout the year as the kids improved individually with their Tee-ball skills and overall confidence.

The kids displayed great sportsmanship throughout the season supporting and encouraging each other, win or lose, showing us what team sport is about. A big thank you to the team Bailey, Andrew, Logan, Ivy, Toby, Koddy, Jasmine, Cooper and Jordon. The whole team was an absolute pleasure to coach, all the kids were very well behaved (most of the time) and were prepared to try new things and follow my direction.

I like to say a big thank you to Marney Wayne!! This was my first year coaching and without Marney the season would have been a lot less enjoyable as I didn't have a clue (3 Cheers for Marney!!)

I would like to also thank my wife Justine Goldsbrough for managing the team this year!! Justine had the hard job of organising the kids throughout the games and keeping everyone in the loop. Thanks Juz!!

Lastly, I would like to thank the team, parents & relatives for a very enjoyable and rewarding season hope to see you all next year.

**COACH**

*Ben Goldsbrough*

## **Juniors - T-Ball Majors 1**

**Coach:** Joe Potter  
**Manager:** Paul Mignacca  
**Scorer:** Jodie Bowman, Adam Stephenson, Leanne Nicholl, Lorraine Hall

**Team:** L. Potter, Z. Bowman, Z. Jacenko, L. Taylor, T. Mignacca,  
E. Morgan-Spooner, G. Cimilli, N. Stephenson, C. Jacenko

What a year! We were placed in T-Ball Majors Division 1 this year and all the players stepped up to the challenge. Having one of the youngest sides in our division we were up against it from the start. The team quickly re-united and settled in as if they had been playing all year round.

Training was fun and the players were attentive and a pleasure to train. We did drills and even managed to squeeze in some games of stuck in the mud.

Saturday usually saw the players keen and ready to play T-Ball. During the year we found ourselves up against some very strong and older competition and each and every game was a challenge.

However there was always plenty of cheering, laughter and enjoyment. Our stand out game was against East Hills at Kelso, We started our first at bat with 3 up & 3 down. Then we let 6 runs in and East Hills were beaming from ear to ear. Paul and I didn't know what to do. It looked like browns cows had shown up to play. We went back out for another bat. Then some magic started with Cooper our newest and youngest showing our older team members how to hit. Ella followed suit, then Zane and so on. 6 home! Now, how would we go in the field? I wish I could say it was the coach and manager that sparked the brilliance that was about to take place however I can't. Over the next three innings Lincoln, Zac, Tyler, Gemma, Zane, Ella & Neave made some great plays. Zac with a double play & Lincoln with our team's first triple play with a catch, tag and throw to first. No runs scored in any innings. Paul and I are very proud how these kids showed how focused, determined and well they can play. To be able to stand back and let them take the lead and work together as a team was the most rewarding thing to witness as a parent and coach. We went on to win 16 – 6.

**Tyler:** A consistent big hitter who excelled at first base.

**Liam:** A pleasure to have in our team he always comes with a smile and ready to make big plays.

**Zac:** Hit our team's first home run and batted extremely well all year.

**Cooper:** His first year and what a first year! He had no problem matching it with the big kids.

**Gemma:** Consistent with her batting & fielding and is always improving.

**Neave:** A very determined and happy batter, always getting around the bases in her sparkly shoes.

**Zane:** Improved with every game! He has an awesome attitude toward T-Ball.

**Ella:** A very focused approach with her batting & went from strength to strength all season

**Lincoln:** Could be counted on to play in any position a great all-rounder and solid with the bat.

I hope everyone enjoyed their season this year. Thanks to Paul and Luke for assisting at training & Paul for Managing our all-stars.

And last of all thanks to all the other parents that helped at training and game days. I am looking forward to seeing everyone next year in T-Ball Majors Division 1 again.

## **COACH**

*Joe Potter*

## **Juniors - Little League Machine Pitch 2**

**Coach:** Michael Brain  
**Assistant Coach:** Paola Pastura  
**Manager:** Fran Pastura  
**Scorer:** Claudio Pastura

**Team:** **B. Sandilands, Z. Bayley, C. Wilson, B. Peacock, C. Reeve, I. Penwarden  
K. Brain, N. Sherry, B. Nobbs, F. Cash, S. Pastura, A. Grant**

The 2018 – 19 Little League machine pitched season was a fun and fulfilling one. This team started the season with a large number of young and first season players, with a few who had played for a couple of prior seasons. Developing a strong sense of team spirit and a love of the game was a key focus as well as improving the skill base of batting and fielding. At the commencement of the season there was some understandable anxiousness about dealing with a live pitched ball. The focus of our training during the first few weeks was to build confidence in batting a live ball. This paid dividends by the end of the season with a noticeable improvement in bat on ball success. The players all had the opportunity to play in a range of positions to help to develop well rounded players and to determine where different players strengths lay.

The development of all team members by the end of the season was one of outstanding improvement in both the batting and fielding game. We had a couple of really strong and reliable hitters as well as a few strong catchers. Towards the end of the season we had an increasing number of games that demonstrated strong teamwork and cooperation even if they didn't always result in a win.

Our team had a fantastic, supportive group of parent volunteers, thank you to everyone who assisted throughout the season.

A special thank you is extended to Fran Pastura (manager) who was a great team encourager and key organiser of events, Paola Pastura (assistant coach) who was a consistent support and additional support behind event organisation, Claudio Pastura who consistently scored our games, Jamie Sandilands who assisted regularly with pre game warm ups and 3rd base coach.

I'm looking forward to seeing these players develop in their Baseball in the years to come.

### **COACH**

*Michael Brain*



## **Juniors - Little League Minors 2**

**Coach:** Ken Dickenson  
**Assistant Coach:** Max Pillington  
**Manager:** Barton Peeters

**Team:** K. Biddle, B. Dickenson, A. Nupier, A. O'Connell, R. Ollivier, L. Peeters  
R. Peeters, S. Pillington, O. Sioutos, J. Sioutos, C. Wilson

The bulk of this team has been playing together since they were T-ballers. With a few new additions they played their first season of pitched baseball and while they didn't win a lot of games, they certainly learnt a lot and had a lot of fun together.

With two Dolphins teams in our competition it seemed like we had to get up at 6am every other Saturday for a trip to Chifley and while the kids didn't seem to mind the early starts, some of the parents were not so thrilled with the game scheduling.

Coach Ken, assisted by Max and Joel, took this team of struggling but cheerful Zooka players and turned them into a cheerful but struggling team of baseballers.

Most of our games were competitive but we were often unlucky to end up coming second on the day in a narrow defeat. It would have been easy to use just one or two players in the key positions but we believed that at this age it is more important to give all the kids a chance at pitching and catching so that they get to learn the game, and hopefully this keeps them coming back to play baseball in future years.

This is a great team of kids who always enjoyed their training sessions and game days. The improvement from the start of the season was noted by our opponents in our later games and some of the teamwork and individual performances were a joy to watch. We're looking forward to seeing them develop even further next season.

### **COACH**

*Ken Dickenson*

## **Juniors - Little League Minors 1**

**Coaches:** Dan Spooner & Rod Boulton  
**Manager:** Katherine Peacock  
**Scorer:** Michelle Morgan-Spooner

**Team:** T. Attwells, A. Penwarden, L. Flynn, J. Stalenberg,  
K. Cimilli, T. Gee, H. Morgan-Spooner, L. Peacock,  
R. Sutherland, C. Westwood, B. Boulton, C. Bradford-Marks

A year of ups and downs.

The records will say that we finished poorly at 11th and while I don't question that we probably weren't semi finals quality, we were certainly a much better team than the results show.

We ended up winning 4 games. 3 of these were by 3 runs or less. We won only one other game by 5 runs. Out of our 11 losses, we lost 5 by 5 or more runs. These were all inflicted by the 4 teams that made the semi-finals. Of the other 6 losses, we lost 3 by 2 runs and 3 by a single run. All of these 6 losses were by the teams that were between us and the top 4. And in fact, we ended up with the same number of wins as 7th place on the ladder. So, the bounce of the ball, a different decision, a certain play could have seen us finish much higher up the ladder. On the flip side, it was also good play, luck and skill by other teams that contributed to those losses.

All that said, the results show that not only was our grade well graded, it showed the games were competitive and fought hard. Every game was important and all the teams played with great character and sportsmanship.

Our kids worked hard all season and trained hard and their skills improved. The kids that came up from Zooka showed that they were ready for pitching, the older kids refined and grew their skills and our new players grew in to the game very quickly. They could all hit and some of them showed how well they could hit, with 2 home runs from Charlie W, and home runs to Jack and what should have been a home run to T.A (if I didn't hold him at 3rd!)

Whilst it may seem obvious, it is apparent that it is pitching that wins the games. We need to harness those kids in our team that show promise in their pitching and develop them. The head games that occur between pitching to an empty plate compared to pitching to an actual batter was a big obstacle for the kids. But they show promise and they will be a year older, smarter and stronger next year, so I believe that they can look forward to good things.

They are not far away from being a very good team and I'm looking forward to next year. Thanks to Rod for his coaching, it taught me a lot. Thanks to Catherine for her management skills, you kept the kids well looked after and the parents well informed. And thanks to all the parents who did their bit. Scoring, pitch counting, in the canteen, helping coaching and always being supportive and available. Lastly, thanks to the kids. They are the ones we are there for and they are the lifeblood of the club. They repay us well with their good humour, effort and attitude. It's well appreciated.

## **COACHES**

*Dan Spooner & Rod Boulton*

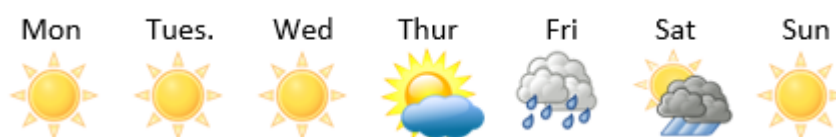
## **Juniors - Intermediate League 2 - FINALISTS - Finished 3rd**

**Coach:** Steve Bourke  
**Assistant Coach:** Steve Audet & Liam Flynn  
**Pitch Coach:** Rob Harriss  
**Manager/Scorer:** Simone Johnston  
**Pitch Counters:** Tania Bourke & Peita Burgess

**Team:** T. Weekes, I. Epplett, O. Harriss, E. Johnston, R. Audet, S. Pillington  
E. Sant, X. Nancarrow, L. Flynn, C. Smith, M. Evensen, K. Bourke

I can't believe another season is done and dusted. It only seems like last week that we came back from the Christmas break and now we have to wait 6 months for it to all start again. Maybe the kids will enjoy the break from me? Is it just me or did it seem like this forecast was on a weekly loop for the past 6 months? If I never see this pop up on my weather app again it'll be too soon!

In all seriousness though, as I sit down to write this season report I find myself really struggling to type



something. This is not because there weren't any highlights or because the team didn't have a good season, but because I don't know if anything I write will do this group of kids' justice. The team that we had the privilege to coach this year had 9 returning players from last year with the addition of 3 kids from other Comets teams, but by the time we arrived at our first game (Round 2 thanks to the crappy weather we had this season) you would think that they had been playing together for years. This mateship proved to create its own problems with baseball training at times becoming a balance between the tensions of wanting to catch up with their mates or developing their baseball skills. As I've said to number of parents this year though, if the worst problem we have with our team is that they all get on too well, I reckon we're doing okay.

Backing up from a successful Runner-Up season last year where we were outsiders to even make the semis was always going to be tough, so when we lost our Final against Bosco many of the kids were very disappointed, as was I. I initially thought that this was because we hadn't made the Grand Final but when one of the kids told me they were upset because they didn't want baseball to be finished, I realised that that was the same for me. This coming from a 13 year old was just what I needed to hear.

## **Juniors - Intermediate League 2 - Continued**

The final itself was a hard fought close game where we came back from 6-1 down to eventually lose 8-7 in a walk-off. Although it was not the result that we had worked towards and hoped for, it was definitely a performance that the whole team could be proud of. They were able to display to all those there to see the game the tenacity and never say die attitude that we knew was in them all along.

I then looked back over the season and realised that despite not making the Grand Final we had a 71% win percentage as opposed to 64% last season, and with the scoring becoming much more inclusive of opposition errors we still managed to have half the team bat over .400. Now when I look back over the year and take all things into consideration I soon realised that it was a very successful season. This was all despite us not really having any one child stand out from the rest with those week in, week out game winning performances. This team was truly unique in that every one of these kids had "that moment" during the season when they made a game changing or game winning contribution. They epitomised the word team and I say this with all sincerity.

### ***Batting Average Award:***

***Callum Smith .545***

***Kade Bourke .545***

As I mentioned we consciously scored the opposition and ourselves harsher this year taking into consideration what plays kids in this division should be making and with that 2 kids came away with exactly the same batting average. Callum was extremely disciplined at the plate getting struck out only twice during the season, earning himself 17 walks as well as an On Base Percentage of .806. Kade on the hand other showed what hard work can do making some subtle changes to his swing and then going on to bag himself 12 hits from 22 at bats which included a timely triple in our semi final win. Despite very different ways of achieving it both boys finished the season with the very good batting average of .545.

Then comes our MVP. Steve, Simone & I stewed over this one long and hard because, as I said, we didn't really have that one child who was far & away better than the others or who won us game after game. We then came to the conclusion that the MVP can be more than your Most Valuable Player on game day. It can be that child who plays above and beyond expectations, who puts in at training without ever a negative word, or who plays wherever they are asked, no matter how much they love playing in their preferred position. A player whose efforts at training transferred directly to game day and from whom we could rely upon for an important contribution every game. On the back of this we decided to award it to one of the new kids on the block. A player who came to us from a lower division last season she finished with a .435 batting average, only one fielding error all season and someone who I hope we have the pleasure of being in our team for years to come. Congratulations Tara Weekes.

It would be remiss of me to not mention the outstanding efforts of the parents from our team at the Comets Trivia Night. Not only did some of our parents take the titles for Best Dressed Couple and Best Dressed Male, we also walked away with the title of "Champions". Whilst my intellectual contributions may have been minimal, I'd like to think that I was able to inspire and motivate us to the win.

I would also like to thank all those who helped out during the season. I would normally list them by name but again we were blessed with not only an amazing bunch of kids but an amazing group of parents too. Whether it was the regular contributors of Rob, Max & Michael helping myself, Steve & Liam out at training, all the parents on game day with ground duties, those who jumped in and covered for or assisted Simone in the scorers' box, or even helping out getting each other's kids to training and games, thank you very much. It is truly appreciated by myself and the club and it shows that it is not only Premierships won that defines a successful club, but the actions of those within it too.

My final word is to the 12 champion kids in our team. You should all be very proud of the season and just how much you have all improved, not just your skills but also your application and attitude to training and game day. I truly hope to see you all again next season and that I get to coach this great team again. See you all in six months. I can't wait!!!

## **COACH**

*Steve Bourke*

## **Juniors - Intermediate League 1 - FINALIST - Finished 3rd**

**Coach:** Trevor Geldenhuis  
**Manager:** Julie Little  
**Scorers:** Jodi Proudlock & Wendy Hadenham

**Team:** A. Morgan, L. Peacock, K. McSweeney, R. Vanzanten  
L. Connolly, K. Hadenham, S. Morgan, B. Little, K. Geldenhuis

Well what a fabulous season for the Intermediate League Division 1 for 2018/19. The boys played so well together as a team throughout the summer.

IL1 had 6 teams in the competition which could have been broken into 2 divisions. We were in the top 3 for the whole season. Our biggest competitors were Bosco & Illawong who ended up finishing 1st and 2nd at the end of the 17 rounds.

The best game of the season was in Round 16 against Bosco. We played at Jannali so we had the home ground advantage. The boys were on fire. We beat Bosco 12-3... the two previous games against Bosco at Heathcote we lost 13-3 & 12-2. I'm sure this took Bosco by surprise on how much our team improved since we last played against them in December.

At the end of the season we finished 3rd in front of Dolphins. The semi final was played at Heathcote we Won 10-4. That afternoon Bosco & Illawong played where Bosco won 4-1 which meant the following week we were to play Illawong.

Final's time against Illawong. The final score 9-2 does not reflect the standard of baseball the Comet boys played. The boys had more safe hits than Illawong but due to Illawong getting a large lead on 3rd there stole 6 of their 9 runs home.

Each of the boys should be congratulated & proud of themselves on a fantastic season for 2018/19. Special mention to Reilly for making the Junior League team for the CSJBA this year. We wish him all the best for training and competing at the BNSW championship.

A big thank you from the players and parents to Trevor, Chris & Deryk for coaching & co-coaching on a Saturday & at training. Thankyou to both Jodie & Wendy for scoring.

Thankyou to all the support from the parents coming along the games and watching the boys.

Hope to see all you boys back next year for 2019-2020 season.

### **GO COMETS**

### **COACH**

*Trevor Geldenhuis*



## **Juniors - Senior League 2 - SEMI FINALISTS - Finished 4th**

### **Combined Bosco & Comets**

**Coach:** Scott Tully  
**Assistant Coach:** Wayne Watts  
**Manager:** Trina Booth  
**Scorers:** Janice Tully & Claudio Pastura

**Team:** C. Tully, E. Audibert, B. Booth, N. Jordan, P. Pastura, Z. Petersen  
S. Jefferson, A. Kilbane, L. Doherty, F. Obrien, P. Mandatis

The Cosco SL2 team came together from a combination of players from Comets, St John Bosco and East Hills. They were a great bunch looking to play baseball and happy to be part of something that was bigger than the clubs that they had grown up playing for. Some of the players had played against each other in previous years but the team was harmonious from day 1.

The competition consisted of 6 Senior League teams, 2 Big League teams and one team that was a bit of both. The competition had a Bosco team and a Comets team and so there were natural rivalries from the start. One of the advantages of having teams from the same clubs in the competition is that you play lots of home games. Overall, we only had to travel 3 times with the rest of the time either at Jannali or Heathcote!

The competition clearly had some strong teams and some weaker teams and the challenge for Cosco was to win enough against the latter to meet the former in the finals. This was achieved with a late season win against 3rd placed St Pats being the clincher to place the team in 4th, one spot ahead of Bosco. Cosco met St Pats again in the semi final, the team was leading 5-2 midway but couldn't quite hold on and went down 9-5. A great effort with all players stepping up in this key match.

Each member of the team is to be congratulated on their approach to the season. There was always good turnout at Wednesday afternoon training (at either of our 2 home fields) and the team were enthusiastic and supportive of one another.

A big thank you from coach Scott to the support team: assistant coach Wayne who brought his years of high level coaching experience; to manager Trina who made sure that everything ran incredibly smoothly; to the ever reliable scoring team of Janice, who made a strong return with the pencils after a decade out, and count Claudio; and to Mama Fran for bringing ice to cool the team down and her enthusiasm to spark them up. A team runs very smoothly when there is a strong support team to help the coach and players.

Thanks also to both Bosco and Comets for their support in making the team work. It couldn't have happened without both clubs going beyond to make it so.

## **COACH**

*Scott Tully*

## **Juniors - Senior League 2 - RUNNERS UP**

**Coaches:** Brett Elliott & Chris Little  
**Manager:** Tony Ash  
**Scorer:** Barton Peeters

**Team:** J. Little, O. O'Neill, W. Hulbert, J. Peeters, J. O'Neill, T. McDonald  
D. Evensen, M. Henville, J. Abbott, J. Baker-Ash, L. Daly

What an amazing year the boys have had this year after finishing the season as Minor Premiers. It has been a pleasure watching these boys play competitive and friendly baseball. Many of the boys have played together for the last few years and have formed a bond which enables them to bring the best out of each other. To sit on the sideline and listen to the boy's team banter is, to say the least, entertaining, add that to their playing ability and Saturday afternoon baseball has never been more enjoyable.

Their Coaches Chris, Brett and Marty have instilled in the boys with the tools to make them great team players and respectful players to their opposition they are a credit to their coaches, Managers and Families.

Unfortunately, at the Grand final, it wasn't their day and they lost by two runs to St Patricks. Hope 2020 is their year.

## **COACHES**

*Brett Elliott & Chris Little*

## COMETS SOCIAL COMMITTEE

### Xmas Party 2018

A bright sunny day, a visit from Santa by the local Fire Brigade, succulent snags on the BBQ, and some serious water slide action guaranteed an awesome Comets Xmas party. Santa and his helpers had their hands full with dozens of excited kiddies anxious to receive a lolly bag and have a chat about Christmas. A huge thanks to Claudio and Fran for their efforts on the day. Thank you to Suzette, Emma, Kristen & Kiara for making up the lolly bags & serving in the canteen... Thank you to the parents of the U10's who made themselves available to man the BBQ and help with setup/clean up.

Fun was had by everyone....

### Trivia Night 2019

Firstly, We wish to Thank the Executive Committee

- Trevor Geldenhuis, Steve Nash, Scott Collins, Julie Little & Colin Burgess our Trivia Master Guru !!!!!  
For ALL your help & support behind the scenes for the Comets Trivia Night for 2019 !

A BIG THANK YOU to my AWESOME, FANTASTIC, WONDERFUL Mums, Dads our team children & their siblings in helping with dressing up the Jannali Hall & turning it into a Roaring 20's Theme!! For the tireless running around by our fleet of Uber drivers!! Thank you - Adele, Emma & Nathan!!!

Thank U to my beautiful amazing daughter Paola!! Paola was my IT Dept !! Paola designed the Amazing Roaring 20's Invites, Raffle Tickets, Silent Auction Sheets & hand made the 1-100 Numbers Raffle!!

Also Thank you to Stephanie for assisting Paola with the Raffle Tickets!! Thank you to my amazing husband - Claudio for putting up with my many late nights, endless phone calls & running around getting sponsors!!!

Secondly Thank You to ALL our awesome family & friends of the Comets family who came along & supported our awesome Comets!

Thank you to our Life Members in coming along!

Congrats to ALL our WINNERS !!

Also the host U10's for winning the WOODEN SPOON!!

Thank you to our Awesome sponsors for their very generous - gifts, hampers & gift certificates!!!

Once again it has been my personal pleasure in organizing my 2nd & final Trivia Night for the COMETS!!

Looking forward to Comets Trivia Night for 2020 !!

GO COMETS

*Mamma Fran and the U10's Social Committee*

## **SUMMER 2018 - 2019 AWARDS**

**Most Improved Junior Non-Pitched Team**

T-Ball Majors 2

**Most Improved Junior Pitched Team**

Little League Minors 2

**Jimmy McDonald Award**

Suzette Staeker

**Comets Family Award**

The Little Family

**Junior Representative Players:**

Kuean Geldenhuis  
Reilly Vanzanten

**Junior Team Coach**

Joe Potter

**Junior Club Person**

Kuean Geldenhuis

**Jessica Clay Award**

Little League Machine Pitch  
Blake Sandilands

**1st Grade:**

**MVP:  
Batting Award:**

**2nd Grade:**

**MVP:  
Batting Award:**

**4th Grade:**

**MVP:  
Batting Award:**

**7th Grade:**

**MVP:  
Batting Award:**

**THAT BRINGS US TO THE END  
OF SUMMER 2018-2019...**

**HOPE YOU ALL HAD FUN AND  
ENJOYED THE SEASON**

**SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR !**

