



# Comets

## Summer 2013-2014 Presentation

### Season Reports



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**on a great Summer Season**  
**Junior & Senior Teams**



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Keep checking for updates

Date	Time	Event
29/3 & 30/3		StGBA Round 1
5/4 & 6/4		StGBA Round 2
12/4 & 13/4		StGBA Round 3
21/4	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
26/4 & 27/4		StGBA Round 4
3/5 & 4/5		StGBA Round 5
10/5 & 11/5		StGBA Round 6
17/5 & 18/5		StGBA Round 7
19/5	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
24/5 & 25/5		StGBA Round 8
31/5 & 1/6		StGBA Round 9
14/6 & 15/6		StGBA Round 10
16/6	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
21/6 & 22/6		StGBA Round 11
28/6 & 29/6		StGBA Round 12
5/7 & 6/7		StGBA Round 13
12/7 & 13/7		StGBA Round 14
19/7 & 20/7		StGBA Round 15
21/7	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
26/7 & 27/7		StGBA Round 16
2/8 & 3/8		StGBA Round 17
9/8 & 10/8		StGBA Semi Final
16/8 & 17/8		StGBA Final
18/8	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
23/8 & 24/8		StGBA Grand Final
20/10/14	7:30pm	Annual General Meeting

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

**REMINDER AT THE AGM  
ALL POSITIONS ARE MADE  
VACANT**

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

**All club members, senior players and  
parents are welcome  
and encouraged to stand.**

**Come along and step up to the plate!**



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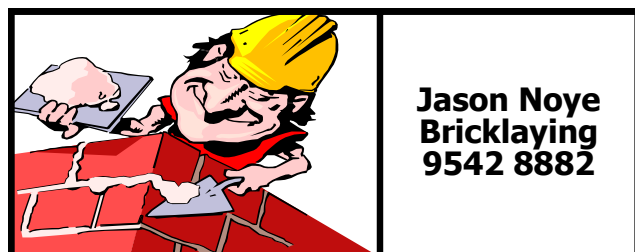
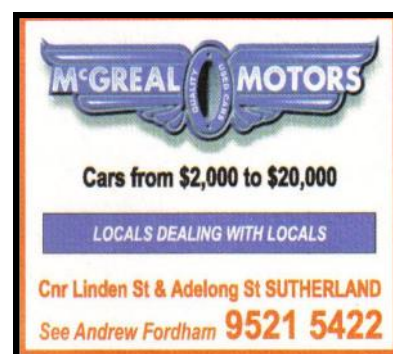
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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

### **Summer**

### **2013 - 2014**

Well with the season now complete I would like to take the time to congratulate the players for the way they have represented the Comets Club both Junior and Senior. We had some wins and some losses, but what is important is just to see the smile on your faces and knowing you have enjoyed the sport of Baseball.

Thank you to all the Parents, Grandparents and family members who supported during the season who ran players to and from fields all season.

To all the Coaches, Managers, Scorers and other personal who helped get the players on the field each week a special well done to all of you, being a coach myself for over 15 years I know how difficult it can be and without your patience and handling skills our job would be a lot harder.

Our U10's Social Committee done an outstanding job this season and when asked completed every event in a very professional manner.

Sponsors this year were very generous and when asked were more than willing to help when asked, I cannot thank you enough for your support of the Comets baseball Club.

Comets committee worked very hard this season and there never too hard attitude is why we are the Club we are, when asked they are always willing to fill a hole or do a job, thank you.

Special thanks to Peter and the grading committee, I believe you got the grading spot on again. Congratulations to all of our representative players this season your hard work has paid off.

Our hard working grounds man Jim well done, many might not know this but Jim was President of the Comets for 16 years straight and founder, he is also a life member of both Comets and the CSJBA, and umpires association he will be embarrassed I have said this, but thanks Jim, he also has a side kick in Dru they are like Bonny and Clyde.

To the canteen staff where would we be without you, I don't have to say anything.

Finally, the Executive we make discussions on behalf of the whole club. I thank you for your time and patience for putting up with me with my late night phone calls and ramblings, and it has been a pleasure to work with you over the summer.

Finally to the juniors who are moving on from the 17's I hope to see you playing seniors, as I hope to see you all next summer. Also congratulations to our premiers 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 14/2s and all the other grades that made finals.

*Jason Noye*

**Club President**

**Seniors - 1st Grade - PREMIERS**

***Carn the Mets***

**We Want the FUNK... We Want the FUNK!**

**Who's in the gutter? Juniors are in the gutter!**



**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

**Team Members:**

Daniel Stritar (Coach)  
Julie Elliott (Scorer)

Harry Cooper  
Brett Elliott  
Craig Elliott  
Ben Evans  
Marcus Fisher  
Anthony Grigg  
David Grigg  
Bryce Lincoln  
Lachlan Ryan  
Sam Withers  
Chris Clarke (Sub)

## **Seniors - 2nd Grade**

**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

### **Team Members:**

Luke Winder (Coach)  
Daniel Sommerville (Manager)

Mark Boyle  
Paul Dixon  
Tom Dixon  
Phillip Tasker  
Kieran Tyson  
Brett Westwood  
Dan Williams  
Luke Zanardo  
Paul Zanardo



## **Seniors - 3rd Grade**

**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

### **Team Members:**

Daniel Carberry (Coach)  
Tyler McGlinchy (Manager)  
Mandy Bennett (Scorer)

Adam Bennett  
Stuart Browne  
Brendan Cropp  
Anthony Donnellan  
Grant Gearghy  
Aaron Hodge  
Ryan Marlow  
Logan McGlinchy  
Rhys Moon  
Alex Wayne





## **Seniors - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - RUNNERS UP**

Firstly, I'd like to Congratulate you ALL on a great season.

Our side comprised of players with different levels of experience... Seasoned veterans, baseball tragic's, a player who had not played since his junior days and even a player who moved to the shire at the start of the season.

We went through the season with a record of 11 Wins and 3 Losses (Giants, Illawong and East Hills) finishing 2nd after the 18 Competition Rounds.

Having to face East Hills the only unbeaten side in the competition was going to be a big task for us in the Semi Finals and we all knew we had to be at our best to give them a challenge.

The Semi Final was not one of our prettiest games... Having only 3 hits in the entire game, couple of lead off batters being picked off, errors and being thoroughly outplayed and beaten 10 to 1.  
Great work Lauren for pitching 5 innings.

The Final was a heated game against the Canterbury teenagers... And sure enough they played their stupid games of the hidden ball trick (which did not work on Dan Talbot) and tried to pick off Trevor with their Centre fielder which cost them 2 runs... We Won the game 11 to 8 with Ces going the distance pitching 7 innings.

We turned up ready to play East Hills in the Grand Final... Had 5 hits in the 1st innings a vast improvement even from the start compared to the Semi Final, but left too many on base. We all knew they were a solid side and were going to be very hard to beat, we all hit and played well guys but they were just too good of a side on the day and throughout the season. Going down 8 to 2... With another fine pitching effort by Ces going back to back games and pitching 6 innings after the previous weeks efforts.

### **Most Memorable Moments:**

Round 5: While Scott Collins was still trying to sober up on the bench after a big night at Jannali Inn... The rest of the team played a dismal Tigers side at McLachlan and went on a rampage. The Tigers ended up walking off the field giving up after only playing 3 1/3 innings... What a batting fest that game... We Won 34 to 2

Round 5: David McLachlan still trying to get back into the swing of playing baseball after a while out of the game took the Tigers at McLaughlin 1 deep... How Deep? **GRAND SLAM HOME RUN**. I can still hear Ces saying that's Bullshit, only because he did not hit it or even hit a Home Run all season.

Round 12: The infamous Jacob incident.. Need I say more.

Round 16: Scott Collins falling for the "**Old Hidden Ball Trick**" by those Canterbury kids

Round 18: Ces Hall falling asleep at 3rd Base with loaded bases and being picked off by the Canterbury Catcher and our stand in 3rd Base Coach (Daniel Stritar) just looking there dumb founded having no response.

Final & Grand Final: Clarke's Mrs organising her birthday picnic lunch down the coast making him miss the Final... And if that wasn't bad enough, missing him for the Grand Final because he booked a holiday overseas and did not look at the Baseball Season Calendar to get the dates right.

Grand Final: Lauren got a New job... Unfortunately she got rostered to work on the one day in the month that we played our Grand Final on.

Thanks to our substitutes who help out this season (Heath McManus and Tony Maber)

Lorraine thankyou again for being our scorer... Although this season there was a bit more of a debate happening between the players as to how you scored their hits and fielding errors. At the end of the day without you there would be no statistics.

One last thanks is to Stuart Martin (Batting Coach) thanks for your efforts this season in helping the guys out and to Chris Little and Glen Tomlinson for providing the refreshments on Thursday nights training sessions.

A special mention to Paul Sammut for helping change Scott's tyre on the way to the Grand Final and sitting on the bench for us just in case we needed another player. And Marshall Garrison for helping out with base coaching.

Coach

Scott Collins (For the records books: 7 Runners Up trophies including a hat-trick with the Comets)

**STGBA 2007, 2008 & 2012 / CSMLBA 2007-2008, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 & 2013-2014**

## Seniors - 5th Grade

What a challenging season it has been! I have no red pencil left!

It was a struggle playing in 5th Grade but we persevered and formed a great team bond along the way.

We had an eclectic mix of players, from young to old (no offence intended Nashy and Tony). Our girls performed outstandingly, **Koby** on the mound (her best play was when she stopped the game to do her hair), **Renae** being our utility player filling in wherever she was needed behind the plate, shortstop or pitching and with **Lyndsey** playing solidly at second base, they kept all the boys on their toes!

**Chris** was one of the quiet achievers of our team (in fact the only quiet one that was in the team).

**Zane**, our youngest in the team was shown the way in seniors by the rest of the team (hopefully he learnt the all the right things!!).

**Nick** showed his strength by entertaining the team with his unusual sense of humour and **Nathan** made the purchase of the left-handed catchers mitt worthwhile with some good efforts behind the plate, despite dropping a weight on his foot and being injured for the later part of the season.

**Tony** was as usual reliable on first base, having opponents bounce off him in the process.

**Jake N** was strong behind the plate catching and partying his way through the season!

Due to work commitments **Jake M** not always available but contributed strongly when he played.

We played some interesting teams, but we always have the upper hand if there is going to be any confrontation with **Heath** on our side, although this would not have helped when there was almost a punch up in the scorers box rather than on the field. Near the end of the season we played one of our best games against St George, which was going to decide who was going to take out the wooden spoon for the year - we won in a great show-down 26-24. It was by far the best and most enjoyable game we played all season!

Last but not least was our great Coach **Nashy**.

He had an outstanding year in all facets of the game - batting, fielding, even pitching, managing a team of unique individuals, and taking some outstanding (let's go the slow-motion replay) catches!

It's always fun to score for a team that appreciates you.

Thanks guys for the season, but I want that red pencil replaced!!

Carol Maber

## **Seniors - 7th Grade (Gold)**

**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

### **Team Members:**

Joe Potter (Coach)  
Nicky Prokop (Scorer)  
Tania Prokop (Scorer)

Chris Prokop  
Jess Prokop  
Matt Prokop  
Rob Goodman  
John Steward  
John King  
Gary Parker  
Graeme Stalenberg  
Owen Sharman  
Ben Cooke



## **Seniors - 7th Grade (Royal)**

**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

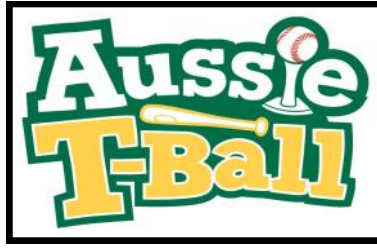
### **Team Members:**

Paul Sammut (Coach)  
Sue Lewis (Scorer)

Tammy Burling  
Claire Cavanagh  
Cassandra Clay  
Cameron Eades  
Dean Francis  
Paul Henville  
Jonathan Kilbane  
Casey Tregillgas  
Kevin Tregillgas  
Adrian Wulf  
Keiran Wulf







Aussie T-ball is an initiative of the Australian Baseball Federation and the Australian Baseball League to attract new players to our great sport. Each registered Aussie T-ball club is provided with equipment while the players receive a participant's kit of a glove and ball. Clubs are free to choose the format that suits them and this year, Aussie T-ball @ Comets ran on both Friday afternoons in 2013 and Saturday mornings in 2014. Aussie T-ball @ Comets is intended for children who had started school in 2013 or 2014.

We had our maximum 32 registered for Aussie T-ball @ Comets this year. Playing in 4 teams (Astros, Meteors, Stars and Fireballs), there were two games each week and the kids all had lots of fun. Very importantly the parents were involved and basically ran the sessions, particularly when we moved to Saturday mornings.

A big thanks to our #1 Aussie T-ball @ Comets umpire, Zane Maber, who developed a great relationship with the players and parents. Thanks also to the other Comets juniors who assisted with the Friday games. Aussie T-ball @ Comets wouldn't have been nearly as successful without Julie helping with both uniforms and organisation, Jim for marking up the diamonds and Lorraine for opening the canteen.

I expect that Aussie T-ball @ Comets will run again later in 2014, starting in October for 6 weeks on Fridays. Numbers will be limited so if you know of any children starting school next year who are interested, please keep Aussie T-ball @ Comets in mind around registration time.



Aussie T-baller Daniel with his  
play next summer)

friend Cale (who is keen to

Organiser  
Scott Tully

## **Juniors - U8-1's (Finished 6th)**

Firstly, a big thank you to all the parents for your participation, commitment and patience through out the season. It certainly made the coaching job a lot easier and all the more enjoyable.



A special thanks to Justine Goldsbrough for your help as the teams Manager, and to Gavin Bolling and Jodie Friedrich for scoring throughout the season.

Also, a very big thanks to Steve Bourke for helping out as assistance coach. It's not always easy coaching a side and his assistance and input were truly appreciated.

After competing in the 8-2's last year, this season saw us step it up a notch tackling the 8-1's competition, and although it might have been a little above our comfort level, the boys played every game with great enthusiasm.

Great attendance at training each week saw all the kids progress really well through out the season.

The teams throwing and catching skills improved considerably through out the season and it wasn't too long before we were making at least two or three great outs each game, which improved their confidence and enthusiasm even more.

We played a total of 14 games, and while we only managed to rack up 3 wins, the majority of our games were very close with typically only a run or two in it.

Regardless of the result, all of the boys should be very proud of their achievements this season and I certainly hope to see them all again next year.

Thanks Again

Coach  
Deryk Proudlock

## Juniors - U8-2's (Finished 7th)

With a whole lot of new tee ball players and a few very young ones, we were thinking it may have taken a while to get things going, but this team surprised all of us.

By round 4, they had the basics of the game and the skills were starting to improve. Improvement can only happen with the kids listening and this they did.

We had quite a few draws in the first few rounds but soon started winning games, but really this was not what we were aiming for, it was the allusive three outs we were after. It was an exciting part of the season where these kids started making double plays, tags and actually getting those three outs.

Every time we played the better teams, we always took to the challenge and this made the coaches very proud.

Lets run through this awesome team;

Kale Hademan - Had a great season, big hits and the king of double plays.

Isaac Leonard - In the beginning of the season he was running bases AND fielding the oppositions ball in the one innings, now a fantastic fielder and a real asset to the team.

Katie Cimilli - Miss Slugger, Katies strength has improved out of sight and she is now hitting some big hits.

Emily Johnston - Strong all round player and possibly the greatest tee ball catcher in the Association.

Lara Schey - Miss Second Base - fantastic at second base and all round strong player.

Lila Flynn - Miss Speedy fantastic base runner, clever fielder

Lucas Flynn - Always kept the coaches smiling with his fantastic stories, great team player and tries hard.

Cooper Allen - Great all round player and always smiling.

Jordan Astudillo - Clever baseballer, always thinking and listening. Batting improved immensely and he's an asset in the field.

Jake Lorring - our big hitter and knows the game very well, thinking ahead of the play.

Harry Morgan-Spooner - has the want to be in every play, very keen baseballer.

Lewis Wilson - has some big hits in the game but it was his base running that we were impressed with.

The key to this beautiful little team are the enthusiastic and always willing parents. This is reflected in the way these children behave, train and play the game.

Thank you to our Coaches, not one but three. Most teenagers would prefer to spend their mornings sleeping in and their afternoons hanging with their friends but these three were only more than happy to spend time with their lil team.

Thank you.....

Hayley Claringbold

Joshua Clay

Erin Lamberton

I know the kids really look up to you all.

Thank you to Kim Wilson and Simone Johnston for scoring you guys were fantastic always offering, I never had to ask.

If your going to be a manager, this was the team to pick, beautiful parents, gorgeous children, willing coaches and lollies every week (thanks Katie). I didn't want this season to end. Hopefully, we have made new life long friendships in this team and I look forward to seeing everyone around at Comets for many years to come.

Manager

Tracey Herring



## **Juniors - U9's (Finished 6th)**



The team had a mixture of first starters and seasoned pros. We had three families that had siblings resulting in a mixture of ages, with 11 players in total.

The coaching staff consisted of Trevor Geldenhuis as coach and his daughter Ticara Geldenhuis as Assistant Coach. Both bringing a range of skills and techniques that helped to develop the children. The whole family, including Monja, have an unwavering passion for the game, and really are the backbone of community clubs like ours.

This year we were blessed with a very reliable and diligent scorer, Jodie Morton, who by chance is an accountant so the numbers always balanced, well almost..... where Jodie could not score her husband Andrew was an excellent backup.

Like they say you learn from losses, and more often than not this season we learnt something.

Importantly, the team had fun, they won some and lost some, though they kept coming back week after week and always had fun.

It was pleasing to see all the children with varying ability develop over the season, and by the last game it was clearly evident that they had a clear understanding of the game's fundamentals and each child's skill set had substantially improved.

The game could not happen without the parents' support. The whole team worked well together, regularly parents would step in helping where ever they could, from helping to set up, take down or covering anyone that was away.

Our stand-in coaches being Stuart Morgan, Geoff Marks, Armen Vanzaten and Greg Smith are real assets to the team. I hope the big league don't poach them!

Then there's the cheer squad. The passionate calls from Cathy Smith, Monja Geldenhuis, Sonya Marks, Bradford and Carmen Wang and all the relatives, week after week, turning up rain or shine ready to openly offer their knowledge of the game.

Importantly being my first year as coach I worked close with the volunteers that make the club happen. It is not an easy job and considerably time consuming all for the good of the game, which we all benefit. On behalf of the team and all the parents we thank you.

I hope everyone had a great year and return next season.

Manager  
Jeff Arthur

## Juniors - U10-3's (Finished 4th)

I was asked to help with this team as Ken was not able to be there at all times, in the end I was glad I was asked and what a great bunch of kids they are.

With the help of Julie, Tamara, Ken and the rest of the dads the season was a very good one, they say its not about winning its about fun and that what I hope all the kids and parents had as a coach it is my job to be able teach the kids and parents about how to play baseball , how to enjoy baseball and to be a fair player ,every parent and child was all of that, the game was played with the right attitude and I am very proud to be part of this team.

We started the season with win and finished with a win we beat every team apart from 2 and we beat or drew with the teams above us we finished in 4th position and I have no doubt that if we played finals we had a very good chance of winning it, so well done.

To the parents if I could encourage all dads to complete a level 1 or 2 coaching course, and as they say step up to the plate and become the Coach it is and does bring a lot of satisfaction to watch your child and others learn the game of baseball.

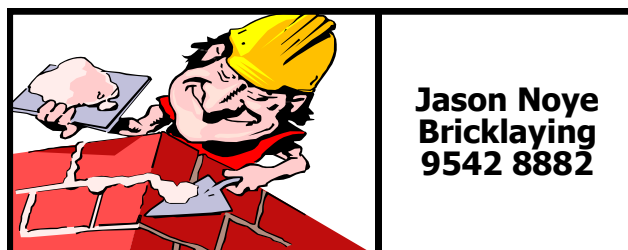
### Best moments

Yarrowarra #%%#% coach, I will say no more

Watching the kids hit and field the ball, the smile said it all Game against Scots, loaded bases none out Scot's batting, scores level, I bring 1st & 3rd in and tell them to play home, batter hits to 1st base, first plays home batter out , next batter hits to 3rd and 3rd plays home batter is out, I then brought short stop in batter hits to short with a slow roller short uses his hand as shown in training pushes the ball down into the grass to secure the ball throws to first batter is out, the game is draw and the opposition coach was left scratching his head.

I would also like to thank Jimmy and the Comets Club

Coach and Manager  
Jason and Ken



## Juniors - 12-1's (Finished 9th)

Well another season over...It went way to quick!! The boys had a great season it took them a little while too settle in as a new team. The boys improved their skills and gained new skills week to week. The boys played really well towards the end of the season and should be very proud of themselves and their efforts they did an Awesome job and had loads of fun...

Manager  
Vanessa Stuart



## Juniors - U12-2's (Finished 8th)

The 2013/14 season for the 12-2's could and should, by any measure, be considered a success by the players. Sure, we only won 4 games but we were only 3 wins away from 4<sup>th</sup> place in our division.

To put this in perspective, we were in a winning position coming into the last innings of 6 games which we ultimately lost. The talent is there, all we need to do is concentrate for the whole game.

Brett Elliott was their coach until work commitments took him to Melbourne after Christmas and his experience and coaching skills made each and every member of the team a better player as the season wore on. A big thanks must go to Julie Elliott as our scorer all season and to Evan Elliott for helping out at training. Thanks also to all of the mums and dads for pitch counting and of course to Nickie Groake, our most wonderful manager, for organising us without complaint all year.

We had a team of 11 players, many of whom can still play in the under 12's next year and I hope everyone had a great time. As the season wore on I think they appreciated the advantages of playing as a team and I hope they all come back to the mighty Comets next season.

Jackson Barker-Ash was in his first year of baseball and took to the game like a seasoned pro. A big hitter and great first baseman.

Flynn Francis was our first choice catcher and did a terrific job behind the plate. Rarely got struck out and has a big future in the game.

Max Groake, third base or left field got better as the season wore on. Won a game for us with some big hitting.

Jack Little, short stop and the voice of reason in the team. Made some good outs with great fielding and throwing to base.

Lucas McLaren, centre field but always wanted to get closer to the action. Probably our most improved player this year.

Kaewta (Yok) Nusuwan, pitcher. Yok was our first choice pitcher and never stopped trying in every innings of every game. A very valuable player who will go far in any endeavour she puts her mind to.

Cameron Perryman, second base. Loves his baseball and tried hard all year. A real confidence player who can hit the ball a long way.

Jamie Phair, centerfield and pitcher. A real athlete who stepped up to the plate as pitcher when required. Was very unlucky not to pitch us to a win in the last game before Christmas.

Lachlan Weekes, right field. A natural baseballer, good arm, good eye and quick across the ground.

Eden Willie, third base, outfield and first base – you name it, he can play anywhere. The joker of the team always happy and fun to be around.

Dylan Yates, centre field and catcher. Had a great season and never let the team down. One highlight was a game late last year when he made a great catch right after getting hit in the mouth fielding a ground ball.

I want to personally thank the whole team and their parents. It was a real pleasure to be associated with a great group of people in a truly great baseball club.

Acting Assistant Trainee Coach  
Tony Ash





## **Juniors - U12-3's (Finished 9th)**

The team (in alphabetical order): Bree, Caitlin, Chris, Damien, Grace, Jasmine, Kristin, Lana, Paola, Samuel, Shaun aka Macka, Caiti, Morto, Damo, Thorney, JJ, Bish, Razor, Lucky, Sam and Sheep.

Many of this year's Comets 12/3s were stepping up from the 10/3s the previous year but we also welcomed new players to the club Damien, Grace and Samuel as well as welcoming back Shaun.



The team gathered in September with all the players keen to learn new skills, understand the game and to have fun. Also looking forward to the season was the support crew of coach Scott (aka Princess), manager Fran and assistant coach Stanno. We were also well supported by Josh.

The season started with a competitive game against eventual semi finalists, St George. The first half of the season proved to be a learning experience for players and coaches alike. The team was keen to develop their batting, fielding, catching and (new for us) pitching.

However, one member of the team was letting us down and after round 9, we were very happy to bid farewell to Mr T. While Mr T was there to help players hit the ball, we found it did not favour our more subtle batting style and was an advantage to the other teams' slugging approach. Once Mr T left we found that the games became much closer and our deep roster of pitchers was better matched against the opposition.

As proof of this, in our last 7 games we scored 6 times more runs than we did in the first 7 games!! At the same time runs against were about the same. It was a good feeling to regularly score runs and it meant players batted more. In round 14 we had a win but it was probably of more excitement to the coach than the players who had fun regardless of the result.

Each member of the team is to be congratulated on their efforts at improving their skills over the season. There was always a good turnout at our Wednesday afternoon training and pre game warm ups were also greeted enthusiastically. The practice paid off with all round improvement in all skills but particularly the new ones like base stealing and pitching. We are looking forward to next season when we can use our new baseball skills in a second season.

A big thanks to the parents of all the players. A team runs very smoothly when there are plenty of people available to score, run warm ups, keep the batting line up in order and do whatever else is needed. This was a team where everyone stepped in to be involved and the result was a fun season. A special thanks to Fran, Stanno and the scorers Frank and Andrew.

Coach  
Scott Tully

## **Juniors - U14-2's (Minor Premiers and Grand Final WINNERS)**

The 14/2's opened the season with a big win over Bonnet Bay and completed it by beating the Dolphins in the Grand Final. The team comprised of Ticara Geldenhuis, Hayley Claringbold, Jasmin Garrison, Kirsty Packer, Oscar Curtis, Nathan Little, Antonie Sioutos, Mitchell Tomlinson, Josh Bishopp, Rhys Peeters, James Power and McKenna Liston.

The team was lucky enough to benefit from years of coaching and playing experience of Trevor Geldenhuis, Mick Herring, Chris Little and Marshal Garrison who gave up their time to coach the team, all four coaches contributing to the development of the players skills and abilities. The coaches enjoyed coaching a team that showed so much potential. After the first round of the competition the coaches were confident that the team, with the right attitude could go all the way to the grand final even predicting the grand final win.

Each member of the team brought their own individual talents to the team. They meshing together as an awesome force. Sure we had lots of heart stopping moments along the way. They epitomised the fundamentals of baseball, skills and determination with the ability to work cohesively as part of a team to share a common goal rather than the individual's achievements. The ability to recognise that when things don't go as planned that you just dust yourself off and start all over again. It teaches players to stick to the job and never give up it and you will eventually succeed.

The friendships developed and the respect that the players have for each other through baseball is likely to continue for many years. Not only the players benefiting but the parents also have developed strong friendships.

The players who joined us this year from other clubs and associations joined the Comets family and fitted in instantly. We are sure they enjoyed their season and would love to see them back next season.

### ***The Players:***

Rhys Peeters catcher for the majority of games throughout the season. Catching is the most difficult position in the game controlling the delivery of pitches and direction of plays. Balls rarely getting past him. Encouraging everyone to be on alert and directing plays and delivering coaches instructions. Rhys scoring at home plate in nearly every game bar one (after all he is at home there).

Ticara Geldenhuis recipient of the Grand Final Most Valuable Player award as voted by the umpires. Ticara's reliability with the bat and glove was awesome.

Jasmin Garrison's big hitting and fielding was a great asset to the team including her pitching abilities.

We were lucky to have three strike pitches; Oscar Curtis, Josh Bishopp and Nathan Little who were hard working throughout the season. Delivering consistent strike outs. Many times resulting in three up three down innings after innings and game after game.

Hayley Claringbold with the safest hands in the team starring on first base and she was sensational with the bat and base running.

Antonie Sioutos consistent player connecting bat to ball including a home run.

James Power (the flash) the fastest base runner on the team. Regularly hitting two base hits. He handled the Third base role with ease, frightening the oppositions into not risking that steal home.

Our main outfielders Kirsty Packer, Mitchell Tomlinson and McKenna Liston undertook their roles with determination. Giving chase to those balls hit to the outfield.

Kirsty knocking down a certain home run from the Dolphins team in the second last game of the season ensuring a minor premiership a week before the end of the season.

Mitch giving chase to balls that got past shortstop and ensuring a quick return of the ball limiting progression of runners into scoring positions.

McKenna (flash 2) fast running and accurate batting and fielding. Versatile player who was handy with the bat eager to steel bases with dare devilish speed. And always willing to undertake the catcher and out field roles.



## Juniors - U14-2's (Continued)

Special mention and Thank you to Di Packer, Frank Bishopp, Anthony Power and Barton Peeters our scorers and pitch counters who saw the game only in symbols and colours. The game couldn't happen without them. Supporting the umpires and Keeping them honest. They never got to see the game in a relaxing shady spot.

Coach  
Trevor Geldenhuis

## Juniors - U14-3's (Finished 3rd)

The 14-3's have had a great season this year.

They started the season strong and very quickly came together as a team. Positions were established and the team showed that they were a force to be reckoned with in the competition. They finished the preliminary games in fourth position and in the first semi final they were washed out and replayed the game on a Tuesday afternoon.

Coaches and parents weren't sure how they would go, as it was the first time that they had played a 2-hour match after a full day at school. They fought a tough battle and came out on top winning the game 12 – 10 against Bonnet Bay.

Four days later they played the final at Illawong's home ground against Bosco that we knew would be tough. The team fought hard and for all the team it was the very first time they had ever played in a final. The support the team received from the Comets club was overwhelming and the crowd was huge!!! The team really appreciated all the support and did their best, but unfortunately went down in a nail biting finish by one run 13-12.

Players, coaches and parents thoroughly enjoyed the season and all will be back at the end of the year to start it all again.

Coach  
Marty McDonald



## Juniors - U17-1's (Finished 6th)

**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

### **Team Members:**

Pete Munro (Coach)  
Stuart Martin (Assistant Coach)  
Andy Wayland (Manager)  
Deb Freeman (Scorer)  
Lorraine Hall (Assistant Scorer)

Harry Berrell  
Joshua Clay  
Kieran Freeman  
Callum Gorman  
Jack Henville  
Patrick Henville  
Liam Porrett  
Jed Stevens  
Aaron Tomlinson  
James Wayland



## Juniors - U17-3's Gold (Finished 5th)

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

### Team Members:

John Back (Coach)  
Chris Shade (Assistant Coach)  
Ross Pallone (Manager)  
Julie Back (Scorer)  
Julie Ann Pallone (Scorer)

Dylan Back  
William Besly  
Amber Burling  
Connor Douglas  
Ryan Pallone  
Callum Dakin  
William Shade  
Bailey Tregillgas  
Angus Lehir  
Matthew Cantor  
Michael Kilbane  
Jonathan Collison



## Juniors - U17-3's Royal (Finished 3rd)



Finishing the regular season in second place was a fantastic achievement. We made the finals against St George, this was a nail biting game and we only went down by one run.

This was a new team put together with only 5 existing Comets players. 3 new players from other clubs and 3 players that have never played baseball before, all coming together by the end of the season to make a very competitive team.

We were lucky to have two great Assistants this year in Chris Little and Trevor Geldenhuis, your help is greatly appreciated by myself and the kids.

Thank you to Neil for scoring. Ciara for her managing skills. Ayuko for pitch counting.

To the team, thank you for an enjoyable season, we had some great moments. I hope to see you all back next year.

Coach  
Mick Herring



## COMETS SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A fun time was had by all, at the annual Christmas party on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 160 kids attended with their families and enjoyed a fun filled afternoon, the highlight being the Splasher and Wipeout slip- n -slides , which helped cool down the hot sticky kids.

The littlies enjoyed the jumping castle and were excited by a visit from Santa arriving in style by fire engine. Good old Santa did not disappoint and distributed some lollies to the eagerly awaiting kids. Not to be outdone by Santa the local Furies let the kids explore the fire engine which as usual was a big hit with the kids of all ages. It was great to see our young Comets and their siblings have a fun day. A big thank-you to all the kids for their involvement and effort in the season and hope to see you all again at this years' Christmas party.

The Club celebrated the New Year in with the annual Trivia Night. A spectacular \$5000 was raised for the Club with over 140 people attending and getting into the Black and White theme in varying attire. We were blessed with priests, threatened by pirates and ninja's, dazzled by disco dancers, entertained by various sporting legends and a few zoo escapees , such as the perky (or was that pesky) penguin. Many thanks to all the teams that supplied the wonderful hampers for the silent auction, always a winner on the night.

The number board was also a big hit with many great prizes kindly donated by both local and non-local businesses. The bottle coin toss provided great entertainment and showed that real 'don't give up' attitude we like to instil in our young Comets. Hopefully our young Comets have better ball throwing skills than their parents have coin tossing skills.

The U10's took out the winner place, and second place was by 12/1, and the Wooden Spooners were the young kids. Better luck next time Comets.

The social committee would like to thank all the parents and their friends that attended for helping make this a great night and for digging deep in their pockets for the auctions, raffles and coin tossing. A big thank-you to all the businesses that supplied prizes, it would be great if we could repay their efforts with our patronage where possible.

Comets Social Committee

## TRIVIA NIGHT - Silver Sponsor's





## SUMMER 2013 - 2014 AWARDS

Most Improved Junior Non-Pitched Team  
Most Improved Junior Pitched Team

Under 10-3's  
Under 12-3's

Jimmy McDonald Award

Cameron Hall

Family Award

Geldenhuis Family

Junior Club Person

Joshua Clay

Junior Team Coach

Brett Elliott

Junior Representative Players

James Wayland  
Ticara Geldenhuis  
Jasmin Garrison

1st Grade:

MVP:  
Batting Award:

Bryce Lincoln  
Sam Withers

2nd Grade:

MVP:  
Batting Award:

No submission  
No submission

3rd Grade:

MVP:  
Batting Award:

Daniel Carberry  
Daniel Carberry

4th Grade:

MVP:  
Batting Award:

Trevor Geldenhuis  
Trevor Geldenhuis .543

5th Grade:

MVP:  
Batting Award:

Renae Ackling  
Heath McManus .637

7th Grade Gold:

MVP:  
Batting Award:

Joe Potter  
Robert Goodman .540

7th Grade Royal:

MVP:  
Batting Award:

Casey Tregillgas  
Kevin Tregillgas .571



**SUMMER BASEBALL IS OVER...**

**CONGRATULATIONS ON A  
GREAT 2013-2014 SEASON**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL BACK  
FOR SUMMER NEXT YEAR**

**OR**

**ON THE DIAMOND FOR THE  
WINTER SEASON STARTING  
29TH & 30TH MARCH!**