



# Comets

## Summer 2014-2015 Presentation

### Season Reports



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



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**  
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Date	Time	Event
11/4 & 12/4		StGBA Round 1
18/4 & 19/4		StGBA Round 2
26/4	SUN ONLY	StGBA Round 3A
20/4	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
2/5 & 3/5		StGBA Round 4
9/5	SAT ONLY	StGBA Round 3B
16/5 & 17/5		StGBA Round 5
23/5 & 24/5		StGBA Round 6
18/5	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
30/5 & 31/5		StGBA Round 7
6/6 & 7/6		StGBA Round 8
13/6 & 14/6		StGBA Round 9
15/6	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
20/6 & 21/6		StGBA Round 10
27/6 & 28/6		StGBA Round 11
4/7 & 5/7		StGBA Round 12
11/7 & 12/7		StGBA Round 13
18/7 & 19/7		StGBA Round 14
20/7	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
25/7 & 26/7		StGBA Round 15
1/8 & 2/8		StGBA Round 16
8/8 & 9/8		StGBA Semi Final
15/8 & 16/8		StGBA Final
17/8	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
22/8 & 23/8		StGBA Grand Final
19/10/15	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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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

### **Summer 2014 - 2015**

Congratulations to the Comets Baseball Club

It's important at this time of the year to take time to thank the people who put in the time to enable to play baseball. I would like to thank Comets Executive & Committee

Coaches & Managers, a special mention to all the junior coaches unless you have coached before you do not realize how under the pump it can be (very easy to coach from the side line).

To the parents, grandparents, helpers and carer's that make it happen each week whether taking the kids to training or the game.

The canteen staff (Amy, Lyndsey, Lorraine), we have a dedicated staff that each week after everyone has gone have to restock and order either for the games being played with seniors the next day or for the following Saturday.

Our social committee has put in another outstanding job this season, the trivia night was great success and the money raised will be used for some good projects that are in the pipeline. Boy have they set the bench mark in the last two years.

Thanks to all the parents that helped with the running of Bunning's BBQ... another very successful fund raiser for the club.

To our sponsors without your support we would struggle to equip the kids the way we are able, equipment is not cheap and we spend over \$10,000 each year on this.

Our groundsman are second to none, Comets field is always open, outstanding job Jim & Dru  
To all the guys that put in the hours before Christmas re-laying turf & placing top soil on J1 well done guys.

Well done to all the Comets teams, to those that made the Finals and the Grand Final

U12-3's reaching Grand Final, coming runners up

U14-1's reaching Finals, finishing 3rd

U14-2's Winning their Grand Final

2nd Grade reaching the Grand Final but was denied their chance to play due to a protest

3rd Grade Royal reaching Grand Final, coming runners up

Well Done to our Junior Reps; Ticara Geldenhuis, Kirsty Packer, Jasmin Garrison, Kuean Geldenhuis, Toby McDonald, Blake Kendrick, Reilly Vanzantan

I hope you all had a great season.

*Jason Noye*

**Club President**

## Seniors - 1st Grade - Finished 3rd

### Team Members:

Ben Evans (Coach)  
Julie Elliott (Scorer)

Harry Cooper  
Craig Elliott  
Adam Evans  
Marcus Fisher  
Anthony Grigg  
David Grigg  
Andrew Hodges  
Bryce Lincoln  
Lachlan Ryan  
Sam Withers

NO REPORT SUBMITTED



## Seniors - 2nd Grade - Denied their Grand Final - Finished 3rd on a Protest

### Team Members:

Daniel Carberry (Coach)  
Tyler McGlinchy (Manager)

Stuart Brown  
Brendan Cropp  
Owen Ewart  
Andrew Haberley  
Rhys Marlow  
Ryan Marlow  
Luke Martin  
Logan McGlinchy  
Blake Ryan

NO REPORT SUBMITTED



## **Seniors - 3rd Grade GOLD - Finished Runners Up**

A Great bunch of guys, who all enjoyed the season... but it wasn't the result we all wanted.  
Going down to Canterbury in the Grand Final by one run in the bottom of the 9th innings. 17 to 16.

### **Most Memorable Moments:**

Ces hitting his Grand Slam R13 v Comets Royal at Jannali

Captain Risky getting suspended for four (4) weeks (for doing nothing) and Ces taking over and the Team winning:  
R11 v Giants at Fairfield 23 to 3 in a scorcher 32 degree heat.

R12 - BYE

R13 v Comets Royal at Jannali 22 to 0

R14 v Canterbury at McLaughlin 20 to 4

R18 v Giants at Jannali in the 1st innings Glen and Trevor hitting HOME RUNS... (Batter 2 and Batter 4)

During warm up in the Finals Dan Talbot getting a shiner from a fly ball leaving him seeing stars which ruled him out taking the field and this would be his last game as the following week (Grand Final) he was getting married.

Finals knocking off Comets Royal (Jason Noye's team) 22 to 6... sorry guys.

Grand Final Ces putting one deep left field for a HOME RUN

Thanks to our two (2) substitutes who helped out this season (Jason Noye and Paul Sammut)

Lorraine thankyou for scoring... A couple of the guys are still debating a couple of their hits and fielding errors.  
At the end of the day without you they would not have any statistics.

A BIG Thanks goes to our Batting Coach Stuart Martin. Turned up to training each week to assist and improve the teams batting techniques. Unfortunately, the weekend it clicked for the batters (hitting their Home Runs) he was having a few cold ones in the middle of the ocean fishing.

Thanks for all who turned up supported us throughout the season... the canteen staff and groundsmen and Dru for keeping the drinks cold.

A great season guys... hope to see you all again next year and go one better.

### **CAPTAIN RISKY "Kick It & Rip It"**

(For the records books that's 8 Runners Up trophies including 4 in a row now for Summer season)  
**STGBA 2007, 2008 & 2012 / CSMLBA 2007-2008, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 & 2014-2015)**

### **Team Members:**

Scott Collins (Captain Risky)  
Stuart Martin (Batting Coach)  
Lorraine Hall (Scorer)

Chris Clarke  
Trevor Geldenhuis  
Cameron Hall  
Michael Herring  
Daniel Hollands  
Chris Little  
Peter Mitchell  
Rhys Mitchell  
Phil Ramsay  
Daniel Talbot  
Glen Tomlinson

## Seniors - 3rd Grade ROYAL - Finished 3rd

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### Team Members:

Josh Noye (Coach)  
Jason Noye (Manager)

Alex Dexter  
Matt England  
Ryan Gannon  
Nigel Garton  
Harrison Irving  
Zac Jones  
Trent Leitch  
Mitchel Bowen  
Ryan Moore  
Alex Seymor  
Mitchell Wade  
Alex Walker



## Seniors - 4th Grade - Finished 6th

At the start of the season John Pigot put up his hand to be our player/Coach but after he got injured in the first game we did not see much of him again which meant the manager also had to become the coach with help from others in the team. We were told we had 11 players but after injuries and some no shows ended up with only 7 for most of the season. Thanks to 6th and 7th grade we only had to forfeit a few games and when Graham Grigg got back from overseas he registered to help out. In the last 4 games we had the players from Yarrowarra Tigers join us with (Wayne) Stormy and (Michael) Milo coming over full time and Noddy also filled in when we were short.

Our new player Calvin (played 6 games from 11) who had not played baseball before was a good addition to the team but due to work commitments also was not available every week. We also lost Tony (played 8/11 games) our pitcher for a few games due to an injury he got at work. Our other 2 pitchers were Jake (6/11) and Renae (9/11) and if we could have been able to back them up with the same players in the infield and outfield each week we may have been able to win more games.

Special thanks to Phil T and Graham G for helping to coach the team (and scoring) and the rest of the team for being supportive of the fill in coach. The team all got along well considering most had never played together before and the problems of being short each week.

Batting Average was won by Calvin Dunne with .529

MVP as voted by the team each week was Scott Balhatchet.

## Seniors - 7th Grade - Finished 5th

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

### Team Members:

Paul Sammut (Coach)  
Darryl Lewis (Manager)  
Sue Lewis (Scorer)

Tammy Burling  
Claire Cavanagh  
Cassandra Clay  
Dan Clay  
Joshua Clay  
Dean Francis  
Paul Henville  
Jonathan Kilbane  
Rhys Lewis  
Anne Pillington  
Max Pillington  
Casey Tregillgas



## Seniors - 6th Grade- Finished 6th

Well what a season, it had everything except an appearance in the finals let alone a grand final, well maybe it didn't have EVERYTHING! Many things were good, but our bats let us down... I know about workmen blaming tools (not meaning you Joe you sensitive soul)....

It was still a fun and enjoyable season with plenty of sun, hits, strikeouts, beers and hot dogs. The bloke who consumed the most hot dogs (just look at the size of his butt) was Owen the hot dog swallower, he eats like a duck, and also took out our batting average.

Chris and Joe were challenging each other to see who could consume the most beers after a game, only because Owen ate all the hot dogs. Some notable performances from our side came from Brad Foyle AKA Rocky who batted well all season and was always keen to give every position a go and did extremely well.

Dylan our go to leadoff hitter matured slotting into positions where he would not normally play and showed a lot depth and maturity, including pitching.

Jonathan & his life partner William brought plenty of energy to the side with some good hitting and some excellent fielding.

Jesse, our resident hard ass, was there when we needed her; and yes Jess, everyone is scared of you epically with a bat in your hands. Maybe skipping to first base misses the point of the term "run". Our token female player. Matt proves time and time again just how delicate she really is, hang in there sweetie.

Our MVP goes to none other than wild thing "I can break thumbs with a pitch" Brad Teasel whose routine walking to the mound is a bigger run up than Brett Lee. Brad as always pitches brilliantly and only after his second season he shows a great passion and understanding for the game.

Klaus brings enthusiasm to all he does in baseball. Klaus fielded well at second which seems his home, but was trying his D&D spells whilst at bat. You can't mutter incantations and hit a ball at the same time ...

The King, John King always makes a game interesting. Joe and Chris took bets on whether our team or the opposition would tell JK to shut up first.

Ryan joined this season after his post junior contract to the Majors got lost in the mail. Ryan was consistent with a great arm and big bat.

Todd played with his son Will, essentially to laugh at the rest of us dealing with his antics which Todd sees every day. Todd was solid when he was in the team and may have challenged for the batting average if he had made a couple more games.

Brad Dawes AKA "Chuck" showed great potential but was only able to make a couple games due to work.

Lastly, our good mate Rob was again a master of the "Chris pitch" until seeing Chris getting changed in the sheds resulted in him being interred in the psych ward. He is still under medication.

Thank you all for a great season and I can't wait to do it all again.



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 2014 and Saturday mornings in 2015. Aussie T-ball @ Comets is intended for children who had started school in 2014 or 2015.

It was good to see many of the Aussie T-batters from the previous season back this summer to play Saturday morning T-ball. Obviously they enjoyed their introduction to T-ball and Comets.

This year we had 16 registered for Aussie T-ball @ Comets. Playing in 2 teams, Astros and Meteors, each week they learnt skills and played a game with all the kids having lots of fun.

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 Wille family who all pitched in to help, particularly Jasper and Eden, as well as Caitlin who was there for the Friday night 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 2015, 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.



## Juniors - U8-1's - Finished 6th

**Coach:** Floyd Gee  
**Coach:** Dan Morgan-Spooner  
**Assist. Coach:** Kaewta (Yok) Nusuwan  
**Manager:** Geoff Marks

**Team:** Thomas A  
Jake B  
Lily G  
Alana K  
Charlie B  
Harry M  
Aidan P  
Oscar R  
Lincoln R  
Charlie W

NO REPORT SUBMITTED



## Juniors - U8-2's - Finished 6th

**Coach:** Ken Dickenson  
**Assist. Coach:** Natalie Scott  
**Manager:** David Biddle

**Team:** Ava A  
Keziah B  
Gabriel B  
Brody D  
Max H  
Brody J  
Ashley N  
Brayden S  
Roary S  
Levi S  
Andrew Y

NO REPORT SUBMITTED



## Juniors - U8-3's - Finished Equal 4th

What a great season for a team of kids who for some, had never played before. Each week the kids moved around and had a go at the different positions on the field.

There was improvement in every child from the start to the end of the season, with some great hitting, good put outs and some super-fast running.

It was nice to see lots of little smiles on the field. All of you kids are awesome and we hope you had lots of fun playing ball.

We hope to see you all back out on the field next season.

Thank you to the coaches, scorers and parent helpers.



## Juniors - U9's GOLD - Finished 4th

**Coach:** Deryk Proudlock  
**Coach:** Steve Bourke  
**Manager:** Carolyn Geraghty  
**Scorer:** Jodie Friedrich

**Team:** Riley A  
Kade B  
Thomas F  
Jake G  
Oliver H  
Riley H  
Dylan P  
Luke P  
Cooper R  
William S  
Benjamin W  
Finn W

NO REPORT SUBMITTED



## Juniors - U9's ROYAL - Finished 5th

It was always going to be a tough gig in the 9's with only one grade but The Royals stood up to the challenge. We started the season with the usual rotation of players but towards the end of the season, it became evident that each player had a specialty spot whether it was outfield or infield and we started to really take to those top teams.

Training was always fun and we managed to learn a thing or two there as well. End of the season saw the introduction of the zooka machine and the 10's better watch out cause we have some kids that can really hit off that zooka machine, so we look forward to what is to come of this team next year!

Probably our most impressive game was playing the Giants at the top of the table and beating them by quite a few runs, but the memories of the fantastic catches, big hits, the tags and the friendships will be what sticks in my mind. We were up against some really good teams this year, they could play the game well. We only ever lost by a few runs when we did lose.

We were lucky to have lots of helpers this year. Hayley and Erin did a fantastic job at coaching keeping the kids interested in the game and always providing encouragement, the kids really look up to the girls, thank you Hayley and Erin, most teenagers would prefer to be in bed on a Saturday morning, we appreciate your time. Mick came along with his expert advice and tweaked a few things here and there and the kids loved showing him just what they learnt from him.

Our Manager Simone did an amazing job, organising scorers, the teams and the batting line up. Thank you Simone, as if your life isn't busy enough we appreciate the time you put into the team (got any snakes for Mick?). To those that scored during the year and to those that learnt thank you. To all the parents that sat on the side line shouting encouragement and never a bad word to the kids thank you.

A very enjoyable season for all involved, great parents and kids, we had lots of laughs! Hope to see all the kids back on the diamond for the new season and the new game of zooka. I will miss my teeball babies.



## Juniors - U10-2's - Finished 4th

The 2014-2015 10-2's started off a quiet group of kids.

They were eager to play and willing to learn.

Trevor took on role of coach and did a great job at ensuring everyone played a variety of positions and improved in their hitting over the season. Trevor was assisted by Ticara and Luke who both play in the 14-1's. This enabled them to give their time and learn about the game from a whole new angle.

Our team players were Sam, Alex, Maddie, Kuean, Blake, Toby, Ayden, Reilly, Elizabeth, Leo and Bailey.

Our kids improved so much over the season.

I would like to thank all parents for their support and willingness to help on game day and as social committee members. It made the job as manager an enjoyable and rewarding one.

We hope to see you all back again next year.



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## Juniors - U12-2's - Finished 5th

It was definitely a season of two halves for the 12/2s, who optimistically began the season as 12/1s. While prepared to write off the first round loss to Bosco as early season nerves, the second round annihilation by Giants left Super Coach Hodges in no doubt that at least one of the two teams playing that day was in the wrong competition.

Our Comets would be better suited to 12/2 action and the Giants would probably slot in quite comfortably in the US Major League.

Assistant Super Coach Chris Little, as a player himself who is quite familiar with shellackings, walked away from Apsley Field shaking his head and muttering that he had never seen anything like that. 24-0.

While the next six games delivered a series of demoralising losses for the boys, they must be congratulated for the way they played every game with enthusiasm. Mercifully, the decision was eventually made by the CSJBA to re-grade the team into the 12-2s and their season began to improve.

Two narrow losses and a draw closed out the first half of the season prior to the Christmas break and it was obvious from the scorer's box that the boys were really beginning to enjoy their baseball again.

With a new year came a new belief and the team won every game they played in the second half of the season. Pitching, fielding and batting all started to come together. The second last game of the season was the most enjoyable from a spectator's viewpoint with Comets winning a very tense encounter 6-5 against Yarrawarra, who had previously lost only one game all season.

While the boys provided the drama on the field of play, Super Coach Hodges and his Yarrawarra counterpart provided the comedy on the sideline with a heated discussion over who had the biggest balls. (For the record, the balls that Comets were using were the correct size.)

Fittingly, the biggest win of the season came in the last game, 14-2 against the Sharks. Ultimately, though, the team had left their run too late and were just tipped out of a finals birth with other results not falling into place. Who knows what may have happened?

Many thanks to Assistant Super Coaches Tony Barker and Chris Little and also to Julie Little who did a wonderful job as Team Manager.

Thanks to all the parents who helped with canteen/ground set-up/scoring.

Special thanks to Super Coach Andrew Hodges for coaching the boys and sharing his love of the game (and also for only forgetting the kit once).



## Juniors - U12-3's GOLD - Had FUN and Enjoyed the season

The team: Bree, Caitlin, Callum, Jack, Jasmine, Jasmyn, Kristin, Olivia, Paola, Tiffany aka Macka, Caitie, Cal, Thomo, Johnno, JC, Bisho, Liv, Lucky and Tiff.

Five of this year's Comets 12/3s Gold also played together last year in the 12/3s. Stepping up from the 10s was Olivia while we welcomed Callum, Jack, Jasmyn and Tiffany to the club.

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 Johnno Snr.

The season started with a competitive game against eventual semi finalists, the Marlins. The team was keen to build on the previous year, further developing their batting, fielding, catching and pitching. While we didn't manage to be on the right side of the score card, the players weren't put off and were enthusiastic to the last pitch. Our second last game of the season, against Dolphins, was our closest contest where we led into the final dig before being squeezed out by a fast pitching future MLB recruit!

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 batting developed strongly. This was shown by us scoring twice as many runs in the second half of the season as the first.

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, Alex and the scorers Rebecca and Frank.

## Juniors - U12-3's ROYAL - Runners Up (Beaten in Grand Final 11- 7 by Giants)

**Coach:** Josh B  
**Coach:** Nathan L  
**Manager:** Amanda Perryman  
**Scorer:** Brent Daly

**Team:** Lachlan D  
Rafif D  
Elliott H  
Adam K  
Cameron P  
Matthew S  
Damien T  
Dylan Y  
Alexander Z

NO REPORT SUBMITTED



## Juniors - U14-1's - Finished 3rd

14-1's season 2014-15 was a very enjoyable season lead by coaches Pete Munro and Trevor Geldenhuis, managed by Margaret Phillips and scorer Frank Bishopp. The new comets members joining us from Bosco and St Pats clubs, Chet, Kyle and Jai were a welcome addition to the team and the club.

Despite being unable to train at the beginning of the season, the team was able to come up with a win in it's first game of the against Cronulla, setting us up for a great season ahead.

In the next two games against Illawong and giants we struggled to get bat on ball. Some big hitting from giants and Illawong sometimes managing to find the gaps in our defence.

By round three we started to gel as a team, gaining in confidence. There were many wins along the way with some great fielding and batting and a textbook run down against Illawong, pickoffs and freakish catches by Chet, Ethan Roy Josh Kyle and Nathan. We had a wealth of pitching talent amongst the players Josh, Chet, Kyle, Jai, Nathan, Luke, Roy and Jacob.

Late in the season we were down a player with Jacob W not returning after the holiday break. Cooper Weaver 12-2's Travis Ryan and Jasmine Garrison assisted by filling in when we were short with team numbers down to nine players. Cooper did a remarkable job and was not intimidated by the 14's standard of play.

We entered round 17 with a nail biting draw with Cronulla which resulted in comets entering the semi finals in 3rd place behind Illawong and giants. The team fought hard to win the semi finals against Cronulla 9 to 3.

The finals saw us up against a strong Illawong line-up. We weren't intimidated and we fought hard in the first 3 innings, matching Illawong batting and runs across the plate. Unfortunately we had a couple of unlucky bounces in the field at critical points. This coupled with some strong base running from Illawong saw them go through to the grand final to play the giants.

All our players were able to play anywhere in the field and their skills were of a very high standard and they should all be very proud.

Ticara our catcher was remarkable and the hardest worker on the field, always keeping the ball out in front. She studied the batters and signalled the pitchers enabling the ball to be delivered in a style that least suited the opposing batters.

The safe hands of the Basemen Nathan (1st base), Roy (short stop and 2nd base), Jai (3rd & 2nd base), Josh (1st base), Ethan (2nd), Luke (3rd), Chet (2nd).

With strong performances by our pitchers; Josh, Nathan, Chet, Kyle, Luke, Roy and Jai the coaches were spoilt for choice. We always knew that when the opposing teams had ran out of pitchers will still had plenty of resources left which made the difference when coming from behind in the run count often going onto win.

We also had a big selection of outfielders in Jacob, Josh Jai, Chet, Kyle Luke and Ethan. Many times, the outfield made plays directly to home plate or in relays to take out the runner at home plate.

The team was very versatile and training days were lots of fun. All the players can be very proud of the way they played the game.

The support of a great bunch parents has been greatly appreciated.

Chet and Kyle who where friendship players are welcome back if their previous club is unable to accommodate them next year.

### **Interesting player stats:**

Josh B Bat Avg .459 / 19 RBI's / slug % .649 / 13 Runs

Kyle P Bat Avg .343 / 17 RBI's / slug % .486 / 2 triple's / 15 Runs

Jai D Bat Avg .333 / 13 RBI's / slug % .389 / 14 Runs

Ticara G catcher for 66 innings with 4 caught stealing, conceded a remarkable 6 pass balls. 72 putout's and 20 assists / 15 Runs.

Luke K pitched 11 innings ERA of 3.083 / 6 RBI's / 6 Runs

Ethan P involved in 9 putout's in the outfield and 5 assists / 5 RBI's / 5 Runs

Nathan L slug % .300 / 8 RBI's / ERA of 8.355 / 5 Runs

Roy 6 RBI's / 6 putouts and 15 assists / 8 Runs

Chet L Bat Avg .314 / slug % .343 / 4 RBI's / 17 strikeouts / 22 putout's and 19 assists / 17 Runs

Cooper 3 Runs

Jacob W 2 RBI's / 6 Runs / 3 putout's and 2 assists

## Juniors - U14-2's - Premiers

"I'm writing this prior to going into our Grand Final. I must say a win would be fantastic, however I am as proud as punch of all the kids' performances and attitude throughout the year. The competition was very close with not much difference between 1st and last place. We had a great start, winning a lot of close games, then went through a tough spell but bounced back and put in a very solid performance in the semis and finals. I hope most of all they just enjoy being part of a Grand Final and soak up the atmosphere. It has been a bit of "girl power" in our side with Kirsty leading the way with great pitching all year and Hayley and Jasmin batting. Overall it has been such a team effort really which has got us to the big one. First year Matty Knight showed how good he can be, with some exceptional fielding from Matty Walker, Travis, Ben, Conor and Antonie, all hitting well also. Let's not forget our 2 catchers, Jake and Flynn, who both did outstanding jobs to make sure we got our K2 outs, well above what I was expecting. All in all, very proud of every one of you.

Special thanks to Geary, Jim, Natasha and Diane for all your help and for the support of all the parents alike.

### **Mark's Grand Final Report - Comets defeated Bosco Sky 13 - 10**

"As usual our fielding was great, only a few small errors that had no real impact on the result of the game. Our pitching was superior to Bosco's with both Kirsty and Hayley throwing a much higher proportion of strikes to balls per batter, and as a result had a lot lower pitch count.

As we said before the game, batting is what was going to win the game for us. It was a great display of disciplined batting. We left the balls and swung at the strikes. This put a lot of pressure on the Bosco pitchers and made them throw a lot of pitches.

Our first and second bat was what laid the foundation for our glorious win. We pushed their starting pitcher over his allowable pitch count seeing in their second pitcher in the second dig. We then pushed the second pitcher to a high pitch count giving us a good chance of seeing the third string pitcher by the end of the game. We scored a good amount of runs, giving us a good lead and some breathing space.

The third innings we didn't score any runs and Bosco lifted giving everyone a display of power hitting, bringing in their maximum of six runs. We were then 1 run behind. In the fourth, we didn't panic and came out again showing great disciplined batting again, seeing off the second Bosco pitcher, and then onto the third string pitcher. We nearly scored our maximum number of runs and were again in the lead.

In the last dig Hayley came out and quickly dispatched 2 batters with some help from the field. Then she had 2 strikes against the next batter. Easy you might think. No, not so easy. As if we hadn't already had enough excitement. She walked that batter, then a few more made it to the bases. Every one with a heart condition were reaching for their pills and charging their pacemakers. But in the end we heard those wonderful words from the umpire, "Strike 3". A "woman of the match" performance under great pressure as judged by the umpire himself. A great game, real composure under pressure and an excellent team effort. Every person on the field played their part in a proud moment for the Comets 14/2's."

Now that we have won the Grand Final, as Team Manager I would like to congratulate everyone on an outstanding performance. I am so proud of all the team members who have shown such a great team spirit in the way they have conducted themselves and it has been fantastic to watch how they have supported each other right throughout the season. The team and their parents and carers have been fantastic to work with.

### **Special Mention:**

#### **GRAND FINAL Most Valuable Player: Hayley Claringbold**



## Juniors - U14-3's - Finished 6th

If the number of wins in a season is a measure of a team's success then the 14-3s had a shocker. It was a difficult start to the season since we didn't have the full team available until Round Six. Our first and only win came against the Giants in Round Seven and it was great to know how victory tasted. The kids persevered through the difficulties and there is no doubt that the coaching and encouragement that came from Matt Rose and Linton Burling helped to keep them on track.

So, if not through wins, how did we measure our success? HEART. These kids gave everything they could and were determined to improve week after week. In spite of the obstacles, they played on. There were glimpses of greatness that, as parents, we appreciate. Freakish catches, where the ball stayed in the glove when it should have dropped to the ground, double plays that would have wowed the pros and consistent pitching that had the other team shaking in their shoes.

This season saw players' skills emerge: Yok was of course our star pitcher but Yatesie, Jaime and even Jaspar proved that they too can find the strike zone. Grace shone on first base and Kiara became known for her quick thinking and play making. Our big hitters were always appreciated- thank you Iggy, Hamish, Jaspar, Nate and Jacob for helping us get points on the board. Liam, Max and Cayden showed improvement every week and never gave up on themselves or their teammates. The team was always there to encourage each other and always believed in each other.

Thanks 14-3s. You definitely deserved more than you got!!

## Juniors - U17-2's GOLD - Finished Equal 6th

As a team we started the season slowly, this was not helped by playing the St Pat's side first up who would go through the whole competition touching up each side.

The boys progressed through the season and we had a couple of close wins to get us on the board.

There was much improvement in fielding during the season and some games our batting was on fire.

There were many matches we were that went down to the last innings, but could not close out the win.

I know this became frustrating for the boys.

For all of the season we were outside of the top 4 and were still in with a mathematical chance of making a play off for 4th place. But it was not to be.

I think all the boys would agree we did not play consistently to our abilities this season.

The younger boys who will play U17 next season, you should take heart and be confident in your abilities. You are as good as any other players in the grade.

For the older boys, this was their last season of junior baseball, I wish Corey, Jed, Jack H, Jack F & Aaron all the best as they move full time into senior baseball.

I'd like to thank Paulie and Glen for their coaching this season. Also a big thanks to Neil for his scoring and filling the gaps when I was away for work.

I hope the boys enjoyed the year, while frustrating there is always something to learn.

Never give up.





## Juniors - U17-2's ROYAL - Finished Equal 6th

**Coaches** Mick Herring, Stu Martin, Chris Little  
**Manager** Ciara Lambertson  
**Scorer** Barton Peeters

**Players:** Matt Pitcher/1st (finished playing in Juniors, all the best Matt)  
Tahlia Pitcher/2nd  
Oscar Pitcher/SS  
Harry Pitcher/1st/CF  
James Pitcher/2nd  
Rhys Catcher  
Erin 1st  
Nick SS  
Kosta 3rd  
Mkenna 3rd



Firstly I would like to thank Stu Martin for giving up his time to take on coaching this team with myself, Stu's knowledge & experience proved invaluable to the players. Stu has advised he would like his Saturdays back after many years of coaching juniors but I am sure we can get him to assist at training where required. A thank you to Chris Little for also helping with the team, Ciara for managing the team and Barton for scoring (thank you to Julie Little for also scoring), we have a good group of parents that supported loud and got involved in club activities, thanks parents.

From where the players were at the start of the year in compared to the end was a marked improvement. Having 5 players in their first year of 17's meant they were constantly playing against older kids and at times the physical size difference was noticeable. It was very pleasing to see all the batting help Stu provided was starting to show through for those that listened and took on board his knowledge. Our pitching was equal to the top teams and our fielding improved over the season.

The 17-2's was a strong comp & an even competition so the kids should be proud, we beat 2 of the teams that finished in the top 4 and pushed the team that will finish 2nd all the way. Unfortunately our last game was washed out, the team was shattered to not have one more game but luckily the game before which turned out to be our last was probably our best game.

With such a young team we only lose 1 player next year so with that extra year of growth and development they will only improve, with many from the other U17 teams and the U14's coming through the club will be strong again in the 17's next season.

Thank you to the Comets club for providing the facilities and support that make us such a great family club.

## Juniors - U17-3's - Finished 6th

**Coach: Chris Shade**

**Manager: Ross Pallone**

The season started off with a positive result with us soundly defeating St Pats and Eastern Suburbs. The team batted and fielded well with some great in field plays and great base running the entire team.

As the season moved on our fielding, batting and team work improved, however we just could not crack another win for this season. In spite of this, the entire team never gave up and always encouraged each other even though the odds were stacked against us.

As I mentioned before the entire team improved over the season especially our pitchers, Amy Rose, William Shade & Angus Leih. Amy was our lead off pitcher and always had the opposition baffled with her 'slow ball' (sucker pitch) which made them swing. On our third last game of the season she proved her determination by striking out seven batters!! Well done Amy. William and Angus steadily improved through the season by refining their wind up and focusing on accuracy more so than speed. Angus proved he can throw a fast ball by slowing down his wind up and once he achieved this, the opposition did not stand a chance.

I would especially like to thank my Manager, Ross Pallone, who without him our team would not have functioned. Thanks again Ross for your dedication to the team. I would also like to thank our scorer's, Julie Anne Pallone and Laura Rose, who gave up their time to score for us. Fantastic effort ladies.

I'd like to thank the entire team for their determination and loyalty to the team and each other throughout the season. Their attitude of 'never give' was truly impressive and it has been a pleasure to have coached you all.



## COMETS SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The 10-2's made a dynamic team when it came to taking on the role of Fundraising/Social Committee. Every parent was involved and were so willing to help. This gave us the chance to work together and make new friendships. Some of us even discovered skills we did not know we possessed.

Our Christmas party was a great success with lots of fun entertainment for the kids and a relaxing time for the parents. The afternoon was topped off with a visit from Santa, who made his entrance on a fire engine and supplied all kids with a lolly bag. Many thanks to Santa's helpers who put those together for us.

Our major event for the season was our "Red & White" Valentines Day Trivia night. So much behind the scenes work went into making this night a big success. Once again everyone in the team participated in making this night a success.

We would like to extend our thanks to all families who supported by providing donations, purchasing raffle tickets and attending on the night. Without you our night would not have been a success. With your help we were able to raise \$5249.15 on the night.

A special thankyou to all business who were able to donate a prize for the night.

Comets Social Committee

# SUMMER 2014 - 2015 AWARDS

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

Under 10-2's  
Under 12-2's

**Jimmy McDonald Award**

Andrew Bright

**Family Award**

Bishopp Family

**Junior Team Coach**

Andrew Hodges

**Junior Representative Players:**  
**NSW U15's Youth Women's Team**

Ticara Geldenhuis

**NSW Country U15's Youth Women's Team**

Jasmin Garrison  
Kirsty Packer

**CRONULLA Rookie West Team**

Kuean Geldenhuis  
Toby McDonald  
Blake Kendrick  
Reilly Vanzanten

**1st Grade:**

**MVP:**  
**Batting Award:**

Lachlan Ryan  
Andrew Hodges .419

**2nd Grade:**

**MVP:**  
**Batting Award:**

Daniel Carberry  
Luke Martin

**3rd Grade Gold:**

**MVP:**  
**Batting Award:**

Daniel Hollands  
Daniel Hollands .605

**4th Grade:**

**MVP:**  
**Batting Award:**

Scott Balhatchet  
Calvin Dunne .529

**6th Grade:**

**MVP:**  
**Batting Award:**

Brad Teasel  
Owen Sharman .625

**7th Grade:**

**MVP:**  
**Batting Award:**

Claire Cavanagh  
Darryl Lewis .545

**THAT BRINGS US TO THE END  
OF SUMMER 2014-2015...**

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

**SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR !**

