



# Comets

## Summer 2015-2016 Presentation

### Season Reports



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



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

Date	Time	Event
2/4 & 3/4		StGBA Round 1
9/4 & 10/4		StGBA Round 2
16/4 & 17/4		StGBA Round 3
23/4 & 24/4		StGBA Round 4
27/4	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
30/4 & 1/5		StGBA Round 5
7/5 & 8/5		StGBA Round 6
14/5 & 15/5		StGBA Round 7
21/5 & 22/5		StGBA Round 8
25/5	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
28/5 & 29/5		StGBA Round 9
4/6 & 5/6		StGBA Round 10
11/6 & 12/6		No Games
18/6 & 19/6		StGBA Round 11
25/6 & 26/6		StGBA Round 12
29/6	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
2/7 & 3/7		StGBA Round 13
9/7 & 10/7		StGBA Round 14
16/7 & 17/7		StGBA Round 15
23/7 & 24/7		StGBA Round 16
27/7	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
30/7 & 31/7		StGBA Round 17
6/8 & 7/8		StGBA Semi Final
13/8 & 14/8		StGBA Final
20/8 & 21/8		StGBA Grand Final
24/8	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
28/9	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
26/10/16	7:30pm	Annual General Meeting

Go to:  
[www.comets.org.au](http://www.comets.org.au)

*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!



## Comets Baseball Club Inc.

### POSTAL ADDRESS

PO Box 110  
Jannali 2226

Clubhouse Phone:  
02 9589 1864

Web:  
[www.comets.org.au](http://www.comets.org.au)

# Our Sponsors

The Club is privileged to have a range of fine sponsors.  
As they have supported us we ask that you support them.

For a comprehensive review of each sponsor,  
please see our web site.

# Sydney Airport



Who would  
sell your home  
for more?



Jed Wood

0407 756 708  
[jed.wood@sanders.com.au](mailto:jed.wood@sanders.com.au)  
[www.sanders.com.au](http://www.sanders.com.au)

sanders.



Sydney Survivors Kirrawee Base Camp  
Shop 26/118-126 Bath Road, Kirrawee, NSW, 2232, Australia.  
Ph: 1300 787 848  
Email: [enquiries@sydneyurvivors.com.au](mailto:enquiries@sydneyurvivors.com.au)

# Our Sponsors

## Detect A Leak

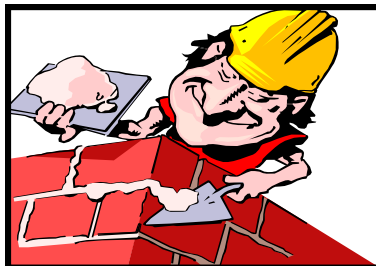
ABN: 31 136 578 508



**Jannali Inn**  
9528 9025  
The home of all good sports™



**Tax Today**  
TAX REFUNDS TODAY  
phone: 1300 TAX TODAY  
website: www.taxtoday.com.au  
We can give you your Tax Refund Today!



**Jason Noye**  
Bricklaying  
9542 8882



**Sylvania**

**FILL EM UP SKIPS**  
PROMPT DELIVERY & PICK UP ON  
**1, 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup> Metre**  
**SKIP BINS**  
SMALL TRUCK - FREE QUOTES  
PENSIONER DISCOUNTS  
**SOUTHERN SUBURBS**  
**0488 028 938**



*Thai Rim Nam*  
**Como**  
**9528 2700**  
**Restaurant & Cafe**

**Jannali & Gynea**  
**Car Clinic**



**JOHN STANFORTH**  
**SOLICITOR &**  
**CONVEYANCER**  
Ph: 9542 3317



**POSSUM PRINT**  
Quality Print & Design  
Business Stationery  
Digital and Offset Printing  
Wide Format & Plan Printing  
No Job Too Small  
**GRAHAM GRIGG**  
2 Perina Close  
Bangor NSW 2234  
Ph: (02) 9543 2216





## PRESIDENTS REPORT - Summer 2015 - 2016

Well Done Comets Baseball Club...

With the summer season now over its time to thank all the Volunteers that made it all happen.

I believe it's very important to always thank you the parents, you are the ones that make sure the kids are at training, they have their gloves, they have not forgotten their hats, they have their protectors, all those little things.

Then we have our grandparents, Aunties and uncles that pick up the slack when help is needed.

What about the great effort of all of our Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers and Scorers the Club cannot thank you enough for putting you hand up when needed and it should not go unnoticed that some of these people had no knowledge of Baseball before this Summer, the Comets will be in good hands for years to come with people like this involved, well done and thank you.

The Players, I would personally like to thank all of our Comet juniors for the way they conducted themselves throughout the season, on many occasions it was said to me how well-mannered our players are also how we looked in our uniforms, an asset to the Comets how we are seen by other clubs and the community in general at this time I would like to thank our Uniform Officer Julie Little always with a smile and ready to help, thanks Julie.

We also have many Junior umpires in our ranks, who will umpire games all morning and then have rush off, generally with those trusty people whom I spoke about above to their own game, there is not enough praise given to these young Umpires and it would not be proper at this time to thank our Junior Umpire Coordinator Jim McDonald, his tireless work makes our umpires the pride of the fleet.

Our ground! always open , once again there's Jimmy McDonald, whilst we are all enjoying a cold drink on Friday afternoons or a cuppa at 6.30am on Saturday mornings you will find Jim or Dru ( when Jims away ) mowing, fertilizing or marking the 3 diamonds, Great effort guys.

This season also saw our very beloved Canteen Coordinator Lorraine Hall stand down after 6 years of running this very well run canteen it is due mostly to Lorraine why the Comets have one of the best canteens of all the clubs, Thank you Lorraine.

This brings me to our new Canteen Coordinator Suzette and Emma, like a bird to water Suzette has done an excellent job at keeping up the high standard set by Lorraine, I would also like to mention Amy Berrell for her continued support and help she gives to the Comets, reported to me throughout the season is once again when parents / grandparents were rostered on for canteen duty you were always too willing to help and with your support this makes us a family orientated club.

Once again our under 10s Social Committee has really set the bench mark, what about the Christmas Party WOW , and then the trivia night , I know there was nothing but praise and rightly so if I can say these 2 events were the BEST EVER well done.

Another fund raising event we do is the Bunning's BBQ, wow have people have now got the idea why you either do the early shift or the last (never the middle of the day) great effort Comets.

To the grading Committee what an excellent job, Andrew Hodges you worked some magic, I still don't know how you did it, great effort.

As always I would personally like to congratulate the players with representative honours all your hard work and your parents time has given you the opportunity to play at a higher level, grab it with both hands you will enjoy it and remember it for the rest of your lives and for all Comets players the opportunity is there for you.

Congratulations to all the teams that made the Finals and Grand Finals.

To my very hard working Executive and Committee the tireless work and many hours spent to make this Club what it is ( THE BEST ), I propose it will be the Clubs shout and I am taking us all out for dinner, is that alright Mr Treasurer, thanks Guys and Girls.

As it is with the end of every summer season of Baseball, I would like to wish all the 17s that have played their last Junior game of Baseball with the Comets the best for whatever road you take but remember you will always be a Comet and always welcomed at the Comets, and there is always Senior Baseball .

Lastly, I would like to thank our sponsors, you are all very important to the Comets and are the difference, you are the ones that supply the club with the kit bags, baseballs, gloves, masks, leggings, batting machines, Zooka machines, discounted uniforms, enable us to keep our fees low, to help families, to offer coaching , scoring and umpire courses, I would like to especially thank Sydney Airport they have no affiliation with the club other than going out into our community and offering, asking how can we help Comets, Sydney Airport ongoing support with the Comets Baseball Club is one that I hope will go long into the future.

Final note, Comets 1st grade coached by Andrew Hodges and 2nd grade coached by Jason Noye are playing in their respective Grand Finals at Phil Austin Fields at 1.30pm tomorrow on opposite fields at the same time so if you see Andrew or I wish us luck or we hope to see you out there.

*Jason Noye*

**Club President**

## Juniors - U7's Astros

**Coach:** Joe McNamara  
**Coach:** Michael Green  
**Managers/Scorers:** Rachel Francis and Jessica Bowden

**Team:** Jayde / Jack / Callum / Ollie / Hamish / Miles / Zachary / Samuel

What a great team the Astros U7's have been this season.

A wonderful group of boys, full of energy and always willing to give things a go.

From never having played before to swinging great hits and manning the bases well, the boys all loved being part of the team this season. Starting with 9 and finishing the season with just 6 players they became a tight groups of mates.

A special mention to the wonderful coaches Joe and Michael, who did a great job for their first season coaching, always there at training, running the team well and developing assertiveness and command of the kids as the season progressed.

We've all enjoyed becoming part of the Comets family!

## Juniors - U7's Gold

**Coach:** Luke McKean  
**Assistant Coach:** Darren Leigh  
**Manager:** Tasha Dixon  
**Scorer:** Steve Pritchard

**Team:** Tyler / Lex / Ben / Oliver / Jettison / Jamieson / Levi / Mason / Ethan / Charlie

"Our Comets Under 7's GOLD Team started out very GREEN! No player had played, our coach had never coached, and our manager hadn't managed! However, with the help of great parent volunteers & supportive team members, we have flourished over the last few months!

Our boys loved batting from the get go, however 'fielding' was lost on them for the first half of the season. Looking at planes in the sky, sitting down and picking flowers and generally daydreaming was on the agenda if they weren't batting. However, Coach Luke persevered through training and taught the boys the importance of fielding and manning their bases.

The second half of the season was much more competitive and we managed to win or draw most of our games. The boys started running faster (and with urgency!), hitting the ball harder & higher, catching, and generally understanding the game and what was expected of them.

Our final game against Cronulla was an absolute cracker, when JJ & Tyler got 2 people out in one play. JJ catching the ball in mid air, which was a first for our team. We went out WINNERS with a score of 17-12!

Thanks to the group of great parents, who were always willing to show up to games, volunteer their time & be very pleasant and upbeat people, made managing quite a breeze.

We had Luke McKean as our Head Coach, with assistants Darren & Josh. Our main scorer was Steve Pritchard, who did a great job all season (his first time scoring) and our back up scorer Itsy, who also filled in without hesitation."

## Juniors - U7's Royal

**Coach:** Adam Curtis  
**Assistant Coach:** Fraser McLelland  
**Manager:** Brendan Dowling  
**Scorer:** Julie Schey

**Team:** Holly / Connor / Billy / Darcy / Thomas / Jessie / Isla / Mitchell / Eliza / Riley / Daphne

Congratulations boys and girls on a fantastic season of t-ball. Everyone developed well together as a team, they had fun and showed great sportsmanship on the field. The team improved throughout the season, finishing on a high with a strong victory.

Eliza had a consistent season with her signature shot between pitcher and third base serving her well.

Jessie enjoyed her time with the team and showed great determination and focus running between bases.

Holly was a great sport and a cool customer under pressure from the opposition fielders.

Thomas enjoyed his t-ball and was a competitive and passionate player.

Isla was another consistent player who always has a big smile on her face even when running between the bases.

Connor was a good team player who knew how to celebrate, punching the air when the team played well.

Riley showed skill and composure on the field finishing the season with some solid performances.

Darcy was a powerhouse hitter and handy fielder.

Daphne started late in the season but picked it up quickly and was always poised on the base ready to run.

Mitchell played a solid season and showed good all round ability improving as the season went along.

Billy was another big hitter who took some deft catches.

Thank you to Adam for giving up your time and coaching the team,  
Julie for scoring and thank you also to the parents and siblings who turned up and supported us each week.

## Juniors - U7's Meteors

## **WOW! WHAT A SEASON!**

**Coach:** Phill Tasker  
**Manager:** Lesleigh Tasker  
**Scorer:** Jodie Friedrich

**Team:** Emily / Jucody / Kalea / Jesse / Stephanie / Sophia / Zachary / Jazmine / Angus

Our little U7's Meteors came out of the dugout flying with this being the first season for all of our players they did not seem like rookies!

They were seasoned Pro's! With our super siblings Jucody and Kalea making even the greatest MLB player look like a rookie with their giant hits and flying catches!

Our speedy Gonzales Stephanie rounding bases before you could blink. The boy with the Biggest smile Angus.

The miniature crusher Zach hitting over the infield. The most enthusiastic girl with the hit to match Jazmine. The quiet achiever Sophia. The super Lefty Jesse. The toughest chatterbox Emily. All the kids game along every week to have fun.

They impressed us from start to finish of the season and all improved dramatically. Thanks to all the parents for getting them to training and games each week your support is appreciated and thanks to Phill for Coaching and Claudio for scoring every week.

See you all next season!

## **Juniors - U9-1's Astros - Finished 3rd**

**Coach:** Gavin Bollings  
**Assistant Coach:** Rod Boulton  
**Manager:** Dean Harris  
**Scorer:** Alysia Cavanagh

**Team:** Jake / Bryce / Gabriel / Lily / Brody / Alana / Aidan / Lincoln / Nathan / Daniel

The under 9 comets team had a fantastic start to the T-ball season, winning their first three games and from there worked together as a team to win many more.

Each game the team developed their skills at fielding and catching and some really exciting outs and double plays.

Overall they came in forth for the season which is such a great accomplishment and the team should be so proud on their performance.

Looking forward to next year!!!

## Juniors - U9-2's Gold - Finished Premiers

# WOW. WHAT A YEAR!

**Coach:** Dan Spooner  
**Coach:** Floyd Gee  
**Manager:** Geoff Marks  
**Scorer:** Sonya Bradford

**Team:** Thomas / Ashely / Joshua / Lucas / Thomas / Rory / Charlie / Harry / Maxton

We started off being graded into the 9-1 division, but it became quickly evident that we were not quite up to the task.

Not that the boys didn't try their hardest, but with several kids eligible for the 8s and many that had not played before, we were always going to be behind the pace.

We moved to the 9-2 division and set about teaching the kids the fundamentals of the game and honing their skills. Improving those which played last year and developing those who were new to the game.

Our number one rule was to have fun and this was evident through the season. We uncovered some raw, new talent and increased the skills and development of all the boys.

Ash led the way with some big hitting, great fielding and fast reflexes. Harry "Haz" Morgan-Spooner really improved his hitting and base running and really showed a big arm and safe catch.

Tom "TA" Attwells showed great patience and concentration and showed how fast he can be between bases. Tom "TG" Gee worked hard all year to improve his batting and became one of our most consistent hitters and a great 1st baseman.

Charlie "Minecraft" Marks-Bradford developed his own unique style which worked well for him, providing great consistency and attitude.

Lucas "Lucky" Flynn had a great season of big hits great fielding and good attitude.

Maxton "Maxi" Ward played well above his age and stature, bringing a strong hitting game and a fast developing fielding ability.

I feel that our 2 biggest improvers were our 2 littlest blokes. Joshy Entwistle and Rory "Race car" Henry.

They came into the season with just the absolute basics, but were not lost out on the field, often contributing with important hits, great fielding and the desire to learn more, Great listeners!

Over all, a great success, as we created a strong team bond that translated to great play, terrific sportsmanship and successful results. Double plays almost became the norm and we even had a rare triple play. We ended up winning the division with 8 wins, 2 losses and 2 washouts. A great achievement by some really talented boys.

It was a pleasure to be part of their development and I hope that we are able to keep the majority of the boys together that go up a grade and that the boys staying in the 9s can lead by example with their new team mates.

Thanks to Geoff for all his efforts as manager this year and to all our parents who scored, stood on bases, assisted with training and supported our boys and dressed up for trivia night.

Thanks to the club for their continued support. A year to remember.





## Juniors - U9-3's Royal - Finished 5th

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

**Team:** Oscar / Anais / Felix / Brodie / Isabella / Cole / Lucy / Ruby / Simon

I always enjoy that first training session when you get your new, well behaved team sitting down in awe of their new coach's, and manager and then ten minutes later, Felix, and Brodie, have climbed half way up the fence, Oscar is chasing his shadow on the other side of the field, Anais, and Bella are discussing the variety of flowers, and weeds on the diamond, whilst Cole and Simon are chasing Lucy, and Ruby with baseball bats! Welcome to Under 9-3 Royals!!! Luckily, with a lot of parent help, and a strong catchphrase "Coach is talking what do you do?", Team reply "LISTEN", over time we settle down into a productive, and successful training regime which was hampered quit a bit by either extreme heat, or rain. Despite this, our team proved to be a positive, and always happy bunch of kids who steadily improved their skills as the season progressed.

Simon, Cole, and Brodie dominated the batting with many outfield hits, and once our switch hitter, Oscar switched back to a righty, he was a force to be reckoned with. All the team were naturals at running bases. Our fielding was a little hit and miss early on but then we started seeing some brilliant plays by all. Anais took a spectacular catch at pitcher, and proved a very worthy 1st basewomen, Bella excelled at right field with nothing getting past her, Lucy, Cole and their "gloves like glue" worked their 1st base magic, and Ruby reads the game like a pro, and excelled anywhere she stood. Simon is a natural 3rd baseman, who made too many outs to count, Oscar, and Felix followed play directions to a very successful tee, and Brodie with his speed, and rocket arm made many a spectacular play.

We finished the season with two wins in a row, and settled at the top of the second half of the table. An excellent effort by a bunch of kids who continually improved over the season, and always had smiles on their faces, especially at Snake Time after the games.

A big thank you to all the Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, and supporters who scored, BBQ'd, canteened, set up, packed down, and cheered till your throats hurt, it was a true group effort with the stars being our wonderful, talented kids. See you all next year.

## Juniors - U9-3's Meteors - Finished 8th

## WHAT A FANTASTIC SEASON!

**Coach:** Sebastian Semos  
**Manager:** David Biddle  
**Scorer:** Melanie Jamieson and Shanan Green

**Team:** Keziah / Neve / Imogen / Eva / Chloe / Ashely / Alexia / Jenna / Olivia / Amiel

We were the only all girl team in our competition and for most of our players it was their first season. Our team bonded very quickly and we trained with a lot of enthusiasm. Training was unique with plenty of cartwheels, handstands and a few mini games against the parents. I'm not sure if it was these hard training sessions or the bribes with lollies and ice blocks that got us our first win! Either way, it was all good. We managed to achieve a few wins and draws throughout the season and we were competitive against all teams, probably a little unlucky not to win a few more games than we did.

Our team showed major improvements throughout the season, not only with their batting and fielding but also the ability to understand and read the game. Keziah was excellent in batting and awesome when on base, Chloe's batting was superb and she was lightening quick between bases. Imogen's ability to read the game and play accordingly was outstanding, Ashley's super-duper batting smashed the ball into the outfield on many occasions, Olivia performed very well with the bat and was wonderful in the field, Neve played excellent in all positions and had great enthusiasm in every game, Alexia had great determination and played well in both her batting and fielding. Amiel was 'miss consistent' in playing well and also managed to tag the most players out, Eva showed major improvements in batting and was solid in playing catcher, Jenna was super fast on her feet and always great in the field. A great team effort by everyone, well done girls.

If a game is judged on fun, effort and team spirit then we went through the season undefeated. Our team not only had the loudest chants and cheers from the dugout but also the most energetic post game celebrations, whether we won or came second!

Special thanks to our scorers and all our parents who helped out at training and on game day, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for an enjoyable and fun season.

## Juniors - U10-1's Astros - Finished 6th

**Coach:** Trevor Geldenhuis  
**Assistant Coaches:** Ticara Geldenhuis and Roy Munro  
**Manager:** Beth Kendrick

**Team:** Kuean / Kale / Oliver / Riley / Blake  
Jake / Luke / Callum / Reilly / Bryon

Thanks to Roy Munro and Ticara Geldenhuis for doing most of the coaching.

Thanks to Beth Kendrick " the EO" for the reminders every week.

Thanks to Pete and Nicole Munro for getting Coach Roy to practices and games.

Success is not measured on how many games are won or lost but on the improvement from start to finish, over all the season was successful.

Well done to Blake, Kale, Kuean, Luke and Reilly V for making it into Rookie Reps West Team.



"Uncoachable kids  
become  
unemployable  
adults.  
Let your kids get  
used to someone  
being tough on them.  
It's life, get over it."

-Patrick Murphy  
Alabama Softball

## Juniors - U10-2's Royal - Finished 8th

**Coach:** Steve Bourke  
**Assistant Coach:** Max Pillington  
**Manager:** Priscilla Wille  
**Scorer:** Carolyn Geraghty, Lauren Phillips and Jodie Friedrich

**Team:** Riley / Kade / Sasha / Thomas / Jake / Dylan / Sara / Zahra / Lara / William / Finn

A mixture of new and returning players, boys and girls made up our side this year and they all came together to form a really tight team. It was, however, the first time facing the moving ball in the batter's box for all of the kids now that they were playing Zooka. Some took to it like they'd been doing it their whole lives while others had to work at it, and work hard they did. While batting practice was definitely their favourite part of training, they still got stuck into all the fielding drills we threw at them.

On game day we adopted a rotation that allowed all the kids to get a feel for all positions, and the benefits of this were evident throughout the season with all the kids developing a really good understanding of the flow of the game no matter where they were positioned. It was these moments along with individual players reaching their first hit or first put out type milestones that were the highlights for us as coaches.

While the winning percentage may not have been as high as I would've liked, it could've easily been a different looking ladder for us with a few close games getting away in the last inning. This didn't affect the kid's enthusiasm though with them not focussing too much on the final result but rather their overall effort and performances.

I must say a massive thank you to Max for his help throughout the season. I hope that I didn't scare you with my intensity or my inability to sit down at any time. Just as big a thank you must go to Priscilla for all her efforts throughout the season keeping everyone informed as well as all the hard work that she and the other U10 Manager's put in to the Social Committee this year. Without you guys none of the events would have been the massive success that they were.

A big thank you also to Steve Audet for helping out at training and on game day when Max or I couldn't be there or if another set of hands was needed. Thanks to Caroline, Jodie and any of the other mum's that may have scored throughout the season. I apologise for not naming names but I really can't remember too much else that happens during game time. Lastly I'd like to thank all the kids for a fantastic season. I truly hope that I was able to teach you all at least one thing and that you all had fun while we were doing it.

Hope to see you all next year.

## Juniors - U10-3's GOLD - Finished 4th

**Coach:** Brent Daly  
**Assistant Coach:** Liam Flynn  
**Manager/Scorer:** Simone Johnston

**Team:** Cooper/ Katie / Caitlin/ Lila / James / Max / Abbey / Emily / Scott / Ben / Lewis

We started the season with a mixed team and number of first timers to baseball. For the players returning, this was the first season with the Zooka machine, where they could now experience the pressure and excitement of waiting for the right pitch, and slamming a fast-ball into the outfield.

Pitcher was also a very popular position this season; it's always fun to load a ball firing machine!

We started the season facing some tough teams, so needed to focus on our batting. With some keen practice on Thursday evening, the team did well to improve on batting and their core skills.

The team enjoyed testing each position in the field, and then finding which positions they really enjoyed and could demonstrate their skills. As the season progressed, the game also developed, moving to the more advanced concepts of stealing and tagging between bases.

The 10-3s finished stronger in the second half of the season, winning almost half of our games helped by some great home runs. We finished the season in a commendable 4th place (only half a point from 3rd ! ).

The 10-3s had a good season, and the team has done well improving on their skills and appreciation of baseball. We have developed some great young players, including some excellent batting and catching from the first timers, that will enjoy making the step up to the u12 next season.

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

**Coach:** Marty McDonald  
**Assistant Coaches:** Josh Bishop and Nathan Little  
**Manager:** Robyn Staudinger  
**Scorer:** Julie Little

**Team:** Madeline / Will / Benjamin / Liam / Toby / Bailey / Jai / Flynn / Kalan / Matthew / Nicholas

The 12-2 Gold team (Maddy our one girl and the boys Ben, Toby, Matt, Bailey, Fynn, Will, Nick, Jai, Liam & Kalan) had a good season, finishing up in the middle ranking of the comp.

A few players had played together and a few have reached their 5 year milestone this season.

We were lucky to have 2 of the U17 Comets Josh and Nathan coaching with Marty.

A few other players were new to the game and fitted in well with the team. We had a few tough games toward the end of the season, the coaches worked hard to get the kids to stay focussed, particularly when we had a few weeks of really hot weather.

Unfortunately we did not get to many home games at the comets and had to play a few home games at Bonnet Bay.

We had an excellent attendance record for the kids at the games and at training, although the coaches did have a battle on their hands some training sessions.

Most importantly the kids all enjoyed themselves and got on well as a team and were proud to be Comets and keen to return next season.

## Juniors - U12-3's Royal - Finished 9th

**Coach:** Neill Williams  
**Assistant Coach:** Andrew Morton  
**Manager:** Greg Hollingsworth  
**Scorer:** Fiona Flom

**Team:** Damon B / Laura B / Olivia C / Ayden H / Meghan H  
Sam M / Elizabeth M / Clara S / Tiffany S / Calum W

It was a good year for the 12-3's. We started with some new players that had never played baseball before and most of the team had never played together. Despite this the team really showed some improvement to their skills and the way they played together throughout the year.

Clara, Calum, Sam, Elizabeth, & Tiffany all showed a lot of improvement in their pitching skills, Ayden, Elizabeth, and Laura all showed great improvement in catching. Damon's throwing and catching skills improved. Meghan and Sam's batting really improved over the season. Olivia proved to be a great all-rounder showing good improvement in all areas of her game.

It was really a season of growth for the 12-3's and you could see that in the next season the growth and bonding of the players would start to turn into some success on the field. All the kids were a great bunch and well behaved throughout the year.

Well done and you should all be very proud of your efforts in the 2015/2016 season.

## Juniors - U14-2's Astros - Finished 3rd (Reached Semi Finals)

**Coaches:** Andrew Hodges and Chris Little  
**Assistant Coaches:** Paul Henville and Tony Ash  
**Manager:** Vanessa Stuart  
**Scorer:** Barton Peeters

**Team:** Jackson / Rafif / Elliott / Matthew / Jack / Oscar / Joel / Jamie / Damien / Matthew / Nathanael

Well, what a season. We started way back in September having to ask three Under 12's to play for us so we could field a team and made it all the way to the Final only to be beaten by the Minor Premiers. By anyone's assessment a great season and the boys should be proud of themselves.

All of the boys showed a real love of the sport and were competitive in most of the games as is shown by our season winning percentage of 67.86. Most importantly, they all seemed to enjoy themselves and developed a great team spirit and mateship throughout the season. The good news is that most of this team will stay together in the Under 14's next year and will obviously be better for the experience.

Of course no team can perform without coaches and in Andrew Hodges and Chris Little we have two of the best. These guys were fundamental in improving the skills of every player throughout the season and deserve a big thank you from the boys. So too do Vanessa Stuart for managing the team with such marvellous efficiency, Barton Peeters and Julie Little for scoring and Paul Henville and Tony Ash for staying out of the way at training. I reckon we had more support staff than our First Grade side.

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents for supporting the kids at training and on game day each week.

See you all again when the next season rolls around.

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

**Coach:** Linton Burling  
**Assistant Coach:** Brent Daly  
**Manager:** Amanda Perryman  
**Scorers:** Rebecca Ferguson and Jodie Morton

**Team:** Cayden / Lachlan / Liam / Callum / Joshua / Adam / Lucas / Christopher / Cameron / Eden

Well what a season the 14/3 had.

Friendships were made, laughter was had, new skills were learnt and appreciation for each other was taught.

The team offered an enjoyable, exciting environment in which to learn how to handle both winning and losing.

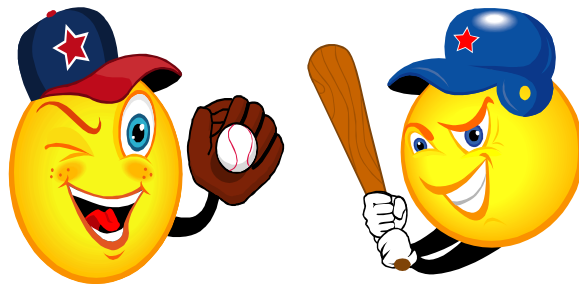
All the players and parents united together to promote the team environment enabling the team to have a successful season.

Well Done boys and good luck next season.



## Juniors - U14-3's Royal - Finished Runners Up

**Coach:** Scott Tully  
**Assistant Coach:** Sue Cunningham  
**Manager:** Fran Pastura  
**Scorer:** Suzette Staeker



**Team:** Kristin / Ashleigh / Jasmine / Micayla / Kaewta (Yok) / Paola / Zoe / Grace / Emma / Caitlin

This year's Comets 14/3 Royals consisted of Caitie, Bejazzle, Bisho and Lucky moving up from 12/3s. They joined Grace and Yok from last year's 14/3s, we welcomed Zo (back after a few years away), Ash and Emu from Giants and Mic in her debut season.

The team was, as much as we know, one of the only (if not the only) all girls teams ever to play baseball in the CSJBA. Early on the team adopted #PlayLikeAGirl as the team's approach. This meant that the players would play as a team, play smart, and play with fun.

The 14/3s competition ended up with 2 teams from each of Comets, Dolphins and Scots so we saw a lot of Jannali, Phil Austin and Chifley baseball diamonds. As the season progressed, our wins ticked up and we managed 6 wins from our 15 games, finishing in 4th place. While we had wins over 3 of the other 5 sides, we were unable to win any of our 7 games against the Dolphins Red and Scots Gold teams.

Our semi final was against Dolphins Blue at Chifley. Our games against this team were always close with Dolphins taking 2 of 3 regular season games against us. The first innings of the semi was played in a similar style to previous games, lots of hitting and hustle and the score was 3-5 to Dolphins at the end of 1. We then scored the maximum of 6 in the second before shutting out Dolphins in both the 2nd and 3rd to be up 10-5 after 3.

It could have been close going into the 4th but more great batting scored 5 and we closed it out 15-11. We had won the semi and were into the final!

So, another finals game to play but this time against Scots Gold who we had not beaten in 4 outings. Our game plan was to start strong and see how the other team would respond. And it worked! Playing at the unfamiliar Sylvania Waters in front of 50 Comets supporters, we opened with 5 runs before holding them to 1 in the first and shutting them out in the second to be up 8-1 after 2. We didn't score any in the top of the third, they responded with 3 and we grabbed 6 in the 4th to take the game 14-10.

Wow! Another win and now we were headed to the grand final!

The grand final was against the undefeated Dolphins Red who we had played 3 times but for no wins.

The game was at Bonnet Bay at the unusually early time of 8.30.

There was an even bigger Comets crowd in attendance and Dolphins had to get up very early to be there on time, so there was no reason we couldn't produce another upset.

Play ball! While we fielded well with great plays, the Dolphins' pitching was too good and we finished runners up.

Each member of the team is to be congratulated on their approach to the season. There was always good turnout at our Friday afternoon training and the team were enthusiastic and supportive of one another.

A big thank you from the players and coach Scott (aka Princess) to the support crew of manager Mama Fran, assistant coach Sue, scorer (and canteen supremo) Suzette, and Count Claudio..

Also in support at training and pre games were BJ, LJ, Nath and A-Rod.

A team runs very smoothly when there is a strong support team to help the coach and players.

Thanks also to the Club and all those who make Comets such a great place to play ball.

## **Juniors - U17-1's Astros - Finished 6th**

**Coaches:** Trevor Geldenhuis and Peter Munro

**Manager:** Margaret Phillips

**Scorer:** Frank Bishopp

**Team:** Joshua / Jasmin / Ticara / Pat / Luke / Mkenna / Roy / Kirsty / Rhys / Nicholas / Antonie

The 17/1' s had a tough year, but the team persevered every week against seasoned opponents.

The team was coached by the dynamic duo of Peter Munro and Trevor Geldenhuis who never doubt the potential of the players.

**Rhys Peeters** was the top run scorer, more often than not getting on base, then stealing bases with ease. Rhys was one of our two catchers.

**Ticara Geldenhuis** our other catcher, was the third highest run scorers along with Nick Richie. Ticara was the only player to hit a home run during the season.

**Nick Ritchie** proved our strongest fielder, made third base his own. Nick made twenty seven put outs and seven assists.

**Roy Munro**, our short stop, was the second highest run scorer. Roy had the best ERA of all our pitchers, showing determination, often being put on the mound in tough situations.

**Pat Henville** was the quickest player on the field, whose pace on a number of occasions made singles into easy doubles. Pat was also an accomplished pitcher, frequently bamboozling batters.

**Josh Bishopp** had the highest slugging percentage for the season. Josh had the second best ERA.

**Jasmin Garrison** was always looking for the opportunity to steal a base. Jasmin affecting thirteen put outs for the season.

**Luke Kendrick** was one of our fastest pitchers, frequently beating the bat. Luke was hit by more pitched balls than any other player. May be he should be renamed Luke target Kendrick.

**Kirsty Packer** was the main stay of the outfield and was speedy around the bases.

**Mkenna Liston** was our second basemen, making fifteen put outs and involved in a number of double plays.

## Juniors - U17-2's GOLD - Finished 4th (Reached Semi Finals)

**Coaches:** Michael Herring and Glen Tomlinson  
**Assistant Coach:** Dan Hollands  
**Manager:** Anthony Power  
**Scorers:** Lynn Hollands and Neil McNamara

Simply what a great season and what a great bunch of kids, your parents should be so proud.

The team made it to the semi's but unfortunately bowed out there.

Comets 17/2's were a force to be reckoned with in the field (I'll go out on a limb and say the best fielding team in our comp), the depth in pitchers and overall skills in the field made hard work for opposing teams to get too many runs up on us, often the result would come down to the last dig and only a couple of runs separating the winner. Thus every game was a joy to watch and had the coaches on the edge of their seat till the very last moment, well actually they were too anxious to sit really.

**Aaron Tomlinson ("Az")**

One of solid top order batters, He was often hitting towards the fences pushing runner around. Az played Catcher or 3B most games, stopping anything that came even remotely close.

**Haley Claringbold ("Haz")**

New to the 17's and being a 'lefty' plus having great glove skills, Haz mainly played 1B nailing many a batter as they tried to make it up the dolomite to first, Go #Girlpower. I heard many an comment in warm up just how well she hits, watch out 2017 now with a season in and the added confidence she could well make a top order hitter next year.

**Harry Berrell** (another "Haz" just to add confusion and keep them all sounding the same so far).

Famous for some fantastic diving catches in the outfield and solid with the bat, Haz often played Centre Field or Short-Stop where being one of the senior member of the team would often be the one calling the play and talking the team up.

**James Power** ("Jimmy").

If it was "up" then likely Jimmy was under it there to catch it, playing typically short or outfield, he also had a several stints at pitching through the year building his skill base, likely watch out for him on the mound next year!

**Joe McNamara** ("Smokin Joe").

One of our top order batters, was always cool and calm at plate or on the field, He has the ability to move players around the diamond. Often playing 2B or short he would calmly scoop up the ball and what seemed like a lifetime throw to base and within that split second still arrive there to make the play. He also pitched on several occasions.

**Liam Hollands** (The only one without a nickname!).

One of the top order batters and our main go to for short-stop, he was so consistent and guaranteed the out should the ball come anywhere near him.

He also did his fair share of pitching showing some serious speed to facing batter and making sure they had to work if they wanted to make contact.

**Michael Green** ("Greeny").

Made us laugh with his wiggle at the plate, I'm sure he put off his fair share of pitchers in the process. On the days when the top order were struggling to make contact, Greeny would dig deep and drive the ball into the outfield to get the ball in play. He often played 2B or Outfield.

**Mitch Tomlinson** ("Mitchy").

The utility, he could play a variety of positions be it 3B or outfield was consistent where ever he was positioned, Mitchy's batting also cranked up a notch this year, brotherly competition maybe?

**Tahlia Claringbold** ("Tahl's").

The rock, often our opening pitcher and rarely missing the zone bar ump's bad eyes, Tahl's had many a good batter doing the 'walk of shame' back to the dugout after striking them out, rubbing salt into the wound of macho opposition it was #Girlpower all the way. Solid in the field and often playing 1B or 2B yet never missing a beat.

**Yuta Pendlebury** ("The Speed Machine").

Bad luck should Yuta hit one towards you or you hit one towards him, chances are the speed machine would out gun you each time, either shear running or throwing speed he was second to none. Thus leaving no time to hesitate either way or he had you, Yuta tried his hand at catcher one game and surprised all why he hadn't played there before, so much so it basically became his new main position.

Coaches, **Mick Herring**, **Glen Tomlinson** and **Dan Hollands**, did all did a fantastic job coaching and training the team, the team learnt so much from you guys and are very grateful for your guidance throughout the season, we simply couldn't have done it without you.

Our scorers, **Lyn and Neil**, always there, plugging away with the coloured pencils in the background and keeping the umpires honest. A big thank you also to our pitch counters throughout the season.

Good luck to our top age players (well the majority of the team unfortunately), we really hope you continue with your baseball and move on to the seniors, hope to see you around the club.

Finally a big shout out to all those that lent a hand, be it some of the U14 players (Joel, Jack & Bailey), any of the many 'stand in' coaches and anyone that just got in to support the team, Thank you, we all really appreciated it.

## Juniors - U17-3's ROYAL - Finished 7th

**Coaches:** Marty McDonald and Jim McDonald  
**Manager:** Natasha Mallam  
**Scorers:** Carol McDonald and Simone Johnston

**Players:** Mark / Iggy / Kiara / Kyle / Jacob / Hamish / Amy / Ethan / Travis / Kosta / Bailey / Jaspar

We had a tough season this year with pitchers away on key games, however I was very proud of the ones who stepped in.

We had our moments and unfortunately lost a lot of games in the last dig.

We had a few new players who went very well and some of our seasoned players were stand outs.

We still had a lot of laughs and exciting games throughout the year.

Better luck next year.

Thanks to Natasha, Jim and Geary for all the help.

## COMETS SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Under 10's did a great role of Fundraising/Social Committee.

Early on they were a bit reluctant but did a wonderful job.

Special mention to Beth, Simone, Priscilla, Monja and all the parents who were willing to help out.

Our Christmas party was a great success, great weather, lots of fun and 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 "Back to the 80's" Trivia night. So much behind the scenes work went into making this night a great success.

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 all your help we achieved a New Record and raised \$6200.00 on the night.***

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

Comets Social Committee

# SUMMER 2015 - 2016 AWARDS

<b>Most Improved Junior Non-Pitched Team</b>	U9-2's Gold & U10-3's Gold
<b>Most Improved Junior Pitched Team</b>	U12-3's Royal
<b>Jimmy McDonald Award</b>	Frank Bishopp
<b>Family Award</b>	The Littles Family
<b>Junior Team Coach</b>	Neil Williams
<b>Junior Club Person</b>	Ticara Geldenhuis
<b>Jessica Clay Award</b>	U10-3's Emily Johnston
<b>Junior Representative Players: NSW Metro - U16's Women's Nationals</b>	Ticara Geldenhuis
<b>NSW Country U16's Women's Nationals</b>	Jasmin Garrison & Kirsty Packer
<b>CRONULLA Junior League Team</b>	Joshua Bishopp
<b>CRONULLA Rookie West Team</b>	Kuean Geldenhuis, Luke Proudlock Blake Kendrick, Reilly Vanzanten & Kale Hadenham
<b>1st Grade Gold:</b>	<b>MVP:</b> Harry Cooper <b>Batting Award:</b> Harry Cooper 0.392
<b>1st Grade Royal:</b>	<b>MVP:</b> Ryan Marlow <b>Batting Award:</b> Luke Martin 0.375
<b>2nd Grade Gold:</b>	<b>MVP:</b> Trevor Geldenhuis <b>Batting Award:</b> Rhys Mitchell 0.488 <b>Batting Award:</b> Chris Clarke 0.488
<b>2nd Grade Royal:</b>	<b>MVP:</b> Adam Evans <b>Batting Award:</b> Ryan Gannon 0.483
<b>4th Grade:</b>	<b>MVP:</b> Matt Prokop <b>Batting Award:</b> Joe Potter 0.613
<b>5th Grade:</b>	<b>MVP:</b> Renae Ackling <b>Batting Award:</b> Tony Maber 0.625
<b>6th Grade:</b>	<b>MVP:</b> Paul Henville <b>Batting Award:</b> Linton Burling 0.738



**THAT BRINGS US TO THE END  
OF SUMMER 2015-2016...**

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

**SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR !**

