

**Comets Baseball Club**  
**2025-26 Junior Season Report**





# President's Report

It was really pleasing to see a resurgence in playing numbers this season for our junior teams. I hope everyone enjoyed their Tball, Zooka and baseball experience over spring and summer. We loved having all the kids as part of our club.

Thank you to all coaches, managers and scorers who supported our teams for the past six months. Without these people the kids simply would not get to play, so thank you for the time and effort you put into getting our kids onto the diamond.

Thank you also to the club volunteers who work to provide a fantastic baseball experience for the kids every week: our groundsmen, Dru & Liam, who deliver one of the best fields in the association and also work to get more games played after wet weather than most other fields. Our uniform officer Deb, who makes sure everyone gets all the clothing they need. Our equipment manager, Matt, who sorts out all the team's kits. And our canteen crew, Simone, Kiara, Jasmine, Lucy, Kristin and Alex who make sure everyone can get fed and refreshed. There also many others who work behind the scenes, too many to mention individually, who keep the club running. Without volunteers our club simply doesn't exist, so if you've put your hand up to help out in any way, be it cooking Sausages on the BBQ, setting up the fields, packing away tables and chairs, selling raffle tickets or sourcing prizes for the trivia night, Thank You.

Over the summer we had two major fund-raising events. The Bunnings BBQ organised by Simone and Alex, and the Trivia Night, which was organised by Justine from our Zooka team. Both were very successful events and provided essential funds for our club. Thank you again to all the families who volunteered their time for these events.

Once again, I hope everyone enjoyed their baseball here at Comets this summer. We loved having you all here. We hope to see you again in Spring. Bring your friends!

**Barton Peeters**  
President



# Junior Secretary's Report

As we come to the end of another season, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the year and acknowledge the many people who helped make it such a positive and rewarding experience for our players and families at Comets.

Firstly, I would like to thank Barton and the club for their support since I stepped into the role of Junior Secretary. Taking on the position partway through the season was a challenge in itself, but the guidance, patience and willingness of committee members and volunteers to assist whenever needed has made the transition both smooth and enjoyable. I am very grateful for the strong sense of teamwork within the club and for the time and effort put in behind the scenes to keep Comets Baseball running effectively.

A big shout out and thank you to Dru and Liam for all the hard work they put in week after week. So much time and effort goes into getting the diamonds ready, and it definitely doesn't go unnoticed. Because of you, we get to play on great fields every week and we really appreciate everything you do.

This season has been an excellent one for our club with us fielding ten junior teams! It has been wonderful to see our Comets players grow in confidence, improve their skills, support one another, and most importantly, enjoy their baseball week in and week out.

A big congratulations to our Senior League and Little League Major teams that progressed through to the finals series. Reaching the finals is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work of the players, along with the commitment and dedication of their coaches and team managers throughout the season. Congratulations to everyone involved for representing Comets Baseball with pride.

I would also like to recognise and congratulate the players selected to represent at representative level this season. Alystar Fraser, Xavier Dunn, Harrison Bolling, Finn Stevens, Arthur Turner, Jude Douglas, Jayden Papachristos, Lusa Dunn, Jordan Brain and Cooper Bosson. This is a significant achievement and reflects not only the hard work and commitment of these players, but also the dedication and leadership shown by our Head Coach, Peter Munro, in developing our junior talent. The club is immensely proud of your success and looks forward to seeing your continued growth and achievements in the game.

A sincere thank you goes to our coaches, team managers and volunteers, whose time, enthusiasm and commitment each week plays such a vital role in developing the skills, confidence and love of baseball in our junior Comets players.

Finally, thank you to all our Comets families for your ongoing support throughout the season. Your encouragement, involvement and willingness to lend a hand are what make junior sport possible and so rewarding.



# Junior Secretary's Report

I'm excited to build on the success of this season and look forward to continuing to support our junior players and teams in the years ahead. Keep an eye out for the try baseball/T Ball days coming up in July and I look forward to seeing you all back later in the year for the 2026/27 season.

**Lana Turner**  
Junior Secretary



# Secretary's Report

Congratulations to all on completing a very full season of baseball.

I won't repeat all the thank you messages of Barton and Lana in detail, but just one big thank you to all the volunteers that have contributed to the successful delivery of a long season of baseball.

Each year we recognise a number of individuals, either in recognition of their effort and ability in being selected in one of the CSJBA Representative teams or for the longevity of their service to the club as a player.

This year we recognise 6 players for their selection in CSJBA All Star teams:

- Jude Douglas – Little League Minors
- Luca Dunn – Little League Minors
- Jayden Papachristos – Little League Minors
- Finn Stevens – Little League Majors
- Xavier Dunn – Little League Majors
- Alyster Fraser – Junior League

We also recognise 10 junior players for reaching service milestones:

9 for 5 years continuous service:

- Jordan Brain
- Jude Cross
- Hunta Dragarski
- Scarlett Fisher
- Cooper Frost
- Thomas Harris
- Huxley Inglis
- Noah Piggott
- Ryan Taylor

And 1 for 10 years continuous service:

- Keiran Brain



# Secretary's Report

Extremely pleasing for the club is the ongoing development of recent Juniors who are now playing with the Seniors, a group of these recent juniors formed the bulk of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade team taking out the CSMLBA Premiership. Other recent Juniors are turning out each week in our highest graded teams. We look forward to seeing many of you go on to keep playing with Comets when your junior days are over.

Comets would also like to congratulate two of our former Juniors who have taken their baseball to great heights. Ticara Geldenhuis was the first Australian drafted into the new Women's Professional Baseball League and Josh Bishopp made his debut with the Sydney Blue Sox in the ABL.

To finish I'd like to welcome on board our two new sponsors. Willis & Bowring (solicitors) and the Union Place Hotel.

Looking forward to another successful season in 2026/27

**Michael Sant**  
Secretary



# Team Reports

## TBall Minor Astro

**Coach:** Sarah Edwards  
**Assistant Coach:** Jamie Turner  
**Manager:** Liesa Richarson

**Team:** Robbie Edwards, Kyah Inglis, Boston Ratcliffe, Riley Richardson, Austin Turner, Willow Usherwood

The littlest Comets had one mighty season in 2025-6!

We were a completely new unit, it was the first season for all players, coaches, our manager and most parents. We were usually younger than most of our competitors, but none of us spent much time pondering that. We were busy honing our skills and having a good time doing it!

We enjoyed training with our fellow Comets Minors teams, under the steady and supportive leadership of Coach Mick. We always had a great showing at training, with the team maintaining their commitment despite heat, wind and rain.

It was so rewarding to see the kids listening and applying what the coaches asked of them, our skills certainly showed impressive development in all areas, but particularly in batting and base running. What was most impressive was to see them always play the game with fair-mindedness and commitment. Us coaches relished most in the moments when we saw the kids be what their team needed, rather than think of themselves, pretty epic behaviour from kids just four or six years young. How amazing is sport!?

We loved seeing their individual strengths emerge throughout the season. Smiley Riley the Rocket, Kyah (Mouse) on Fire, BOSSton, Austin King-Of-Snacks, Robbie the Slugger and Wildfire Willow complimented each other to form a formidable team. Thank you all for your efforts, I had a blast playing T'ball with you every week (they did remind me at the end of each game, that technically, I did not play).

Thanks to all our parent supporters and helpers, with a small team, it required everyone to pitch in each week to make it happen. An extra thanks to Manager Liesa, Assistant Manager Adam, and Assistant Coach Jamie, who each put in a massive effort every week to help make our season a success.

I hope we'll all be back to do it again next season!

Sarah Edwards  
Tball Minors (Astros) Coach



# Team Reports

## T-Ball Minor Royal

**Coach:** Peter Baker  
**Assistant Coach:** Brendan Howell  
**Manager:** Pauline Jumeau-Smith  
**Scorer:** Irina Gregg

**Team:** Gabrael Farrell, Alexander Gregg, Max Garling, Benjamin Howell, Tate Johnson, Seth Jumeau, Oliver Zini Wondracek

What a fantastic season for the Royals, we are so proud of how the boys have come together to play as a team. There has been a lot of sharing and support as they've learned each other's style.

During the season, Seth went beyond "point, step, throw" to unleash a few arms rockets to first. Alex brought out his signature 540degree swing to get past the infielders.

Max was Mr everywhere, showing versatility at bat and unstoppable in the field. Oliver, Gabe and Ben brought out the big hits at the right moments. They definitely have a natural talent for stepping up to the plate!

Tate brought a huge impact and excitement after joining us a couple games into the season. Not an easy task, but he fit in perfectly.

Well done to the fans and parents for their support at all the games, training, end of season parties! and scorers table.

Looking forward to seeing you all next season!!

From Coach Pete, Brendan and Pauline



# Team Reports

## TBall Minor Gold

**Coach:** Michael Everett  
**Assistant Coach:** Andrew Sharpe  
**Manager:** Ryan Slater  
**Scorers:** Cassie Kellermen, Rowena Fallon and Belinda Slater

**Team:** Elijah Everett, Charlie Fallon, Hank Garton, Mason Kellerman, Hunter Sharpe, Jack Slater

What a fantastic season it has been for the Gold T-Ball team. Week after week we saw plenty of enthusiasm, laughter, and the occasional piece of surprisingly good baseball from a group of boys who brought enormous spirit to the field. They played with joy, backed each other, and showed the kind of team spirit that makes coaching at this level such a privilege. They're a cracking group — great little men who, judging by their energy and love of the game, are destined for big things in baseball.

A big thank you must go to the club and particularly our Junior Secretary. So much of what makes a season run smoothly happens quietly behind the scenes — organising teams, fixtures, gear and communications. That work often goes unseen, but it sets the standard for the whole club and makes it possible for the kids to simply turn up and enjoy their baseball. A special thanks to our team manager Ryan Slater, who handled a mountain of the backstage logistics and made sure that on game day we had our positions sorted, our numbers organised, and the all-important goodies ready so the boys could last more than about 37 minutes on the field.

I'd also like to thank Andrew Sharpe, who stepped into the Assistant Coach role effortlessly and smoothly. Together Ryan, Andrew and I had great fun across the season. That said, we all know the real truth — none of it would have happened without our wives quietly making sure we actually did our part and turned up organised!

To the parents, grandparents and all the supporters who came along each week — thank you. Your encouragement, patience, and enthusiasm from the sidelines created a wonderful atmosphere for the boys. The shared spirit around the team made Saturday games something everyone looked forward to, and the boys absolutely thrived on that support. Your enduring support off the field for the club, including at our fundraising events really solidified what a great community group we have here.

Training nights deserve a special mention as well. After a full day at school, the boys arrived with enough pent-up energy to power a small city. At times training felt less like structured sport and more like a very healthy outlet for post-school madness — but that's half the fun at this age. And to be completely honest, without a number of parents jumping in to lend a hand — particularly Dean Kellerman — things may well have descended into absolute carnage on more than one occasion!



# Team Reports

All in all, it has been a terrific season filled with fun, growth and plenty of great memories. Thanks again to everyone who played a part in making it such an enjoyable year for the boys. We can't wait to see them back on the diamond next season.

Michael Everett  
Coach



# Team Reports

## TBall Major Gold

**Coach:** Cameron Hall  
**Assistant Coach:** Christin Robinson  
**Manager:** Heidi Ross  
**Scorers:** Cameron Small

**Team:** Bailey Broomham, Dylan Collins, Forrest Edwards, Hazel Hall, Hayden Payne, Emmett Robinson, Elijah Small, Caiden Wanless, Jack Wyatt, Thomas Zini Wondracek

It has been such a pleasure coaching this team over the T-ball season. We began the year with a wonderful mix of players — some who had played before and others who were stepping onto the field for the very first time.

Over the weeks it has been incredibly rewarding to watch every player grow in confidence and skill. From learning the basics of the game to making some fantastic plays, each child worked hard, supported their teammates, and gave their best every time they stepped onto the field. The improvement across the season has been amazing to see, and their enthusiasm for the game grew week by week.

One of the most special parts of this season has been seeing how the kids encouraged one another. They celebrated the big hits, the brave attempts, and the small improvements that came with practice. Their teamwork, determination and willingness to keep trying made this group an absolute joy to coach.

I'd also like to say a big thank you to Cameron S for taking the time to score each game throughout the season. Your help and consistency each week was really appreciated and made a big difference. I'm also very grateful for the guidance and support of an experienced coach who was always willing to share their knowledge of the game and who showed incredible patience with the kids as they learned and developed their skills. Having Cameron Hall's support on the field made the season even more enjoyable for everyone involved.

Finally, thank you to the parents and families for your encouragement and support throughout the season. I am so proud of the effort every player put in this year and it has truly been a privilege to watch them grow, not only as players but as teammates. Well done to everyone on a fantastic season.

Christin Robinson  
Assistant Coach



# Team Reports

## TBall Major Gold

**Coach:** Adrian Snelling  
**Assistant Coach:** Rob Karabeleski  
**Manager:** Sophie Sallis  
**Scorers:** Alex Snelling and Linda Capuzza

**Team:** Elijah Cordoba, Alexander Fallon, Alexander Fraser, George Gregg, Hugo Isaacs, Logan Karabeleski, Ari Sallis-Miller, Charlie Snelling, Allegra Whitehead, Jos Whitehead

Another season down and what a season it was for the Tee Ball Major Royals!

I couldn't be prouder of this team. Before anything else, I want to acknowledge the people who made each week possible.

Firstly, our Team Manager, Sophie - thank you for everything you did behind the scenes. Your organisation and support were invaluable, and I truly appreciate the time and effort you put in all season.

Secondly, our Assistant Coach, Rob - you were a huge help every week and always there to keep the kids on track (no easy task!). Your support made a big difference. And lastly, to all the parents thank you. From getting the kids to training and games, to helping out on game day, your involvement kept everything running smoothly and is greatly appreciated.

The improvement from every player across the season was incredible. Each week they showed up, gave it their all, had fun, and built great friendships. And somehow, despite not keeping score, they always managed to figure out if they had "won"!

Every player deserves recognition. Each of them had their moment to shine and showed just how much they were learning and listening. It was fantastic to watch their skills develop, but even better to see them learning from each other and growing in confidence.

What made the season truly special was the energy and personality of this team. Their passion for the game made every week enjoyable and definitely kept all of us parents entertained (even if we were occasionally pulling our hair out!).

An absolutely brilliant season. Looking forward to the next one! Well done, Royals!

Adrian Snelling  
Coach



# Team Reports

## Machine Pitch

**Coach:** Finlay Nancarrow  
**Assistant Coach:** Bryce Fisher  
**Manager:** Justine Inglis  
**Scorer:** Jordan Brell

**Team:** Hugo Anderson, Lennox Bosworth, Finlay Brell, Hunta Dragarski, Scarlett Fisher, Eli Haidar, Myles Hickey, Huxley Inglis, Damon Jumeau, Archie Lacey, Vinny Usherwood, Ossie Wheatley

The MP Makos had a fantastic season in their first year of machine pitch. For many of the players, it was also their first time playing the sport, making their achievements even more impressive. Throughout the season the team showed incredible growth, determination and teamwork, while consistently demonstrating great sportsmanship on and off the field.

The team worked hard every game and finished the season with an outstanding record, going through the entire competition with only one loss. It was wonderful to see the players build their confidence, develop their skills and support one another each week.

We are incredibly proud of the whole team and look forward to seeing what they can achieve in their second season of machine pitch next summer.

Finlay Nancarrow  
Coach



# Team Reports

## Little League Hammerhead

**Coach:** Rhys Peeters and Joel Peeters  
**Assistant Coach:** Joel Steward  
**Manager:** Charlotte Johnson  
**Scorer:** Heather Taylor and Sian Barrell

**Team:** Walter Brell, Cooper Bosson, Logan El Haimar, Thomas Harris, Bailey Nupier, Noah Piggott, Isla Potter, Tavien Steward, Hannah Stevens, Arlo Taylor, Jake Taylor, Ryan Taylor

From the first training session when my brother and I met the Little League Hammerhead team this season, we knew we were going to have a fun year. The team this year featured a wide mix of players with all sorts of differing abilities and experience levels, from those that had never touched a baseball before all the way through to kids that were trialing for rep teams (and making it).

Our first few games of the year were a big learning curve for everyone involved, not only for myself and Joel coaching the team for the first time, but for the players who were coming up against some very well-drilled opposition. We were always impressed and proud of the attitude our team took out to the field, no matter if we were winning or losing. Each week we could see everyone coming together and slowly improving, despite it seeming like no one was interested in listening to us in training at times.

As the competition split and became more even, our team started to click, with some big home runs, and wonderful catches in the field, we began to pull together some wins. However, the summer break seemed to come at a poor time for us, and as we came back from the break, we had lost a little bit of momentum and couldn't quite hold on for the finals spot.

All in all, we are super proud of the effort the kids put in to playing the game, always trying their best and doing so with a smile. We would like to give a special thank you to Joel, our assistant coach who was new to the club, Char, our manager that stepped up and kept Joel and myself organised on those early Saturday mornings, as well as all the parents that helped out, whether it was stepping up and learning how to score, or wrangling the team in the dugouts on game days.

Joel and I are especially proud of the team, we hope that they were all able to have a fun year of baseball and enjoy the game as much as we did when we played juniors with Comets.

Rhys Peeters  
Coach



# Team Reports

## Little League Great White

**Coach:** Peter Munro and Michael Turner  
**Assistant Coach:** Paul Dunn  
**Manager:** Lana Turner  
**Scorer:** Rowena Dunn

**Team:** Harrison Bolling, Jordan Brain, Jude Cross, Jude Douglas, Luca Dunn, Xavier Dunn, Nico Eizenberg, Jayden Papachristos, Finn Stevens, Arthur Turner

The Little League Division 1 team concluded the season in 2nd place, a notable achievement given that this was the youngest roster in the competition. Competing against older, more physically developed teams required a high level of technical execution, and finishing as runners-up confirms the group's ability to compete at an elite level despite the age gap.

Throughout the year, the primary focus remained on the rapid improvement of fundamental skills. This was evident in the transition from basic play to more advanced situational awareness. Defensive reliability increased through more accurate relay throws and a reduction in errors, while offensive performance saw a measurable rise in hard-hit ball percentages and better strike-zone discipline. The team's growth in "Game Awareness" was a key factor in securing a top-two finish.

We would like to congratulate our Captain, Xavier, for his leadership. His role was essential in maintaining team focus during high-pressure games and high-leverage innings. His tactical understanding and consistent performance set a standard that benefited the entire roster.

The successful management of this season was also made possible by our dedicated support staff. We want to thank Paul, our Assistant Coach, for his work on player development drills. Rowena, our Scorer, deserves recognition for her precise record-keeping skills, which were vital for compliance and strategy. Finally, we thank our Manager, Lana, for her oversight of all logistics, communication, and administrative requirements.

Finishing 2nd in a Division 1 Little League competition is a significant achievement. This season has built a strong technical foundation for the players to carry into their future development.

**Pete and Mike  
Coaches**



# Team Reports

## Junior League Hammerhead

**Coach:** Nick Bernath  
**Assistant Coach:** Xavier Nancarrow  
**Manager:** Callum Smith  
**Scorer:** Carol Leuver

**Team** Alyster Fraser, Arin Plodthao, Jack Harris, Fletcher Nobbs, Harry Byrne, Patrick Stratton, Lachlan Dibden, Hamish Brell, Lachlan Entwistle, Luca Dickson, Henry Boulton

Another summer has flown past in what was a very successful and enjoyable season for Junior League Majors.

With the focus coming into the year on player development and improvement, working through all different techniques with each week. Through the course of the year, all players showed dedication to work on their abilities and enhanced their overall performance, resulting in commendable progress individually and a team as a whole.

After a difficult start with injuries and availability we managed a respectable season performance falling just short of semis, the competition as a whole was evenly matched which gave us a good challenge every week.

As a result of each and every player's commitment to develop individually and as a team, week on week we saw results start to go our way and after starting with five straight losses we did manage to come within one game of semis. Unfortunately, the day didn't go our way, but we could not be prouder of how far the team came this year.

We would like to thank all the parents for giving their time each week to ensure all aspects ran smoothly behind home plate while putting up with all our positional changes and incorrect pitch counting from the dugout.

Nick, Xavier and I look forward to seeing everyone back next year to continue to grow and develop our skills together, but more importantly, to continue having fun and enjoying the game of baseball!

Callum Smith  
Manager



# Team Reports

## Senior League Hammerhead

**Coach:** Michael Brain  
**Assistant Coach:** Blake Parker  
**Manager:** Paul Mignacca  
**Scorer:** Nicky De Ridder

**Team:** Alexander Griffen, Keiran Brain, Jake Davidson, Jayden Kearns  
Darragh Cahill, Ruben De Ridder, Angus Robinson  
Tyler Mignacca, Byron Parker, Liam Taylor, Logan Wane

The 2025/26 season was a memorable one for the Jannali Comets Senior League side. A squad of eleven boys / young men—ranging from complete beginners to players with up to ten years' experience—came together with one simple goal: enjoy baseball and play alongside their mates. What unfolded was a season built on teamwork, growth, and genuine camaraderie.

### **Team Growth and Development**

One of the standout achievements this year was the remarkable improvement of the three boys who had never played baseball before. Their willingness to learn, listen, and throw themselves into the game was outstanding. The entire team supported them from day one, and watching their confidence grow was a highlight of the season.

Across the board, every player contributed to a culture of collaboration. Whether it was learning situational plays, understanding when *not* to run on a fly ball with 0 or 1 out, or recognising when they weren't forced to run, the boys embraced the fundamentals and applied them with increasing consistency.

### **Season Performance**

We were fortunate to pick up some early wins, which helped build momentum as we continued to develop our skills. The draw gave us opportunities to learn, adjust, and improve each week. By the end of the regular season, the team finished in **3rd place**—a fantastic achievement given the mix of experience levels.

The semi-final was a tough matchup against high-level competition, and although we weren't able to come away with the win, the boys played with heart, resilience, and pride. Competing against players with advanced experience is never easy, but our team rose to the challenge every time.

### **Coaching and Support**

A huge thank you goes to **Blake Parker** for his dedication to coaching. Coaching alongside Blake for many years has been a pleasure, and his commitment to the boys and the game continues to make a real difference.

Thank you also to **Paul Mignacca**, whose organisation and management kept the team running smoothly—something he has done exceptionally well for many years.



# Team Reports

To **Nick** and **Adam**, thank you for keeping the scorebook accurate and the pitch counts precise each week. Your attention to detail ensured the team always stayed within the rules and understood their progress.

And to all the parents who helped in one way or another—setting up, packing away, scoring, supporting, or simply cheering—your involvement is appreciated more than you know.

## **Final Reflections**

All in all, it was an enjoyable and rewarding season with a great group of boys and young men who were dedicated to having fun and playing baseball the right way. The spirit, effort, and sportsmanship shown each week made coaching this team a privilege.

I hope to see all the boys back on the diamond next season, continuing to grow, compete, and enjoy the game that I still love being part of.

Catch you around,

**Michael Brain**  
**Coach**



# Team Reports

<b>Most Improved Non-Pitched Team</b>	T-Ball Minor = Gold
<b>Most Improved Pitched Team</b>	Senior League Hammerhead
<b>Jimmy McDonald Award</b>	Simone Johnston
<b>Junior Member Award</b>	** Not Awarded **
<b>Junior Team Coach</b>	Peter Munro
<b>Family Award</b>	Peeters Family
<b>Junior Representative Players</b>	
- Little League Minors	Jude Douglas, Luca Dunn and Jayden Papachristos
- Little League Majors	Finn Stevens and Xavier Dunn
- Junior League	Alyster Fraser
<b>Jessica Clay Award</b>	Finlay Brell
<b>Little League Major Hammerhead</b>	
- MVP	Jake Taylor
- Batting Average	Bailey Nupier (0.471)
<b>Little League Major Great White</b>	
- MVP	Xavier Dunn
- Coaches Award	Jayden Papachristos
<b>Junior League Hammerhead</b>	
- MVP	Hamish Brell
- Batting Average	Alyster Fraser (0.474)
<b>Senior League Hammerhead</b>	
- MVP	Jake Davidson
- Coaches Award	Tyler Mignacca

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