



# MWDBA

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## 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

MWDBA Club Rooms  
Warringah Aquatic Centre

4PM, 21 June 2020





# AGM 2020

## AGENDA

- Apologies
- Confirmation of the minutes of the 69th AGM - 17 April 2018
- Chairman's Address
- Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report
- Presentation and adoption of the Financial Report
- Appointment of the Auditor
- Consideration of nominations and election of life members
- Election of Office Bearers and appointment of other members of the committee of Management
- Appointments to non-voting positions
- Close



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## REPORT CONTENT

- Life Members
- Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting
- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Junior League Report
- Minor League Report
- State League Report



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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### PAID SPONSORSHIP

- Railius Pty Ltd
- Pro Car
- Devitt's Meats
- Bakker Towing
- Hickey Tree Services
- Tough Dog Suspension

### DISCOUNTED SERVICES

- All Sports Apparel
- Kennards
- 7th Day Brewery
- Northern Beaches Council

### SUPPORT SERVICES (to State League Imports)

- Beth and Brian Murphy
- Wendy and Vaughan Harris



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## LIFE MEMBERS

Steve Green Snr	(D)	before Inc
George Gunston	(D)	before Inc
Graham Howlett		before Inc
Dave Sneddon	(D)	1963
Laurie Barnes	(D)	1965
Bob Hourigan	(D)	1967
Col Houghton	(D)	1968
Brian Cubitt	(D)	1975
John Ardill		1977
Greg Moon		1981
Graham Howlett		1981
Gene McClarty	(D)	1982
David White		1984

Lindsay Doubleday	(D)	1994
Fred Dennis		1994
Chris Maitland		1994
Tom O'Connell		1994
Bill Hardman		1995
Judy Hardman		1995
Rose Houghton		1996
Lincoln McClatchie	(D)	1996
Noel Middlemiss		1996
Steve Green		1996
Ian Coltman		1996
Bev Coltman		1997
Gina Doubleday	(D)	1997



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## LIFE MEMBERS

Denis Houghton 1997

Denice Conyard 1999

Marie Markham 1999

Bob Clark 2000

Ralph Warne 2000

Robert Clark 2001

Paul Harradine 2003

Jeff Bertram 2004

Paul Goodsell 2005

Jim Riley 2005

Michael O'Neill 2005

Ric Jackson 2006

Brent Goodwin 2007

Nick O'Flaherty 2007

Ray Zorn 2008

Gordon Blinkhorne 2008

Peter Edmunds 2009

Tom Organ 2009

Terry Mahy 2012

Fran Inkster 2015

Simon Lowde 2019

John Hughes 2019



# AGM 2020

## **MINUTES OF THE 69<sup>TH</sup> AGM**

**Held on 6 April 2019 at Dee Why RSL**

**Meeting opened 6:12pm**

### **PRESENT**

Quorum achieved

### **APOLOGIES**

Gordon Blinkhorn, John Agostino, Jim Gagen

### **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES**

Proposed by John Farrant, 2nd David Gledhill - Accepted

### **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

- Our 70th Anniversary is next year
- Thanked and acknowledged all sponsors of the organisation
- A great year of baseball was had in all leagues in spite of the challenges faced with uncertainty of Aquatic Reserve. A working group has been established and is working with the State Government, no decisions have been made as yet. However, assurance is given that facilities of equal or greater value will be acquired, keeping state league connected with a junior club
- Addressed the unfortunate situation regarding North Sydney Baseball announcing possible affiliation with Ryde Baseball
- Going forward the RSA focus will be on governance and grounds
- Expressed gratitude to those who have supported the growth of our organisation, particularly John Farrant, Michael O'Neill and Simon Lowde
- Very excited about reinstating travel ball with planning underway for Japan in 2020
- Enthusiastic about reconnecting with the Aboriginal community belonging to Aquatic Reserve and surrounds
- Committed to working hard to acquire excellent, world class, baseball facilities
- Pleased the Manly Warringah Umpires Association will be affiliating with the MWDBA



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## **MINUTES OF THE 69<sup>TH</sup> AGM**

**Held on 6 April, 2019 at Dee Why RSL**

### **PRESENTATION & ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT**

Presented by PJ Patterson. Proposed by Stewart Gall, seconded by Jeff Bertram. Carried.

### **PRESENTATION & ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Simon Lowde ran through his report (refer Annual Report supplement). It was noted that there was a significant improvement in financial performance in State League.

Proposed by Noel Markham, seconded by Michael O'Ne. Carried.

### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Rebecca Norton CPA, GAICD has been the Auditor for the last five years.

David Gledhill proposed Rebecca, seconded by Michael O'Neill. Carried.

Thanks to Rebecca for her pro bono work as our Auditor during this period.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Move to accept:

- John Hughes
- Simon Lowde

Unanimously voted life members

### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Qualified nominations were received from those detailed below:

Executive Nominations

- Nominations for President: PJ Patterson
- Nomination for Treasurer: Simon Lowde
- Nominations for Secretary: Stewart Gall





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**Held on 6 April, 2019 at Dee Why RSL**

### **Director Nominations**

#### **JBC delegates:**

- Brook Russell
- David Gledhill

#### **Minor League delegates**

- Ben Logue
- Michelle Camphuis

#### **State League delegates:**

- Michael O'Neill
- Ashley Roberts

### **APPOINTMENTS TO NON- VOTING POSITIONS**

Nil

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

John Farrant thanked Simon Lowde, PJ Patterson and Michael O'Neill for giving their time to further the organization.

Meeting Closed 6:46PM



# Manly Warringah District Baseball Association Inc.

2018/2019

69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

April 6, 2019

Name	Signature	Baseball Organisation
Michelle Comphuis	Michelle Comphuis	Minor League
Judy O'Neill	J O'Neill	State League
Tom O'Garra	Tom O'Garra	life member -
Jeff BERTHAM	Jeff BERTHAM	life member
Niel Mackinnon	Niel Mackinnon	
MARIE MACKINNON	Mackinnon	life member
Philip Potterson	Philip Potterson	Minor League
Michael O'Neill	Michael O'Neill	SL
Glen Murdoch	Glen Murdoch	Mavericks
MARK HALL	Mark Hall	PITTWATER BASEBALL CLUB
STEW COAL	Stew Coal	FOREST BASEBALL CLUB
Viv Hughes	V. Hughes	State League
JOE WELLER	Joe Weller	FOREST BASEBALL
Ashley Roberts	A. Roberts	2nd grade champs
Omar Harris	Omar Harris	Forest Baseball

April 6, 2019

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# AGM 2020

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the Manly Baseball District Association annual general meeting 2020.

This year we celebrate 70 years of the Manly Warringah District Association. I'm sure baseball was played in the area well before 1950 and much has changed since then. It is both a testament and a tribute to those who established this organization that we are still here today playing and promoting this incredible game on the peninsula.

It has been 8 years since the formation of the RSA whose purpose was to unite all the leagues: Junior, Minor and State League under one governance structure. I have been Chairman of the RSA board for 5 years and in that time we have had many achievements. I am especially pleased to see that there is a broad feeling of comradery and a desire to work together to achieve great things for all of baseball.

The past 18months however have seen several challenges for the RSA Board and our local sport. I believe the ongoing uncertainty around the future of baseball at aquatic was the most pressing issue we have ever faced. Unfortunately dealing with it occupied much of the boards time. There were countless meetings with Council, State MPs, the Department of Education and Department of Planning. Many on the board including Mike O'Neill, John Farrant, Simon Lowde and myself put in many extra hours to meet with officials to try to resolve the ground issue.

I want to acknowledge an individual who helped the board navigate this crisis over the last 18 months. Gary Highland was truly a blessing to have throughout the ordeal. His background and experience working in State Government brought a level of knowledge and expertise that was not only calming but helped us focus our energies in the right places. I believe that we were taken much more seriously because of the efforts and guidance Gary provided.



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In some respects, having Aquatic located on an old tip site may have been our saving grace. Although no official word has yet been given it seems that the moving of Forest High to Aquatic is no longer on the Council and State agenda. As such I believe we can now turn our energies from saving Aquatic to improving it.

A big thank you to the current RSA executive. Simon Lowde (Treasurer) works tirelessly for the association. Stew Gall (Secretary) brought a measured and corporate approach to the board. It was a fantastic executive team. It would not be possible to operate our association without the dedication of the entire board. The work they put in for their respective leagues is above and beyond.

To the committee presidents: Michael O'Neill – State League President, Michelle Camphuis & John Farrant – Minor Leagues President, and Brook Russell – Junior League President, a very sincere thank you. To the rest of the RSA board thank you for your support and contribution throughout the year.

And to all the individual members of each of the division committees, State League, Minor League and Junior League, thank you for the wonderful job you do of running each division and keeping the game going.

State League ramped up their offering again this year with some awesome themed food nights for the midweek games and the rollout of live broadcasting of games on the newly formed EBSN channel. The junior league continues to host a Wednesday night competition at Aquatic to support State League with attendance at games again increasing.



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Minor League continues to grow across all the competitions: Summer, Winter and Masters. It is great to see so many adults out there enjoying the game. It is great to see that the minor league competition is catering to all levels of baseball. I believe we offer one of the best Minor League competitions in Sydney.

With the uncertainty of Aquatic and hopefully the Covid scare behind us we can now really focus on what's important: offering the best baseball experience at all levels of the game. I am so looking forward to getting back on the diamond and cannot wait for the resumption of competitions!

Yours in baseball,

PJ Patterson

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# AGM 2020

## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

**FISCAL YEAR – MARCH 2020**

### INTRODUCTION

The 2019/20 season finishes with one of our biggest years of baseball with increased activity across all playing entities. Ensuring a financially strong and durable sporting club the financial management of MWDBA has focused on the following strategies:

- The fiscal management of each playing entity ensuring they are contributing to the overall wellbeing of the club.
- Through marketing and promotions present the game to the baseball community to reinvigorate their passion for baseball. Creating a festival atmosphere and enjoyment for all ages.
- Defending the Aquatic grounds from development.

This season, MWDBA has experienced significant activity and achieved the following:

- Junior teams representing Manly Warringah in all age groups competing in the NSW State Titles and National Championships.
- The presentation in April 2019 of the Junior League/Intermediate NSW State Titles at Aquatic Reserve which were a resounding success. This resulted in BNSW awarding MWDBA with the Junior League/Intermediate and Minor League/10-11's NSW State Titles for 2020.
- Introduction of Eagle Baseball Sports Network (EBSN). Providing State League with the capabilities to stream games live.
- A welcoming reintroduction of Women's 2nd grade.
- The launch of Minor League 2nd division and thereby expanding the Summer competition.
- A smashing Wednesday night competition with crowds up to 300 people.
- Unfortunately, North Sydney Juniors Club chose to leave MWDBA and join the Ryde junior's competition. This saw the reintroduction of North Shore Baseball Club with a focus on providing players from the Lower North Shore and Chatswood area to play in the MWDBA junior competition.



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## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

MWDBA financials are a combined set of accounts reflecting all the activities of the Association which includes Juniors, Junior Representatives, Minor League, and State League. Minor League maintains three competitions Winter, Summer, Masters and State League includes Grade, U18's, Women's and the Futures team. Shared activity which includes canteen and clubhouse management is allocated based on actual activity where it can be tracked otherwise proportioned evenly across the entities.

### RESULTS

MWDBA's total revenues for 2020 is \$306.7k which is significantly higher than prior year. Profits however are well down on prior with an overall loss of \$7.7k which reflects the investment strategies implemented in 2019/20.

MWDBA	2020 Total	2019 Total	Variance	Change
Revenues	\$306,697	\$255,081	\$51,616	20%
Gross Profit	\$74,457	\$100,370	(\$25,913)	-26%
Net profit	(\$7,731)	\$16,287	(\$24,018)	-147%

MWDBA income is driven by several key revenue drivers being:

- Club and Player Registration
- Uniform sales
- Presentations
- Coaching Activities
- Canteen
- Sponsorship & Donations



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## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Overall revenues across MWDBA are well up \$51.6k on prior year:

- Player registration overall up \$44k which is predominately driven by the following:
  - An increase in junior representation at Nationals \$45k with representative teams in all age groups.
  - Junior clubs' registration is down \$13k. With the departure of North Sydney there are reduced number of Juniors in 2019/20.
  - Minor league registration up \$7K with an increase in player numbers. It should be noted as of Summer 2019, Minor League has promoted the development of local senior clubs. The senior clubs are an extension of the junior clubs who will promote and drive for more seniors playing in Minor League. This ensure a pathway for players finishing juniors and continuing their baseball into seniors. As a consequence player registration is now managed directly by the senior clubs.
  - State League up \$6k due to the introduction of Womens 2nd grade division and increase in player number.
- Uniform sales down \$7k reflecting lower demand on new and replacement uniforms.
- Presentation income up \$6.6k with State Leagues Annual presentation being presented in April 2019 which was not reflected in prior year accounts.
- Canteen income up a staggering \$25k. Driven by State League; presenting a full complement of home games and a phenomenally successful campaign of Wednesday night baseball. Additionally, MWDBA presenting the NSW State Titles
- Sponsorship down \$16k with limited sponsorship opportunities this season. Last year MWDBA was recipient of several grants and sponsorships, which was not repeated this season. With the future of the Aquatic grounds under a cloud grant application proved more difficult.



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Cost of Sales represent the direct costs attributed to each revenue type and overall, up on prior year by \$77.5K. The key movements in COGS are:

- Club and Player Registrations is up significantly \$52.4k which is driven mostly by payments to BNSW \$42k for additional teams representing Manly at National Championships compared to prior year and Minor League up \$6k with more umpiring activity and general increase in costs. State League up \$4k with introduction of women's team and general increase of costs.
- Uniform sales down \$6k.
- Presentation of State League end of season presentation up \$4k.
- Canteen supplies up \$16.5k due significant to increased activity
- Other costs up \$4.7K which include BNSW presentation, BNSW fines and other general costs.

General expenses represent the costs to support the running of MWDBA and other general activities in support of baseball. This includes Administrative, Financial, Advertising & Marketing and Game, Ground & Equipment. Overall general expenses are on par with prior year:

- Administration expenses are on par with prior year.
- Finance costs up with the annual subscription to MYOB \$1.4K and additional costs with upgrading being done to automate the process and reduce the transactional workload.
- Legal expense up \$3.6K, incurred to secure visa sponsorship status for MWDBA as well as some visa application costs for Ryan Kalish.
- Advertising and Marketing costs on par with prior year with MWDBA continuing its marketing and advertising presence in the baseball and local community.
- Expenditure in Game, Ground and Equipment is well down \$10k on prior year driven mainly by less expenditure in playing equipment with investment being conducted prior year.



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## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

### ASSETS

Members Equity is up to \$105.6k of which retained earnings was \$113.3k and current year's loss of \$7.7k. Of this balance, it is predominately made up of a cash balance of 99.3k.

Current assets, in addition to cash are a small amount of trade debtors of \$3.4k. Debtors is predominately reflecting some player fees outstanding from Junior representatives and State League Women's. With the impact of COVID-19 collections have been difficult over the last few months.

### LIABILITES

Liabilities are accruals \$15.7k and advance deposits \$13.2k. Key accrued amounts represent ground levies \$11.7k and lights 4.0k. Advance deposits of \$13.2k reflects fees paid for participating in NSW State Titles that were scheduled for April 2020 and State League playing tops which are to be refunded.

### PERFORMANCE

In summary, the overall loss of \$7.7k reflects the additional investments made this season in the following way:

- Promotional campaign by Juniors to provide playing gloves and hats to new registrations.
- The equipment required to support the introduction of ESNB.
- The legal fees invested to secure MWDBA sponsorship status for import player.



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## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

### PLANNING

In prior financial reports, I have identified several key challenges that MWDBA continue to face over the foreseeable future. Over the past 12 months some progress has been made and in my view continues to be foremost for the club and we must maintain the fiscal resources to engage.

#### I. Grounds:

The use and demand of our sports fields in Northern Beaches is forever increasing and the Northern Beaches Council is actively looking to improve sports ground use and facilities by developing a 15 year strategy to provide a single approach to the management and long term planning of sporting facilities on the Northern Beaches.

We have seen through the leadership of Mark Lowe, president of the Pittwater Club his success in securing considerable funding for the Rat Park baseball grounds. This has included a new clubhouse, new fencing, dugouts and soon to be built, batting cages. This is a great outcome for the PBC and baseball across the region.

The fight for Aquatic grounds, home of Forest Baseball Club and Manly Baseball continues however indications suggest that interest for the grounds has waned albeit nothing in writing has been received. The focus for next season will be a push for investment in the grounds with many aspects of Aquatic infrastructure well past their prime.



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## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

### II. Playing Numbers:

Player numbers in MWDBA juniors continues to decline. In contrast playing number in seniors is climbing with the transition of Juniors to Seniors continuing to improve.

In preparation for 2019/20 season a lot of effort by junior club presidents was dedicated to the recruitment of players which ensured across the region in these clubs' player numbers were held. Recruitment of players went very well however this was offset with retention remaining challenging. This includes the loss of the senior league players which did support a growth in senior players.

The loss of North Sydney has reduced our playing base by 20%. This is not ideal and further challenges our junior competition.

Club	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Var 2020:19	CARG 2015:20
Seasiders	89	102	126	136	130	151	16%	11%
Warringah	151	181	123	114	90	50	-44%	-20%
Forest	183	191	189	193	204	214	5%	3%
Pittwater	175	147	174	156	168	174	4%	0%
North Sydney	148	171	147	153	184	0	-100%	
Dragons	43	31	27	24	0			
North Shore						26		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>-5%</b>

As mentioned, this season we have received growth of senior playing numbers. This was supported by the creation of a summer league division 2 competition and the reintroduction of the Womens.



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### III. Coaching & Player Retention:

As written in prior years, we are currently well supported by eager and qualified coaching and I know the baseball community is incredibly grateful for the time and effort that they commit to the sport.

MWDBA will continue to look at ways of supporting our coaches and ensuring that infrastructure and equipment is available to support their efforts.

While we are progressing with these challenges, I look forward to the support of MWDBA and the baseball community as we promote and improve Baseball in this region.

Many thanks,

Simon Lowde

**MWDBA Treasurer**





# AGM 2020

## Combined Income Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
<b>Revenues</b>			
Club and Player Registration		\$222,752	\$178,460
Uniform sales		\$16,970	\$23,879
Presentations		\$8,476	\$1,825
Coaching Activities		\$9,086	\$10,682
Canteen		\$45,510	\$20,851
Sponsorship & Donations		\$2,583	\$18,590
Other income		\$1,321	\$795
Revenues	1	\$306,697	\$255,081
<b>Cost Of Sales</b>			
Club and Player Registration		\$152,774	\$100,360
Uniform purchases		\$16,475	\$22,739
Presentations		\$9,827	\$5,794
Coaches fees		\$12,570	\$6,522
Canteen Purchases		\$33,120	\$16,596
Other COGS		\$7,473	\$2,700
COSG	2	\$232,239	\$154,711
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<b>\$74,457</b>	<b>\$100,370</b>
<b>General Expenses</b>			
Administrative expense	4	\$6,175	\$6,237
Finance Costs	5	\$9,891	\$2,479
Advertising & Marketing	6	\$11,252	\$10,783
Game, Ground and Equipment	7	\$55,020	\$65,114
Expenses	3	\$82,339	\$84,613
<b>Operating Profit</b>		<b>(\$7,882)</b>	<b>\$15,758</b>
Interest Income		\$181	\$529
Interest Expense		\$31	\$0
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$529</b>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>		<b>(\$7,732)</b>	<b>\$16,287</b>



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## Combined Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	Notes	2019	2018	Difference
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	8	\$99,371	\$142,789	(\$43,418)
Trade Debtors	9	\$3,416	\$1,524	\$1,891
Clubhouse Equipment	10	\$0	\$0	\$0
Playing Equipment	10	\$556	(\$0)	\$556
Other Assets	10	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Uniforms at cost	11	\$32,424	\$26,871	\$5,553
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$136,766</b>	<b>\$171,184</b>	<b>(\$34,418)</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Trade Creditors and other accruals	12	\$17,909	\$30,526	(\$12,617)
Other deposits	13	\$13,205	\$27,274	(\$14,069)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$31,114</b>	<b>\$57,799</b>	<b>(\$26,685)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>\$105,652</b>	<b>\$113,385</b>	<b>(\$7,733)</b>
<b>Member's Equity</b>				
Retained Earnings		\$113,385	\$97,098	\$16,287
Current Year Earnings		(\$7,732)	\$16,287	(\$24,019)
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$105,652</b>	<b>\$113,385</b>	<b>(\$7,732)</b>



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## Combined Statement of Cashflows

For the year ended 31 March 2019

	Notes	Amount
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Net Income		(\$7,732)
Trade Debtors	9	(\$1,391)
Prepayments	9	(\$500)
Clubhouse	10	\$0
Equipment	10	(\$556)
Other Assets	10	(\$1,000)
Uniforms	11	(\$5,553)
Trade Creditors	12	(\$1,456)
A/P Accruals	12	(\$11,161)
Advance Deposits	12	(\$14,069)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		<b>(\$43,418)</b>
<b>Cash Flow from Investing Activities</b>		
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		<b>\$0</b>
<b>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</b>		
<b>Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		<b>\$0</b>
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(\$43,418)</b>
<b>Movement in cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Net Increase/Decrease for the period		(\$43,418)
Cash at the Beginning of the period	8	\$142,789
<b>Cash at the End of the period</b>		<b>\$99,371</b>



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## Notes to the combined Financials Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2020

### Reporting Entity

Manly Warringah District Baseball Association Incorporated (MWDBA) is based in NSW, Australia. The combined financial statements of the association are as at and for the year ended 31 March 2020. This set of accounts comprise of all activities as managed and controlled by MWDBA. MWDBA is a not for profit entity and is primarily involved in the management of baseball in the Northern Beaches of Sydney, NSW

### Basis of Preparation

The MWDBA combined financial statements are general purpose statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) adopted by the Accounting Standards Board and the Corporation Act 2001.

### Basis of Measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical costs basis

## 1 Revenues

MWDBA reporting segments are based on the internal competition entities; Juniors, Representatives, Minor League and State League. Minor League maintain three competitions Winter, Summer & Masters and State League includes the competitions State and Women's League, however for reporting purposes are consolidated. Shared activities which includes canteen and clubhouse management are allocated based on actual activity where it can be tracked otherwise proportioned evenly across the entities.

Revenue are generated by a number of activities which include player registration, uniforms, presentation, development, canteen, sponsorships and donations.

Analysis by revenue type	2020	2019	Movement
Club and Player Registration	\$222,752	\$178,460	\$44,291
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Sponsorship & Donations	\$2,583	\$18,590	(\$16,007)
Other income	\$1,321	\$795	\$527
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$306,697</b>	<b>\$255,081</b>	<b>\$51,616</b>

Total revenues are well in excess of prior year up \$51.6k. This has been driven by the following key movements;

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- Canteen income up a staggering \$25k. Driven by State League presenting a full complement of home games and a very successful campaign of Wednesday night baseball. Additionally, MWDBA through the presentation of the State Championships was able to capitalise on a high canteen patronage.
- Sponsorship down \$16k with limited sponsorship opportunities this season. Last year MWDBA was recipient of a number of grants and sponsorship; which was not repeated this season. With the future of the Aquatic grounds under a cloud grant applications proved more difficult.

## 2 Cost of Sales

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Canteen Purchases	\$33,120	\$16,596	\$16,525
Other COGS	\$7,473	\$2,700	\$4,773
<b>Cost of Sales</b>	<b>\$232,239</b>	<b>\$154,711</b>	<b>\$77,529</b>

Cost of Sales represent the direct costs attributed to each revenue type and overall up on prior year by \$77.5k. The key movements in COGS are

- Club and Player Registrations is up significantly \$52.4k which is driven mostly by payments to BNSW \$42k for additional teams representing Manly at Nationals compared to prior year. Minor League up \$6k with more umpiring activity and general increase in costs and State League up \$4k with introduction of Women's team and general increase in costs.

- Uniform sales down \$6k
- Presentations up \$4k being the State League end of season presentation
- Canteen supplies up \$16.5k due to significant increase in activity
- Other costs up \$4.7k which include BNSW presentation, BNSW competition fines and other general costs



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## 3 General Expenses

General expenses represent the costs to support the running of MWDBA and other general activities in support of baseball. This includes Administrative, Financial, Advertising and Marketing and Game, Ground & Equipment. Overall general expenses are on par with prior year.

Analysis by Expense type	2020	2019	Movement
Administration	\$6,175	\$6,237	(\$62)
Financial	\$9,891	\$2,479	\$7,413
Advertising and Marketing	\$11,252	\$10,783	\$469
Game, Ground & Equipment	\$55,020	\$65,114	(\$10,093)
<b>General Expenses</b>	<b>\$82,339</b>	<b>\$84,613</b>	<b>(\$2,273)</b>

## 4 Administrative

	2020	2019	Movement
Clubhouse Supplies	\$1,676	\$4,266	(\$2,590)
Gifts & Donations	\$623	\$80	\$543
Postage & Stationery	\$2,945	\$1,652	\$1,293
Telecommunication	\$255	\$0	\$255
Sundry Expenses	\$676	\$239	\$437
<b>Administrative expense</b>	<b>\$6,175</b>	<b>\$6,237</b>	<b>(\$62)</b>

Administration expenses overall on par with prior year with some minor movements within

- Clubhouse down \$2.6k with the only purchase being stainless benchtop in the canteen.
- The remaining admin expense collectively up \$2.5k

## 5 Finance Costs

	2020	2019	Movement
Accounting Fees	\$2,979	\$82	\$2,897
Insurance	\$619	\$340	\$279
Bank Fees	\$1,894	\$1,297	\$596
Legal & Licensing	\$4,400	\$759	\$3,641
<b>Finance expense</b>	<b>\$9,891</b>	<b>\$2,479</b>	<b>\$7,413</b>

Finance costs up with the annual subscription to MYOB \$1.4k and additional costs with upgrading being done to automate the process and reduce the transactional workload. Legal expense up \$3.6k, incurred to secure visa sponsorship status for MWDBA as well as some visa application costs for Ryan Kalish

## 6 Advertising and Marketing

	2020	2019	Movement
Advertising	\$591	\$751	(\$159)
Website & Marketing	\$10,661	\$10,032	\$629
<b>Adv &amp; Marketing expense</b>	<b>\$11,252</b>	<b>\$10,783</b>	<b>\$469</b>

Advertising and Marketing costs on par with prior year with MWDBA continuing its marketing and advertising presence in the baseball and local community.

## 7 Game, Ground and Equipment

	2020	2019	Movement
General Equip & Maintenance	\$19,092	\$24,229	(\$5,136)
Ground Maintenance	\$13,499	\$11,333	\$2,166
Playing Equipment	\$11,967	\$20,539	(\$8,573)
Trophies & Presentations	\$9,232	\$2,226	\$7,006
Umpiring Fees	\$1,230	\$6,786	(\$5,556)
<b>Game, Ground and Equipment</b>	<b>\$55,020</b>	<b>\$65,114</b>	<b>(\$10,093)</b>

Expenditure in Game, Ground and Equipment is well down \$10k on prior year.

- General equipment & maintenance is down \$5k however total expenditure remains high. In 2019/20 MWDBA has invested in Eagles Sporting Baseball Network (EBSN). This facility provides MWDBA the ability to film and screen its games online. State League have driven this facility with its Home games being televised. This facility will be further developed next season with the goal of commercialising to provide a new revenue stream.
- Playing equipment down \$8.5k with investment being conducted prior year.
- Trophies up \$7k with \$3k being for costs incurred prior season which were not accrued
- Umpiring fees down \$5.5k however this is just a reclassification to Registration and Club costs in Note 2



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	2020	2019	Movement
Cheque Account	\$7,525	\$10,195	(\$2,670)
Canteen Card	\$1,211	\$1,278	(\$67)
Canteen Account	\$0	\$0	\$0
Canteen Float	\$450	\$500	(\$50)
Undeposited Funds	\$0	\$300	(\$300)
Investment Account	\$90,184	\$130,515	(\$40,331)
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>\$99,371</b>	<b>\$142,789</b>	<b>(\$43,418)</b>

Account cash balances as at March 2020. Decrease in cash holding of \$43k is due to the following key cash movements.

- Losses of \$7.7k
- Debtors down \$1.7k (see note 9)
- Investment in Other assets \$1k (see note 10)
- Increase in uniform held in stock \$5.5k (see note 11)
- Trade credits down \$1.2k (see note 12)
- Decrease in Accruals \$11.1k (see note 12)
- Decrease in advanced deposits \$14k (see note 12)

## 9 Trade Debtors

	2020	2019	Movement
Trade Receivables	\$2,916	\$1,524	\$1,391
Bad debts provision	\$0	\$0	\$0
Prepayments	\$500	\$0	\$500
<b>Trade Debtors</b>	<b>\$3,416</b>	<b>\$1,524</b>	<b>\$1,891</b>

Debtors represent player fees outstanding from State League and Junior Representatives. With the impact of COVID-19 collections have been difficult but expect these to be all paid prior Summer 20/21 or commencement of representative activities. Players who remain unfinancial will be unable to take the field until amounts due are paid

## 10 Equipment

	2019	2019	Movement
At start of year	\$6,331	\$6,331	\$0
Total Clubhouse acquisitions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clubhouse Accum Dep'n	(\$6,331)	(\$6,331)	\$0
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## 10 Equipment (continued)

	2020	2019	Movement
At start of year	\$13,177	\$13,177	\$0
Equipment acquisition	\$556	\$0	\$556
Equipment Accum Dep'n	(\$13,177)	(\$13,177)	\$0
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>\$556</b>	<b>(\$0)</b>	<b>\$556</b>

## 10 Other Assets

	2020	2019	Movement
At start of year	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment acquisition	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Equipment Accum Dep'n	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

Other assets reflect 5 signed Birdman Bats worth \$200 each and will be sold next season and the proceeds to be banked by MWDBA

## 11 Uniforms

	2020	2019	Movement
At start of year	\$26,871	\$15,313	\$11,557
Uniform - cost of acquisition	\$22,028	\$27,119	(\$5,090)
Uniform - cost of sales	(\$17,475)	(\$14,792)	(\$2,683)
Uniform write off / down	\$1,000	(\$769)	\$1,769
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>\$32,424</b>	<b>\$26,871</b>	<b>\$5,553</b>

Uniform acquisitions and player demand for All Stars fit out is well up on prior year which has led to a higher balance of uniform stock as at March 2020



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## 12 Trade Creditors and Other Accruals

	2020	2019	Movement
Trade Payables	\$2,220	\$3,676	(\$1,456)
Other Accruals	\$15,688	\$26,849	(\$11,161)
Advanced deposits	\$13,205	\$27,274	(\$14,069)
<b>Trade Creditors and other accruals</b>	<b>\$31,114</b>	<b>\$57,799</b>	<b>(\$26,685)</b>

Creditors as at 31 March 2020 reflect payments due to JD Trophies and Forest Presentations for trophies

Accruals represent known items of service that have taken place during the season of 2019/20 and as at 31 March 2020 an invoice has not been received.

2020		
Supplier	Service	
Northern Beaches Council	Ground Levies	\$11,718
Northern Beaches Council	Lights	\$3,970
<b>Other Accruals</b>		<b>\$15,688</b>

Advance deposit reflect fees paid by State League players for playing tops and Junior Representative for the 2020 State Titles.

2020		
Deferred Revenues	All Stars - Paid in advance	\$9,408
Deferred Revenues	State League - Playing Tops	\$3,797
	refundable bond	
<b>Trade Creditors and other accruals</b>		<b>\$13,205</b>



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## JUNIOR LEAGUE REPORT





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## JUNIOR LEAGUE

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Brook Russell	(Forest)	Chairperson
Greg Barnes	(Seasiders)	Acting Secretary
Vacant		Registrar

### BOARD MEMBERS:

Owen Harris	(Forest)
David Gledhill	(Seasiders)
Andrew Wyles	(North Shore)
Mark Lowe	(Pittwater)
Chris Gailloux	(Warringah)



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## JUNIOR LEAGUE

Firstly, I would like to thank the Junior Baseball Committee for their tireless efforts in administrating baseball in the Manly Warringah District. The Committee dedicated a significant amount of their time to the betterment of baseball, both as representatives of Manly Baseball and of their own clubs.

Competitions were run across all age groups from U8 to Senior League Ball with a total of 56 teams participating from all 5 clubs. With the departure of the North Sydney Club, we welcomed the reformed North Shore Baseball Club to the Association.

Junior Baseball again ran a mid-week (Wednesday Night) Intermediate League competition. The competition involved 4 drafted teams with the players drawn from all clubs except. The competition enabled many of the players to participate in two divisions during the season and the uniqueness of the draft system allowing many of the players to compete against team mates from their Saturday teams and more diverse age group and skill levels. The result of which was the improvement of individual baseball skills by the end of the season. Several of the competition rounds coincided with State League rounds, enabling the younger players to witness high quality baseball, support the senior teams and see what awaits them if they continued their baseball career into adulthood.)

The Senior Competition was again run on a Friday night with 4 teams participating including a combined team from Seaside and Warringah Baseball Clubs. Following the regrading of one team to the Junior League division, a composite team comprising the Junior League Development Squad, Senior League players and new players to Junior Competition was formed to maintain the integrity of the 4-team division. I would like to thank all the players, parents and coaches of this team for agreeing to participate. I would like to congratulate the Senior League players who have completed their Junior Baseball careers and hope that continue with baseball in the Senior Competitions.



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## JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Junior Competition for 2019-2020 had 629 player registrations with the following breakdown:

Forest Baseball Club	217
Manly Seaside Baseball Club	152
North Shore Baseball Club	28
Pittwater Baseball Club	174
Warringah Baseball Club	58

There were strong registration numbers in the 7 to 12 years age groups. With the continued efforts of the Junior Committee and Club Committees which driving the growth of Manly Baseball, this should bode well for the competition in coming years.

The final series was hosted by Manly Seaside Baseball Club. Congratulations to Dave Gledhill and the Pittwater Club on running a successful final series. The Intermediate League finals played on Wednesday evening and the Senior League finals played on Friday evenings. The final series saw some intense games played across all divisions. The Saturday Grand Final series was a great day. The day was started with the all teams, officials and spectators gathering for the Australian National Anthem and the ceremonial first pitch thrown by Ms Zali Steggall, OAM, MP, Federal Member for Warringah. It was pleasing to see Ms Steggall remain for some time after the opening ceremony to watch the games, speaking with spectators and learning much about our great game.

The Junior Competition was successful in completing the season and final series before the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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## JUNIOR LEAGUE

Congratulations to the following teams for being Minor Premiers at the conclusion of the Competition Rounds:

Under 9	Warringah Redbacks
Zooka	Pittwater Viperfish
LL Minor	Warringah Dingoes
LL Major	Forest Rockies
Intermediate League	Red Sox
Junior League	Manly Seaside Tigers
Senior League	North Shore

Congratulations to all of the Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, Scorers, Pitch Counters and the parents involved with the Minor Premier teams.

Congratulations to the following teams that were Champions in the respective divisions:

Under 9	Forest Braves
Zooka	Pittwater Viperfish
LL Minor	Warringah Dingoes
LL Major	Forest Rockies
Intermediate League	Red Sox
Junior League	Manly Seaside Tigers
Senior League	North Shore



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## JUNIOR LEAGUE

Congratulations to all the Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, Scorers, Pitch Counters and the parents involved with the Championship teams.

Congratulations to the Minor League and State League competitions on their respective seasons.

On behalf of the Manly Warringah Junior Baseball Committee, I would like thank the Manly Warringah District Baseball Association Committee (RSA), the Minor League Competition Committee and the State League Competition Committee for their support of Manly Warringah Junior Baseball, as coaches, mentors, parents and supporters.

Congratulations to all of the clubs, their teams, team officials and importantly the parents for supporting the Manly Warringah Baseball Competition by allowing their children to participate in this year's competition.

It is my hope that aside of the pressing issues that are currently occupying significant resources of the District Baseball Association, that Manly Warringah Baseball continues to prosper and that kids keep playing and enjoying baseball.

Brook Russell

**President**

Manly Warringah Junior Baseball Committee



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## MINOR LEAGUE REPORT



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## MINOR LEAGUE

Winter 2019 saw a new president at the helm in Manly Warringah Minor League (MWML).

When John Farrant left last February, as the results recorder, and only committee member,

I guess you could say I 'pulled a Bradbury', and landed myself in the hot seat.

I was not in Kansas anymore.

With big shoes to fill, and tiny feet to fill them with, it was with trepidation (and some guidance from Simon Lowde), I set out to face the challenges ahead.

With a lot to learn, and a short time to learn it, I was shipped off to Homebush for intensive training in the new registration system introduced by BNSW, and Wizz! Bang! .. our winter registrations were up and running!

With Helen Wyatt, who had replaced me in the role of results recorder, as my committee, and, with her support and encouragement, I set off to learn the art of presidency.

Buoyed by the success of joining of competitions with Pacific Coast Baseball League (PCBL) 1st and 2nd grade competition in 2018, we signed up for a repeat in 2019. The additional teams for 1st and 2nd grade enabled us to enhance our competition by providing greater variety of opposition.

If I felt anxious about presiding over one competition, my mind was further blown as it tried to comprehend the enormity of running two! Thanks to the assistance of Joe Weller, who took on the role of sole administrative representative of MWML with PCBL, the load was lessened.



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Joe managed the entire winter 1st and 2nd grade competitions so expertly, creating a sportsmans' bond between the leagues, ensuring a strong future together.

1st grade saw our MAVERICKS qualify for the grand final, only to be defeated by Japan Baseball.

In the 2nd grade grand final the REDBACKS were defeated by Japan Baseball.

While Joe took care of business with PCBL, I stayed home and tended to 3rd and 4th grade.

Having been 4th grade delegate for several seasons, and a local around those parts, I set off to get to know 3rd grade.

In 3rd grade, I was reunited with some familiar faces, added Brent Joyce to my slowly growing committee as the grade delegate, and I met an amazing community of baseballers.

I saw the same amazing baseball spirit that I had become so familiar with in 4th grade.

I saw friendship, sportsmanship and the spirit of baseball alive in every game played.

The undefeated FOREST FIGHTERS defeated the Forest Royals to become the 2019

3rd grade champions.

In my home grade of 4th grade, I tried what others had tried before me, and, faced with a nine team competition, I attempted to run a two pool finals series... DUH DUH DUH..

Although the preliminary games didn't happen for one reason or another, a Pool B grand final finally took place early on grand final day, with the Kegs beating the Red Sox.





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## MINOR LEAGUE

In the Pool A 4th grade final, the SEASIDERS LYNX completed four years of almost getting there, to win the grand final against the Forest Padres, who missed out for the second year in a row.

As spring had sprung, with no time to stop and smell the roses, it was time to start the Summer season.

Summer 2019/20 began with seven teams in first grade, and with a four team starting block, we saw the summer second grade competition take off, adding another trophy to our cabinet.

With a regrading of teams occurring after four rounds, and the Seaside Eagles feeling more comfortable in second grade, summer was completed with a 6 team first grade competition and a 5 team second grade.

Our summer season has seen more than its share of washouts, with our run for the finals losing some momentum. On a grey, drizzly, Saturday afternoon March, 2020, our grand finals were played with the Forest Renegades defeating the Redbacks to claim the Judy Head Memorial Trophy in 1st grade.

The Redbacks II defeated the Seaside Eagles to become our first 2nd grade champions.

No game is complete, summer or winter, without the “official” team.

Thank you doesn’t come close to the gratitude I wish to extend to David Chaffers-Welsh and all of the MWBU for their support of our association and all of its competitions.

Off the field, in keeping with the goal of closer relationships with our clubs, the MWDBA Board passed a proposal which aligned the junior clubs with minor league in a manner that will support senior growth for clubs, and provide further governance through the minor league committee.



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## MINOR LEAGUE

I welcomed: Joe Weller (Forest); Eric Mena (Pittwater); Brent Joyce (Seasiders); Andrew Turner (Warringah) and Todd Eisenhauer (Redbacks) as contributing committee members, to compliment Helen on results and myself as chief administrator.

As the committee continues to grow, we keep our focus on attracting and retaining the juniors as they finish U16s, and providing adults with an opportunity to play in a league that suits their own ability. We hope to implement a regular, year round, training night for minor league players, using the existing batting cages, or maybe some new ones? Now the battle for the grounds seems to be behind us, there is room for planning our future at Aquatic Reserve.

Somewhere in the middle of summer, there was an Autumn Masters competition.

When talk first started on the Masters, I felt I really had enough going on with the Summer competition in full swing, so I handed the reigns to our 'Master of Masters', John Farrant.

I labeled it "Secret men's business", and left it to the men.

I look forward to reading John's report of the 2020 MWML Autumn Tough Dog Masters competition that follows.

As summer comes to an end, and I look back on the year that was, I am feeling a little like Dorothy felt when she finally arrived in Oz, at the end of a long and interesting journey.

I have clicked my heels together many times over the past 12 months, and, as winter approaches, I long to go home. I look forward to hibernating, safe and snug, in my scorers box, home in the Hornets nest, remembering why I love this game like I do.

I am not sure if I will return for the summer.



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## MINOR LEAGUE

It has been an eventful year for this little 4th grade scorer, I have made many mistakes, I have learned many lessons, I have grown, and I have seen Minor League grow. I have always tried to be the best version of myself, and I never stop trying to improve, I hope each new competition is better than the last and Minor League continues to grow. I have found a league of extraordinary people and I am proud to be a part of such a special community.

A lot of work goes into getting a game on each week and huge thanks go to Noel Markam and Simon Lowde for the hours put into preparing our diamonds so expertly.

Especially Simon, so much wouldn't get done without him. Thank you Simon!

Thanks to the MWBU for your support and guidance.

Thanks to all our scorers, supporters and all the volunteers that give their time for our betterment.

Thanks also to the Minor League committee for their never ending help, support and encouragement.

Thank you, Helen, Joe, Andrew, Eric, Brent, and Todd, I would never have made it this far without you.

Huge thanks to John Farrant, recipient of the Simon Lowde perpetual trophy,

Minor League Club Person of the Year, for all he has done, and continues to do, for the growth and development of MWML.



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## MINOR LEAGUE

Thanks to all players, no game could happen without you!

It is with faith, hope and positivity, I look to a future of continued growth and greater enjoyment of the greatest game in the world.

Baseball.

The reason we're all here.

Thank you for reading.

Michelle Camphuis  
**MWML President**



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## MINOR LEAGUE MASTERS 2020

Masters baseball continued its popularity in the Manly area during the year, with the competition running an Autumn short season format (9 games + Grand Final).

There was strong player interest for Masters baseball, however the competition was again limited to four teams due to the lack of availability of lighting on grounds and Aquatic 1 being heavily utilised by State League and Juniors during the week.

The season saw Forest returning as Champions after defeating the Ballers in last year's Grand Final. In addition, Mosman and Pittwater both returned to the competition, with Pittwater providing a number of new faces trying baseball for the first time or returning to baseball after a hiatus.

The season started off very promisingly, with the early rounds played out in a fantastic spirit and plenty of banter on the hill amongst the teams as they shared stories and a drink after games. However, weather and the coronavirus pandemic were ultimately to play a big part in disrupting the latter part of the competition.

There were a number of washouts, reschedules and then washouts of reschedules, and the managers of all teams are to be commended for their flexibility in trying to ensure as many games as possible could be replayed. Despite our best efforts, two rounds of games were wiped out, leaving Forest and the Ballers once again ready to face off in the Grand Final.

Unfortunately, the season being pushed back a couple of weeks to accommodate replays ultimately proved detrimental for the season. With the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Baseball NSW ordered the cessation of all baseball activities just days before the Grand Final was due to be played. Whilst disappointing for the players and committee, it was the right decision for the health and safety of our players.



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## MINOR LEAGUE MASTERS 2020

On the plus side – when we finally come out of baseball hibernation, we can start the summer season off with a bang by holding a delayed Masters Grand Final!

The Masters concept is one that I strongly believe in. It is attractive to older players in the area due to the timing of the games (6.30pm / 8.15pm) during the week. Masters is the perfect environment to reconnect with the sport. It is played under tightly controlled 1.5hr game times, with a '5 across the plate rule'. It is also highly sociable with the games generally much more relaxed than traditional weekend competitions.

The competition has been wholeheartedly supported by clubs including Mosman, Forest and Pittwater, and once again the Ballers (with Seaside likely to replace the Ballers in next year's format). The shorter format aims to encourage a level of churn in rosters such that teams can change personnel relatively quickly over time.

Once again, the major problem for growing the Masters competition is the availability of Aquatic 1 during summer. Limited to only Monday nights, the maximum number of games is limited to two per week. In the absence of greater access, the competition is unable to grow.

Council funding for game quality lights on outer grounds (A2 and A3) or down at Rat Park (RP1) would be a huge benefit to the sport and should be pursued now that the battle to save Aquatic appears to have been won (at least for now). Another potential option would be for Juniors (Senior League) games to be shifted back to Saturdays to allow Friday night games under lights, which I consider could also facilitate solid canteen sales.

There is huge potential to be unlocked within the Minor League, with the first stage implemented at the start of summer through a restructure of the competition management and fee structure. The restructure of Minor League incentivised greater direct involvement from the 'junior' clubs through a modification of fee structures and saw club delegates added to the committee (in line with the Junior Baseball Committee structure).



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## MINOR LEAGUE MASTERS 2020

The changes have seen the committee structure augment from one or two people doing everything, to a team of 7 or 8 with senior representatives from each club – each with a vested interest in growing the game.

A huge credit must go to our President, Michelle Camphuis, who has enthusiastically embraced the growth of the committee as we have put in place structures that will hopefully see the sustainability and growth of Minor League well beyond our tenure on the committee. Thanks also to Joe Weller who provides the ballast that constantly steadies our ever growing ship.

Most pleasingly for me after 7 or 8 years of various levels of involvement on the Minor League committee, is that we finally have a solid foundation on which to grow. Our grounds appear safe, the clubs have a vested interest in promoting the senior game to their juniors and parents, and we have in place an experienced committee to complement some fresh and enthusiastic faces that can drive the growth of players and teams.

The next step is to see an improvement in the facilities at the Minor League grounds (through grants, Government funding and appropriate investment of fees) to ensure that we provide a great experience for our players and keep them coming back and bringing their friends to play this great game.

John Farrant  
**Vice President - Masters**

Masters Finals Series Results (Autumn):  
Grand Final delayed.



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## STATE LEAGUE REPORT





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## STATE LEAGUE

The Manly Warringah District Baseball Association's 'State League' club provides an environment for all levels of playing baseball. It is a club rich in history, continually seeing members furthering their skills whilst playing for the club. It has seen many graduates move onto playing for Australian, US College and US Pro teams in both men's and women's baseball. Manly State League has a huge wealth of dedicated staff, coaches and volunteers that run the day to day tasks that keep the great tradition of baseball going here in Manly. State League is a winning organization that expects the very best from its players and coaches whilst playing in its colours. Its aim is to continually develop the game of baseball competitively through knowledge and fitness gained in playing for Manly.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide our players with the most professional baseball experience possible.

## VISION

Baseball demands the best from an individual within a teamed environment. It takes great fitness and belief in one's ability to act quickly and precisely to play this game. It also takes patience, dedication and teamwork. As a club we expect players to train to improve their skills, fitness and disciplines of the game whilst recognizing that they need to make extraordinary sacrifices in their work and family commitments to do so. From those sacrifices we expect to win all the time and players will be found out by coaches and teammates when they are not doing the work to better themselves and the team they commit to.



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## STATE LEAGUE

### MANLY WARRINGAH STATE LEAGUE VALUES

#### Players

- To play with passion and pride befitting the Manly jersey within the bounds of the rules and the spirit of the game
- To train regularly with purpose and determination
- To play for Manly is to embrace leadership, take ownership, don't follow, get better

#### Coaches

- To provide every player the opportunity to excel and achieve their highest potential
- To continue to learn to be able to stay up with the game
- To exhibit the same character, professionalism and respect that we expect from our players

#### Administration

- To provide a top-notch experience at an affordable cost. Our fees are set with a humble understanding of the costs associated with running a league of this level
- To act professionally is paramount. Manly State League will have several administrators who are strictly devoted to the needs of our coaches, players and families
- To run "State League" in line with the peak body whilst maintaining and overseeing State League's ideals and values

#### Fans

- To support and partake in all club activities respecting the Manly Warringah State League's long history whilst embracing the club's ideals and values



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## STATE LEAGUE

### STATE LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman	Mike O'Neill
Secretary	Vivienne Hughes
State league Delegate	Luke Eissenhauer
RSA Delegates	Mike O'Neill, Ashley Roberts
Canteen Coordinator	John Hughes
Committee Members	Sean Chivers, Adam O'Neill, Ben Logue

### HONORARY TREASURER

Simon Lowde

### HONORARY MEMBERS (Scorers)

Fran Inkster	Glennis Bird	Julie Logue	Lisa Mayo
Melissa Haithwaite	Cheryl Amir		

### LIFE MEMBERS

Steve Green Snr (D)	Before Inc.	Bev Coltman	1997
George Gunston (D)	Before Inc.	Gina Doubleday (D)	1997
Graham Howlett	Before Inc.	Denis Houghton	1997
Dave Sneddon (D)	1963	Denice Conyard	1999
Laurie Barnes (D)	1965	Marie Markham	1999
Bob Hourigan (D)	1967	Bob Clark	2000
Col Houghton (D)	1968	Ralphe Warne	2000
Brian Cubitt (D)	1975	Robert Clark	2001
John Ardill	1977	Paul Harradine	2003
Greg Moon	1981	Jeff Bertram	2004
Graham Howlett	1981	Paul Goodsell	2005
Gane McClarty	1982	Jim Riley	2005
David White	1984	Michael O'Neill	2005



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### LIFE MEMBERS

Lindsay Doubleday (D)	1994	Ric Jackson	2006
Fred Dennis	1994	Brent Goodwin	2007
Chris Maitland	1994	Nick O'Flaherty	2007
Tom O'Connell	1994	Ray Zom	2008
Bill Hardman	1994	Gordon Blinkhorne	2008
Judy Hardman	1995	Peter Edmunds	2009
Rose Houghton	1996	Tom Organ	2009
Lincoln McClatchie (D)	1996	Terry Mahy	2012
Noel Middlemiss	1996	Fran Inkster	2015
Steve Green	1996	Simon Lowde	2019
Ian Coltman	1996	John Hughes	2019

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## STATE LEAGUE

### CONGRATULATIONS

The Manly Warringah District Baseball Association congratulates our members who have achieved the following honours:

Vaughan Harris	Sydney Blue Sox ABL Team
Jaylin Rae	Sydney Blue Sox ABL
Connor MacDonald	Sydney Blue Sox ABL
Brian Murphy	Sydney Blue Sox Coaching Staff
Luke Brown	NSW U18s State Team
Tom Newbold	NSW U18s State Team
Zach Murphy	NSW Country U18s State Team
Josh Beezley	NSW Country U18s State Team
Tom Butler	NSW Country U18s State Team
Zac Newbold	NSW U16s State Team
Wilson Spinks	NSW U16s State Team
Diago Yamaguci	NSW Country U16s State Team
Lachlan Mayo	Angelo State University, San Angelo Texas
Jaylin Rae	College Ball with Central Arizona State University
Aiden Torpey	College Ball with Augustana University, South Dakota
Josh Gessner	Signed with Philadelphia Phillies



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019-20

After last season's year ending review of values, implementing our live streaming service EBSN and seeing a women's team come into our fold; starting the 2019 - 2020 season was a weight off everyone's back after all the hard work during the off season.

This season saw Ryan Kalish...come and go unfortunately. Jules come and stay. Treg come late and stay. VB come back and continue to hurt the ball more than himself. Connor join up and make a difference. Jaylin play and move on to College. Josh pitch and then head to Spring Training with the Phillies!

On behalf of the club we need to acknowledge Luke Eisenhauer and his efforts in learning a new skill in being able to source and make good the club's vision of EBSN. Not only did he solve problems, buy gear and learn a new trade in live outdoor broadcasting, Luke managed to be the first voice of Eagles Baseball Sports Network by launching live streams of many of our club games this season. Not without teething problems and frustrations, I think we can all say that Luke's talents and commentary far outweigh the dramas that did happen before going live for the first time. If you haven't already tuned in, please get onto Your Eagles EBSN YouTube station and press like. Pressing 'LIKE' is such a powerful thing for the club as it could mean sponsors \$ through advertising. More of you watching helps our push for sponsors. So if you can't give time, press like. Well done Luke.

The Boards mission, this year, was to market the game. EBSN being up and running ticked a box, but we still needed to bring the game to our community base and gain new supporters. Our canteen ran a successful campaign through its Wed Night Promotions. Pulled Pork Slider Night, Hot Dog Night and Roast Potato Night, all proved winners to our fans, but nothing says let's ramp things up by blowing the lights out like our 'Fish & Chips' Night. Our home game against Central Coast was memorable for many things that night. Weather had seen power lines downed in the area, which saw some residents around Frenchs Forest/Belrose without power for a week. The club was able to play. Lights and Action started on time. Nearly 300 at the venue from players, juniors, parents/fans. Add a back to Aquatic Old boys night hosting the Godfathers, including life members Tom Organ, Peter Edmunds, cricket legend Ian Chappell and past Australian Baseball President ....., and add members of the Manly Warringah District Cricket club all enjoying watching Josh Gessner deal against the Marlins. Whether it was smashing out tons of Fish & Chips or problems from Energy Aust, we blew the lights 3 times causing the game to end early. The story after that was more embarrassing for NSW who declared that the result notorised by the umpire as a win to Manly would be dismissed and the game played on at a later date. The evidence to support this choice by the competition manager was through watching the replay of EBSN's coverage. Not sure if he pressed 'LIKE'. We did eventually finish the game and won, it was what goes down as one of the most controversial games when NSW tossed aside the umpires and rules.



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This year's Women's team was a mixture of new players who had never played before, players that had played and a couple of youngsters in Lisa and Hannah who at 14 proved both outstanding competitors on and off the mound, and in the field and with the bat. Unfortunately a lack of attention to rules, which did not allow for girls aged 14 to pitch, meaning NSW stripped the team points for the games pitched by them. Going from 2nd and looking at finals, to being put out the week before, was numbing for all. The Senior girls played their hearts out and left without anything but the high praise the club has for them wearing and playing in the Manly colours to the best of their abilities. The club itself failed here to help coaching inexperience and has started to plan for a total change to how this area of the club can grow and survive. It does have to be said that if the NSW competition manager was on their game and picked up week one that a pitching illegality had taken place, a totally different outcome could have taken place.

Thanks must go to John and Viv Hughes for coordinating the canteen again this season. Our numbers were truly mind blowing and a result of the efforts the two of you continue to do within our club. Also thanks to Natalie Hughes, who was able to help out a few times this season. Thanks Hughes family for this year's fun in the canteen.

With the help of our Junior Standing committee, Manly State League was able to continue to deliver great fun on Wed Nights that saw increased fan appreciation and \$ through the canteen. Thanks to Brooke Russell and his JSL committee for its continued support by running the Intermediates League games on Wed Nights prior to SL 1st game. We're looking already to next year to ramp things up for more fun at the baseball. Stay tuned.

With Jim Gagen announcing and providing music on the nights to add colour and his own brand of fun to the games. It a huge effort Jim and big thanks from the club for still being involved.

This year Viv Hughes organised our Women's Day to run in conjunction with an effort to raise money and awareness of Pink Hope.

Pink Hope, [www.pinkhope.org.au](http://www.pinkhope.org.au), was originally established in response to a gap in the provision of information, relevant guidance and emotional support to women at-risk of breast and ovarian cancer. The organisation has witnessed an even greater need for us to empower the general population to assess, understand and reduce their risk. As a consequence of this Pink Hope is able to help individuals take charge of their health and the possibility for them to avoid cancer then becomes a reality. Your Manly Eagles this year raised over \$2,500.00 for the Pink Hope cause. A huge thanks to Viv for running this effort, and also to Cheryl Amir and Graham from ASA who threw in the pink caps that raised the bulk of the money. The club's aim is to continue this support of Pink Hope next season.



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To our scorers, Melissa Haithwaite, Julie Logue, Lisa Mayo, Cheryl Amir, Mineko Nakishio and Simon Lowde; thanks for your continued involvement with Manly State League. the club knows it's a big commitment and recognises the hidden work in getting the books tallied up after a game so stats can be obtained for year ending awards. We'd also like to thank Fran Inskter, who continues her involvement with us by preparing the scorebooks into year ending stats for the whole league. Fran's unseen efforts are a huge reason why our game has stats for our players to collate for future USA college opportunities and that make us want to better next year.

Noel Markham's effort as groundsman needs everyone's applause. This year his dedication has seen the ground looking the best ever. Even with the deluges seen in February on Aquatic, it didn't seem to dampen his efforts. Congrats Noel for everything you do for everyone involved in MWDBA. I'd like to also say thanks to Noels sidekick, Simon Lowde. Simon continues to ride HIS tractor hard being able to mow the main field in 60 minutes if council can't get that done. Thanks Simon.

To all our coaches this year, what an amazing amount of work you did for the club, the players and the game, saw great results throughout. We did have issues with rules missed or poorly used by a few coaches, that need to be learnt from to better ourselves for next year. Stuff can happen without noticing sometimes as we're all volunteers; everyone working and doing so much more each year in personal lives just trying to get by in such an amazing yet costly city. The best advice is to keep learning, be patient and ask for help. We're all in this together and we all want the same thing. Play and win for Manly State League Baseball

Thanks again for another wonderful season.

Mike O'Neill  
**MWDBA State League President**





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## CLUB COACH'S REPORT 2019-20

Before writing a report at the end of each season it's a chance to take a breath, step back and gain some perspective. I think this year more than any other, we are all being forced to view our lives from a new perspective off the baseball diamond as well. I'm sure that we'll all be faced with some challenges over the next few months. As always, focus on the things that are in your control and try not to worry about the things that aren't. Sure, that's easier said than done but also remember the positive things we have in our lives too. I for one, am grateful for the many friendships that I have because of Manly State League Baseball Club.

Okay, let's recap on the 19-20 baseball season. Once again, the yearly Club Goal is to consistently finish in the top 4 on club Championship Points. And once again we took a step closer to that target. With only four rounds left to play we were in fourth place in the club championship points total and three teams still in playoff contention. Our committee improved the quality of our imports that we were able to attract to the club and it made a difference in the wins column. Adding some homeground power to the batting lineup with Van Buizen and MacDonald certainly helped as well. Having a stronger first-grade team than in recent years absolutely helped and we put together a mid-season stretch going 10-3. A State League rule change in the off-season allowing U18s to double-up in 1s and 2s let us to continue with our youth movement and the Young Guns were a big part of that winning stretch with sometimes up to 7 players in the lineup being under 19yrs! In the other grades, the 18's team was on the wrong side of a couple of 1 run losses and another 2 draws that could have changed their run into the playoffs and both 3s and 2s finished just 1 game and ½ a game out of finals contention respectively. Am I disappointed that we weren't playing finals baseball this year? Absolutely. I'm comfortable with where we finished this year though, because for the most part I saw our players making consistent improvements throughout the season and we had a lot of guys getting opportunities in the higher grades to learn and make adjustments at the next level which bodes well for the future of the club.

Another big move for the club this year was the addition of our first womens team into the NSW State Competition and to say that they were competitive would be an understatement. I'm very keen to see the evolution of our womens team next year with some Young Guns coming through in that squad too.

Having Jason Taber back in the club this season to help with coaching on game day and adding energy and drive at training was huge. I know that he was stretched pretty thin across all 3 games on Sundays but having a cool head coaching at 1st base was a significant step in the right direction for the club. A huge thank you to Melissa Haithwaite for scoring so many games across 1s, 2s and the midweek games this season. Again, I know that it made for some long days/nights but I hope you also see the reward in the way that the team plays and represents the SL family that you are such a big part of. Thanks to Cheryl, Julie and Lisa for scoring across the rest of the grades.



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## CLUB COACH'S REPORT 2019-20

I also need to say a special thank you to all of the coaches. With multiple training sessions and up to 7 games played each week across the many teams, that's a lot of moving parts but everyone's commitment and communication allowed us to stay on the same page throughout the season. I know that there were times that many of us had personal stuff to deal with away from baseball and as a coaching group somebody was always there to step in and help out to make sure that it didn't affect the players in any way. I really hope that all of you are keen to be back with the club again next season.

And lastly just a few comments on the direction of the club. If you didn't get along to a Wed night home game this year you missed something special! Firstly we played some great baseball, with the only game we lost being the first one against the eventual minor premiers. That's a 6-1-1 record on Wed nights! And secondly the energy was electric, with plenty of local support, more themed nights in the canteen and some local club-teams coming out to support as well. If only we can find a way to bring this same hype to the other games on the weekends because the players love the atmosphere and it makes it a real home field advantage. A massive thank you to John and Viv (and everyone else that helped out in the canteen) for all of their hard work throughout the season to improve the entertainment off the field as much as we are all striving to be better on the diamond. In the same breath, congratulations to Luke for getting EBSN off the ground and in full flight with live streaming of Eagles home games with the help of Andrew, Ollie, Ben and various other committee members. Thanks as always to all of the support from the rest of the committee throughout the season that lets the players and coaches focus on what goes on between the foul lines. I know it often seems like a thankless job but we really appreciate all that you continue to do each season especially now that Mike, Viv and Simon are pushing the envelope of what a local State League Baseball Club can be.

Pre-season will be here before you know it and I'm hoping to see everyone back at Aquatic in August. I'm not sure where I heard this quote originally but hopefully it'll help to maintain some perspective and direction for all of us over the next few months.

Simple Success Plan: View each day as a start and finish. Win more days than you lose and life will be good. Be Relentless.

Chris Corey  
**Club Coach**



# AGM 2020

## 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE 2019-20

This year's 1st grade missed out on the final with one win.

From the coach's point of view, Team was growing into a great team great win a lot of game.

I think that the reason for this was the rise of young players, newly joined players, imported players, and existing players who came together in a good way.

Our battle, especially in the second half, was outstanding. The new strength Corner McDonald was also the current ABL player from QLD, and his participation not only changed the team's scoring power, also his leadership was at the core of the team. Also Rodney Van Buzen , He was a former Australian team silver medalist, changed the other team's line up. His preparation for the game, what we have to do in the game, He was a model for the team.

Jules Cremer ,Treg Haberkorn and Yoshi Umezawa were also very active in importing the game, Jules was the active player in the team offence and defence great chatter. Treg was a great athlete in three beats and a key player in the second half of the team. Yoshi was also a constant average player.

Jaylin Rae, Won the title of the top hitter last year, has lost his title as the team's lead-off man for the second consecutive year this year, but has now grown into one of the best hitters in the STATE league. Aidan Torpey also hit the team fourth, and his hitting power and shoulders were impressive. Both young player, best luck US Collage! Another emerging player was Gabriel Mateu. His had a regular position outfield throughout the all season, He has excellent defence and leg strength, and will surely grow as a central player in the future team.

On the pitchers, Joshua Gessner , who has grown a lot in the United States, has won the team and Shohei Arayam has continued to pitch consistently last year. This year, the activities of the relief team were amazing. Jimmy Millerin particular was a great relief pitcher who could handle any situation in a team pinch. Zachary McAlister's growth is also notable this season.



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## 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE 2019-20

It goes without saying that the 1st grade victory continued with the backup of the 2nd grade Under18 young players. Adam understood baseball better than anyone, and when he was an outfielder, his defence was an iron wall. Finally, Mike, the chief executive. Thank you for giving a great team and opportunity this season again. Special thanks Board team Simon, Luke, Viv, John Ash, Ben, Club coach Chris, Without your help I wouldn't have had a this great season. Also big thanks help me other coaches Tim and Scott and Tabs.

The season was successful on so many levels, I really enjoyed. Thanks again all players.

Masa Endo

**First Grade Coach**



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE 2019-20

“At the end of the day you can’t control your results; you can only control your effort level and your focus.” - Ben Zobrist 2 x World Series Champ

With the majority of our core players back from last season the expectations were high for another strong season. We even stumbled into a new State League rule change for some U18s to “double-up” each round. This new rule allowed us to continue the success of last year and turn the younger guys loose in 2s again. Before the season had even started there were players talking about “Back to back titles”, “Winning it again”, Leading the league in “x stat” this year and similar statements. What got lost in the hype though was the ability to focus on the things that matter most. In hindsight, we had more than double the number of hitters getting a ‘free pass’ to 1B from walks etc and that’s always gonna hurt. I’m the first to admit that I missed an opportunity to steal at least one game due to a rule breach, and we probably lost at least one more due to making a pitching change too late. Anyway, enough of the comparisons, we finished 5th and it was still a successful season. From the perspective of the commitment of the players being there each week and also backing up consistently for 1st grade and midweek games, I couldn’t have asked of any more from the regular 2nd grade squad.

With the U18s rule change, I thought I would start with the younger guys for a change. We had a total of 11 juniors take the field in 2s at various situations over the course of the season. Each time these players went into a game it was because I believed that they gave us an upgrade for that game or that situation and I have to say in most cases they got it done and then some. They all showed glimpses of why they will be pushing for game time in 2s (and 1s) when next summer rolls around. A few highlights from U18s in order of games played. For most guys, coming into a game to pinch-hit is daunting but Mikey Amir thrived on this role for us all year. Having a solid glove at 3B to back it up made it an easy substitution late in the game. He also played in more games than most of our regulars. Ollie Stokes took over behind the dish for half a dozen games towards the back half of the season and showed that he’s a catcher of the future for Manly SL. Tom Butler “filled in” at 1B when Ash was overseas or helping out in 1st grade but he looked so comfortable on defence and in the batter’s box that I had to keep reminding myself that he’s only 16. Just like Ben Zobrist (see quote above), Josh Beezley was a guy that played all over the field for us this season and proved to be more than capable in the utility role. It’s hard to keep a guy out of the lineup when he can play so many positions on the diamond and has a solid approach at the plate. A special mention to Max Milner, Zach Murphy, Luke Brown, Chris Wyatt, Dean Heintl, Cooper Garth and Zac Newbold. There were various reasons why you had limited playing opportunities this year, but the games you played this year (and last) made an impression on myself and many of the other senior players not just on the field but also your attitude. Well done and thank you.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE 2019-20

You don't get a chance to throw as many junior players into games without the support of the leadership group and we had a wily group of veterans that embraced it again. I realise that it makes for a boring report but Ash, Goodie, Zorn and TJ are exactly what you want from your core of experienced infielders. They put in the work at training, they're always on time for games and there are no surprises. They're in the right place at the right time on defence and put up consistent numbers with the bat, grind out ABs and execute with a 'team-first' approach in key situations. What more can you ask for right? Kazu was solid again behind the dish for us this year and he only missed a couple of games because of school commitments. Kazu, it has been a pleasure having you in the team the last 2 seasons and we wish you all the best for university next year and beyond.

In the outfield, we had O'Neill in CF as often as possible and doing a good job of making sure that any ball that was catchable was an out. Either side of him though was truly a mix-n-match type scenario from week to week. Leo was solid in LF when he was in the lineup but he also pitched the most innings in 2nd grade so that clearly wasn't often enough. Haithwaite was another key outfield option for us when he wasn't starting up in 1st grade. Brendan crushed the ball in 2's this year with a .750 SLG% which is just off the charts. Credit where credit is due to the Mix-N-Match crew of Beezley, Hurley, Milner, Murphy, Brown, Dundas, Kidd, Mason, Lowde and Banjo. You were ready to play, plenty of QABs across the group and not a single error! Again, what more can a manager ask for than that?

As I mentioned above Leo pitched a lot more this season and was extremely effective when he was in and around the zone. Charlie was back this season and still threw as many innings as last year despite having a new business to run and dealing with some injuries around the Xmas break. Masa was an underutilized asset this season from a pitching perspective. His ability to keep hitters off-balance is a joy to watch and something that I would encourage more of our Manly pitchers to add to their repertoire.

And last but not least, the DH. Despite (or because of) the countless hours spent rehabbing between games just to get ready for the next weekend Sutts was ideal in the DH role. Sutts was solid in the middle of the lineup each week and the only reason he was coming out of games was to ensure that we would have him in one piece again for the next weekend. Keep up the off-season rehab and let's see you back in full stride again for another go around.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE 2019-20

Thanks to the team behind the team on the diamond for 2s. Chris Hurley, Ben Little and Mikey Amir for countless hours of charting hitters. Melissa Haithwaite for scoring all season. I know I drive you crazy with my changes but I don't do it on purpose I promise. :-) And to the new guy this season Jason Taber. Welcome back to the club Tubbsie, it was fantastic to see you back in the Manly uniform and I really hope that we can change your mind between now and August about sticking around.

A perfect example of the quote at the top is our game against the Marlins. We hit 3 Home Runs in the game and still finished with a draw! Sometimes Baseball is the winner. Ideally, we get the core group back again next season and we get a chance at a do-over. It seemed like the San Francisco Giants needed a season in between to refocus so maybe it's just part of the process. Enjoy the off-season, get stronger and I'll see you guys at pre-season.

Chris Corey  
**2nd Grade Coach**



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE 2019-20

Two runs.

If one line drive had gone a few feet either side of the second baseman early in the year, or if a borderline 3-2 pitch with loaded bases had been called a ball instead of a strike in our penultimate game...that's how close we were to two runs, two wins, and achieving our goal of making the playoffs.

Of course, that wasn't the reason, but oh what could have been!

The competition ladder was ridiculously tight this season. Going into the last round, the top seven teams were within 1.5 games of each other, with four of us in a virtual tie for the final playoff berth, separated by a "rounding error" on win percentage. Alas, not this year.

Disappointment at not playing March baseball aside, there are plenty of positives to take from this year. Generally, we played better ball this season compared to last. The returning players from 2018-19 continued to play well and set the tone for the new guys, many of whom had never played State League before. And if the banter on the 3's WhatsApp group is any guide, we certainly had a good squad culture.

We started quickly, with comprehensive wins away against previous nemeses Canterbury and Penrith. Then we stumbled for five rounds, with a few tight losses, one rough one, and a brutal draw against Baulkham Hills at home. In danger of losing touch with the top four, our season was on the line in November when we travelled to take on the defending 3rd Grade premiers, Ryde...and crushed them. It was the shot in the arm we needed: from that day we played .643 ball the rest of the season.

Many thanks to CC, Mike, Masa and the rest of the coaching staff. In particular thanks to Simon, not only for getting some of the U18's to bench for us, but also for at least two games we wouldn't have played if it weren't for his work getting a rain-affected Aquatic ready and playable.

To the players: it's been great working with you guys. We hope you had as much fun as we did and are keen to come back in 2020-21 and finish what we started this season. Apologies there isn't enough room to name-check everyone, but we'd be remiss if we didn't specifically mention a couple.





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## 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE 2019-20

Dean “Moose” Storey was simply outstanding on the hill, leading the league in innings (44 2/3), top five in strikeouts (34) and walks allowed (5). Contract negotiations for 2020-21 will begin shortly...

Alongside Moose, Mayo was equally terrific with his bat, glove and wheels. A man in serious need of a nickname, he keeps talking up his power. He says will make him a 5-tool player. Drop the “5” and we reckon he’s spot on.

Special thanks to Julie Logue and Lisa Mayo for scoring this year, you do a wonderful job and were particularly patient at the number of changes we’d make late in games.

Finally, thanks to Jase Taber, who after decades involved in the game (and the Manly Club in particular) has decided to hang them up. It was great having you back in the dugout and base coaching – you’ll be missed. If you change your mind, you know where we are!

To everyone involved in 3’s season: congratulations on a good year. Let’s keep building and make the next one great.

Tim Clarke, Scott Fielding and Jason Taber  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Coaches**



# AGM 2020

## U18s 2019-20

Official Stats

**Record: 4-7-2**

**Home: 2-2-1**

**Away: 3-3-1**

The Under 18's season started off very well. Running out to a 6 win and 2 loss for the first 9 rounds. On the back of this we were leading the competition and sending a clear message that we were a to be a major force in the 18's competition. Across the team, individuals were leading the competition stats as result of excellent play and discipline. The most gratifying was out F/A at 54 and 16 respectively. Only giving up 16 runs across 8 games was going to put us in a great position going into the second half of the season

Unfortunately, a coaching error on my behalf saw 2 of our games penalised as result of my decision to keep the pitcher in the game after completing 60 pitches. Unfortunately, I applied the senior ruling of 80 and as such the team was penalised with a forfeit for those games. This was shattering considering the change had no impact on the game, but rules are there to be adhered to and I have no excuse.

After this impact the second half of the season didn't go our way. With a couple of tough losses pre-Christmas coupled with adverse weather conditions which included smoke pollution, three washouts and a heat wave we were only able to play 4 and half games. Our back 9 games results were 3 losses and 2 draws which saw us being bundled out of the finals. A result which certainly didn't reflect the team's ability and performance on the field.

So, putting a line through the results and focusing on some the really big successes that we had this year.

We had a large squad of new players coming through from Juniors (Senior League) playing their first season in State League with the club quickly recognising this raw talent and due to a rule change initiated this season allowed a small number of players to double up in grade. This saw a number of 18's players – Josh Beezley, Tom Newbold, Tom Butler, Michael Amir, Oliver Stokes and Max Milner regularly playing grade. This talent coming through bodes well for future years as they build experience playing seniors.

With respect to pitching Luke Brown topped the season with a very strong ERA – 1.49 supported by Tom & Zac Newbold, Zach Murphy and Max Milner all with ERA's below 4.40. At no time in the season where we stuck for pitching and providing enough opportunity became a greater problem.



# AGM 2020

## U18s 2019-20

Throughout the season we had to juggle a myriad of baseball commitments; players competing in school and club competitions, national and country teams, elite training programs (NextGen) and other representative responsibilities. At no point this season did we have the full squad available for any one game. This problem is a testament to the talent that we have throughout the team and congratulations to those players who are responsible for this burden.

I do need to highlight the quality at bats this season. A focus this year across the club ensuring players are maximising their opportunity to add value to the team in the batting box. In the first half of the season the players were achieving this and converting opportunity into results that were seeing them churn wins and overall results for themselves and the team. I'd like to congratulate Josh Beezley on his result of being the highest run scorer across all 18's teams and Tom Butler with the second most RBI's scored.

With many senior league players coming through into under 18's this season we had the opportunity to run an under18's "Futures" team in Manly Minor League for the second year in a row. This has been an excellent development process ensuring the young senior league players gain exposure to the rigour of senior baseball and prepare them for their step up next season to 18's.

We do see a number of our player retiring from Under 18's and we wish them the very best for their playing future wherever it may take them, hopefully close to home in Manly Grade next year.

Finally, many thanks to Ben Heintz for supporting me as coach throughout the season, Cheryl for scoring week in week out, to Noel for preparing the grounds for each home game, Chris as club coach, and to those on the State League committee ensuring that everything is in place so that we can play the game that we all enjoy so much.

This will be my final year as coach which I have been doing for the past 12 years. I've had the privilege to support a number of players from t-ball to 18's and which has been very rewarding and a once in lifetime experience. To those players – truly appreciate the opportunity to play baseball with you for these years.

Simon Lowde  
**under 18's Coach**



# AGM 2020

## U18s FUTURES 2019-20

First of all, I would like to say an overall thank you to the parents of these great young men, to Gavin Parkinson for helping and to Manly Minor league for allowing us to compete in the competition. The Manly futures had a rocky start for the first couple of games however were able to string a couple of big wins in the middle of the season, and were even in the hunt to make finals, but due to the wet weather we were not able to take the opportunity.

Overall the squad has improved largely in every aspect of the game and were able to hold their own against all teams. Pitching was mainly carried between Rueben Chippek, Will De Laine, Lochie Caisley and Nick Gall with the support of a solid infield to back them up. The infield consisted mostly of Jake Wander, Nick Gall, Max Steer, Aiden Rodgers and Daigo Yamaguchi who also made the NSW country side for under 16's. The hitting was led by Sean Parkinson with a batting AVE of .500, Ryan Iggo with an AVE .466 and Daigo Yamaguchi .422. The outfield was mainly held down with Tom Van Hessem, Aiden Rodgers and a mixture of Jake Wander and Sean Parksion.

The award recipients for Manly futures were Sean Parkinson for his great approach to the plate for hitting and his ability to bat on ball and make something happen. The other award recipient is Ryan Iggo for the coaches award due to his large improvement in all areas of the game, especially with his hitting and 1st base glove work.

I would like to thank all the players for a great and fun season and allowing me to grow my experience as a coach.

Sean Chivers

**U18s Futures Coach**



# AGM 2020

## WOMENS 2019-20

This season saw Manly State League enter a women's team in the NSW State League competing in Division 2. As the came and went, there were many memorable moments to look back on. The first was gearing up to play round 1 and kick things off.

As the weeks and days drew nearer to opening day, the nerves and excitement grew stronger in the girls. A new team, never having played together, some of whom had never played the game of baseball before, would travel to Blacktown to take on the Blacktown Workers Black team at Laybutt Reserve. From the first pitch, the first swing of the bat, the girls meshed fantastically as a team, adapting to the game and the situations in front of them precisely how we had gone over it time and time again at training. Game one done, notching an inaugural win with a 8-3 result in the books. This would set the pace for the season ahead.

Strong pitching performances from starters Hana Nishiya and Kyara De Gail, and relievers Lisa Nakashio and Britney Spinks, would see the oppositions strength in the batters box deteriorate throughout the season. With strong relationship between our pitchers and catcher developing, the teams catcher, Millie Atkinson, proved her worth behind the plate. Gaining the trust of the pitchers and her team mates, Millie used her skills and ability to call the games as she saw it in front of her.

The team was lucky enough to have some in the team with vast experience in the sport. Monique Frack, Olivia Baker, Kyara De Gail, Britany Spinks, Lisa Nakashio, Hana Nishiya, Izzy Demol and Kelly Steinhauer have all played various levels in baseball, and formed the backbone of the team. The club was lucky to see these players week in week out and thank them for being a huge part in this years performance.

New comers Katie Gillis, Katrina Lofthouse, Hayley Gledhill and Kiah Kennedy showed the products of their efforts at training with commendable results in the batters box, proving they could hang with all comers and were very productive throughout the season. Overall aggression from the team when running the bases proved a worthy tactic, gaining many stolen bases throughout the season, and slotting runners into scoring position.

Round 13 saw something special in a home game against the Greenway Giants by Kelly Steinhauer. In fact Kelly almost hit for the cycle. Hitting 2 triples, a double, and a homerun. This wouldn't be Kelly's only achievement throughout the season though, as she would finish the season with a batting average of .706, the highest average in the NSW Div 2 competition. Not only did Kelly continually show off her talent with the bat, but she also proved useful on the mound, coming in as a relief pitcher where necessary.



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Unfortunately the women's team was not eligible to play finals baseball, which was heartbreaking news for the team and the club after the season they played. As a team and club, issues surrounding rules for all have been brought out into the open. There's a huge amount of work that was accomplished this season in the women's game of baseball, yet many more things to learn from each other to better the program so that women's baseball is as common place as the men's here in Manly. One I know as a coach we can achieve , as we have the nucleus to really make a difference in the women's sporting arena on the Northern Beaches.

That being said, the team played fantastically and proved that they are worthy of not only competing in the NSW Women's competition, but winning it next year. Winning games against strong opposition our first year back together was an incredible effort.

A special thankyou to Emiko Nishiya, Mineko Nakashio, and Hazel Atkinson, for scoring and officiating our games throughout the season.

Manly are looking forward to seeing the women's team soar above the competition this year.

Ben Little

**Women's Assistant Coach**



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## LEGEND

### Batting & Fielding Statistics

#	Playing Number	PO	Put Outs
G	Games Played	A	Assists
PA	Plate Appearances	E	Errors
AB	At Bats	F%	Fielding Average
R	Runs Scored		
H	Total Hits		
1B	Singles		
2B	Doubles		
3B	Triples		
HR	Home Runs		
RBI	Run Battled In		
Sacb	Sactifice Bunts		
Sacf	Sacrificial Flies		
BB	Base on Balls		
SO	Strike Outs		
SB	Stolen Bases		
TB	Total Bases		
Avg	Batting Average		
Slg	Slugging Percentage		
Obp	On Base Percentage		

### Pitching Statistics

G	Games Played	ER	Total Earned Runs
GP	Games Pitched	WP	Wild Pitch
GS	Games Started	BK	Balks
W	Wins	#BAT	Batters Faced
L	Losses	B	Balls Thrown
S	Saves	St	Strikes Thrown
IP	Innings Pitched	TP	Total Pitches
HITS	Hits Against	SACB	Sacrifice Bunts
SO	Strike Outs	SACF	Sacrifice Flies
BB	Base on Balls	AVG	Batting Average Against
HP	Hit by Pitch	ERA	Earned Run Average
RS	Total Runs Against	WIN%	Winning Percentage

Batting Average	Hits/At Bat
Slugging Average	Total Bases/At Bat
On Base Percentage	$(\text{Hits} + \text{BB} + \text{HPB}) / (\text{Hits} + \text{BB} + \text{HPB} + \text{Sac Fly})$
Fielding Average	$(\text{Put Outs} + \text{Assists}) / (\text{PO} + \text{A} + \text{Errors})$
Earned Run Average	$(\text{Average Runs} \times 9) / \text{Innings Pitched}$



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## MWDBA Inc. STATE LEAGUE TROPHY WINNERS 2019/2020

### FUTURES AWARDS

BATTING - Sean Parkinson .500

PITCHING - Lochie Caisley ERA 5.1

PLAYERS' PLAYER - Rueben Chippek

### U18S AWARDS

BATTING - Luke Brown .393

RUNS BATTED IN - Tom Butler 13

PITCHING - Luke Brown ERA 1.49

FIELDING - Zach Murphy 1.000

PLAYERS' PLAYER - Luke Brown

### 3RD GRADE AWARDS

BATTING - Liam Mayo .417

RUNS BATTED IN - Liam Mayo 9

PITCHING - Dean Storey ERA 3.84

FIELDING - Dion Mason 1.000

PLAYERS' PLAYER - Liam Mayo





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### 2ND GRADE AWARDS

BATTING - Ben Sutton .441

RUNS BATTED IN - Ben Sutton 10

PITCHING - Leo Matsuo ERA 3.93

FIELDING - Brad Zorn .976

PLAYERS' PLAYER - Ben Sutton

### 1ST GRADE AWARDS

BATTING - Jaylin Rae .393

RUNS BATTED IN - Rodney Van Buizen 17

PITCHING - Josh Gessner ERA 1.49

FIELDING - Gabriel Mateu 1.000

PLAYERS' PLAYER - Jaylin Rae

### WOMEN'S AWARDS

BATTING - Kelly Steinhaur .706

RUNS BATTED IN - Hana Nishiya 18

PITCHING - Hana Nishiya ERA 3.97

FIELDING - Millie Atkinson 1.000

PLAYERS' PLAYER - Lisa Nakashio



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### PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS 2019/2020

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** - Max Milner  
Donated by Bev and Ian Coltman

**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - Zac MacAlister  
The Geoff Wilson Memorial Trophy

**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR** - Josh Beezley  
The Ian Walliker Trophy

**CLUB MOST RUNS BATTED IN** - Rodney Van Buizen  
The Col Houghton Trophy

**CLUB BATTING TROPHY** - Kelly Steinhaur

**CLUB GOLDEN GLOVE AWARD** - Gabriel Mateu  
The Linc McClatchie Trophy, donated by Terrey Hills

**CLUB E.R.A. TROPHY** - Josh Gessner  
Donated by Jill and John Axford

**CLUB OUTFIELDERS AWARD** - Treg Haberkorn  
The Paul Ferian Trophy (Introduced 2009)

**MOST WALKS** - Gabriel Mateu 13

**BLACK BAT** - Josh Beezley 33

**CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD(Introduced 2007)** - Luke Eisenhauer

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD** - Tim Clarke



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### COACHES AWARDS FOR THE MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

**1ST GRADE** - Connor MacDonald

**2ND GRADE** - Daniel Goodsell

**3RD GRADE** - Dean Storey

**UNDER 18s** - Josh Beezley

**FUTURES** - Ryan Iggo

**WOMEN'S** - Hana Nishiya

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - Hana Nishiya  
Donated by Gina and Lindsay Doubleday