



2013 Legends Team

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

2012-2013

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**MINUTES OF 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC**

Murray Farm Reserve
Sunday 22nd April 2011

In Attendance:

Andrew Borg, Mark Highfield, Stu Bysouth, Alex Borg, Nicole Lawson, John Hinwood, Bill Fowler, Janice Chapman, Mark Taylor, Matt Walther, Steve Wilson, R Briggs, G Butler, T Cusbert. M Cashmore, Sean Aiston, Dave Aiston, Brad Mountford, Sarah Priestly, John Butt, Kerri O'Shannassy, Kerry Tremaine, Dean O'Shannassy, James Butt, Dave Morgan, Jackie Griffith, Rachael Taylor, Robyn Gosper, Steve Gosper.

AGM opened at 2.40pm.

The president welcomed members and all attending.

The president would like to acknowledge our life members Robyn Gosper, Steve Gosper, Tom Cusbert, Matt Cashmore, Mark Highfield, Dave Aiston, Gary Butler for attending. The committee would like to congratulate Andrew Borg as our new elected life member.

The minutes of the AGM 2011 were read as published.

Motion that the minutes be accepted as published.

Moved: Mark Power Seconded: Janice Chapman.....carried.

Presidents report was read by Andrew Borg as published.

Andrew thanked all the committee for their hard work and commitment to the year. Andrew talked about the Aussie tee ball that was held on Friday nights. The club had over 85 children who registered for the Aussie tee ball program this should set the club up in a good position for future seasons. He especially wanted to thank Stu Bysouth for all his efforts in organising the roster of teams and skills that were set out each week. Andrew also expressed his thanks to Janice Chapman, Nicole Lawson, Robyn Gosper, Steve Gosper Dave Aiston, Sean Aiston, Sarah Priestly who turned up each week to lend their support.

Andrew wanted to thank and congratulate the U12 Braves and U10 Mod ball for winning their competitions. He also congratulated the U11's for making it as far as the grand final.

Congratulations to the senior teams for their great effort in the summer competition, it was unfortunate to see 3 teams get knocked out due to the wet weather .

Congratulations to G2 Redsox for winning the Grand Final in the winter season.

Andrew would like to thank the grounds committee Dave Aiston, Steve Gosper, Graeme Hall, Gary Butler and Sean Aiston for their continued efforts in getting the grounds ready to play on each weekend.

Andrew would like to thank Robyn Gosper for her time effort she has put into the club over the past couple of years. Robyn is standing down as secretary this year, but I am sure she will still be around to offer support to whoever takes on the role.

Andrew mentioned the passing of a life member of the club Gary Essenstam who will be certainly missed. Andrew thanked all those people who contributed in some way either by coaching, managing, base coaching, scoring or just helping out with each team. Without your support the club would not be as successful.

Motion that the president's report be accepted.

Moved: Sarah Priestly. Seconded: Russell Briggs.....carried.

Secretary's Report as published.

Moved: Kerri O'Shannassy. Seconded John Butt.....carried.

Treasurer's Report as amended.

Motion that the treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Russell Briggs. Seconded: Tim Farrell.....carried.

Other members of the committee were asked to read their reports.

The president declared all committee positions vacant for 2012 and asked Mark Highfield to be the returning officer.

Mark assumed the chair and thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts.

Motion that the unfilled positions be considered at the first meeting.

Moved: Kerri O'Shannassy. Seconded: Sarah Priestly.

After the election, the President Andrew Borg thanked Mark for acting as returning officer.

Motion that the President and Treasurer be given authority to sign the annual return on behalf of the club.

Moved: Mark Power. Seconded: Janice Chapman.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2012-13 YEAR

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER	ACCEPT/ DECLINE	ELECTED
President	Andrew Borg	Sarah Priestly	Mark Power	Accept	Yes
Vice President Juniors	Stu Bysouth	Alex Borg	Dave Aiston	Accept	Yes
Vice President Seniors	Passed in to	next committee	meeting		
Secretary	Janice Chapman	Sarah Priestly	Stu Bysouth	Accept	Yes
Treasurer	John Butt	Dave Morgan	Mark Power	Accept	Yes
Registrar	Tim Farrell	Steve Wilson	Dave Aiston	Accept	Yes
Grounds Committee	Dave Aiston	Nicole Lawson	Mark Power	Accept	Yes
Assistant Grounds Officer	Steve Gosper	Janice Chapman	Stu Bysouth	Accept	Yes
	Sean Aiston	Sarah Priestly	John Butt	Accept	Yes
Assistant Grounds Officer	Gary Butler	Bill Fowler	Dave Morgan	Accept	Yes
Equipment Officer	Brad Mountford	Steve Wilson	Kerry Tremaine	Accept	Yes
Canteen Manager	Passed in to	next committee	meeting		
Uniform Manager	Sarah Priestly	Steve Gosper	Dave Aiston	Accept	Yes
Umpiring Development Officer	Alex Borg	Robyn Gosper	Dave Aiston	Accept	Yes
Coaching Development Officer	Steve Wilson	Steve Gosper	Sarah Priestly	Accept	Yes
Communications Officer	Kerri O'Shannassy	John Butt	Kerry Tremaine	Accept	Yes
Junior Teams Recorder	Sarah Priestly	Robyn Gosper	Sean Aiston	Accept	Yes
Hills Delegate Senior	Andrew Borg	Russell Briggs	Gary Butler	Accept	Yes
Hills Delegate Senior (alternate)	Russell Briggs	Andrew Borg	Sarah Priestly	Accept	Yes
Hills Delegate Junior	Mark Power	Sarah Priestly	Gary Butler	Accept	Yes
Hills Delegate Junior (alternate)	Stu Bysouth	Mark Power	Andrew Borg	Accept	Yes
Public Officer	Patrick Fazzone	Sarah Priestly	Andrew Borg	Accept	Yes
Auditor	Bill Hedi	John Butt	Steve Gosper	Accept	Yes
Fundraising	Donna Bysouth	Kerri O'Shannassy	Janice Chapman	Accept	Yes
Social Committee	Kerry Tremaine	Kerri O'Shannassy	John Butt	Accept	Yes
General Committee	Matt Walther	Mark Power	Tim Farrell	Accept	Yes
General Committee	Robyn Gosper	Sarah Priestly	Kerri O'Shannassy	Accept	Yes
General Committee	Nicole Lawson	Steve Wilson	Janice Chapman	Accept	Yes
General Committee	John Hinwood	Janice Chapman	Dave Aiston	Accept	Yes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the 2013 Annual report on behalf of the Management Committee of Carlingford Baseball Club Inc.

- Our finances again look strong and our fundraising afforded us the opportunity to purchase a new Ride on Lawn Mower. This has taken considerable pressure off our grounds crew and allowed us to present Murray Farm to all in the best possible way. We also invested in the extension of the back fence at Upjohn Park to provide better safety to the players and supports.
- This year saw us strongly adopt the use of Social Media through Facebook, and to a lesser extent, Twitter, in our communication with our members, players and friends. From communication and promotion of major events to the announcement of successful performances we were able to use this medium to our advantage.

We received over 100 likes by the end of the season, showing us its' popularity, but also giving us the opportunity to record major moments in our history, from Year 1 to the current day, will be the major benefit into the future.

- We were able to successfully hold our 4th All Stars v Legends match in March. Another win to the Legends, but the big winner was the number of supporters on the sidelines. More than 100 people, including 11 Life Members confirmed that this event is getting a life of its own.
- This past year saw our second iteration of Aussie Tee Ball. Despite a reduction in numbers compared to the previous year, we were very happy with the solid numbers we had, as these allowed us to better balance our resources with the kids.

The transition of Aussie Tee Ballers into Saturday morning players is a primary goal of our Aussie Tee Ball programme. With more than 75% of our two u8's teams made up of the previous year's Aussie Tee Ballers we feel that this strategy is well on track.

- Our stock of umpires was bolstered by another 2 kids this year. Our Umpiring development programme is the envy of the league, and saw us supply a Level 1 to almost all of our home games this year. This benefits the kids and guarantees the highest standards for all of our home games.
- The Australian's Baseball Federation's requirement for the accreditation of all junior coaches placed considerable pressure on our club. Thankfully, our Club Coaching Co-ordinator, Steve Wilson, was able to meet the challenge.
- In addition to this, our Coaching resources were bolstered by the efforts of Jo Henderson this year. Jo's passion is the coaching of junior players and we were blessed to have someone come into our club who asks for nothing and gives up so much of her time. She has no children playing at the club, but she was able to coach our u8 Cardinals as well as run an Aussie Tee ball diamond every Friday evening.

As we look forward to next year and beyond, we find ourselves facing a number of challenges, both internally and externally.

- Internally, we are at the crossroads, with generational change impacting our committee. The departure of Steve, and Robyn Gosper, David Aiston and Stu Bysouth from the committee will seriously expose our depth. A similar change is expected over the two years. We need committed members of our club to get involved and stand for senior positions.

We have seen serious succession problems expose other clubs in Hills, and we need to learn our lesson and recruit now.

It is incumbent on those whose children have benefitted from the contributions of the above to now put their hands up and do their share for the development of the next generation of players and administrators in the club.

I also feel strongly that the constant infusion of new blood keeps the club healthy and vibrant.

- Externally, our senior players are facing the prospect of significant increase in their fees as a result of heavy-handed ultimatum by Baseball NSW (BNSW) to ban junior players from participating in Representative Competitions where any senior players in the club participate in any baseball competition not run by BNSW, e.g Sydney Metro Baseball. This is despite that fact that the junior player is in fact already playing in and paying fees to a BNSW run competition. You cannot read this as anything other than a money grab by BNSW and the bottom line could be an increase in fees by as much as \$70 per player per season.

Whilst the club is not against being under the umbrella of the State Body, far from it, it is disappointing that BNSW will provide LITTLE OR NO BENEFIT to the players for paying the higher fees directly to BNSW. Empty promises, unfulfilled commitments and pandering to vested interests leave our seniors with no up side, and only downside. Ironically, many of these senior players do not even have children playing baseball, let alone Representative Baseball.

As a club that works very hard to keep its' fees down, this will be a very bitter pill to swallow. Unfortunately, this will require us to review a number of our pricing practices.

- On a positive note, 2014 will be the club's 40th Anniversary. As we get closer, we will be looking for ideas for events as well as volunteers to make it happen. Thinking caps on please!!!

I would like to thank the members of our Club's Management Committee for their hard work and complete commitment to the cause throughout this year. We are fortunate to have such a cohesive and constructive committee and the success of the club is quite simply a reflection of these people.

The aging demographic of our catchment, coupled with ever changing cultural mix would suggest that a baseball club in our area would be a fraction of our size. This is certainly the case for a number of our neighbouring club. However, the commitment and energy of our committee has left us solid, stable and strong.

As a club, we would like to thank the organising committees for Hills Junior Baseball Association and Sydney Metro Baseball League. Managing these organisations is a supremely thankless task, and *I would like to acknowledge our appreciation to John Yard, Cheryl Barnier, and Peter Schmidt*. Without these people putting in hundreds of volunteer hours per season, we would not have competitions for our children and ourselves to play in.

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Stuart Bysouth in his role as Vice President Juniors. His energy and determination over the past 3 years have been phenomenal and infectious. His stint as VP was too short, but I know that he will find a way to stay involved, and hopefully, recommit to the committee in the not too distant future.

In conclusion, I would like to thank those people who, even though they were not on the committee, still contributed significantly throughout the year. These were the people who kept score, did their canteen duty, base coached or just helped out at training. *Thank you - you are the heart and soul of the club.*

Go Carlo!!!!!!



Andrew Borg
President

VICE PRESIDENT – JUNIORS' REPORT

The 2012/13 season has been very positive for the Junior Club on a number of levels. We fielded 6 live ball, 2 mod ball and 2 tee ball teams in the Hills Juniors summer conferences. 3 of the 6 live ball teams made it into the play-offs, which is a positive result.

This season our focus was on consolidating the growth and retention we have achieved over the past few seasons. For the first time in many years we were able to field 4 x Division 1 teams in 14s, 12s, 10s and 8s. Division 1 competitions are tough and our teams were tested and will continue to grow with the experience gained. Our 8 Cardinals came Runners Up in their conference and were magnificently coached by the very experienced Jo Henderson.

This year also saw the introduction of mandatory coaching accreditation and it was very positive to see all teams having coaches accredited early on in the season. A massive thank you to our Coaching Coordinator, Steve Wilson, for his efforts and commitment in working with our Coaches to get the Club across the line.

Whilst we may not be a large club relative to others in the area, as a Committee we are very proud of our Club culture and strong community spirit. This is obviously being noticed by others as this season we have been joined by families from a number of Clubs in the region.

2012/13 Coaches and Managers, by Team

Team	Div	Coach	Manager
17 Cubs	3	Brad Mountford	Kerry Tremaine
14 Cardinals	1	Peter & Blake Woodbury	Nicole Lawson
14 Cubs	3	Steve Wilson	Cheryl Gabb
12 Cardinals	1	Matthew Cashmore & Tom Gosper	Sarah Priestly
12 Cubs	3	Peter Handel	Rod Wood
12 Redsox	3	Stu Bysouth	Tim Farrell
10 Cardinals	Mod 1	Paul Henson	Jackie Griffith
10 Braves	Mod 2	Duncan MacKenzie	Chad Wilkinson
8 Cardinals	Tee 1	Jo Henderson	Amy Buttner
8 Red Sox	Tee 2	Jackie Griffith	Kathy Maxwell

We again saw a number of our members selected in Hills Representative Teams. Congratulations to Dane Lawson, Angus Feng, Jackson Haynes, Mitchell Murphy and Rohan Wood. We also had members involved in NSWJBL International Touring Teams as well as Association and Representative Little League competitions.

Aussie T-Ball

2012/13 saw the continuation of our "in-house" entry level program Aussie T-ball, for the 5-7 year olds. This season saw us build on the tremendous success from last season with around 60 kids participating on Friday evenings at Murray Farm. In the two years the program has operated, that adds up to over 140 children (and families) that have been introduced to baseball, which is a fantastic result.

The extra efforts of existing volunteers to support this program is to be commended. We continue to learn and evolve our offering and will be looking to develop it further next season. As well as giving the kids a fun learning environment, it also continues to give parents and families the opportunity to get involved and appreciate how much fun baseball can be.

Stuart Bysouth

Vice President - Juniors

SENIORS' REPORT

Carlingford Baseball Club fielded 3 teams in the Winter 2012 competition and 5 teams in the Summer 2012-13 competition.

Winter: G2 Redsox were able to go back to back as premiers.

Summer: The season was one of ups and downs, with 3 out of 5 teams making the playoffs. Unfortunately, each week of the semis saw a team eliminated, with the G2 Red team making the grand final and narrowly missing out on the big one, in the game of year

This year's All-Star vs. Legends and Coaches vs. Committee games were played in front of over 100 people. The Coaches defeated the Committee by 13-4, whilst the Legends defeated the Allstars 5-3 in what was a cracker of a game.

Unfortunately, without a dedicated VP to manage the Senior teams, we will not be able to grow this area of our club, and it is even at risk of contracting.

Whilst the President is being forced to do both jobs, it is clear that he will end up doing both jobs less than well.

Andrew Borg

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 2012-2013 seemed to pick up where the last season left off.....wet! For a lot of the Carlingford teams, their last game of the season was washed out with wet weather persisting so replays (unless required for top 4 positions) were also not viable. Definitely not the way you want to end a season.

We were not as successful as last year with our teams qualifying for semi finals but I still believe Carlingford play the game in the spirit it is intended across the board.

On Saturday 23rd March, I had the pleasure of watching our G2 senior's team play in their Grand Final at Col Sutton. To set the scene, Carlingford were playing McKillop who were undefeated AND had beaten our boys quite convincingly in the semi's. We started off slow but fought back to hit the lead. Unfortunately McKillop struck back to win by 1 run. It was one of the best games I have had the pleasure of watching. It was exciting, there were big hits, unbelievable catches, great spirit, camaraderie and a never say die determination that made us all proud of these young men. I wish more of our juniors had been there to see a top performance of how baseball should be played. These young men should be our future coaches as they certainly led by example!

At the other end of the spectrum we had our Under 8's Super T's who collected the runners up trophy. Jo Henderson has done a great job with this team and they are sure to be our stars of the future. I have seen them in action and they are fantastic! Some of those catches are unbelievable for under 8's!

Aussie T ball was back this year and again, the weather really affected our future T ballers staying consistent. But this is a huge project and special thanks go to Stu, Andrew, new members Peter Handel and Jo Henderson for their time, patience and coaching efforts. Another thank you goes to those dedicated committee members who cook BBQ's, mow, dig holes, help prepare the diamonds', woman' the canteen, do the orders, clean the canteen and toilets etc. These are the people who make Carlingford what it is - a family club.

I would like to thank ALL the coaches and managers who give up a lot of their time. It is not easy staying on top of training, new rules, representative restrictions, washed out games and the list goes on. This does not go unnoticed or unappreciated and we thank you. To the scorers out there (our quiet achievers) a big well done and thank you to you too. I know it can be daunting at first but it is a job that must be done. I would also like to acknowledge the generosity of one of our parents. Mark Taylor paid for the use of a bobcat to get one of our diamonds up to scratch for a whole day and he and his wife made a generous donation for our fundraiser. Thank you from all of us.

Well, another season has flown by all too quickly. It's been great meeting new families and even some older ones! A big thank you to the committee who work so tirelessly together, genuinely caring about the Club and to our President Andrew, who leads with a passion. Can I end by saying that if anyone is in doubt about putting their hands to help out then I encourage you to do so. You will learn more about the game, meet some lovely people and encourage your children.

Janice Chapman

Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's report for the 2012/13 baseball season. We have again finished the year in a sound financial position while accomplishing the goals set by the committee at the start of the year.

Income and Expenditure

The club finished the year with an operating surplus of \$5,005.77 ((\$1,701.46) 2011/12). The majority of the income was received from registration fees, canteen sales and the sale of uniforms, jackets, socks and caps. The variance in registration fees is due mainly to the change in the makeup of the junior ranks offset by the timing of the receipt of fees for the respective seniors winter seasons.

Interest rates have improved throughout the year. Our term deposit has returned an average rate of 5.0% (4.8% 2011/12) which is very competitive in today's markets. In line with the improvement in the economy, this rate is expected to remain similar throughout the 2012/13 year.

The canteen has continued to operate profitably, generating a net surplus of \$3,589.00 (\$4,462.70 2011/12) for the year which was a decrease to last year. The decline in performance was primarily due to the reduced number of home games played at Murray Farm. Whilst the sale of uniforms, players/supporter's jacket and other branded merchandise has declined, this is partially offset by the reduced expenditure for new stock.

Overall expenses are in line with expectations, with major expenditure occurring in the area of affiliation fees, clothing & uniforms, equipment and grounds. Following the significant investment in equipment last year, expenditure has returned to more normal levels.

Further, the significant increase in Bank Charges & Online Payment Fees reflects the full year impact of the online registration system with over 95% on all registrations now being processed online.

As we have come to expect, our hard-working ground crew has continued to work miracles ensuring all diamonds were presented in top class condition throughout the season. Overall, expenditure on grounds was in line with last year with the increased expenditure in Ground Expenses & Equipment primarily due to increased ground hire fees, soil for the diamonds and the purchase of a ride on mower. The full cost of the mower was offset by the fundraising activities by the club raising \$2,998.

Sundry expenses include items such as hire of our PO Box, AGM costs and statutory incorporation costs.

Assets and Liabilities

The club has no material liabilities. Assets include the ride on mower, ground marking and maintenance equipment, 3 pitching machines, uniforms and club clothing, baseball equipment such as bases, balls, bats, helmets, catching and umpiring protective gear as well as canteen hardware such as fridges, BBQ and utensils. As many of these items have a life expectancy of less than 3 years, it is of little benefit to try and accurately calculate the net asset position of the club.

John Butt

Treasurer

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.
INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

	2013	2012
Income		
Registrations - Junior	18,590.00	17,969.00
- Senior	22,667.50	17,187.50
Canteen Takings	8,138.23	9,197.88
Uniform Sales	2,824.72	5,719.00
Fundraising	2,998.00	0.00
Photo Commission	375.65	267.30
Interest Received	1,089.58	1,017.39
Donations	135.00	0.00
Sundry	450.00	664.00
	57,268.68	52,022.07
 Expenditure		
Affiliation Fees	12,919.00	13,921.00
Bank Charges & Online Payment Fees	2,501.13	1,309.21
Christmas Party	864.44	1,919.93
Clothing & Uniforms	9,464.25	11,789.85
Canteen Goods	4,594.23	4,735.18
Equipment Purchases	3,179.31	7,762.00
Ground Expenses & Equipment	10,894.19	5,351.02
Printing & Postage	75.50	200.00
Gala Day Registration Fees	105.00	0.00
Trophies/Badges	1,458.20	1,254.00
Electricity	1,222.40	859.51
Mobile Phone	108.32	177.67
Umpiring Fees	2,709.00	2,310.00
Sundry Expenses	247.00	236.99
Try Baseball Program	996.94	1,097.17
Umpiring / Coaching Training	634.00	235.00
Sponsorship	290.00	565.00
	52,262.91	53,723.53
 Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	5,005.77	(1,701.46)

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2013**

	2013	2012
Accumulated Funds		
Opening Balance	27,095.17	28,796.63
Add: Surplus/ (Deficiency) for the year	5,005.77	(1,701.46)
Closing Balance	32,100.94 =====	27,095.17 =====

Represented by:

Current Assets

Cash at Bank	9,154.41	5,238.20
Term Deposits	22,946.53	21,856.97
	32,100.94 =====	27,095.17 =====

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Total Junior registrations for the **2012-2013 Season** decreased compared to last season but the total number of junior teams remained the same. Senior registrations dropped for the summer season resulting in one less senior team being fielded in the summer competition. Senior winter registrations were up and two additional teams were fielded.

Comparative numbers for Carlingford over the last few seasons:

	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011	Movement From Last Season
Aussie T Ball	52	81	Nil	29 ▼
Junior registrations	111	104	139	7 ▲
Junior teams	10	10	13	-
Senior registrations (Summer)	59	68	74	9 ▼
Senior teams (Summer)	5	6	6	1 ▼
Senior registrations (Winter)	41	23	29	18 ▲
Senior teams (Winter)	4	2	3	3 ▲

The breakdown by age group (previous year in brackets) is:

Age Group	Players				Females		Teams	
	Count	Move	Old	New	Count	Move	Count	Move
Aussie T Ball	52 (81)	29 ▼	1	51	15 (28)	13 ▼		
Under 8	23 (11)	12 ▲	14	9	1 (Nil)	1 ▲	2 (1)	1 ▲
Under 10	24 (19)	5 ▲	18	6	5 (1)	4 ▲	2 (2)	
Under 11	(11)	11 ▼					(1)	1 ▼
Under 12	30 (32)	2 ▼	20	10	8 (8)		3 (3)	
Under 14	23 (20)	3 ▲	22	1	3 (2)	1 ▲	2 (2)	
Under 17 (16)	11 (11)		8	3	1 (0)	1 ▲	1 (1)	
Total Juniors	163 (185)	22 ▼	83	80	33 (39)	6 ▼	10 (10)	
Seniors (combined Summer + Winter)	110 (82)	28 ▲			0 (0)	0	5 (5)	
Total	273 (267)	6 ▲			33 (39)	6 ▼	15 (15)	

In summary:

- Aussie T Ball - numbers down by 29 51 new players
- U8 age groups - numbers up by 12, 9 new players, 1 more team fielded
- U10 age group - numbers up by 5, 6 new players, no change
- U11 age group - no team fielded
- U12 age group - numbers down by 2, 10 new players, no change in teams fielded
- U14 age group - numbers up by 3, 1 new player, no change
- U17 age group - numbers unchanged, 3 new players, no change
- All juniors - 83 players were retained (51%), 80 players were new (49%)

The total registrations for the juniors was down overall and most of this number is reflected in the Aussie T Ball group and the U11 team that was not fielded this season. All age groups showed strong registration numbers with nearly 50% of all registrations coming from new players to the club.

The huge increase in new players in the younger age group proves the success of the introduction of Aussie T Ball and the continuation of the Try Baseball days. The challenge remains for the younger age groups to retain as many players as possible from the previous year.

In the Seniors competition, total player numbers were up on last year. Across the Winter and Summer competitions, Carlingford fielded a total of nine teams; five in the Summer competition and four in the winter competition.

Carlingford also fielded an U12 team in the winter competition. The team was made up of players from the U10 teams that were moving up to the U12 live ball teams and existing current U12 players..

Across the Hills Association, the total number of teams decreased by 10 compared to last year. The number of teams in each junior age group in Hills, compared to the previous three seasons, is as follows:

Age Group	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009
Under 8	24	26	26	35	21
Under 9	13	8	-	-	-
Under 10	14	21	32	33	26
Under 11	4	7	-	-	-
Under 12	21	24	29	21	24
Under 14	22	24	21	22	17
Under 17	18	16	17	18	14
Total	116	126	125	129	102

By Club, the number of teams making up the competition breaks down as follows (last season's totals in brackets). The clubs are ranked in order of size based on number of teams fielded. NOTE: Carlingford has moved into fifth place (up from sixth place last year). Castle Hill remains the strongest club and Quakers Hill, while staying in second spot, has lost several teams. The two under 8 teams listed with Kings Langley are 'Hills Eagles' teams.

Club	U/8	U/9	U/10	U/11	U/12	U/14	U/17	Total	Move
Castle Hill	6	3	3	1	3	4	3	23 (23)	0
Quakers Hill	2	3	2	1	3	3	1	15 (21)	6 ▼
Winston Hills	2		3	1	1	3	2	12 (14)	2 ▼
Kellyville	2	1	1		3	2	2	11 (13)	2 ▼
Carlingford	2		2		3	2	1	10 (10)	0
Rouse Hill	2	2	1		2	1	1	9 (11)	2 ▼
Blacktown	1	2	1		2	1	2	9 (7)	2 ▲
Baulkham Hills	1	1			1	2	2	7 (8)	1 ▼
Hawkesbury	2	1		1	1	1	1	7 (5)	2 ▲
Schofields	1				1	1	1	4 (6)	2 ▼
Oakville	1		1			1	1	4 (4)	0
Kings Langley	2*				1	1	1	5 (4)	1 ▲*
Total	24 (26)	13 (8)	14 (21)	4 (7)	21 (24)	22 (24)	18 (16)	116 (126)	

As has been the case for many years, Carlingford's recruitment process, utilising the Try Baseball days, targeting newsletters in the local schools and last season adopting Aussie T Ball, has been quite successful – recruiting 49% of juniors. There is still, however, the ongoing challenge of retaining existing players, especially as they move into high school, try out different sports and move out of the Junior age groups.

Tim Farrell

Registrar

COACHING CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

All teams that were required by Hills Baseball to have accredited coaches, had accredited coaches this season with 6 new level 2 accreditations done in house. Level 1 accreditations will be offered to anyone who is interested in Carlingford Baseball Club before the start of next season.

Stephen Wilson

Coaching Co-ordinator

EQUIPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

We are in a fortunate financial position to be able to continue to equip our teams with all the gear they need to enhance their safety and performance. Throughout the last year our expenditure has mainly been on consumables, eg balls and scorebooks through a variety of local and interstate suppliers.

We did however make one interesting purchase, that of two custom painted Carlo Cardinals catcher's masks from the US. They certainly make for a colourful addition around the diamonds.



In previous years when the Summer season wraps up we have needed the use of storage at North Rocks soccer park. However for the first time it is pleasing to note that all equipment is fully stored at Murray Farm thanks to the permanent secure access we now have.

This simplifies the process of organising gear for the upcoming seasons.

Brad Mountford
Equipment Manager

CANTEEN MANAGER'S REPORT

I would like to thank Nick Tremaine for his help in the canteen this season, it was greatly appreciated.

It helps to have someone in the canteen at all times and makes lighter work for the teams rostered on.

Overall we had a good year and only had a couple of weekends cancelled due to the wet weather.

This does not help in the overall profit made.

The canteen provides a service to the club and families and fills hungry stomachs on a Saturday morning.

We strive to keep our prices down compared with other clubs.

A big thank you to the managers and parents who were rostered on each week with canteen and BBQ duties. Without this support we would not be able to provide this service.

Robyn Gosper
Canteen Manager

2012-13 HONOUR ROLL

Representative Players

Dane Lawson – Hills u14 AC
Angus Feng– Hills u14 AC

Rohan Wood – Hills u12 SJC
Mitchell Murphy – Hills u12 SJC
Jackson Haynes – Hills u12 AC

Playing Service Awards

Juniors - 5 years

Oliver Calvert
Charlie Cox
Jeremy Farrell
Jackson Haynes
Louis Verdon
Stephen Yung
Ryan Kemp
Justin Peng
Yuki Suzuki

Juniors - 10 years

Liam Tremaine

LIFE MEMBERS

David Aiston
Andrew Borg
Bob Bruce
Gary Butler
Brian Cashmore*
Gail Cashmore
Matthew Cashmore
Duncan Coles
Ian Cummerford
Craig Cusbert
Tom Cusbert
David Downey
Gary Essenstam*
John Gibbins

Wendy Gold
Robyn Gosper
Steve Gosper
Elaine Hadden
Col Handel
Carol Harris
John Harris
Jack Henry
Mark Highfield
Alan Hunt
Greg Klein
Ed McCue
Dianne Starling
Bill Webster

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Carlingford

Muirfield High School
Barclay Road
North Rocks

Upjohn Park
Kirby St
Dundas