



CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.



40 Years of Carlingford Baseball.

Dave Harvey, President 1974 – Matthew Walther, President 2014

ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

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MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC

Murray Farm Public School Auditorium

Sunday 6th April 2014

In Attendance:

Andrew Borg, Mark Highfield, Stu Bysouth, Nicole Lawson, Janice Chapman, Matt Walther, Robyn Gosper, Steve Gosper, Mark Power, Kylie Walther, Tim Farrell, Peter Handel, Tom Gosper, Sharon Fowler, Lyndal Roberts, John Butt, Bianca Highfield, Karen Aiston, Garry Butler, Brad Mountford, Jo Henderson

Apologies: Steve Wilson, Russell Briggs, Dave Aiston, Kerri O'Shannassy, Sarah Priestley

AGM opened at 2.20pm.

The president welcomed members and all attending.

The minutes of the AGM 2013 were read as published.

Motion that the minutes be accepted as published.

Moved: Robyn Gosper Seconded: John Butt.....carried.

President's report taken as read

Moved: Lyndal Roberts Seconded: Robyn Gosper.....carried

Andrew acknowledged the great support he has had over his 12 years as President. Past members such as Dave Aiston, Helen Toy, Stu Bysouth, Mark Highfield and the late Ross O'Shannassy. He thanked everyone for their help including longstanding committee members John Butt and Brad Mountford. Andrew acknowledged his thanks to Maureen for her support and understanding over the years too.

Secretary's Report as published.

Moved: Matt Walther Seconded: John Butt.....carried.

Aussie T Ball went well and it was agreed that the 10 week run of this program was a better option.

Peter Handel stated that the seniors had a good season all round.

AB (on behalf of SP) also commented that the juniors had a good season. The representative players were also acknowledged- Dane Lawson, Stephen Yung, Jameson Hinwood, Jackson Haynes and Nicholas Highfield.

40th anniversary of Carlingford Baseball Club is to be celebrated.

John Butt is stepping down as treasurer. John and his 3 boys have all played at Carlingford. He thanked everyone for the support over the years. Club is doing well financially.

Treasurers Report as published

Moved to accept: Mark Power Seconded: Mark Highfield

Brad Mountford is stepping down as equipment. Brad thanked Borgy and enjoyed his time on the committee.

Tim Farrell acknowledged Stu Bysouths for his set up of the systems for registration reminders.

Able to hold our numbers.

Registrars Report

Moved to accept: Janice Chapman Seconded: John Butt

Andrew removed his badge and officially stepped down as president. His last official duty was to declare all committee positions vacant for 2014 and asked Mark Highfield to be the returning officer.

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

Matt Walther elected as President and he took over chairing the meeting.

All positions on the committee filled except for Canteen Manager.

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

Moved: John Butt. Seconded: Mark Power.

Next committee meeting confirmed for Wednesday 9th April.

Meeting closed at 3.15pm.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS for Year 2014-15

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER	ACCEPT/ DECLINE	ELECTED
President	Matt Walther	Mark Power	John Butt	Accept	Yes
	Stuart Bysouth	Kylie Walther	Peter Handel	Decline	
	Jo Henderson	Peter Handel		Decline	
	Peter Handel	Matt Walther		Decline	
Vice President Juniors	Sarah Priestley	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Accept per A Borg	
Vice President Seniors	Peter Handel	Matt Walther	Steve Gosper	Accept	
Secretary	Janice Chapman	Mark Power	Steve Gosper	Accept	
Treasurer	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Garry Butler	Accept	
Registrar	Tim Farrell	Janice Chapman	Brad Mountford	Accept	
Grounds Committee Manager	Dave Aiston	Andrew Borg	Janice Chapman	Accept per A Borg	
Assistant Grounds Officer	Mark Power	Tim Farrell	Andrew Borg	Accept	
Assistant Grounds Officer	Steve Gosper	Andrew Borg	Sharon Fowler	Accept	
Assistant Grounds Officer	Kylie Walther	Steve Gosper	Matt Walther	Accept	
Assistant Grounds Officer	Graham Dodge	Mark Highfield	Mark Power	Accept per M Highfield	
Grounds Officer - Muirfield	Garry Butler	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Accept	
Equipment Officer	Mark Highfield	Brad Mountford	Robyn Gosper	Accept	
Canteen Manager	Passed In				
Uniform Manager	Bronwyn Henson	Andrew Borg	Tim Farrell	Accept per A Borg	
Umpiring Development Officer	Tom Gosper	Mark Highfield	Janice Chapman	Accept	
Coaching Development Officer	Steve Wilson	Brad Mountford	Mark Highfield	Accept per A Borg	

Communications Officer	Kerri O'Shannessy	Robyn Gosper	Janice Chapman	Accept per R Gosper	
Junior Teams Recorder	Sarah Priestley	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Accept per A Borg	
Sydney Metro Delegate Senior	Peter Handel	Mark Highfield	Andrew Borg	Accept	
Sydney Metro Delegate Senior (alternate)	Andrew Borg	Steve Gosper	Peter Handel	Accept	
Hills Delegate Junior	Simon Scott	Andrew Borg	Mark Highfield	Accept per A Borg	
Hills Delegate Junior (alternate)	Mark Power	Andrew Borg	Brad Mountford	Accept	
Public Officer	Mark Highfield John Butt	Janice Chapman Robyn Gosper	Andrew Borg	Accept Decline	Yes
Auditor	John Butt	Andrew Borg	Mark Highfield	Accept	
Fundraising Committee	Lyndal Roberts Sharon Fowler	Janice Chapman Steve Gosper	Jo Henderson Janice Chapman	Accept Accept	
Social Committee	Donna Bysouth	Matt Walther	Sharon Fowler	Accept per S Bysouth	TBC on 9/4
General Committee	Nicole Lawson	Janice Chapman	Robyn Gosper	Accept	
General Committee	Jo Henderson	Peter Handel	Janice Chapman	Accept	
General Committee	Robyn Gosper	Tom Gosper	Steve Gosper	Accept	
General Committee	Stu Bysouth	Peter Handel	Matt Walther	Accept	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report on behalf of the Management Committee of Carlingford Baseball Club Inc.

- This past year, we were able to field 3 teams in the SMBL Winter and 7 in the SMBL Summer competitions, 2 teams in the NSW Masters Competition, 9 teams in the Hills Junior Baseball Association, and over 30 kids in our Aussie Tee Ball program.

For the record, we reached 6 Grand Finals combined. Carlingford was also the second highest represented club on Junior Grand Final Day.

Special thanks and well done to those committee members who took on new roles this year:

- Andrew Borg who is Carlingford's newest Life Member, and accepted the Treasurer role from the reliable John Butt. Andrew continually delivers. Andrew was a finalist in the Australia Day Awards 2015 for outstanding achievements to his community.
- Mark Highfield who is a Carlingford Life Member, accepted and nailed both the position of Equipment Officer and Public Officer. Well done, and thank you for everything.
- Bronwyn Henson accepted the role of Uniform Manager. Bronwyn was instrumental in updating our uniforms to the current high standard you have seen this season. A very special thank you to Sarah Priestly for assisting Bronwyn.

As we look forward to next year and beyond, 2-3 long standing committee members will be standing down from their roles this year.

- Dave Aiston (Life Member) who has been Grounds Manager on and off for many years. We thank you very much mate, and know that you will assist the new candidate. Thank you Dave.
- Sarah Priestly the Juniors Vice President, has been excellent under very trying circumstances, not to mention adjustments for the inclusion of major rule changes at short notice. Thank you Sarah.
- Steve Wilson the Coaching Development Manager who has assisted every season for as long as I have been around in the compliance of our coaches and managers, also including running coaching accreditation courses of which I have received first hand, among many other beneficiaries.

Thank you Dave, Sarah and Steve. You're service to the club has been outstanding and appreciated.

The 2014 summer season saw the Club reach the remarkable achievement of 40 years in the sport. A special night was held at the Epping Club to celebrate and acknowledge our history. Every Life Member (except for one) was located and invited. Bill Webster (Life Member 1991) unfortunately could not be contacted, of which I tried Real Estate Agents, Internet, and every past committee member since 1974 to find him.

In my opinion the 40th Anniversary was one of the most successful club events I have ever seen, with a sell-out crowd of 140 people in attendance. The atmosphere in the room was fantastic to say the least. The faces said it all, and would recommend to future committee that all club records be secured as to make the 45th / 50th Anniversary easier to organise.

I would generally 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.

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, Jeff Catt 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, this will be my last report as President as I will not be seeking re-election at the AGM, so I leave you with this.

In 2014, all baseball clubs in the Hills received substantially less memberships. Carlingford and Castle Hill were the least affected.

I would suggest the 2015 committee spend as much time possible generating as many “Under 8’s teams” as possible, and encourage the committee to put all their efforts into the “Aussie T Ball” and “Try Baseball” program to maintain and strengthen the depth and future at Carlingford. I believe this is VITAL to the future of clubs in the area. Further reasons for this are that Diamond 5 is a separate council lease from the other four diamonds, and was only used every fortnight for competition, not to mention the substantial canteen revenue opportunity.

It has been a pleasure to work alongside some truly wonderful people on the committee. Steve, Robyn, and Tom Gosper, Mark Power, Tim and Karen Farrell, Mark Highfield, Andrew Borg, Sarah Priestly, Peter Handel, Janice Chapman, Simon Scott, Dave Aiston, Lyndal Roberts, Bronwyn Henson, Garry Butler, Steve Wilson, Graham Dodge, Sharon Fowler, Nicole Lawson, Stu and Donna Bysouth, Jo Henderson, John Butt and the ever wonderful Kerri O’Shannassy. There is no substitute for hard work and you all put in big time. Thank you.

Secondly, thank you to the families who bring their kids to the club and do what they can from week to week to make it a better place. You arrive here and immediately understand and like the culture you find in place. I didn’t create this culture, but I felt the same as you did when I arrived, and wanted to do what I could to perpetuate it.

Thirdly, thank you to the players themselves. Young and old, you are what this club is all about. As much as we do it for you, when the time is right, we need you to put your hand up to do it for the next generation as they come through.

Go Carlingford !!!!!

Matthew Walther

President

VICE PRESIDENT – JUNIORS REPORT

Another season has been and gone but this season the Carlingford Juniors looked outstanding in their new jerseys. I received several comments from other clubs about how nice our new uniforms are and how smart they look on the field.

This year we had 9 teams entered in the Hills competition with some very competitive teams in the mix, especially our little under 8s team. There is definitely some professional baseballers in the making there. Our 17 Braves took the title of Minor Premiers but unfortunately got knocked out in the finals series. Under 14 Cubs, Under 12 Braves and Under 12 Red Sox were all Grand finalists but were very unlucky on the day. A great effort and you should be very proud of yourselves.

My pick for team of the year would have to go to the Under 12 Red Sox, they started with the bare minimum required to field a team and a few of those players had never played before. Then along came Super Coaches Terry, Denis and Andrew and they worked their magic and took this team all the way to the Grand Final. They fought hard in the Grand Final and almost came home with the win but regardless of the result they really are the winners of the game.

I personally would like to thank all the Coaches, Managers, Parents and Players for making this year such a successful one. Quite a few of our Coaches/Managers have no affiliation to the teams that they are involved with but purely love the game of baseball and want to see the juniors develop and enjoy their sport.

Another huge thank you to everyone for their support over the last couple of years during my time as Vice President. I have decided to move over and let someone else take on the role and showcase some fresh new ideas. It has been a great experience which I have thoroughly enjoyed and I wish the new VP all the best.

Sarah Priestly

Juniors Vice President

VICE PRESIDENT – SENIORS REPORT

Carlingford Baseball Club fielded 3 teams in the 2014 SMBL Winter competition: G3 Redsox (Andrew Borg), G3 Black (Spider) and G2 (Woody) with both Borgy's G3 and Woody's G2 teams making the playoffs. The club was successful in the G2 Grand Final taking the title in a tough fought game with Winston Hills. Unfortunately Borgy's team were knocked out in the semi finals but had a great season to make the playoffs. Woody (The Super Coach – as he refers to himself) made some big strategic calls through the G2 Season to ensure success.. I believe some of the G2 teams are still celebrating their victory 4 months into 2015.. Well done to all teams and certainly the 2014 winter season was a huge success for the Carlingford Club as a whole..

Carlingford Baseball Club fielded 7 teams in the 2014/15 SMBL Summer competition: Div 1-2 (Michael Psaltis), G3 Redsox (Andrew Borg), H Black (Spider), G3 Black Bears (Scott Lewins), F (Daniel Jarvis) G1 (Tom Gosper) and G2 (Nick Smith) . We had an very successful season with 3 of our 7 teams qualifying for the playoffs (Div 1-2 / H & G1) with the Div 1-2 and H grade teams making it all the way to the GF. Unfortunately we weren't able to get either team across the line in the GF however both teams put up and great fight and we all enjoyed a few well deserved ales after the games.

H Grade seemed up against it in their GF against Kellyville and found themselves playing catch up for the majority of the game. The crowd on the day of the Div 1-2 final was very encouraged by any early lead, however again we faulted at the final hurdle and were beaten by Castle Hill. It what was a fantastic high quality game of Baseball.

A big thank you from me to all the Coaches, Managers and players for the ongoing demonstration of the good old "Carlo Spirit". I was NOT made aware of any beer roster errors which meant there was always a cold one at the end of the day which worked as a toast to a good season...

One final note – Thank you to Matt Walther for his efforts as President this year – The club is certainly in a good position at the moment.

With winter 2015 now commencing we are looking forward to another year of great results for the Carlingford Baseball Club.

Peter Handel
Seniors Vice President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well, another season has come and gone! Baseball season is the quickest 6 months of the year I'm sure. I always look forward to the season and feel quite lost when it's over. I'm sure a lot of you (like myself), will start winter sports and more early mornings.

Our seniors had 2 teams that made Grand Finals: our Division 1 and H Grade. Unfortunately, both teams were unsuccessful in coming away with a win but it is still an achievement to make a Grand Final! Our H Grade team is made up mainly of fathers who have children that play for Carlingford. Most of these have played together for a couple of years but most of them had never played prior to that. They love the game and over the years they have improved as has their passion. Often they hold their own playing against younger, faster and more experienced higher graded oppositions. Keep it up seniors – you lead by example. We also had a Masters team (which is a higher standard competition) that made the final but sadly didn't win on the night. Better luck next year guys!

On Saturday 22nd March, 3 Carlingford teams made the trek to Bensons Lane to play in their Grand Finals. I have to say that for a club, having 3 teams make it there is a huge achievement! I know that larger clubs only had 1 team reach a final. Unfortunately, again all 3 teams lost but they most certainly deserve to be recognised. Our 14/3's were looking for their 2nd Grand Final after taking out the 12/3 competition last year. However, it wasn't to be and although not a winner on the day, their coach Peter, manager Lyndal and 1st base coach Bill have certainly coached and developed a great team who are winners every day. Our 12/2's also made the final but was unlucky on the day. This was a team with mainly 10 year olds, playing against teams that had players at least 12 months older! Watch out next year 12/2's.

Then we have our 12/3's. What a story they have to tell. With only 4 players and then 1 leaving, our 12/3's looked like their season was over before it started. But in true never say die attitude, more players were found and father and son coaches Terry and Andrew Sloggett, and Denis Picolo groomed and moulded this team of newcomers and got them to the final. It needs to be highlighted that none of these gentlemen have a child on the team and their dedication and hard work paid off! Well done. Our minor premiers the 17/2's were unlucky not to play in the final but injuries and absences hindered their semi's matches. Better luck next year Steve.

Aussie T ball was back this year and was run over a shorter period again. This is a great initiative that takes a lot of time and organising as well as dedicated volunteers. Our Under 8's this year was filled with transitioning Aussie T Ballers and it is showing a lot of talent and promise for the future. We are always looking for helpers and this is a great way to start and meet some of the committee.

This year, our long standing President Andrew Borg stepped down. I might add here that he stepped down but definitely not out! Andrew has stayed on taking the vacated position of Treasurer and was still spending time helping run Carlingford and supporting our new President Matt Walther settle in. Thank you Andrew for all your years of tireless efforts, hard work and dedication to the Carlingford Baseball Club as President.

A big thank you to Matt who stepped into massive shoes and for putting all your blood, sweat and tears to make this work. I would also like to add that Matt gave up his Saturday mornings to run the canteen. How many Presidents have done that in other clubs? You've been an inspiration Matt never giving up and always doing what you believe was best for the kids as well as the club.

I would like to thank ALL the coaches and managers who whether they have children in the team or not, donate their time and patience so that others can benefit. Then we have our base coaches, scorers, pitch counters, BBQ chefs, canteen volunteers and all the parents who also help the wheels of baseball turn each week. The saying 'many hands make light work' must be a baseball statement.

In closing I would like to share an observation from many years of baseball involvement. Carlingford may not be the largest or most successful club in the Hills competition but I must say that its members and those involved demonstrate they have the biggest heart. But, we need your help. Please consider taking your involvement that one step further and be part of our committee as we are always looking for new members. Your efforts will be appreciated and your children will see the benefits.

I've said it before and I'll say it again- Baseball is a great game and because of you, we are a great Club.
Till next season,

Janice Chapman

Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's report for the 2014/15 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 deficit of \$997.71 (surplus of \$2,292.02 2013/14). The majority of the income was received from registration fees (68% of total), canteen sales (11%) and the sale of tickets to our 40th Anniversary Dinner (14%).

The deficit and turnaround from the previous year is due almost entirely to 2 things:

1. The change in junior uniform style
2. The increase in the number of senior teams during the summer of 2014/15

At \$6,115.42, the cost of the new junior uniforms was a significant expense. By changing the style of the shirts we effectively make our current junior shirt stock redundant. Some money was recouped through the sale of these old shirts and use as training shirts. This was a planned expenditure and thankfully, one which will not need to be repeated on this scale for several years. Well done to Sarah Priestly and Bronwyn Henson for their efforts in organising and distributing the new uniforms, under considerable pressure, at the beginning of the summer season.

With 3 senior winter teams, 7 summer teams and 2 playing in the PCBL Masters Series, we found ourselves needing to purchase additional stock of senior playing shirts as well as having to purchase 3-4 new full team equipment kits.

Thankfully, the senior shirts will be resold over the next 1-2 years and will result in a modest profit. The equipment, like the junior playing shirts, are largely one off purchases and will provide the club several years of use before having to be replaced. Equipment costs should return to normal levels (or lower) from next year, as should the uniform costs..

Significant increase in senior player registrations saw a 90% increase in registration income of the previous year to \$34,849 (\$18,322 in 2013/14). Timing difference due to late start of the Winter SMBL season

Our 40th Anniversary Dinner caused a significant figure to appear in both Income and Expenses. As a result of some wonderful management by the organising committee for this event, we came within a few hundred dollars of breaking even on the function. More importantly, over 140 patrons, including Life Members, Former and Current Committee Members, Former and Current Players and Friends of the club had a terrific night celebrating the Club's great history.

Interest rates have continued to fall through the year. Our term deposit interest rate has fallen for 2.55% at it's last maturity (4.6% 2013/14) which is the best we can expect in today's markets. In line with the improvement in the economy, this rate is expected to remain similar throughout the 2015/16 year.

The canteen has continued to operate profitably, generating a net surplus of \$3,991.85 (\$2,799.01 2013/14) for the year. This increase in performance was primarily due to the having an unpaid volunteer working in the

canteen. For this we thank our Club President, Matthew Walther for his efforts to set up and maintain the canteen for the majority of the year, and to Karen Farrell for taking over after Christmas.

Overall, expenses are in line with expectations, with major expenditure occurring in the area of affiliation fees, new uniforms, equipment (Senior Kits) and grounds (Line Marking Machine). With the additional Senior teams on board, there has been a significant increase in our affiliation fees over last year. Whilst it is expected that the percentage fee increase will flatten in the coming year, the new committee will need to be mindful of the impact when reviewing registration fees for 2015/16.

We are now firmly entrenched in the use of our online registration system. Online registrations now accounts for more than 95% on all registration monies received. This system was also used as the primary payment system for the 40th Anniversary Dinner, taking a significant workload off our volunteers.

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. A special thank you to our super human ground staff generally, and Dave Aiston and Garry Butler, specifically, for their great work week in week out.

All in all, this year has seen several non operating expenses, which together account for a significant amount of money. The purchase of these items in this past year will have an impact via reduced expenses for the club over the next 2-3 years.

Sundry costs were insignificant.

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.

This has been my first report as Treasurer and I would like to thank the previous Treasurer, John Butt, for the professional format in which he left the clubs treasury information and the manner in which he handed the role over to me. This year could have been a complete nightmare had it not been for the simplicity and detail with which John had set things up for me.

I would also like to acknowledge the support and guidance I have received from my fellow committee members over the past year and in particular the support provided by the President, Matthew Walther.

Andrew Borg
Treasurer

Income and Expenditure Statement
Carlingford Baseball Club Inc
For the year ended 31 March 2015

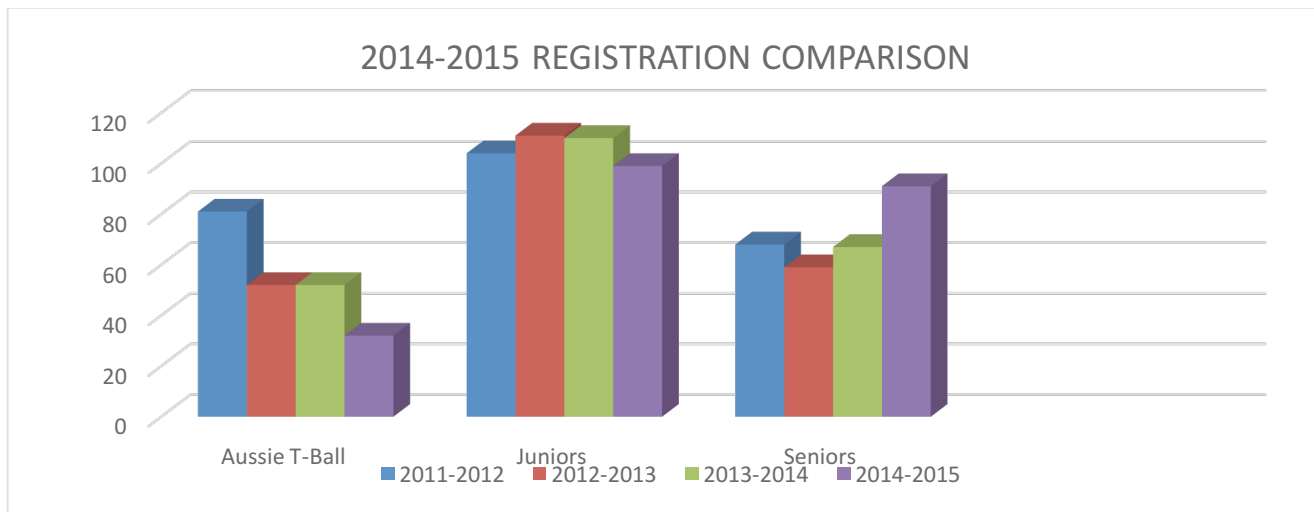
	2014/15	2013/14
Income		
Registrations - Junior	18,936.00	19,793.02
- Senior	34,849.81	18,322.50
Canteen Takings	8,651.30	8,202.37
Uniform Sales	2,687.00	3,312.24
Fund Raising	0.00	0.00
Photo Commission	185.35	193.33
Donations / Sponsorship	500.00	0.00
Interest Received	383.34	875.08
Special Event	10,600.00	0.00
Sundry	150.00	250.00
	<u>76,942.80</u>	<u>50,948.54</u>
 Expenditure		
Affiliation Fees	22,326.50	18,184.00
Bank Charges & Online Payment Fees	1,876.44	1,989.30
Special Events - Xmas and 40th Ann	13,918.37	1,235.88
Clothing & Uniforms	10,963.62	4,744.10
Comms and Internet	739.36	99.33
Canteen Goods	4,659.45	5,403.36
Equipment Purchases	9,154.01	3,799.19
Ground Expenses & Equipment	7,756.25	6,674.80
Coaching Clinic/ Training	830.00	0.00
Trophies/Badges	1,354.00	1,446.50
Electricity	0.00	0.00
Umpiring Fees	2,630.00	2,754.50
Sundry Expenses incl Printing	14.58	369.10
Try Baseball Program	745.43	1,426.46
Sponsorship/Incentives	972.50	160.00
	<u>77,940.51</u>	<u>48,656.52</u>
 Surplus (Deficit) for the year	 <u>(997.71)</u>	 <u>2,292.02</u>

Balance Sheet
Carlingford Baseball Club Inc
For the year ended 31 March 2015

	2014/15	2013/14
Accumulated Funds		
Opening Balance	34,261.56	31,969.54
Add: Surplus (Deficit) for year	<u>(997.71)</u>	<u>2,292.02</u>
Closing Balance	<u>33,263.85</u>	<u>34,261.56</u>
 Represented by		
Current Assets		
Cash At Bank	8,511.70	10,439.95
Term Deposit	<u>24,752.15</u>	<u>23,821.61</u>
	<u>33,263.85</u>	<u>34,261.56</u>

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Total junior registrations for the **2014-2015 Season** decreased by eleven compared to last season but the total number of junior teams remained the same. Senior registrations increased for the summer season and the number of teams increased by two for the summer competition. Comparative numbers for Carlingford over the last few seasons:



	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	Movement From Last Season
Aussie T Ball	32	52	52	81	20 ▼
Junior registrations	99	110	111	104	11 ▼
Junior teams	10	10	10	10	
Senior registrations (Summer)	91	67	59	68	24 ▲
Senior teams (Summer)	7	5	5	6	2 ▲

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	32 (52)	20 ▼	1	31	9 (18)	9 ▼		
Under 8	10 (13)	3 ▼	8	2	1 (2)	1 ▼	1 (1)	
Under 10	24 (34)	10 ▼	21	3	4 (4)		2 (3)	1 ▼
Under 12	21 (21)		18	3	4 (3)	1 ▲	2 (2)	
Under 14	24 (30)	6 ▼	22	2	5 (9)	4 ▼	2 (3)	1 ▼
Under 17 (16)	20 (12)	8 ▲	19	1	2 (0)	2 ▲	3 (1)	2 ▲
Total Juniors	99 (110)	11 ▼	88	11	16 (18)	2 ▼	10 (10)	
Seniors	91 (67)	24 ▲			0 (0)	0	7 (5)	2 ▲
Total	222 (229)	7 ▼			25 (36)	11 ▼	17 (15)	2 ▲

The total registrations for the juniors has dropped, particularly the Aussie T-Ball. The only real increase in new players in the younger age group is for Aussie T Ball. The challenge for next season is to encourage more young players to join the club and for the younger age groups to retain as many players as possible from the previous year. Of the 52 Aussie T-Ball players from last season, only two returned to play U8s and only played Aussie T-Ball again.

In the Seniors competition, total player numbers increased and we saw several new players join the club. Across the Winter and Summer competitions, Carlingford fielded a total of ten teams; seven in the Summer competition and three in the winter competition. On top of this has been the Masters competition, developed for the old blokes that just can't get enough baseball.

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.

THE HILLS DISTRICT

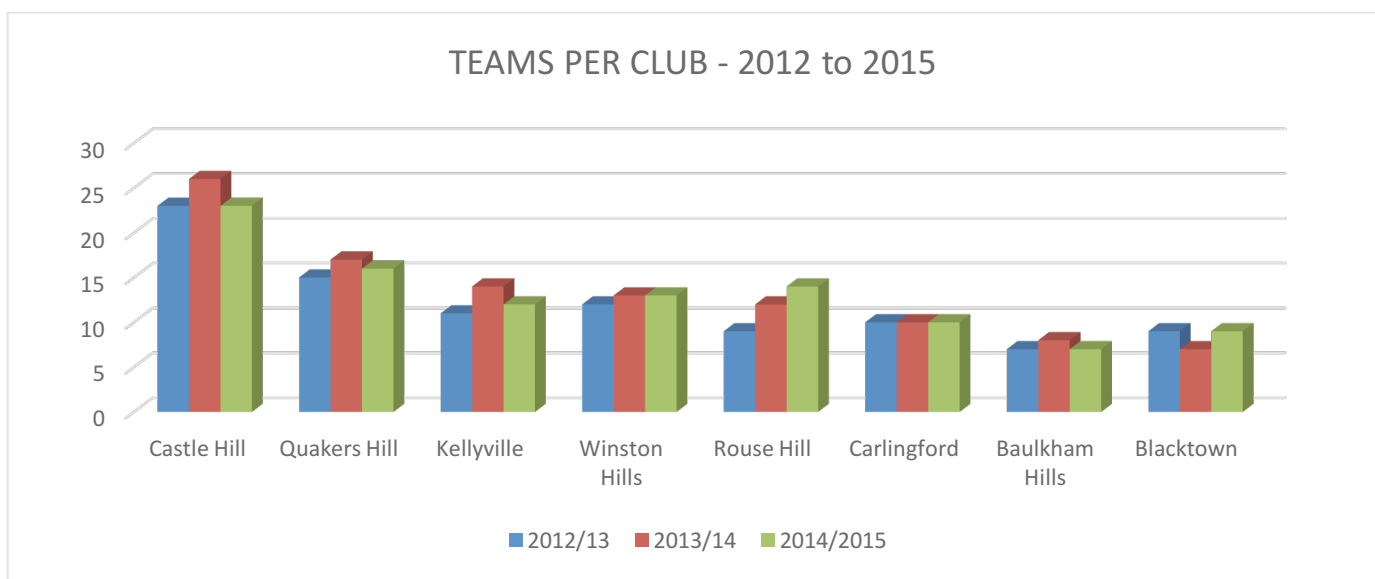
Across the Hills Association, the total number of teams decreased by 5 compared to last year. The number of teams in each junior age group in Hills, compared to the previous six seasons, is as follows:

Age Group	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009
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Under 8	25	32	24	26	26	35	21
Under 9	13	13	13	8	-	-	-
Under 10	13	17	14	21	32	33	26
Under 11	8	0	4	7	-	-	-
Under 12	21	23	21	24	29	21	24
Under 14	22	23	22	24	21	22	17
Under 17	22	21	18	16	17	18	14
Total	124	129	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 total number of teams fielded. NOTE: Carlingford remains in sixth place. Castle Hill remains the strongest club and Quakers Hill holds onto the number two spot. Penrith and Plumpton, while not from the Hills District, entered teams into the Hills competition this season.

Club	U/8	U/9	U/10	U/11	U/12	U/14	U/17	Total	Move
Castle Hill	8	2	2	1	3	3	4	23 (26)	3 ▼
Quakers Hill	3	2	2	1	3	3	2	16 (17)	1 ▼
Rouse Hill	2	3	1	1	2	2	2	14 (12)	2 ▲
Winston Hills	4		1	2	3	2	2	13(13)	
Kellyville	3	1	2		2	2	2	12 (14)	2 ▲
Carlingford	1	1	2		3	2	2	10 (10)	
Blacktown	1		1	1	2	1	2	9 (7)	2 ▲
Hawkesbury	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 (7)	1 ▲
Baulkham Hills	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7 (8)	1 ▼
Schofields	1				1	2	1	5 (5)	
Kings Langley	1					1	1	3 (3)	
Oakville	1						1	2 (4)	2 ▼
Penrith		2	3			1		1(2)	1 ▼
Plumpton							1	1(1)	
Total	28 (32)	10 (13)	13 (17)	8 (0)	21 (23)	21 (23)	22 (21)	124 (129)	5 ▼



The falling numbers of young junior registrations is a concern, particularly the low numbers of kids that participate in Aussie T-Ball but do not progress to U8s. As a club, we need to get an understanding of why so few return to the game and what we can do to encourage more of these young players to stay with baseball. It is important that the parents understand that U8s has various levels of competition starting with Funball, where no results are recorded and it is 'just for fun', making it a great transition from Aussie T-Ball. There is also competitive t-ball for those kids that have developed their skills and are looking for a greater challenge.

There has been a big drop in the number of girls playing for the club but this is largely due to the reduced number of Aussie T-Ball players.

From last season, we have learnt that we need to promote through the local primary schools a couple of weeks earlier and raise awareness of the 'Try T-Ball Days'. These days have always been an important part of our recruitment and the success of these days is vital.

Tim Farrell

Registrar

EQUIPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

During the year we purchased additional equipment to cater for the increased number of senior teams and replaced a number of kit bags. We also replaced some ageing umpires protective gear and bought protective coaches helmets which are now required for our base coaches for U14s and U17s.

We replaced some home plates and also purchased a new line marking machine to help our tireless ground volunteers. Much of this expenditure is on items that will have several years life and so we expect expenditure on equipment to drop in the coming year.

Mark Highfield

Equipment Manager

CANTEEN MANAGER'S REPORT

Sales were up on last year. They would have been even better if Diamond 5 had been used more frequently than every Saturday fortnight.

I have created a step-by-step folder with all the requirements of the canteen including the shopping, costs and profits, making the job very simple for the new 2015 / 2016 volunteer. This volunteer needs to be able to delegate and is not required to man the canteen personally all the time.

I would like to really thank Karen Farrell for her help on Friday nights and Saturday mornings in 2015. You were really appreciated.

I want to say thanks to the managers and Kerri O'Shannassy for organizing rosters to man the BBQ and canteen each week. Also the parents who helped out, without you we would not be able to provide this service to our community which contributed heavily to our wonderful new uniforms.

Matthew Walther

Acting Canteen Manager

LIFE MEMBERS

David Aiston (2009)
Andrew Borg (2012)
Bob Bruce (1992)
Gary Butler (2005)
Geoff Barling* (1992)
Gary Essenstam*
Brian Cashmore* (1988)
Gail Cashmore
Matthew Cashmore
Ian Cummerford
Craig Cusbert
Tom Cusbert (1989)
David Downey (1993)
John Gibbins (1983)
Wendy Gold (1991)

Robyn Gosper (2011)
Stephen Gosper (2011)
Elaine Haddan (1984)
Col Handel (1975)
Carol Harris
John Harris
Mark Highfield
Greg Klein
Ed McCue
Dianne Starling
Jack Henry (1982)
Dave Harvey (1980)
Alan Hunt (1984)
Duncan Coles (2008)
Bill Webster (1991)

* Deceased

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North Rocks

Upjohn Park
Kirby St
Dundas