



# THE PITCH

Carlingford Baseball Club Newsletter

## Important Dates

**14<sup>th</sup> Dec.** – Last round pre-Xmas

**25<sup>th</sup> Jan.** – Baseball resumes

**7<sup>th</sup> Mar.** – Liveball finals commence

**22<sup>nd</sup> Mar.** – GALA DAY

## Committee Opportunity

### Results Recorder:

Lyndal, our fantastic results recorder has given us notice this will be her last season as she steps aside to let someone else get involved in your committee.

This is an important role that can help share the workload of the Committee but does not take up a lot of time.

Lyndal is keen to help ease the transition and show someone new the ropes.

Interested? Please contact [results@carlingfordbaseball.com.au](mailto:results@carlingfordbaseball.com.au)



## President's Welcome

Much fun was had by all that attended the Xmas party last Sunday. It was great to see that Santa had a new sleigh. Our chief elf's red ute was replaced by his 1920s hot rod - which excited the kids (and some of the car loving adults).

I was delighted to hear some great feedback at the Christmas party that just made my day, even if some of it was not a big surprise. It was from the father of a first time player in our 12U/3. He was extremely complimentary of Coach Grady and Coach Jo. He described them as naturals, who really care for the kids and said that we were lucky to have them. He said that they had helped give his child improved social skills, life skills and that baseball really filled a gap in his child's life.

Well done Coaches, thank you for all that you do for this team and for our Club.

**Cheers**  
**Mark Highfield**

## CANTEEN DUTY

This week's teams are:

7.45am – 10.00am: **14/3 team**

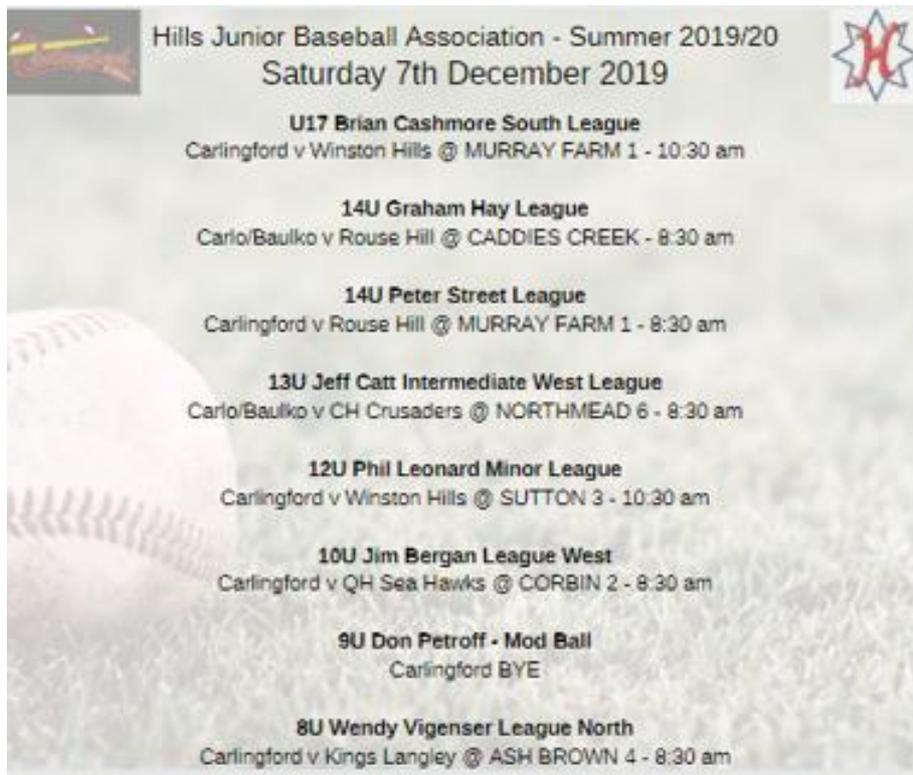
10.00am – 12.30pm: **16 team**

**Two people are required from each team,**

**1 for BBQ and 1 for Canteen**



## WHO IS PLAYING THIS WEEK? - Juniors



Hills Junior Baseball Association - Summer 2019/20  
Saturday 7th December 2019

**U17 Brian Cashmore South League**  
Carlingford v Winston Hills @ MURRAY FARM 1 - 10:30 am

**14U Graham Hay League**  
Carlo/Baulko v Rouse Hill @ CADDIES CREEK - 8:30 am

**14U Peter Street League**  
Carlingford v Rouse Hill @ MURRAY FARM 1 - 8:30 am

**13U Jeff Catt Intermediate West League**  
Carlo/Baulko v CH Crusaders @ NORTHMEAD 6 - 8:30 am

**12U Phil Leonard Minor League**  
Carlingford v Winston Hills @ SUTTON 3 - 10:30 am

**10U Jim Bergan League West**  
Carlingford v QH Sea Hawks @ CORBIN 2 - 8:30 am

**9U Don Petroff - Mod Ball**  
Carlingford BYE

**8U Wendy Vigenser League North**  
Carlingford v Kings Langley @ ASH BROWN 4 - 8:30 am



# altis

Altis Consulting have returned as a Silver Sponsor for our club.  
Altis Consulting specialise in Data Analytics and Management  
and are based in Sydney, NSW

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## Results 30/11/19

16U	Brian Cashmore South	Carlingford	5	Quakers Hill	8	Loss
14U	Graham Hay League	Carlingford	14	Rouse Hill	3	Win
14U	Peter Street League	Carlingford	13	Winston Hills	6	Win
13U	Jeff Catt Intermediate West	Carlingford	8	Quakers Hill	9	Loss
12U	Phil Leonard Minor League	Carlingford	3	Rouse Hill Puma	9	Loss
10U	Jim Bergan League	Carlingford	0	Rouse Hill wildcats	4	Loss
9U	Don Petroff ModBall	Carlingford	15	Baulkham Hills	12	Win
8U	Wendy Vigenser League	Carlingford	11	Castle Hill	37	Loss

## WHO IS PLAYING THIS WEEK? - Seniors

**Seniors games**  
**Saturday 7 December 2019**

G2 - Carlingford v Rouse Hill @ CADDIES RESERVE - 3:45 pm  
 G3 - Carlo Red v Carlo Coils @ MURRAY FARM - 1:30 pm  
 G3 - Carlo Cubs v QH Blackbeards @ MURRAY FARM - 3:45 pm  
 H - Carlingford v St Marys Angels @ MONFARVILLE 2 - 1:30 pm

**PCBL B Grade**

Carlingford v Concord Comets @ TIMBRELL PARK - 1:30 pm




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**CARLO**  
*visits the*  
**SYDNEY BLUE SOX**  
**SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 2019**

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BLACKTOWN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS PARK  
Eastern Road, Rooty Hill

**Meeting Time - 12:15PM**  
**First Pitch - 1:00 PM**

Carlingford Baseball Club are visiting the Sydney Blue Sox on Sunday 8th December and you're all invited. Players and coaches are FREE with all other guests tickets \$12 each.

We'd love to see a sea of Carlingford Red at Blue Sox Stadium!

Please RSVP your interest to Lyndal via [results@carlingfordbaseball.com.au](mailto:results@carlingfordbaseball.com.au) by 20th November to organise tickets.



**Steve's**  
**FINE MEATS**

Hours Mon-Fri 7-6:30pm & Sat 7-2pm  
**02 9871 2931**

Thank you to Steve from Steve's Fine Meats for returning as a Sponsor for this Season. You can find Steve's Fine Meats at Shop 8/1 Carmen Drive Carlingford.



# Another Great Xmas Party



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## Uniform & Merchandise prices

**Velcro Club Cap** - \$20

**Premium Flexifit Club Cap** - \$25

**Club Socks** - \$12

**Junior Playing Shirts** (*Loaned to players as part of registration. Must be returned at end of season*)

**Seniors Sublimated Playing Shirts** - \$70 (\$5 premium for late orders)

**Key Rings** - \$12

**Drink Coolers** - \$8 each or two for \$12

**Training T-Shirts (Kids)** - \$15 sizes 8-14

**Training T-Shirts (Senior)** - \$20 sizes S-5XL

**Supporters Shirt** - \$30

**Club Supporters Jacket** - \$70

**Junior Uniform Combo Packs** (*suited for ages up to 12*) - \$50

(Uniform Manager to submit orders – these packs are NOT available in store)

- Pants (white, grey or black)
- Socks (black, red)
- Belt (to match socks)
- Pant Product basics:
  - Youth Baseball Pant
  - 100% Double Knit 12 Oz. Polyester
  - Double Knee Construction
  - Five Pro-Style Belt Loops
  - Zipper Fly, Town Snap Closure

- Two Double Welled Set-In Back Pockets

- 2 ½" Elastic Wasteband

- Youth Inseams: XS (18"), S (20"), M (22"), L (23")

- Available in sizes XS (4), S (6), M (8), L (10), XL (12)

These items are generally available at the Murray Farm Canteen on Saturday mornings during the summer season. Otherwise, simply email our Treasurer at

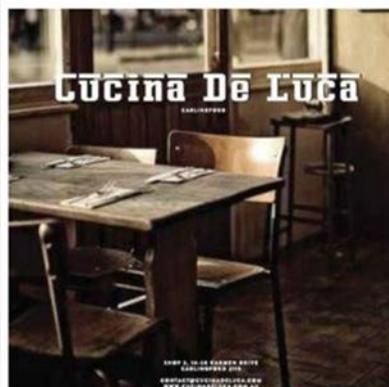
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advising which item you would like to

purchase. You will receive an email with a link to pay the invoice shortly thereafter.

Uniform pick-ups can be arranged with our uniform officer at

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Welcome back to the team at  
Cucina De Luca, a local cafe in Carlingford!  
They have returned as a sponsor for our club this season and did we mention we love their coffee ?



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Shop 2, 14-20 Carmen Drive, Carlingford

## MATCH REPORTS

### 8U Wendy Vigenser League Carlingford Braves vs Castle Hill

**Kobey took away man of the match, his fielding and batting has improved out of sight in the last few weeks.**

Carlingford Braves 8U fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 37-11 loss to CH Crusaders on Saturday.

Despite the loss, Carlingford Braves 8U did collect 31 hits in the high-scoring affair.

CH Crusaders opened up scoring in the first inning. Thomas took a great catch at pitcher to sit the first batter down.

We notched six runs in the fifth inning. Carlingford Braves 8U put the pressure on, lead by singles by Kobey C, Harry T, Ben A, Ryan D, and Ruben S and by Thomas R.

Ruben, Jun K, Ryan, Kobey, Harry, Daniel R, Ben, and Leo C all collected multiple hits for Carlingford Braves 8U.

Harry took a great catch in the outfield in the 7th innings.

### 9U Don Petroff Modball Carlingford vs Baulkham Hills Result: Win 15-12

**Congratulations to Jayden, our player of the match for two excellent catches.**

The Cardinals had one of their best starts all season, with 5 runs in the first inning. Some excellent base running saw runs to Connor, Tamati and Mitchell. A great hit by Marcus L brought home Marcus P and Solomon for another two runs.

A great pick up and throw by Luke and first base work by Xavier S saw the Cardinals keep Baulkham Hills scoreless by the end of their first inning.

The second inning saw Baulkham Hills draw level with five runs of their own. Some good work in the field by Luke and Tamati ensured they were unable to pull ahead.

Good base running by Connor saw him get home at the top of the 3rd inning, but Baulkham Hills cut our inning short through a double play. Excellent fielding of our own saw us keep Baulkham Hills runless at the bottom of the 3rd.

The fourth inning saw Marcus L with an even stronger hit than his first, hitting a home run and bringing Xavier S home too. Nick's strategy of batting Marcus L at 9 paid off a second time.



The bottom of the fourth saw Jayden take two excellent catches. The first almost bobbled out, but he held onto it in with some quick thinking. The second catch was a screamer, plucked out of the air on instinct. Baulkham Hills still managed four runs, despite Jayden's heroics, which put them in the lead for the first time in the game.

Much improved base running saw the Cardinals with four runs in the 5th, with runs to Luke, Connor, Tamati and Mitchell, the latter three brought home thanks to hits by Marcus P, Solomon, and Ben.

Great work by Solomon with a double play at the bottom of the 5th kept Baulkham Hills scoreless and restored the Cardinals lead. 9-12 going into the 6th and final inning.

Runs to Jayden, Xavier M, and Luke extended our lead, which Baulkham Hills could only match with three of their own. The Cardinals sealed their second win in a row, 12-15.

### **10U Jim Bergan League West Carlingford vs Rouse Hill Result: Loss 0-4**

A trip west to Caddies Creek for our second meeting with the Wildcats. Zac led the batting and almost reached home when a great strike was made by Ryan. Unfortunately the ball went high and was caught ending Carlo chances. RH's first batter hit straight back to the pitcher giving Zac an easy out which surprised even him. Fielding efforts by Alex and Andrew slowed the progress for RH but big hitting resulted in two players to reach home at the bottom of the first.

Top of the second the RH pitcher claimed two more despite Connor's concentration. Hayden was gifted a ball to the helmet and a walk to first – good sporting spirit by

RH as they checked he was OK. Unfortunately we couldn't advance any further. Bottom of the second Alex's fielding from third slowed progress. Graham and the bench were almost taken out by not one but two stay bats from the RH batter which woke things up! RH got two more players home despite active fielding by Eugene and Connor.

Mel made great contact for her first batting but was caught by the RH fielder. Zac's low shot down the middle of the field got him to first but fast pitching by RH but pressure on Lachlan despite best efforts. Ryan stepped up as pitcher for the bottom of the third and made fast work of RH with three out in a row.

Ryan's form continued top of the forth with a super bat to get him to first, progressing nicely with the assistance of Alex but we couldn't get either home. Ryan's pitching teamed with fast fielding by Mel and Zac made a fast turnover bottom of the forth.

The fifth innings saw both teams turn over in quick succession. As the wind picked up Carlo went in for a sixth but it was not to be. Despite the loss Carlo's combination of great pitching and fielding from third base controlled the score. Interestingly both team struggled with hitting off the tee which shows great progress as they take off the training wheels and stare down the pitcher.

### **14U Peter Street League Carlingford vs Winston Hills Result: Win 14-3**

Carlingford fielded a full strength team this week against Winston Hills at Col Sutton park, and looked ready to play from the get go, despite the early start. This proved to be the case as James M connected with the very first pitch to get on base. Kieren also connected with his ball, allowing James M to get home. A couple of strike outs followed, but then Connor ripped a massive 3 bagger flyball to the

outfield. This was followed in succession by Jason who hit a frozen rope to the left field for 2 bases, Josh who safely got onto first, and Angus who used his cricketing background to good use to hit a 2 bagger. The strong team performance continued during the bottom of the first with Carlingford sitting down the opposition with a strike out by Jason, tag out by Josh and a flyball catch by James W.

At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup>, Carlingford returned to the dug out with a 5-2 lead. This strong performance was repeated during the next three innings. Some of the highlights included Matthew getting on base, and stealing home, James W hitting the cover off the ball during the second inning and almost hitting the players in the opposite field, and getting an RBI double for Kieren and James M, a quick succession of run outs at first with good fielding at short stop, pitcher and second base.

By the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> innings, Carlingford led 11-2, the biggest lead of the season so far. The Carlingford team's confidence level buoyed and allowed the players to relax and experiment with different plays such as Connor at catcher attempting to throw out a couple of base runners at second and third, with James M, Will, Daniel, and Darcy backing up each other on the bases. Offensively, the team also pushed the envelope with more aggressive base running, exemplified by Daniel attempting to get to third base on his massive hit to centre field, as well as swinging more often at bat. James W continued the massive hitting with another RBI double at the top of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, getting Darcy and Kieren home and was narrowly run out himself at third base.

A change at pitcher at the bottom of the innings allowed Josh to practice unleashing his fastball, and Connor to practice ripping his catcher's mask off. Well done Connor! The game ended with

almost the same play as last week with Daniel fielding a groundball and throwing to Matthew at first base to run out the last Winston Hills batter.

There is a saying in sports that 'You're only as good as your last game' and if that's true, then this Carlingford team is getting very good indeed.

### **14U Graham Hay League**

#### **Baulko/Carlingford Cardinals vs Rouse Hill**

**Result: Won 14-3**

Real confidence boost for the team today going into the second half of the season. Nice to see lots of confidence at the plate and some really good hitting with 12 hits and only two strike outs. Proves we can be strong and aggressive at the plate and also bat sensibly with patience, Highlights were many:

Eve: Two hits from two at bats  
 Jude: Three hits from three at bats  
 Harrington: Two hits  
 Jacob: Rocket throw from right outfield to catcher to stop the runner from scoring  
 Harry: Big 3 base hit to centre field  
 Oliver: Smashing hit unlucky to be caught by the pitcher by a freakish catch  
 Bailey: Four strike-outs from his two innings pitched  
 Jackson, Emma, Nathan: all getting hits in the middle of the order, that's really important  
 Robert: Maintains his high on-base-percentage. For the season Robert's OBP sits at .647, second highest in the team

Need to take this confidence into the Hay League games over the next two weeks before the Christmas break. If we hit like we did today, be nice and patient at the plate, pitch really well with strong support from the field, we can give the competition a real shake. Just need to bring it against the stronger teams like we did today.

Thanks to Super Coach Tom MacKean, who stepped in today to assist with coaching, bring his decades of experience and wisdom to the game. Tom loves this game and the players really appreciated his passion and knowledge. Also thanks

to Peter and Sasha for setting up the Diamond and putting the cones out.