



MANLY SEASIDERS BASEBALL CLUB INC.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2025/26**

2pm

Saturday 14 March 2026

John Fisher Reserve – Seaside's Home Ground

ANNUAL REPORT

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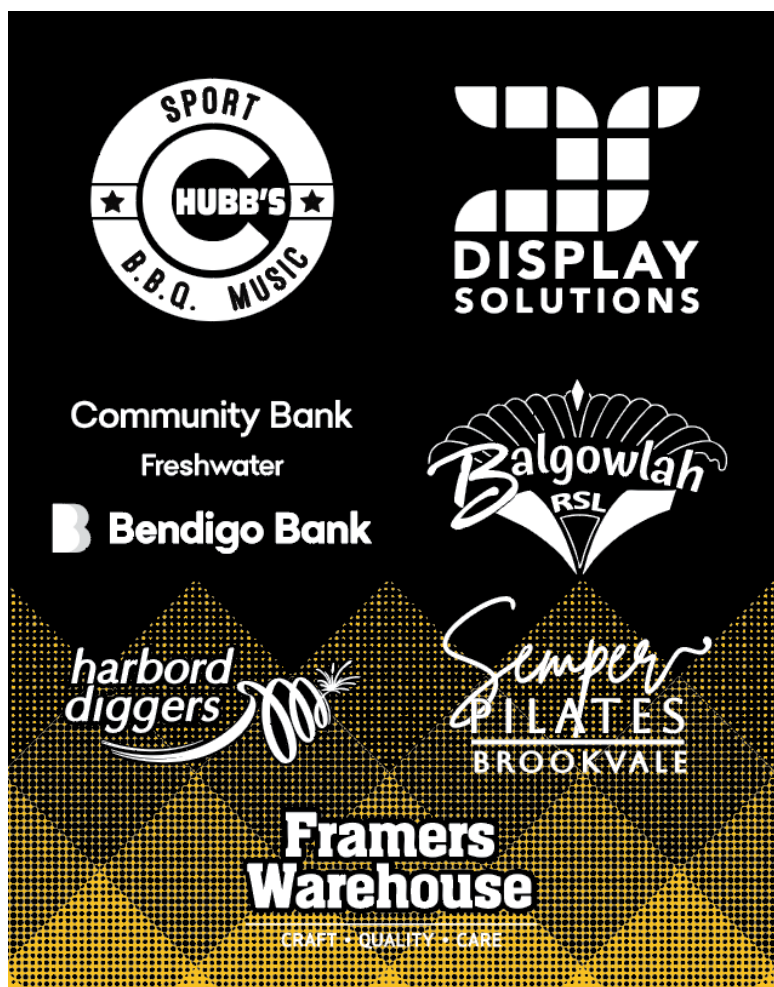
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AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of Minutes of the meeting of previous AGM held on 15 March 2025
4. Motion to Affiliate
5. Adoption of Club By-laws
6. President's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. 2025/26 Committee disbanded
9. Committee Positions – Nominations & Election for 2026/27
10. Volunteer Positions – Nominations & Election for 2026/27
11. Team Presentations
 - Players' Player, Coaches' Awards and Most Improved Awards presented by team coaches
12. Presentations
 - Peter Bemrose Trophy – Coach of the Year, presented by Mark Gibson, Seasider President
 - Tom O'Connell Trophy – Club Person of the Year, presented by Mark Gibson, 24/25 Winner
 - Player of the Year – Presented by Harley Gibson, 2025 Recipient
13. Close

SPONSORS

Manly Seaside Baseball Club would like to formally thank the following firms and organisations for the generous support during the 2025/26 season. Without your generosity, we would not be able to provide the high standard of equipment, safety and facilities to our members.



Manly Seaside Baseball Club would like to thank all our sponsors for the wonderful support of the 2025/26 season.

We would encourage all players, parents and friends to continue to support the generous firms and organisations who support our Club.

MANLY SEASIDERS COMMITTEE 2025/26

Position	Name
President	Mark Gibson
Vice President Opens	Brendan Donnelly
Vice President Live Ball	
Vice President T-Ball & Zooka	Ronnie Scherwin (resigned Dec 2025 due to relocation)
Secretary	Steph Lidbury
Treasurer	Mark Murray
Committee Member #1	Nick Thompson
Committee Member #2	Ronnie Scherwin (resigned Dec 2025 due to relocation)
Committee Member #3	Donna Armstrong
Committee Member #4	Phil Miller

MANLY SEASIDERS VOLUNTEERS 2025/26

Position	Name
Registrar	Donna Armstrong
Canteen Co-ordinator	Steph Lidbury & Paul Gunning
Gear Steward – Equipment	
Gear Steward – Uniforms	Nick Thompson
League Delegate	Nick Thompson
Grounds Steward #1	Pete Brannan
Grounds Steward #2	
Grounds Steward #3	
Manager's Co-ordinator	
Coach's Co-ordinator	
Umpire's Co-ordinator	Brian Weck
Newsletter Publisher	
Child Protection Officer	(President & Secretary)
WHAS Co-ordinator	Vacant
Member Protection Information Officer	(President & Secretary)
Website Administrator	Brendan Donnelly
Social Media Co-ordinator	Brendan Donnelly/Andrew Cunningham
Social and Events	Donna Armstrong



Our Club thrives on volunteer power, but right now, a small group is doing the work of many. With several key members retiring this season, we are looking for new volunteers to step up and help us provide the best experience possible for our players.

You don't need to be a baseball expert to make an impact. Whether you can give 30 minutes a week or lead a committee, your contribution ensures the kids get to play the game they love. Join us in making this season the best one yet!

No experience needed: If you have enthusiasm, you're qualified!

Flexible time: Help for just 30 minutes or take on a larger role—every bit counts.

The Reward: Ensuring our kids have a great season on the diamond.

If you can spare a little time to keep the Club thriving, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us at president@seasiders.com.au or secretary@seasiders.com.au.

AGM MINUTES 15 MARCH 2025

MANLY SEASIDERS BASEBALL CLUB INC.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2025 AT 2:00 PM

JOHN FISHER RESERVE

Meeting Opened:	The AGM was declared open by Mark Gibson at 2:06pm.
Present:	A quorum of club members was achieved.
Item 1: Welcome	The meeting was opened by Seaside Club President, Mark Gibson. Welcome to special attendees Life Member Paul Gunning and Brook Russell. Acknowledgement of country by Gary Highland.
Item 2: Apologies	David Gledhill, Julie Gunning, Beck DuBois, Brett Whalan, Jeremy Youker-Chan
Item 3: Minutes	Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 11 April 2024, were adopted as a true record. They were proposed by Mark Gibson and seconded by Gavin Cupp.
Item 4: Motion to Affiliate	Motion to affiliate with MWDBA for 2025/26. Proposed by Ronnie Scherwin, seconded by Nick Thompson.
Item 5: Club By Laws	The Club By-Laws were adopted for the next season. Proposed by Gavin Cupp and seconded by Steph Lidbury.
Item 6: President's Report	Club President Mark Gibson delivered the President's report. The full report can be read in the AGM booklet.
Item 7: Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Mark Murray delivered the Treasurer's report. The full report can be read in the AGM booklet.
Item 8: Committee Elections	The following people have nominated for positions. Each nomination was proposed and seconded by current members. President – Mark Gibson Secretary – Steph Lidbury Treasurer – Mark Murray VP Live Ball – vacant VP Minors – Ben Blackshaw VP Opens – Brendan Donnelly VP T-Ball & Zooka – Ronnie Scherwin Committee Member 1 – Donna Armstrong Committee Member 2 – Nick Thompson Committee Member 3 – Phil Miller

Item 9: Volunteer Elections

Hands put up to volunteer/get involved in committee or take on a new roll:

Volunteers: Brian Weck (umpire coordinator)

Paul Lidgard (volunteer – infrastructure & batting cages)

Donna Armstrong (registrar)

RSA rep – Mark Gibson

JBC rep – Nick Thompson,

VP Minors – Ben Blackshaw

VP Opens - Brendan Donnelly

Welcome to back to returning committee member, Phil Miller

Other roles currently remain unfilled.

Item 10: Individual Awards

250 Games Award: Chase Murray

Item 11: Team Players' Player and Coaches' Awards Presentation

Division	Team Name	Coach's Award	Players' Player
U8 Teeball	Jaguars	Kristopher Benoliel	Hillevi Arkhult
U8 Teeball	Leopards	James Kennedy	Mara Bradford
U9 Teeball	Tigers	Oscar Christie	Ethan Tazelaar
U9 Teeball	Cheetahs	Lincoln Cowan	Stan Brannan
Zooka	Bees	Tripp Scherwin	Fletcher Lidbury
Zooka	Falcons	Jesse Stewart	Luke Lazarevic
Zooka	Panthers	Kai Stewart	Zev Chan
LL Minor	Eagles	Gray Dyer	Tom Thiss
LL Minor	Seagulls	Lucas Stefl	Memphis Mahashettywar
LL Major	Ospreys	Richie Lee	Sammy Thompson
LL Major	Lynx	Austin Isaac	Killian Hutchison
Junior League	Pumas	Dash Weck	Matty Brown
Junior League	Wildcats	Sander Mote	Dougie Nicholson
Senior League	Warsiders	Ollie Nunn	Kaden Cupp

Item 12: Club Presentations:

**Club Person of the Year
(Tom O'Connell Trophy)** Mark Gibson

**Coach of the Year
(Peter Bemrose Trophy)** Ronnie Scherwin

Player of the Year Harley Gibson

**Item 13: Individual
Recognition** Long-standing committee member, Gavin Cupp will be standing down. Thank you both for your all your time, hard work and dedication to Seaside's Baseball.

Meeting Closed: The AGM was declared closed by Mark Gibson at approx. 3:27pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT — SEASON 2025/26

It's amazing how quickly another Seasiders season seems to come to an end. Once again, we've had a fantastic year of baseball, great weather, and a wonderful community spirit around the club.

This season we fielded **11 teams and around 160 players**, and it was great to see the club **grow slightly again**, particularly in the **younger age groups**. Growth at this level is always encouraging and shows that the future of the Seasiders remains very strong.

Looking ahead, **2028 will mark the club's 50th anniversary**, which is an incredible milestone and something we should all be very proud of. The foundations built by so many volunteers, players and families over the past five decades continue to make the Seasiders one of the most vibrant junior baseball clubs around.

Once again, **Seasiders had the largest number of female players in Manly Baseball**, which is something we are incredibly proud of. Growing the game and making baseball accessible for everyone continues to be a big part of what makes this club special.

On the field we had another strong season. **Two Seasiders teams made the Grand Final**, which is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the effort and commitment from both players and coaches throughout the year.

Across the representative pathway we had **25 Seasiders players pull on the Manly jersey**, representing the club from **Rookies Cup right through to Junior League**. It's always exciting to see our players progressing through the Manly system and representing the club at higher levels.

At the elite end of the pathway, the club continues to produce outstanding talent. We currently have **two Seasiders playing in Manly First Grade, three former Seasiders playing college baseball overseas, one NSW representative, and one Australian representative**. These achievements are a great reflection of the strength of our junior development program.

This season we also made a conscious **investment in coaching**, and I think it was a huge success.

We were lucky to have **Manly players Baptiste, Zander and Harley** regularly running our **Monday night specialist sessions**, which were extremely popular and beneficial for our players. These guys also stepped up to **coach teams**, and both the **Bees and the Lynx** benefited enormously from their experience and leadership.

Two of these coaches also offered **private coaching sessions**, which several Seasiders players took part in. These sessions were a great way for players to further develop their skills, build confidence and even prepare for representative tournaments and higher levels of competition.

Another highlight of the season was the **relaunch of our Cubs pre-Tee Ball program** — and what a success it was! This is where the future of the club begins, and it was fantastic to see the kids having so much fun learning the basics of the game.

A huge **thank you to Priscilla** for making this program happen. We can't wait to see these Cubs return in the coming seasons as fully fledged Seasiders players.

We also hosted another successful **Curl Curl Cup**, welcoming teams from across Sydney. Clubs travelled from Castle Hill, Camden, and even Frenchs Forest to take part, continuing what has become one of the most enjoyable and well-supported events on the junior baseball calendar.

Off the field, the club community continues to be one of our greatest strengths. This year we welcomed **three brand new coaches**, which is fantastic for the long-term future of the club. At the same time, we said goodbye to **two coaches who were lost to the inevitable pull of Texas and France** – Baptiste Frugiere made an impact in his short stint with us, while Ronnie Surewin – a previous winner of the coach of the year award – will be an enormous loss to both the Bees and the club as a whole. We thank them for their contribution to Seaside's baseball and wish them well.

Moving forward, clubs will be solely responsible for providing umpires for all games, and we had a record 11 junior umpires do this throughout the season. Next year we will be running another course, encouraging players over 10 years old to be a part of our team of umpires.

A huge thank you also goes to **Chubbs**, who returned for their **fifth season as our major sponsor**. Their ongoing support means a lot to the club, and the players always love the free meal and drink that kicks off the season. We encourage everyone to support Chubbs and all our sponsors during the off-season as well – great place for end of season parties!

Finally, as we all know, **none of this happens without volunteers**.

From **committee members**, to **coaches and team managers**, to those who help with **field preparation, umpires, the Curl Curl Cup organisation, canteen duties and club events** — the Seaside's rely on the generosity and energy of our community.

To everyone who contributed their time and effort this season, **thank you**. Your involvement is what makes the Manly Seaside's such a special club.

A big shout-out to our amazing local community for their ongoing sponsorship and support over the years. **Chubbs BBQ** continues to back the club, and **Display Solutions** supports all of our signage, posters, printing, and design — if you've seen one of our signs, Gavin and the team are the ones who made it! **Bendigo Bank** is a fantastic supporter of many local junior sports clubs, and we're very grateful to be one of them. **Balgowlah RSL** is another major supporter, with the weekly meat raffle being an important fundraiser for the club. **Bunnings Balgowlah** generously provides us with a BBQ Day each season, which is always a fun event and a great source of support. **Studio Artifex** is also a long-term supporter of the club, and we truly appreciate their continued backing. We also want to acknowledge the support of **Framers Warehouse** in Newport

As we look ahead to next season, our focus remains on **growth, development, community, and above all — FUN**. We look forward to seeing everyone back at the field and welcoming even more young players and families to the Seaside's.

Yours in Baseball,

Mark Gibson

President

Manly Seaside's Baseball Club

TREASURERS REPORT 2025/26

The club's financial statements for the year ending 28th February 2026 are attached.

As of 28th February 2025, the club had net funds of \$105,254.42 which is \$3,985.29 less than last year and includes \$55,000 which is allotted to the building fund.

As usual, the total assets represent cash funds and does not take into account the other assets owned by the club including equipment, uniform inventory, and team kits and other physical assets such as the BBQ, signage, maintenance gear etc which are not recorded on the balance sheet, as they have been expensed on acquisition.

Some highlights of the year are:

1. Canteen profit returned from the abnormally high year last year, fewer home games and higher costs. Once more thanks to the Gunnings for keeping the canteen running so well on match day.
2. Uniform expenses were higher due to the Training shirts investment, Cubs uniforms and general restocking.
3. Development costs have increased due to the cubs program and additional coaching sessions offered. This will continue to be an area of investment.

I would like to thank our sponsors Balgowlah RSL, Bendigo Bank Freshwater, Bunnings, Chubbs, Framers Warehouse and Display Solutions. This support is much appreciated, and hopefully club members are able to reciprocate when there is an opportunity.

I would also like to thank my fellow Committee members, and all the parents who have helped their team or the club in some capacity during the year. As you may be aware there are a number of committee positions and general volunteer to be filled, so please consider nominating for one of those. Many hands do make for light work.

I hope everyone had a great season and look forward to the upcoming season.

If anyone has any questions, please ask at the AGM or otherwise contact me.

Mark Murray

Treasurer

11 March 2026

Manly Seaside Baseball Club Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2026

	Feb 28, 2026	Feb 28, 2025
Current Assets		
Bendigo Bank	53,365.42	53,962.74
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	55,000.00	55,000.00
Cash on Hand	130.00	276.95
Pre paid expenses	502.50	-
Total Current Assets	108,997.92	109,239.69
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	3,743.50	-
Total Current Liabilities	3,743.50	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	105,254.42	109,239.69

Manly Seaside Baseball Club Inc.
Profit / Loss
Year Ending 28 February 2026

	2026	2025
INCOME		
Total Canteen Profit	6,976.36	12,287.31
Photo Commission	-	191.00
Registration Fees	31,428.31	32,306.03
Sponsors	3,017.00	2,685.50
<u>Sale of Clothing</u>	-	-
Interest Received ¹	2,609.57	2,615.43
Fundraising	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	44,029.24	50,085.27
EXPENSES		
<u>Equipment</u>		
Uniforms ²	13,472.78	467.62
Equipment	6,837.90	7,155.54
Total Equipment	20,310.68	8,488.16
<u>Administration</u>		
Affiliation	15,399.19	16,610.00
Umpiring	840.00	865.00
Registration Advertising etc	2,031.45	2,460.68
Other Administration	2,867.83	3,021.39
Total Administration	21,138.47	22,092.07
<u>Encouragement</u>		
Medals & Trophies	3,538.87	3,420.88

Total Encouragement	3,538.87	3,420.88
Development ³	2,735.43	1200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	47,723.45	35,201.11
 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	 (3,694.21)	 14,884.16

Notes

- 1 Interest paid on maturity of Term Deposit.
- 2 Includes new training shirts for all players and introduction of Cubs.
- 3 Additional coaching sessions and Cubs program.

TEAM REPORTS 2025/26 SEASON

LEOPARDS U8 TEE BALL

JAGUARS U9 TEE BALL

CHEETAHS ZOOKA

FALCONS ZOOKA

SNOW LEOPARDS ZOOKA

BEES LL MINOR

PANTHERS LL MINOR

EAGLES LL MAJOR

SEAGULLS LL MAJOR

LYNX INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

TIGERS JUNIOR LEAGUE

LEOPARDS U8 TEE BALL



Second Row: Dan Kennedy (Coach), Cora Mathews, Otis Dillenbeck, Finn Kennedy

First Row: Landon Montellese, Rogue Cowan, Dion Balangcad-Williams, Cora Kennedy, Clyde Mathews

Absent: Molly Kennedy (Manager), Oscar Duckworth, Walter Fox, Brandon Guttman

COACH	DAN KENNEDY
MANAGER	MOLLY KENNEDY

The Leopards had a fantastic season in U8 Tee Ball. With most of the team not having played before, and several 4 and 5 year-olds on the team, it was amazing to see the improvement throughout the year. Despite no one successfully making a catch throughout the season, the team showed incredible growth, not just in their skills on the field, but in their confidence, teamwork and sportsmanship. From big hits and brave plays to learning new positions and encouraging teammates, every player should be proud of the effort they've put in this year. Most importantly, we had so much fun together and built great friendships along the way. Well done to all our players and a big thank you to the families for your support throughout the season! Also, a special thanks for all the help coaching, managing, and wrangling the kids to Assistant Coach Dan and Manager Molly.

BRANDON

Brandon really brought the energy! He ran fast and always tried to smash the ball. He was always excited to hear what position he would be playing and brought a great attitude to the team.

CLYDE

Clyde became the most improved player when he realized towards the end of the season that he is lefty!

CORA K

Cora was always focused, trying to improve her stance and swing, and always hustled, one of the fastest runners on the team. She was a true team player as well, bringing home the Players' Player award!

CORA M

Cora has a beautiful swing a big smile and a great attitude. She brought equal parts competitiveness and happiness to the team.

DION

Dion had a strong swing and was a focused fielder. He was great in the outfield, able to chase down the big hits and quickly get the ball back into the infield.

FINN

Finn loved playing catcher so he could be involved on every play. He improved throughout the season and it was so exciting when he recorded his first hit to the outfield.

LANDON

Landon took home the coaches award for never missing a practice and his great attitude, always working to try to improve all aspects of his game. He may have been the smallest player in the league, but with a swing like his, he's bound for greatness!

OSCAR

Oscar's swing, reminiscent of a golf swing, allowed him to be one of the hardest hitters on the team, one of the few to record multiple hits to the outfield!

OTIS

Otis was so fun to watch throughout the season as his confidence improved, and in the final game when his swing suddenly started clicking. What an improvement!

ROGUE

Rogue brought the fun to the team, always playing and laughing with her teammates and ensuring everyone was having the best time. And a practice or warmup wouldn't be complete without her full 360 degree swing on her final hit!

WALLY

Wally was a fierce defender, no ball too far away for him to track down. There were several innings throughout the year where he got nearly every ball in play! He was a strong contender for most improved with his incredible fielding.

JAGUARS U9 TEE BALL



Second Row: Simone Dovgville-Augustyn (Manager), James Dale Thomason, Maddox Twinem, Asher McDonald, James Kennedy, Christopher Augustyn (Coach)

First Row: Cooper Jackson, Max Pitman, Franklin Hocking, Ziggy Tunks, Luca Augustyn, Andrew Edgar
Absent: John Kennedy (Coach), Benjamin Pehl

COACH	CHRIS AUGUSTYN & JOHN KENNEDY
MANAGER	SIMONE AUGUSTYN

Another great season for the Jaguars. The team reshaped this season with a mix of U8 Jaguars, the previous seasons U8 Leopards and U9 Tigers with a few new players to t-ball.

We jumped in for one training season before the first game which was just to get to know each other and see what the skill levels were at. First game was super fun but showed there was a lot to be learnt.

As trainings went on the kid's showed determination and focus and worked hard to get better. This showed in every game there on. We started winning (convincingly. Arms were getting stronger, throws hitting their targets. Balls finding gloves and bats smashing balls.

There were some big hits, a large number of doubles and triples and a good few infield homeruns. The kids started knowing where the plays need to be. Getting a few double plays and easy outs. Pop up fly's being caught as well as hard line drives with quick reactions to catch the ball and get the out before the runner returned to the base.

They started talking to each, calling out to one another to throw the ball to them to get out. Cheering on the team when they went up to bat and celebrated the wins.

The Jaguars always had fun knowing that winning wasn't everything. Even with the losses that came they still left with smiles on their faces.

The Jaguars participated in The Pittwater Cup, facing some strong competition from out west. During these games we couldn't even recognise them because of the way they were playing. First 3 games where big wins coming into the 4th game in a strong position, alas they couldn't best the last team going down by a few runs. Overall coming in 3rd out of 7 teams with the highest number of runs scored and least runs against for the comp.

Last few training sessions we had some fun using the Zooka. Kids started getting bats on ball from the machine and even had a go with catcher's gear and catching off the machine.

Myself, Coach John and our manager Simone are super proud of what these kids have accomplished this season. The way they improved, become good mates and how much fun and energy they had.

A big thank you too all the parents for finding the time to have the kids at training and the games. For stepping in as umpires and scorers and not to mention supplying the oranges and snakes. We couldn't have had a such a successful season without you.

We can't wait to see them all next season when we take on the Zooka.

JAMES K really grew this season. Came in with self-doubt, but after a few games and the support from his teammates become confident and become a really strong player. Making catches and incredible plays as 1st base and Pitcher.

JAMES T knew exactly what he was doing. Big hitter and strong thrower. One of the few that could hit the target from third base. Great short stop plays linking for those double plays. Was never scared to put his hand up to fill in for the Zooka teams. His big hits got him round to 2nd base quiet easily.

COOPER is one of the smallest and youngest of the team. Loves any position he plays. Had some remarkable plays as pitcher and 1st base and had the craziest out playing short stop where he accidentally kicked the ball when he tried to pick it up and the ball flew to 2nd base and got the out. Big left hander hitter always getting it into the outfield.

MADDOX is such a slugger. The number of triples and infield homeruns this kid got this season was unreal. Natural 1st and 2nd baseman. Catches well, even balls hit deep in the outfield he could catch. Always put everything in diving and running down baserunners trying to go home.

LUCA started gaining great confidence in himself. Wasn't the biggest hitter but managed to get on base with every hit. As we started nearing the end of the season he started getting those big hits into the outfield. Ran bases well and was quick to get around them. Had some good awareness playing 2nd base and short stop, fielding the ball well and throwing it to the 2nd and 3rd to get the outs.

BEN Is such a funny little dude. Always keen to have a chat even in the middle of the game. Chatting up the umpires when he is catcher as they calling the games. Also one of the smallest and youngest of the team but that didn't stop him. Man could hit and throw. Really enjoyed playing Catcher, pitcher and 1st base making some good catches and getting the outs at 1st. Not the quickest of the team with his tiny legs but he was determined, besides who needs to be quick when you can hit it over 3rd base. Oh and did he love to slide.

FRANKLIN I have never seen a kid grow so much in a season. Started off not being able to throw and field ground balls, but as the season went on his throwing improved so much. He started anticipating where the ball was going. Fielded some great ground balls and even caught the ball. His batting improved and he became quicker at baserunning. I am so proud of him for what he has achieved.

MAX also achieved so much this season. Throwing, batting and fielding become stronger every week. Was always so happy and put so much effort into training and game days. Was sad that he couldn't make it to the end of the season and he was missed by all.

ASHER What a legend! Always happy and seemed to love every moment of the game. The improvement he made was outstanding. He has such a strong arm and swing. When the bat hit the ball, it was really hard. No one would be able to stop it as it drove through the field. Also had a fair few doubles, triples and infield homeruns. Had some great plays at 1st and 2nd base. Great catches as pitcher and forcing the double play. He always cheered on his teammates and supported them.

ANDREW The last of the little guys. Every time he stepped into the batter's box he meant business. The expression on his face brought fear to the opposing team. Big hitter and quick baserunner. Had great plays as pitcher, catching a few line drives hit at him. Big plays at 1st base and always had a smile on his face.

ZIGGY was new to the game. He picked things up quickly and made some good friends with everyone and had a good time. Unfortunately, he had an injury, and it took a hard hit to his confidence to play. He persisted however and slowly eased into things and before he knew it was back in and loving it. Ended the season hitting well and running the bases well. Arm developed and started throwing well. He started reading plays and knowing where to get the out. Whether to throw to the base or tag the runner.

CHEETAHS ZOOKA



Second Row: Beck DuBois (Manager), Lincoln Cowan, Stanley Brannan, Angus Rice, Billy Hogan, Philip Miller del Castillo, Phil Miller (Coach)

First Row: Jude DuBois, Ashton Furci, Lochlan Rice, Cooper Furci, Atticus Dean, Sam Clarkin

Absent: Spencer Whalan

COACH	PHIL MILLER DEL CASTILLO
MANAGER	BECK DUBOIS

The Cheetahs had a very successful fourth year on our first year hitting a moving ball. Coach Beck led them to a very strong tee ball season the year before. Coach Phil and little Philip returned to rejoin the team after a year in Spain learning from Venezuelan refugees. The Phils learned both a lot of baseball and a lot of words that shouldn't be translated.

We challenged the kids with hard (but hopefully fun) practice sessions and they responded very well. With a small (in stature) team, we managed to win more than we lost and improve our baseball skills and IQ along the way. Kids were base coaching and talking on the field between pitches and during plays. By the end of the season, a caught pop fly or a throw out to a base was no longer a surprise, and it looked like baseball. While we finished just outside the Finals, we did push the top teams hard, losing to the first three teams all in one run heartbreakers. The kids should be proud.

We are blessed with very strong parent support. Elissa Rice and Emily Brannan were great scorers. We used GameChanger and had actual stats. Luke Cowan and Matt Rice always were around to help with practices. Darren Clarkin and Nate Hogan helped out as field umpires when needed. Brett Whalan, a fine catcher himself, taught our backstops some of the craft, and Kylie Furci, Ellie Cowan and Jillian Hogan managed to keep the kids on the bench in line and stop them from injuring each other. Finally, Carli Dean took on the most dangerous job: taking care of little one and a half year old Cecilia Miller del Castillo during some of the games.

We learned **Angus Rice** can hit the ball hard once he clears the hair out of his face. He had five home runs in the last four games and is our **Most Improved Player**.

This is **Ashton Furci**. You can look at this and know what his swing looks like.



Atticus Dean is the rare player who actually hits balls better when they are over his head. We hope he has a great time in Ireland and comes back to us soon.

Billy Hogan was always there, always working hard and always working to get better. He was our **Coaches' Player**.

Cooper Furci turned himself into an excellent outfielder and an excellent second baseman through the season.

Jude DuBois led the team both in stolen bases and bling.

Lincoln Cowan has the intense stare and flamethrowing ability to anchor the Little League Minors staff next year.

Our toughest, and most enthusiastic, catcher was **Lochie Rice**. Lochie may have been our most enthusiastic everything.

Philip Miller del Castillo was a professional. He brought a strong focus to every at bat and took home the team batting title at .731.

Sammy Clarkin hit .621 and talked 1.000.

Spencer Whalan, beloved by his teammates, is under here.

Spencer Whalan, beloved by his teammates, is under here.



Stan Brannan was great in the field, great behind the plate and great at focusing his team. He was voted **Player's Player**.

FALCONS ZOOKA



First Row: Anthony Salerno (Coach), Rafael Mrsa, Helen Humphreys, Jesse Stewart, Alfred Dent, Ethan Tazelaar, Monte Mulvihill, Ryan Iggo (Coach)
Absent: Angi Olsen (Manager), Nathan Headd, Eadie McLachlan, Edward Bryden, Connor Tarrant, Arlo Harris Hodge, Lucca Harris Hodge, Roxanne Millard

COACHES	ANTHONY SALERNO & RYAN IGGO
MANAGER	ANGI OLSEN

The 2025/26 season was a memorable one for the Falcons Zooka team, built around a group of players who were mostly new to baseball and learning the game together from the very beginning. It was a season full of firsts; first hits, first catches, first games - and plenty of smiles along the way.

Adding to the adventure, Coach Anthony was also brand new to baseball this season. Taking on the challenge with enthusiasm and a great attitude, he helped create a positive and supportive environment where the players could learn, grow, and most importantly enjoy the game.

Supporting Anthony was Assistant Coach Ryan, whose vast coaching experience and knowledge of baseball proved incredibly valuable for the team. Ryan’s guidance helped the players develop their skills and confidence throughout the season, and his support was a big factor in helping the group progress week by week.

The highlight of the season came right at the end, when the Falcons celebrated a fantastic win, a well-deserved reward for all the hard work the players had put in throughout the year.

The Players

Alfie

Alfie brought great energy to the Falcons each week and was always keen to get involved. His enthusiasm and willingness to learn made him a great teammate and an important part of the group.

Nathan

Nathan approached each game with focus and determination. As the season progressed, his confidence grew and it was great to see him becoming more comfortable and capable on the field.

Jesse

Jesse had a standout season, contributing strongly both on the mound and at the plate. His pitching and hitting were highlights for the team, and he showed great composure during games.

Helen

Helen's **passion for the game** was obvious every time she stepped onto the field. Her positive attitude and enthusiasm made her a great presence in the team.

Eadie

Eadie quickly built a reputation as someone who can really hit the ball hard. When she stepped up to the plate, the Falcons dugout was always excited to see what might happen next.

Monte

Monte worked hard all season and showed great improvement week by week. His effort and willingness to try new things helped him grow as a player.

Ted

Ted brought great spirit to the Falcons and always gave his best during games and training. His teamwork and effort made him a valued member of the squad.

Connor

Connor contributed strongly throughout the season and continued to build confidence as the year went on. His determination and focus were great to see.

Ethan

Ethan had a terrific season, hitting the ball really well and bringing huge enthusiasm to every game. His knowledge and love of baseball were clear, and his excitement for the sport was infectious for the rest of the team.

Arlo

Arlo approached each game with a great attitude and a willingness to learn. It was fantastic to see his skills develop over the course of the season.

Lucca

Lucca was another player who showed strong improvement throughout the year. His commitment to the team and effort on the field made a real difference.

Rafael

Rafael brought plenty of energy to the Falcons and continued to build confidence as the season progressed.

His positive approach made him a great teammate.

Roxy

Although Roxy's time with the Falcons was shorter than the rest of the group, she ****made a lasting impact**** during her stint with the team and was a fantastic part of the squad while she was there.

Coaching & Team Spirit

For a team with so many players new to baseball, the Falcons made tremendous progress throughout the season. Coach Anthony deserves great credit for stepping into the role and helping guide the players through their first season of the game.

Assistant Coach Ryan's experience provided invaluable support, helping the players understand the fundamentals and develop their confidence on the field. Together they created an environment where the players felt supported, encouraged, and excited to keep improving.

Season Reflection

The Falcons' season was all about learning, teamwork, and enjoying baseball. Watching the players grow in confidence, celebrate their successes, and support each other was a real highlight.

Finishing the season with a well-earned win was the perfect reward for the effort the players put in throughout the year. It was a great moment for the team and a reminder of how far they had come since the first game of the season.

For many of these players, this was their first experience of baseball, and it's been fantastic to see them develop their skills and love for the game.

The Falcons should be incredibly proud of their season — a team full of effort, enthusiasm, and plenty of future baseball potential

SNOW LEOPARDS ZOOKA



Second Row: Josh Rasler (Coach), Kristopher Benoliel, Tommy Cleary, Rocco Stewart, Harrison Meiklejohn
 First Row: Olivia Johns, Lyla Mathews, Isaac Rasler, James Anderson, Zoe Bertram
 Absent: Agata Arkhult (Manager), Hillevi Arkhult, Archer Duckworth, Riyan Shrestha

COACHES	JOSH RASLER
MANAGER	AGATA ARKHULT

It was a super fun season for the Snow Leopards, who brought together a diverse group of players – many of whom were relatively new to baseball. Each week was an opportunity to work on fundamentals, build their understanding of the game, have fun and grow together as a team.

The coaching goals from the outset were clear – and they were for players to end the season with a stronger set of baseball-related skills, to have made some great memories with their teammates, and leave with a growing love for the game and desire to return for another season next year!

The season was filled with ups and downs – but it was fantastic to see the confidence of the entire team grow with each game. Most players started the season from a place of uncertainty around rules, and their equipment and techniques – but came out and gave it a red-hot crack from the very start. By the end of the season, they were all locked into their own unique role and doing it with some proper baseball swagger.

I'm so proud of the entire team and their ability to stay motivated while facing setbacks and adversity, win some close games, deliver a late-inning comeback or two, stay humble when well ahead, and do it all with fist pumps and huge smiles on their faces.

LYLA – Throughout the entire season, Lyla’s positive energy, smile and determination to improve with every play and at bat has been an inspiration to the team.

JAMES – Jawa has the heart of a ballplayer – constantly working to craft his own unique style and technique, and always looking to get dirty and make a memorable play.

ARCHIE - Archie brought quiet intensity and a smile to every training and game, and was able to translate his golfing swing and mindset into plenty of hits on the diamond.

HILLEVI - Hillevi has shown great dedication and a passion for growing his skills on the diamond. She’s feisty and receives plenty of motivation through keeping up with her Seaside siblings, and her love of the game always comes through with a huge smile.

ISAAC - As our starting catcher throughout the season, Isaac showed great commitment and determination to show up and grow in his role each week – both behind the plate and in the batter’s box.

ROCCO - Rocky consistently brought both a big swing and big heart for the game throughout the season. You could generally find him playing at the corners and sitting near the heart of the batting order.

KRIS - From start to finish, Kris displayed a strong intensity and drive to make plays and compete on the ballfield. Whether at Shortstop, Catcher or in the outfield – Kris was always all-in.

HARRY - Harry made sure that every pitch and play delivered a high level of entertainment, and we all loved seeing his skills and energy for the game grow throughout the season.

OLIVIA - While amongst the smallest of the Snow Leopards this season, Olivia was a giant in terms of her focus and determination to grow her skills for the game. It was great to have her positive energy on the team, and to watch her progress throughout the season.

TOMMY - Tommy had a knack for making plays at the corner infield positions, and you could feel his confidence and enjoyment of the game growing throughout the season. His quiet swagger and sense of humour were great additions to the team.

ZOE - Zoe made great progress this season, and was always happy to take to the field where needed. Her growth really began to shine through toward the end of the season, coming through with a number of hits over the last few games.

RIYAN - Always bringing a huge smile and coachable approach to the game, Riyan was a great teammate this season. He showed great resilience, and made significant progress from start to finish.

BEES LL MINOR



Second Row: Ronnie Scherwin (Coach), Piper Palmer, Harper Chapman, Lucinda Burmeister, Archer Webley, Henry Mainey, Amanda Mainey (Manager)

First Row: Tripp Scherwin, Piper Lidbury, Harvey Pintos-Oliver, Caleb Coleman, Fletcher Lidbury, River Manoukian, Sydney Kate Scherwin
Absent: Emilie Schollfield

COACHES	RONNIE SCHERWIN (HARLEY GIBSON)
MANAGER	AMANDA MAINEY

This year marked a huge milestone for the Bees: our first season in kid pitch. With nearly our entire core returning, we took the giant leap forward together. Week after week, the kids learned to battle through a new pitching environment, make smarter plays, and trust each other. By the end of the season, we had a reliable lineup, strong pitching, confident fielding, and a team culture that rebuilt itself into something even more special.

It was a bittersweet year for me personally. After 4 seasons together, this was my final year coaching the Bees before moving back to Texas. Saying goodbye to this group – and to all of its wonderful families – was one of the most difficult parts about leaving Australia. This group of kids has given me some of my favourite memories (on and off the field!), and I'll undoubtedly be cheering each of them on from afar in baseball and life.

Forever a Bee.

ARCHER – THE NATURAL

In his very first year of baseball, Archer showed up looking like he had already been playing for years. Whether he was hitting line drives, making smooth throws, or fielding with confidence, everything just clicked for him instantly. He brings natural talent paired with focus, and he's only scratching the surface of what he can become on the diamond.

CALEB – 'CATCH' YOU LATER AWARD

Caleb took a huge step forward this season, especially behind the plate where he became one of our most skilled catchers. He embraced the challenge of kid pitch and kept improving each week, both defensively and as a hitter. His steady confidence and willingness to take on tough roles made a huge difference for our team.

EMILIE – *THE SPEEDSTER*

If there was a base to steal, Emilie was already halfway there before anyone realised it. Her speed changed the game for us, putting herself in scoring position often. She brought the hustle every outing and made running the bases one of our team's biggest strengths.

FLETCHER – *MR. UTILITY*

Already our strongest catcher, Fletcher raised his game even higher by mastering multiple positions across the field this year. His baseball IQ, consistency, and on-base percentage made him one of the most dependable players in every part of our lineup. No matter where we needed him, Fletcher delivered – every single week.

HARPER – *THE SHOT CALLER*

Things came together for Harper this year – suddenly the hits came often, and many came with serious power behind them. He stepped into the batter's box with confidence and started driving balls all over the field. Harper also continued to improve his baseball knowledge, understanding his job in every position across the field when the ball came his way.

HARVEY – *NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR*

In his first season with the Bees, Harvey proved right away that he belonged. He showed real promise as both a hitter and a pitcher, combining smooth mechanics with natural ability. With more experience, he's going to be a force in baseball for years to come.

HENRY – *MOST IMPROVED*

Henry elevated every part of his game this year, but especially as a pitcher where he became one of our go-to arms. At the plate, he grew into a reliable hitter who delivered in big moments. His all-around improvement was obvious to everyone – and it made him one of our most complete players.

LUCI – *SILVER SLUGGER, COACHES AWARD*

Luci was one of our most powerful hitters all season, anchoring the top of the lineup and driving the ball with authority. She shows up ready to get after it at training, has an unbelievable attitude, and sets the tone for everyone around her. She has a bright future ahead of her and is a dream to coach, which is exactly why she earned the Coaches Award this season.

PIPER L. – *AMAZING ARM AWARD, CO-PLAYERS' PLAYER*

This year Piper transformed her throwing, developing one of the strongest and most accurate arms on the team out in the field. Her teammates recognised her leadership and impact by voting her Co-Players' Player – along with her counterpart in the unstoppable duo known as "Piper Power." She continues to bring her talent, effort, and energy every single game.

PIPER P. – *PITCHER OF THE YEAR, CO-PLAYERS' PLAYER*

Piper pitched every single game for us this season, striking out hitters left and right while improving massively from week to week. She became one of the toughest pitchers in the league and a critical piece of our winning formula. Her teammates backed that sentiment by voting her Co-Players' Player.

RIVER – *MR. RELIABLE*

River showed up – at trainings, at games, and in every situation where we needed him. He was one of our most dependable hitters and steady fielders, always giving consistent effort and energy. No matter the moment, River could always be counted on to get the job done.

ROXY – *THE ROCK*

Roxy only joined the Bees for the last 4 games of the season, but she jumped right in like she was a veteran. Calm and composed both at bat and on the field, she is the definition of a "steady" competitor. Whether she's driving a ball into the gap, making a clutch defensive play or putting her hand up to work on catching skills, she has the makings of a baseball superstar.

SYDNEY – *GOLDEN GLOVE*

Sydney grabbed everything hit her way this season, making tough plays look routine with her quick reactions and soft hands. In her final at-bat as a Bee, she crushed a pitch into the outfield – a perfect finish to her year and Bees career. She earned this award with grit, reliability, and great defense all season long.

TRIPP – *BEST ALL-ROUNDER*

Tripp did everything for us – leadoff hitter, starting pitcher, and a rock-solid first baseman who elevated our entire team's level. He plays the game with passion, hustle, and genuine joy, making everyone around him better. He truly embodies what a complete baseball player looks like.

PANTHERS LL MINOR



Panthers pictured with the Bees

COACHES	JEREMY YOUKER-CHAN
MANAGER	ANGI OLSEN

It was a great season as a second-year team and first year moving up to Minors! The boys grew closer together as a team and welcomed a few new faces who quickly fit right in. It was a great season with the boys. They really love the game so weren't deterred when we lost every... single... game... except our very last game of the season. It was a true nail biter with a few home runs, a grand slam, and a double play from the boys, and a great way to end the season!

Special thanks to Angi for keeping things organized as Team Manager, to Daniel for leading batting practice and stepping in as coach when I was away, to Ryan our third base coach for leading pitching training and also stepping in as game coach, and to all of the parents helping with scoring and getting the kids to the field!!

Now for the stars of the game...

Bill – The big bat. Not the biggest on the team but he wields the biggest bat and managed to get a hit with it more often than not.

Ben – The Stoic. Pitching, catching, fielding: happy to play any position needed and focused in every drill.

Cass – Cool under pressure. Our most improved, Cass moved up to minors joining our team as one of the youngest, progressing through the pitching a great inning at his first time on the mound in our last game.

Harry – Cheerful worker. Such a hard worker great to have at catcher. Always a smile and up for all of it at

practice.

Hudson – Grand slam champion. Great game knowledge and really stepped up his batting this year.

James – Quietly gets it done. His first year on the team, James always showed up, quietly improving and proving to be a reliable player throughout the season.

Jayke – Lemonade prince. His first year on the team, Jayke was a fast learner, keen to be coached, and quickly friends with everyone on the team.

Kai – The ground ball king. Such a skilled fielder, Kai always has his eye, and his glove! on the ball.

Keoni – The line drive killer. Another player with great hands in the field, Keoni made the final catch to seal our first win.

Lochie – The trooper. The smallest in stature but probably the biggest heart and one of the most coachable boys on the team, always paying attention and trying his absolute best. That's what I wrote about Lochie last year and that's what earned his The Coach's Choice this year!

Luca – Home run durby. 2 home runs in our last game! What more can I say? A good attitude and a great player.

Sean – Big lungs. Our loudest dugout cheerleader! A reliable first baseman and a surprising in the batter's box.

Tommy – McEnroe. A great player, passionate about the game, and hard on himself. Tommy is full of enthusiasm and emotion. It was great seeing, not only his skills progress through the season but, his emotional recovery as well, as he stepped up to pressure to help the team.

Zev – The fly ball master. The Players' Player with a flair for showmanship, making sliding catches, throwing strikes, calling the plays in the field, and everyone's friend in the dugout.

EAGLES LL MAJOR



Second Row: Tim Mote (Manager), Isabella Auld, Samuel Thompson, Kyedan Stewart, Thomas Thiss, Andy Thiss (Coach)
 First Row: Sidney Prevost, Ayden Prevost, Kitt Mote, Maya Gaffney, Gilly Kaye
 Absent: Kaan Turner, Gray Dyer, Jonah Henderson

COACHES	ANDY THISS
MANAGER	TIM MOTE

The Eagles welcomed two new players to baseball, Ayden and Sid, and three Seasiders friendly transfers, Sammy, Maya and Bella.

These joined the remaining reigning 2024-2025 Eagles LL Minor Runners ups, Beanz, Gray, Jonah, Kyedan, Tom, Gil, and Kitt.

Going into the season, we had high expectations from last year with our new compliment of players.

We ended up placing 2nd in the Regular Season with two losses and one tie. The losses were to the undefeated Red Sox and the tie was to last year's champs, the Dodgers. The tie game was extremely exciting with us having to surrender 2 outs and race to complete the final inning, so time wouldn't expire.

In the Finals, we played the Red Sox in the first round and got the win through excellent pitching. The 6 inning game without time really showed our pitching depth.

The Grand Finals were also against the Red Sox, and if you're reading this you will know the results.

Eagles!

Sid - first season playing baseball and evolved into our starting catcher. He wins the Most Improved Award.

Gil - In Gil We Trust. Our awesome middle inning pitcher that delivered consistency over the whole year. Gil wins the Coaches Award.

Bella - Awesome left fielder and so consistent at the plate. It was great to have a player who really wanted to be in the outfield.

Tom - Utility player and relief pitcher. Lead the league in saves. One of the leading hitters on our team.

Kyedon - 3rd. It was great to see his bat get hot in the Finals

Gray - 3rd and Pitcher. Gray stepped up to the mound this year and really developed his pitching. He had a few saves and started a W for us.

Ayden - Centerfielder, Left handed slugger and developing pitcher. He really developed his pitching over the season. Watch out for him next year.

Beanz - Outfielder. It was a pleasure to see Beanz develop into one of our most trusted fielders. His team spirit is 100%

Kitt - Pitcher and infielder. Kitt was one of our aces, shutting down so many of our competitors' best batters. He always rises to the occasion and made many ESPN highlight plays in the infield.

Maya - Catcher and lead off batter. Maya's consistent batting was solid over the whole season and was a no brainer to sit in the top off of the order for us. Her catching developed over the year and made filling that position easy.

Sammy - Ace and Slugger. Once Sammy got going on the mound he was hard to stop. He was our clear Slugger over the season.

Jonah - 1st base. The coaches called Jonah "dyson" because he vacuumed up so many balls at 1st. When he connected at the plate... watch out.

Special thanks to all the parents for helping out.

And notably Rave as EO, Cam and Miles for base coaches and training.

Andy and I are lucky to have all of you.

E. A. G. L. E. S... Eagles!!!

Coach Tim

SEAGULLS LL MAJOR



Second Row: Pete Brennan (Coach), Riley Dutton, Alexander Swan, Rishi Srivastava, Noah Donnelly, Tim Stefl (Coach)
 First Row: William Meiklejohn, Angus Smallwood, Flip Shines, Max Brannan, Lucas Stefl, Tracy Donnelly (Manager)
 Absent: August Ropiha, Joel Gane, Samson Macpherson

COACHES	TIM STEFL & PETE BRANNAN
MANAGER	TRACY DONNELLY

The first season of LL Majors was a great experience. Each year adds a few more rules that get closer to the “real thing”. Many players contributed on the mound this season and players are starting to find positions where they are most comfortable. The last game of the season may have been their best game so I can’t wait to see what next year brings. One of the most enjoyable moments as a coach is seeing the players make plays that look exactly like they are supposed to look. This group started to make that happen with increasing regularity.

ALEX – His attention to detail continued to progress throughout the season. Alex’s bat delivered several key hits throughout the season and made some great plays at SS.

ANGUS – “Smalls” got us going several times this season. As a patient hitter, his walks started several Seagull rallies and fired up the team.

AUGIE – Already a feared bat, Augie really stepped up on the mound this year as well. He was always willing to take the ball and get key outs for the team, sometimes entering the game in a tough spot.

BILLY – As Billy continues to refine his swing, he has a bright future on the baseball diamond. His speed and quickness opens up a lot of defensive positions for him. Billy is always a threat to turn a single into much more than that.

FLIP – Flip continues to show up with big plays. She is always a magnet for the ball defensively and the bat is every bit as good as the glove now too!

JOEL – Joel shows up ready to go at every game and training. While catching is one of the positions that is not for everyone and can be hard to find volunteers for, Joel loves to catch and is always willing. That attitude helps the entire team.

LUCAS – Lucas also took a liking to catching this year which was much appreciated. He continues to use his quickness to be a menace on the basepaths for opposing teams.

MAX – Max's bat was very dangerous this season. He had a tremendous season and seemed to have a knack for always making a big play when we needed it, whether it was at the plate or in the field.

NOAH – You can't hide Noah on the baseball field. He stands out in the best way no matter where you put him, although putting him on the pitching mound is a great spot for him.

RILEY – Riley can be quiet and unassuming, but he smoothly handled every position that he was put in. He never mis-played a ball and was always in the right position to make a play.

RISHI – Rishi made tremendous progress over the course of the season. He went from looking like a cricket player on a baseball field to a showcasing a powerful natural swing that put fear into baseballs everywhere. Along with a perfect debut pitching inning that revved up the entire team.

SAMSON – Samson progressed from being a reluctant batter to putting some really good swings together. Being a willing pitcher was also helpful, but it all culminated with a tremendous outing at 1B in our final game where he recorded numerous outs.

The team would not have been nearly as successful without the help of so many parents that helped with so much from training assistance and scoring to base-coaching and cheerleading. It was all very appreciated. It is a great group of parents that were always willing to step up when needed.

Go Seagulls!

LYNX INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE



COACHES	BAPTISTE FRUGIER, SAM GIFFNEY, RYAN IGGO, HARLEY GIBSON, ZANDER HIGHLAND
MANAGER	RAVENA DYER

The Lynx had a great season. After initially struggling to find a coach, the team was fortunate to secure Baptiste, a Manly Eagles player visiting from France. Baptiste brought high expectations, energy, and a genuine love for the game. He encouraged every player to improve, play hard, and most importantly enjoy their baseball. Under his guidance, the bar was raised across the team and the players responded, pushing strong teams from Forest and Pittwater to the brink.

Baptiste had to return to France unexpectedly in December, but the strong foundations he put in place set the blueprint for the rest of the season. A big thank you to Ryan, Harley, and Zander for stepping in afterwards, supporting the team and continuing to encourage the players to be their best.

A special mention also goes to five Lynx players who competed at representative level during the season, highlighting the depth of talent within the team while still contributing to the Lynx throughout the year.

The team also benefited from fantastic parental support all season, helping with scoring, organisation, and encouragement each week. That support helped create a positive environment where the players could thrive.

The Lynx played with great spirit, supported each other, and had a great time on the field — a season the whole team can be proud of. 🍌

TIGERS JUNIOR LEAGUE



Second Row: Cooper Lidbury, Johan Thompson, Jack Augustyn, Douglas Nicholson
 First Row: Angela Anderson (Manager), Zach Tomlinson, Leo Anderson, Alec Schirru, Isaac Watson, Sander Mote, Brendan Donnelly (Coach)
 Absent: Jack Burgess, Flynn Donnelly, Josh Gane, Sonny Gibson, Matt Gane (Manager)

COACH	BRENDAN DONNELLY
MANAGER	ANGELA ANDERSON & MATT GANE

The 2025/26 season for the **Seaside Tigers Junior League team** has been a fantastic one, full of development, big hits, great pitching performances, plenty of laughs, and more than a few nervous moments for the coaches. The team finished the regular season **second on the ladder**, setting up a fitting **Grand Final showdown** against the only team to finish above us.

It's been a season where the group really came together. In a somewhat disjointed division schedule at times, the focus from the beginning was simple: **play hard, improve every week, and make sure we have fun doing it**. By that measure alone, the Tigers have already had a championship season.

The Players

Cooper Lidbury

Our rock behind the plate, Cooper has been one of the most reliable catchers in the league. Tough, dependable, and always ready to back up his pitcher, he's also been one of the Tigers' **biggest hitters**, regularly driving the ball hard and putting pressure on opposing teams. This season we also discovered another weapon in Cooper's game, pitching, stepping up in clutch moments on the mound when the team needed it most.

When Cooper steps into the batter's box, the outfield definitely takes a few extra steps back.

Sander Mote

Sander has become the ultimate utility player for the Tigers. Infield, outfield, even behind the plate when needed, he's always ready to jump in wherever the team needs him most. Reliable, hardworking and full of effort every game. The only big decision ahead might be whether the future holds MLB or the World Surf League.

Johan

One of the most experienced players in the side, Johan has taken his pitching to **a whole new level this season**. His confidence and control on the mound have been a huge asset to the team. When he's not pitching, he's still causing trouble at the plate as one of the Tigers' **true sluggers**. A leader by example who sets a great standard.

Hammer

Hammer has shown some of the **biggest improvement across the season**. No matter where he's placed on the field, he brings energy, effort and reliability. A highlight of the season was seeing him **launch his first home run**, a moment that had the whole team fired up and is likely the first of many.

Alec

Alec has been the definition of a **versatile ballplayer**. Whether he's in the infield or the outfield, he gets the job done — and when he unleashes that **cannon of an arm**, runners quickly learn to think twice about taking an extra base. On top of that, Alec is one of the great teammates in the group and someone the others love playing alongside.

Dougie

Dougie brings his trademark **laconical humour** to the team every week, usually delivering a perfectly timed one-liner from the dugout. But when it's time to step onto the mound or into the batter's box, the switch flips and Dougie locks in. Whether it's pitching strikes or **launching bombs**, he has become a very important part of the Tigers lineup.

Sonny

Sonny has really developed as a **pitcher this season**, stepping up when the team has needed it most and showing great composure on the mound. At the plate he's been equally valuable, quietly building **one of the best on-base percentages in the team** and constantly finding ways to get on and keep innings alive.

Leo

Leo has been the ultimate **all-round contributor**, filling in wherever needed — catcher, infield, or outfield — without missing a beat. Add to that his **blazing speed on the bases**, and he's always capable of turning a routine play into something exciting.

Isaac

Isaac might just be **the nicest kid in the league**, and he's also one of the most dedicated. Always asking for feedback and keen to learn, he's been working hard on every aspect of his game. As the season has progressed we've seen his **confidence at the plate grow**, and the results are starting to follow.

Josh

Josh is one of those players who goes about things **quietly but very effectively**. A powerful and capable player around the field, he makes big plays without much fuss. The only challenge has been competing with his **mountain biking schedule** — so next season the coaching staff may or may not be hoping for a few flat tyres so we can have him every week!

Zac

If there were a speed award for the season, Zac would be right up there. He's **lightning around the bases**, sometimes only slowed down by remembering to keep an eye on the ball — something we're sure he'll perfect soon. Zac is also a **versatile fielder** and one of the players always looking for ways to improve his game.

The Coaches

After years of battling each other from opposite dugouts in the same division, **Coaches Brendo and Mark** finally got the chance to work together this season. It's been a great partnership built around a simple philosophy: **keep the game fun, keep the players improving, and let them enjoy being part of a team.**

Season Reflection

This group has shown great **team spirit, resilience and growth** across the season. There have been big hits, great defensive plays, pitching breakthroughs, and a lot of laughter along the way. Most importantly, the players have supported each other and represented the Tigers with pride.

Finishing **second in the regular season** and earning a place in the **Grand Final against the Barracudas** is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the hard work put in by the players all season.

But regardless of the Grand Final result, the Tigers have already achieved something pretty special. They've improved, they've competed, they've had fun, and they've built memories together.

And in the eyes of the coaching staff, **that already makes them champions.**

2025-2026 HONOUR ROLL

NAME	DIVISION	TEAM NAME	# of GAMES
Dash Weck	Senior League	Diamondbacks	200
Flynn Donnelly	Junior League	Tigers	200
Cooper Lidbury	Junior League	Tigers	175
Douglas Nicholson	Junior League	Tigers	175
Jack Augustyn	Junior League	Tigers	175
Johan Thompson	Junior League	Tigers	175
Leo Anderson	Junior League	Tigers	175
Sonny Gibson	Junior League	Tigers	175
Noah Donnelly	LL Major	Seagulls	175
Isaac Watson	Junior League	Tigers	150
Jack Burgess	Junior League	Tigers	150
August Ropiha	LL Major	Seagulls	150
Lucas Stefl	LL Major	Seagulls	150
Max Brannan	LL Major	Seagulls	150
Killian Hutchison	Intermediate League	Lynx	125
Luke Burn	Intermediate League	Lynx	125
Ryan Dyer	Intermediate League	Lynx	125
Gray Dyer	LL Major	Eagles	125
Kyedon Stewart	LL Major	Eagles	125
Samuel Thompson	LL Major	Eagles	125
Thomas Thiss	LL Major	Eagles	125
Flip Shines	LL Major	Seagulls	125
Jude DuBois	Zooka	Cheetahs	125

NAME	DIVISION	TEAM NAME	# of GAMES
Sander Mote	Junior League	Tigers	100
Emilia Arkhult	Intermediate League	Lynx	100
Emmet Giffney	Intermediate League	Lynx	100
Ethan Cunningham	Intermediate League	Lynx	100
Kitt Mote	LL Major	Eagles	100
Maya Gaffney	LL Major	Eagles	100
Caleb Coleman	LL Minor	Bees	100
Emilie Scholfield	LL Minor	Bees	100
Fletcher Lidbury	LL Minor	Bees	100
Henry Mainey	LL Minor	Bees	100
Piper Lidbury	LL Minor	Bees	100
Piper Palmer	LL Minor	Bees	100
Tripp Scherwin	LL Minor	Bees	100
Harrison Langley	LL Minor	Panthers	100
Lincoln Cowan	Zooka	Cheetahs	100
Spencer Whalan	Zooka	Cheetahs	100
Stan Brannan	Zooka	Cheetahs	100
Edward Bryden	Zooka	Falcons	100

Josh Gane	Junior League	Tigers	75
Zach Tomlinson	Junior League	Tigers	75
Olivia Cunningham	Intermediate League	Lynx	75
Gil Kaye	LL Major	Eagles	75
Jonah Henderson	LL Major	Eagles	75
Kaan Turner	LL Major	Eagles	75
Joel Gane	LL Major	Seagulls	75
Samson Macpherson	LL Major	Seagulls	75
River Manoukian	LL Minor	Bees	75

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Sydney Kate Scherwin	LL Minor	Bees	75
Bill Arkhult	LL Minor	Panthers	75
Ashton Furci	Zooka	Cheetahs	75
Philip Miller del Castillo	Zooka	Cheetahs	75
Sam Clarkin	Zooka	Cheetahs	75
William Hogan	Zooka	Cheetahs	75
Hillevi Arkhult	Zooka	Snow Leopards	75
Archer Duckworth	Zooka	Snow Leopards	75
Cooper Jackson	U9 Tee Ball	Jaguars	75
James Kennedy	U9 Tee Ball	Jaguars	75
Luca Augustyn	U9 Tee Ball	Jaguars	75
James Dale Thomason	U9 Tee Ball	Jaguars	75

Alec Schirru	Junior League	Tigers	50
Albie Eakins	Intermediate League	Lynx	50
Richard Lee	Intermediate League	Lynx	50
Sebastian Vargas	Intermediate League	Lynx	50
Isabella Auld	LL Major	Eagles	50
Harper Chapman	LL Minor	Bees	50
Lucinda Burmeister	LL Minor	Bees	50
Benjamin Waker	LL Minor	Panthers	50
Hudson Thompson	LL Minor	Panthers	50
Kai Stewart	LL Minor	Panthers	50
Keoni Domingues	LL Minor	Panthers	50
Lachlan Bekis	LL Minor	Panthers	50
Luca Azevedo	LL Minor	Panthers	50
Sean Nielsen	LL Minor	Panthers	50
Thomas Kaveney	LL Minor	Panthers	50

NAME	DIVISION	TEAM NAME	# of GAMES
Zev Chan	LL Minor	Panthers	50
Cassiel Oboudiyat	LL Minor	Panthers	50
Angus Rice	Zooka	Cheetahs	50
Cooper Furci	Zooka	Cheetahs	50
Lochlan Rice	Zooka	Cheetahs	50
Alfred Dent	Zooka	Falcons	50
Arlo Harris Hodge	Zooka	Falcons	50
Connor Tarrant	Zooka	Falcons	50
Ethan Tazelaar	Zooka	Falcons	50
Jesse Stewart	Zooka	Falcons	50
Lucca Harris Hodge	Zooka	Falcons	50
Nathan Headd	Zooka	Falcons	50
Kristopher Benoliel	Zooka	Snow Leopards	50
Lyla Mathews	Zooka	Snow Leopards	50
Andrew Edgar	U9 Tee Ball	Jaguars	50
Asher McDonald	U9 Tee Ball	Jaguars	50
Franklin Hocking	U9 Tee Ball	Jaguars	50
Max Pitman	U9 Tee Ball	Jaguars	50
Benjamin Pehl	U9 Tee Ball	Jaguars	50
Cora Mathews	U8 Tee Ball	Leopards	50

Ayden Prevost	LL Major	Eagles	25
Sidney Prevost	LL Major	Eagles	25
Alexander Swan	LL Major	Seagulls	25
Angus Smallwood	LL Major	Seagulls	25
Riley Dutton	LL Major	Seagulls	25
Rishi Srivastava	LL Major	Seagulls	25
William Meiklejohn	LL Major	Seagulls	25

Archer Webley	LL Minor	Bees	25
Harvey Pintos-Oliver	LL Minor	Bees	25
Roxanne Millard	LL Minor	Bees	25
James Vermeulen	LL Minor	Panthers	25
Jayke Dennison	LL Minor	Panthers	25
Eadie McLachlan	Zooka	Falcons	25
Helen Humphreys	Zooka	Falcons	25
Monte Mulvihill	Zooka	Falcons	25
Rafael Mrsa	Zooka	Falcons	25
Harrison Meiklejohn	Zooka	Snow Leopards	25
Isaac Rasler	Zooka	Snow Leopards	25
James Anderson	Zooka	Snow Leopards	25
Olivia Johns	Zooka	Snow Leopards	25
Riyan Shrestha	Zooka	Snow Leopards	25
Zoe Bertram	Zooka	Snow Leopards	25
Rocco Stewart	Zooka	Snow Leopards	25
Tommy Cleary	Zooka	Snow Leopards	25
Maddox Twinem	U9 Tee Ball	Jaguars	25
Ziggy Tunks	U9 Tee Ball	Jaguars	25
Brandon Guttman	U8 Tee Ball	Leopards	25
Clyde Mathews	U8 Tee Ball	Leopards	25
Cora Kennedy	U8 Tee Ball	Leopards	25
Dion Balangcad	U8 Tee Ball	Leopards	25
Finn Kennedy	U8 Tee Ball	Leopards	25
Landon Montellese	U8 Tee Ball	Leopards	25
Oscar Duckworth	U8 Tee Ball	Leopards	25
Otis Dillenbeck	U8 Tee Ball	Leopards	25
Rogue Cowan	U8 Tee Ball	Leopards	25
Walter Fox	U8 Tee Ball	Leopards	25

2025/26 REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Congratulations to all the **25 Seaside**s that were named in their respective age division's Manly Representative and All-Star squads during this season.



JUNIOR LEAGUE

Sonny Gibson
Cooper Lidbury
Johan Thompson

LITTLE LEAGUE MAJORS

Emilia Arkhult
Max Brannan
Noah Donnelly
Kitt Mote
Sam Thompson

LITTLE LEAGUE MINORS

Flip Shines

Maya Gaffney
August Ropiha
Lucas Stefl

SYDNEY CUP

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Sonny Gibson
Cooper Lidbury
Johan Thompson
Killian Hutchison

LITTLE LEAGUE MAJORS

Emilia Arkhult
Max Brannan
Noah Donnelly
Kitt Mote
Sam Thompson

GIRLS REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

U15 GAYNOR CUP

Bella Auld
Emilia Arkhult
Flip Shines
Maya Gaffney
Olivia Cunningham

ROOKIES CUP

Flip Shines
Hillevi Arkhult
Piper Lidbury

ASSOCIATION CUP & DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Doug Nicholson
Ethan Cunningham
Luke Burn

LITTLE LEAGUE MAJORS

Flip Shines

U12 DEVT SQUAD

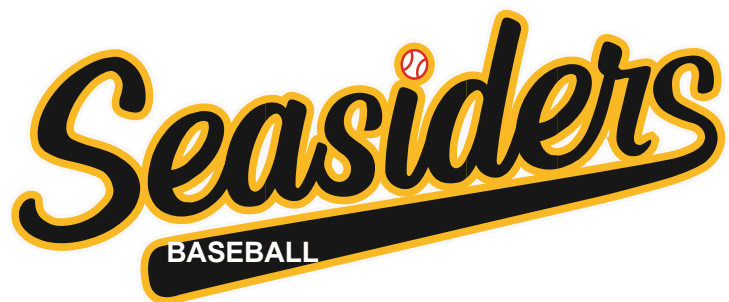
August Ropiha
Maya Gaffney

ROOKIES CUP

(INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT SQUAD)

Atticus Dean
Billy Hogan
Jesse Stewart
Kristopher Benoliel
Stanley Brannan
Philip Miller del Castillo

Ethan Tazalaar
Rafael Mrsa
Lincoln Cowan
Jude DeBois
Bill Arkhult
Kyedan Stewart



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