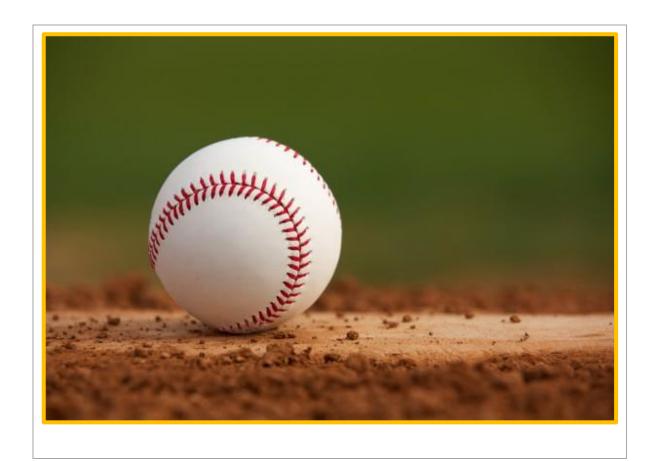
# 2017 – 2018 the year in *REVIEW*...



**BANKSTOWN SPORTS** 

**BASEBALL CLUB** 

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Members,

I would like to say thank you to all that have been a part of another great year of Baseball with the club.

I would like to thank the committee members for their tireless effort in ensuring that the club is run smoothly. Without the support of the committee members it would be extremely hard to have a functioning club.

Once again, a huge thank you needs to be offered to the Bankstown Sports Club. They are our major sponsor and continue to supply us with financial support.

This year we would also like to thank the following organizations for supporting us: A Civil - For their Bobcat work on the senior's diamond, Sydney Blue Sox, Elite Sports, Georges Hall Liquor Stax, Southern Hospitality Australia, Primo Smallgoods, The Torch Newspaper - For their support with our inaugural Pink Day and Macarthur Baseball League for letting our junior teams play in their competition.

This year there have been many great highlights to remember. Our senior team won their division 1B grand final, we have had multiple children make representative teams in both Rookie and Little League Major teams, a new home ground and of course our first Pink Baseball Day. We were a part of the Bankstown District Baseball Association's first Bankstown Bash, which ran on Wednesday's before Christmas and this was also a great experience for the kids.

During the season past, our children playing in live pitch games have played in the Macarthur Baseball League and I think you would all agree this has given them all more chance of obtaining new baseball skills.

This coming season, the club's executive has made the decision to no longer affiliate with the BDBA and have now affiliated with MLB for all ages to ensure that our kids get the BEST baseball experience available.

Finally, the baseball club only continues to run on volunteer support. Please consider helping with the club. The committee are a great bunch of people and times spent together arranging the season and game days are very enjoyable.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the new baseball year.

Thank you

Jeffery Craft Bankstown Sports Baseball Club President

### REPRESENTATIVE

This year we were represented by both children and coaching staff. Well done to all that represented our club at inter – association tournaments.

### **ROOKIES CUP**

Noah Jedrzejczyk Massimo Pelle Malik Masri Lincoln Olive

### **STATE CUP**

Ethan Mosley Liam Cavanough William Trostel Adam Craft

"Enjoy your sweat because hard work doesn't guarantee success,

but without it, you don't have a chance"

Alex Rodriguez, New York Yankies



### **MAJOR ALL STAR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

William Trostel Liam Cavanough Adam Craft Mya Elfoul



Daryl Turnbull (Head Coach)
Brendan Mosley (Assistant Coach)
Ron Radford (Pitching Coach)
Jeffery Craft (EO)
Jody Trostel (Scorer)

### **JUNIOR ALL STAR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Jake Mosley



# **SERVICE AWARDS**

### **5 YEARS SERVICE**

Alessandro Pelle

William Trostel

Jaymes Craft

Adam Craft

Liam Cavanough

Craig Jedrzejczyk

Noah Jedrzejczyk

Ahmed Sankari

### **10 YEARS SERVICE**

Alyssa Trostel

Daryl Turnbull

### **15 YEARS SERVICE**

Jaiden Flemming

### PERPETUAL AWARDS

### **GEOF SHARP MEMORIAL AWARD**

Mr. Frank Trostel

### RON RADFORD MEDAL

**Ethan Mosley** 

### WATSON FAMILY AWARD

Cavanough Family

### **SCORER OF THE YEAR**

Jody Trostel

### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Marc Olive

### **NEW LIFE MEMBER**

This year the committee has voted to induct Mr. Daryl Turnball to life membership.

Daryl has coached various Bankstown teams at State and Association Cup level as well. He is a mentor and trainer with the Emerging Blue Sox sessions run by Baseball NSW, which he currently does on a Wednesday night.

### BANKSTOWN SPORTS BASEBALL CLUB COACHING CAREER

2002/3	Under 12 Summer
2003/4	Under 12 Summer
2004	Under 14 Winter
2007/8	Under 16 Summer
2014/15	Under 14 Summer
2015/16	Under 12 Summer
2016/17	Little League Major Summer
2017/18	Junior League Summer

### **PINK DAY**

#### SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2017

Nearly every family in Australia has been impacted by cancer or knows someone impacted by cancer and when Craig and Peta Jedrzejczyk suggested to the executive committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018 that we turn the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bankstown Sports Baseball Club Pink day, the executive committee were unanimous in their support.

In a little over a week local business and the baseball community were approached to support the day and with their generosity were able to secure prizes for raffles and food to be sold on the day. The Bankstown Sports Baseball Club would like to thank and acknowledge the following organizations for their support of the inaugural Pink Day:

Bankstown Sports Club Sydney Blue Sox

Elite Sports Georges Hall Liquor Stax

Southern Hospitality Australia Primo Smallgoods

The Torch Newspaper Macarthur Baseball League

Our thanks to the co-operation of the Macarthur Baseball League for their assistance in rescheduling games to ensure that all games for Bankstown teams were played at Boggabilla Reserve. Unfortunately, our junior team had a bye that week, but a special game was organized for them to ensure that they did not miss out.

Come the big day Boggabilla was resplendent in pink, with pink balloons and pink streamers decorating the club house. All Bankstown Sport T-Ball and Baseball players were kitted out with special pink socks for the day and never has it been truer that "real man wear pink".

Ceremonial 1<sup>st</sup> pitches were thrown before the Majors game by Tania Mihailuk MP for Bankstown and before the Seniors Game by Dick Phillips, Director of Bankstown Sports Club, Patron and Life Member of Bankstown Sports Baseball Club. Our thanks to Tania and Dick for making themselves available at short notice.

The game results on the diamond will long be forgotten but what we will always remember is the generosity and support of everyone involved in the day. Together as a baseball club we raised \$509.80 on the day through a raffle, canteen profits and donations.

We will again be hosting a Pink Day at Boggabilla this year. From our small beginnings we hope to grow the Bankstown Sports Baseball Club Pink day into a much bigger event with an aim to raise more funds for cancer research development.





### T BALL



2017-18 T Ball Team

### **Team Roster**

Christian Craft Alannah Cavanough Matthew Craft Zoe Davis

Cassius Barrell Will Elbourne Jayde Foat Andreas Kalafonos

Archie Toilolo Camilla Toilolo Jad Sayed

<u>Coach</u> <u>Scorer</u>

Ray Elbourne Melanie Cavanough

Coaching young kids is a challenge and the pee wee league were a lot of fun, frustration and laughs. When you have 11 kids 9 of which want to be catcher it tests your resolve.

The start of the season they were grasping the basics, like relaying the ball and running the bases one at a time, by the last game the improvement in everyone was marked. They were beginning to make plays, strategize and play as a team.

And it was also a pleasure to see the attitude of the parents was competitive but not combative. I don't think I saw a single incident where anyone got antagonistic or verbally violent. I erg all parents to promote baseball at your local school, social groups and community. With our support these kids will be better team players, communicate better and grow up more inclusive. Ray Elbourne

Golden Glove Matthew Craft
Batting Award Andreas Kalafonos

Coaches Award Jayde Foat

### **MINORS**



2017-18 Little League Minor Pitch

#### **Team Roster**

Liam Cavanough	William Trostel	Massimo Pelle
Chino Marcello	Noah Jedrzejczyk	Charbel Khalil
Lincoln Olive	Malik Masri	Ahmed Sankari

Nathaniel Simler Charles Emery

<u>Coaches</u>	<u>Manager</u>	<u>Scorer</u>
Frank & Frankie Trostel	Willy Trostel	Jeremy Cavanough

An exciting season awaited the Little League Minor team, with our local association moving us to the Macarthur district! Although our senior teams had played at Macarthur for a few seasons already, the unknown competition for our age group was met with some nervousness and anticipation for the coaching staff!

After merging a very successful grand final winning tee ball team and a little league team that had made the play offs in the previous season, we knew that we had a solid squad to take us forward. With the addition of three rookies, the players that were to face live pitch for the first time did it with no fear and complemented the three senior players in the team. On game day I was proud of the way the team gelled and the way the boys preformed in any position they were

put in to. We finished our season after 16 rounds with 10 wins, 4 losses and 2 byes, 3<sup>rd</sup> in a 9 team competition. Finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a top 4 playoff system, we had to play in an elimination semifinal game in which we went down 8-6. It was a very closely contested and exciting game that had it all! I'm certain that the disappointment has made the team hungry and hopefully take the next step, next season. Remember, sometimes you WIN, sometimes you LEARN!

I would like to congratulate the players that experienced Representative baseball with the Vikings from our team - Noah, Malik, Lincoln and Massimo (Little League Rookie Team) and Liam & William (Little League Majors All Star Team)

I would like to thank the parents for all their support and our assistant coach - Frankie Trostel, manager - Willy Trostel and our scorer - Jeremy Cavanough, for backing up again this season.

Hope to see you all next season and remember to "Hit Hard, Run Fast and Turn Left".

Frank Trostel

Golden Glove William Trostel

Batting Award Liam Cavanough

Coach's Award Ahmed Sankari



## **MAJORS**



2017-18 Little League Majors

### **Team Roster**

Ethan Mosley Adam Craft Adriano Bellini

Logan Olive Mya Elfoul Jaymes Craft

Alessandro Pelle Nikolaos Kalafonos

<u>Coaches</u>	Pitching Coach	<u>Scorer</u>	<u>Manager</u>
Brendan Mosley	Ron Radford	Zeina Kalafonos	Helen Elfoul
& Jeff Craft			

Firstly, I would like to thank the Bankstown Sports Baseball Club committee for allowing me the opportunity to coach the Under 12 Major's Team.

It has been a real privilege for me to coach such a great bunch of kids and see the outcome of when training hard together and the effort they made each week allowed each and every one of them to grow and improve over the season.

We started off the season with a win in our first game, showing signs of a great season ahead. The team had their moments of great plays coming close to winning some more games long the way battling it out right to the end in every game.

We came up against a few great teams playing our first year in the Macarthur Baseball District, we didn't know what to expect. We played against teams full of representative players, which from a coach's perspective it is a good thing for the kids to experience as it allowed them to witness for themselves how well they can play when they apply themselves!

The Major's came together in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season showing a true team spirit. They bonded well as a team and created new friendships along the way.

I would like to thank Jeffery Craft for all his hard work and support as an assistant coach, we both almost ended up with heart attacks during every game. Thank you also to Helen Elfoul for managing the team and myself. Keeping the kids in order during the game is a skill, your dedication every week was very much appreciated.

On behalf of the coaching staff, I would like to thank the parents for all their support and help throughout the season. It wouldn't be possible to coach and play a game without the kids showing up for both training and game days, thank you. To the parents and helpers also known as 'grounds people' who spent hours setting up and packing up on Saturday's, your efforts haven't gone unnoticed. It allowed each and every one of us to enjoy playing and watching a game we all love.

Lastly, I am extremely proud of the entire team for their determination and willingness to never give up. Thank you for allowing me to guide you and be there for you the entire time. I hope to see you all back at the ball park next season!

Brandan Mosley

Batting Award Adam Craft

Golden Glove Jhye Foat

Coaches Award Logan Olive

# **JUNIORS**



2017 – 18 Junior League

### **Team Roster**

Brady Reynolds	Cooper Gibbeson	Dylan Foat	Daniel Milosev
Jake Mercer	Jeanne-Claude Allara	Jake Mosley	Orlando Ransom
Coopah Bournazos	Joshua Hall	Matthew King	Kalan Macri

<u>Coaches</u>	Pitching Coach	<u>Scorer</u>
Daryl Turnbull	Ron Radford	Katerina Mosley
Brandan Mosley		

Overall a fair season given that we had six new players join the core of the team. We had some teething problems, but we still managed to win some games. I feel we had the opportunity to win a few more, but like anything else, if you don't take that opportunity when it arises, then you miss out.

#### **Hitting**

The team average was .237 and if a team is to be a genuine contender at this level, it needs to be substantially higher.

Players were taught the mechanics of hitting during training sessions, but the mental side of hitting cannot be taught. This aspect happens in the batting box, on game day. With more experience and resilience building, I believe that all players improve.

#### **Fielding**

Our fielding during the competition held its own. We were not perfect, but there were some plays made that as Ron would say," I would pay to see". I was extremely happy with the adjustments made by the players during games in order to make some spectacular outs.

### **Pitching and Catching**

The pitchers we used throughout the season kept us in contention for most of the games and are duly thanked for their efforts.

The catchers are also acknowledged for their efforts with the most physically demanding position on the diamond.

### **Most Valuable Player**

**Jake Mosley -** Jake's pitching dramatically improved during the season and he helped out with 'the bat' as well.

#### **Most Improved**

**Coopah Bornazos -** Coopah improved in all areas, but mostly improved in the area of pitching. Hopefully Coopah will keep himself healthy to reduce the chances of getting injured, as the team missed his contribution when he was out.

#### Coach's Award

**Kalan Macri** - Kalan was our quiet achiever...his hitting improved, and he more than adequately stepped into pitching duties when Coopah was injured. A well-deserved award.

I would like to personally thank the Bankstown Committee for asking me to coach the side and supporting the team throughout the season.

Thank you to Jeff and Brendan for coaching and to Ron for his very valuable training with the pitchers and his wealth of knowledge when it comes to baseball. (A big thank you to Elaine who ensured that Ron got to as many training sessions and games as he could).

Thank you to Kat for scoring and Jody and Alyssa for umpiring...without you lovely ladies it would have been impossible to play.

To the players and their parents, thank you for your commitment to training and game day.

Daryl Turnbull

### **SENIORS**



2017-18 Seniors Division 1B Champions

### Well once again "WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS" ☺

This season's team consisted of last year's winning team with a new addition, Jeremy Cavanough. With the age range of the team from 17 to 50 years old, we showed our competition that we can play baseball, well most of the time. Our competition this year consisted of 8 teams in the Macarthur District. This year there were 2 divisions and we were put in Division 1! As they did last year they split the division into a top 4 / bottom 4 and we played in the Division 1B finals series.

We had an up and down season, but we always seem to come together for the final series. Our first game was against Lakers which we won on a forfeit. The second game was against Caspers Mad Dogs. Having lost to them previously we came out firing and won convincingly. That put us into the Grand Final. The team we were supposed to play (Mets Bruisers) forfeited and we ended up playing Caspers Mad Dogs again. Well, we weren't going to let that one get away from us and we again won convincingly.

That gave us the grand final win for a second season in a row!

Bankstown Sports is the premier of the Seniors Division 1B and David Muir was awarded MVP of the grand final. I would like to thank Paul Muir for being one of our base coaches for the

grand final and also for helping out throughout the season. Also a big thank you to all the family and friends that came to support us throughout the season.

We had a great season and hope to see everyone back again next season to again defend our premiership. Below is the list of the baseball champions:

Jordan Bottalico, Jeremy Cavanough , Jeff Craft, Jaiden Flemming, Adrian Franco, Connor Honeysett, Craig Jedrzejczyk, Brendan Mosley, David Muir, Chris Orphin, Adam Simpson, Alyssa Trostel, Frankie Trostel, Frank Trostel & Terry Watson.

See you all at the ballpark.

Jody Trostel (Manager/Scorer)



### **THANK YOU**

"On behalf of the executive, players and their families we would like to sincerely thank the BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB and DIRECTORS for all their continued support."

### **COMMITTEE**

PRESIDENT/BDBA DELEGATE SNR VICE PRESIDENT/GROUNDS

JNR VICE PRESIDENT/GROUNDS
PUBLIC OFFICER/REGISTRAR

SECRETARY

COMMUNICATIONS

TREASURER
CHILD PROTECTION/MEMBER

**PROTECTION** 

RECORDER/UMPIRE COORDINATOR/

**EQUIPMENT OFFICER** 

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CLUB PATRON

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- FRANK PELLE

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- MELANIE CAVANOUGH

- PETA JEDRZEJCZYK

- JEREMY CAVANOUGH

- LAUREN CRAFT

- JODY TROSTEL

- KATERINA MOSLEY

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