



ROOTY HILL RSL YOUTH BASEBALL CLUB

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Committee

President:	George Ward
Vice President:	Michael Wilcox
Secretary:	Rod Woolard
Treasurer:	Peter Piccoli
Assistant Treasurer:	Leanne Sadler
Registrar:	Kim Robertson
Equipment Officer:	Donna Sanders
Grounds:	Glenn Sanders, Ben Irmisch
Umpires Co-ordinator:	Michael Wilcox
Publicity:	David Flaxman, Ken Edwards
GWBA Delegates:	Rod Woolard, Ken Warner
Youth Club Delegates:	George Ward, Ben Irmisch
Canteen Co-Ordinators:	Rod Woolard, George Ward
Club meetings:	Third Monday of every month at Rooty Hill RSL Club
Annual General Meeting:	Monday 15 th May 2006

President's Report

What a season we've had – U/8, U/9, U/10, U/12, U/14 and U/16's all making it into the finals. You can't do much better than that. The U/7 had a great time at their Gala Day as theirs is not a competition.

A big thank you to the Players, Coaches and Parents for all the hard work they put in to achieve this great result. Our U/12 and U/16's won their Grand Finals, U/10 and U/14's were runners up and U/8 and U/9's were unluckily knocked out in the finals. But, as I have already said - what a season.

A big thank you to all the committee members – Rod, Peter, Kim, Glenn, Donna, Ken Edwards, Ken Warner, Dave, Leanne and Ben. These guys really keep our club ticking. Thank you also to all the parents who helped out in the canteen over the season. A special mention must go to the parents of the U/16 team who are there whenever we have a fundraiser and are always willing to lend a hand on the bar-be-que and to set up and clean up after the games. Thank You Guys.

We had the Youth Club Anzac March on Sunday 23/4/2006 and would have liked to see a lot more of you there. To the people who did turn up – Dave, Jack & Emily Flaxman; Andrew & Ben Jeffrey; Noel Foad & family; Anson To & Mum; Rod Woolard; Ken Edwards; Todd Van Steensel; Grant Piccoli and Richie Ward – thank you all for your time and enthusiasm. The Youth Club support us in many ways, e.g. give us the opportunity to raise money through various events organised by them, so maybe next year we can show our support and have a few more turn out for the march.

We are currently talking with council regarding our \$35,000 grant to upgrade PVH. We hope to have new dugouts to our U/7 and U/10 diamonds, concrete laid in all the other dugouts and extra fencing around the senior, (U/14 & U/16) diamond before the start of next season. As Big Kev would say "I'm excited".

If you feel you would like to join our committee or just come along and get involved in the decision making, we meet on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Rooty Hill RSL Club for about 2 hours. Everybody is welcome. The AGM is being held 15th May 2006 at the club. Please come and have your say where it will make a difference.

I have really enjoyed this season for many different reasons, the main one being seeing the children enjoy their sport and the good friends I have made. Our club will never be a large club but it is growing slowly and the people who are involved are there for the children. I hope our next season 2006/2007 is as enjoyable and successful as this.

Yours in Baseball
George Ward
President.



Secretary's Report

What a great season! All our teams made it through to play finals baseball - a terrific result. I would like to congratulate all the coaches, parents and players for their efforts throughout season 2005/2006. A very big thank you to all the parents and committee members who give up their time to assist in canteens, prepare fields, organise fundraising functions and help in making Rooty Hill a great club. You often hear of committees that usually only run with a few people. At Rooty Hill we have an excellent committee that work together and achieve results. Great job, team.

What makes a great season? Is it winning the comp, finishing in the finals or just having a great season? I have come to realise that some people place more importance on winning a trophy and forgetting what great things have happened throughout the season. A coach (volunteer) does the best job they can do. They need our support, assistance and a pat on the back (for not winning the premiership) for doing a great job. It is obvious that the level of coaching at Rooty Hill has improved over the seasons, as more of our teams are finishing in the top parts of their competitions.

This is our 8th season of Baseball at Rooty Hill and I have been the Registrar, President and Secretary of our club. This is my last season in an Executive role. I feel it is very important that some of the parents from the younger age groups need to start getting involved. Our 16.1 parents who are a fantastic help will be moving on at the end of next season and it's important to have some new people come and take over the roles.

Although I will not be on the committee, wild horses will not keep me away from the baseball fields. I will continue coaching the Sydney Championship side and with all my extra free time I might even take on a club side in 2006/2007.

Yours in Baseball,
Rod Woolard



Representative Honour Roll

During 2005/ 06, several Blues players were selected to represent at NSW in various competitions around the world. In addition, one of our most experienced umpires was called upon to umpire 1st Base in the final of the national Championships in Queensland. Rooty Hill RSL Youth Baseball Club recognises and congratulates all of these players on their outstanding achievements.

**Under 15 NSWJBL Pan Pacific Games Team to The Philippines
August 2005**

Rhys Callaghan
Brad Walker

**Under 15 NSWJBL Goodwill Games Team to The USA
August 2005**

Mitchell Edwards
Grant Piccoli
Blake O'Keefe
Rhys Sanders
Todd van Steensel

**Under 13 NSWJBL Team to Singapore
October 2005**

Drew Keating
Colin Tilini

**Under 13 NSWJBL Team to New Zealand
April 2006**

Colin Tilini

**Australian Under 14 National Championships
January 2006
Umpire**

Ben Nash

Season Summary 2005 / 06

Premierships

2005 Senior Winter Competition

Division 6 Blue Marlins

2005/06 Summer Competition

Senior Division 4

Under 16 / 1

Under 12 / 3

Minor Premierships

2005 Senior Winter Competition

Division 4

2005/06 Summer Competition

Senior Division 4

Under 14 / 2

Under 8

Competition Summary

2005 Senior Winter Competition

<i>Team</i>	<i>Regular Season</i>	<i>Post Season</i>
Division 4:	Minor Premiers	Finalists
Div 6 Blue Marlins:	4 th in regular season	Premiers

2005/06 Summer Competition

<i>Team</i>	<i>Regular Season</i>	<i>Post Season</i>
Senior Div 4:	Minor Premiers	Premiers
Under 16 / 1:	2 nd in regular season	Premiers
Under 14 / 2:	Minor Premiers	Grand Finalists
Under 12 / 2:	8 th in regular season	12/3 Premiers
Under 10	2 nd in regular season	Grand Finalists
Under 9	4 th in regular season	Semi Finalists
Under 8	Minor Premiers	Finalists
Under 7	non competition team	

Under 7

Under 7 Roster – Season 2005 / 06

Justin Anson
Kersal Avaava-Johnson
Jake Foad
Lachlain Foad
Bailey Green
Charlie Holden
Reigan Quinn
Bryce Soward
Brendyn Williams
Jayde Williams

Coach: Noel Foad **Assistants:** Graham Quinn, Michael Foad
Managers: Kylie Green, Paula Green
Scorer: Tammie Foad

Results

Rd 1	10-Sep-05	vs	Penrith Cubs	lost	10 – 11
Rd 2	17-Sep-05	vs	Mackillop Black	lost	13 – 16
Rd 3	24-Sep-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers Gold	drew	10 – 10
Rd 4	8-Oct-05	vs	Mackillop Green	lost	7 – 15
Rd 5	15-Oct-05	vs	Kemps Creek	lost	6 – 15
Rd 6	22-Oct-05	vs	Plumpton	lost	14 – 15
Rd 7	29-Oct-05	vs	Penrith Panthers	lost	10 – 16
Rd 8	5-Nov-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers Green	washed out	
Rd 9	12-Nov-05	vs	St Marys	lost	8 – 17
Rd 10	19-Nov-05	vs	Penrith Cubs	won	11 – 10
Rd 11	26-Nov-05	vs	Mackillop Black	washed out	
Rd 12	3-Dec-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers Gold	lost	10 – 12
Rd 13	10-Dec-05	vs	Mackillop Green	lost	9 – 15
Rd 14	17-Dec-05	vs	Kemps Creek	washed out	
Rd 15	28-Jan-06	vs	Plumpton	drew	16 – 16
Rd 16	4-Feb-06	vs	Penrith Panthers	lost	16 – 17
Rd 17	11-Feb-06	vs	West Sydney Boomers Green	lost	6 – 17
Rd 18	18-Feb-06	vs	St Marys	won on forfeit	(9 – 0)
Rd 19	25-Feb-06	vs	Penrith Cubs	lost	14 – 15
Rd 20	4-Mar-06	vs	Mackillop Black	lost	10 – 15

Report:

Although we drew more games than we won during the whole year (and just for the record we did win 2 games which both went down to the wire). As a team we did learn to play fair and have fun but as the young adults that the under 7's are, we did extremely well.

The majority of the under 7's started the season not even knowing the basic's, but by the end of the season they all knew how to play the game like the champions they will become.

A thank you must go out to Kylie Green and Paula Green for being the managers, Graham Quinn and Michael Foad for being the assistant coaches. And my wife, Tammie Foad, for being the scorer.

Special thanks go out to all the parents and grandparents who gave up their Saturday mornings not only for this team but for all the teams in this club.

Thank you very much for a fun filled season.

NOEL FOAD



Under 7s at the GWBA Gala Day 12 March 2006

Under 8

Under 8 Roster – Season 2005 / 06

Alex Baker
Nathan Dyason
Jack Flaxman
Matthew Green
Jaiden Lizano
Nicholas Martin
Christopher Morris
Daniel Robertson
Shenae Williams

U7 players borrowed during season: Lachlain Foad, Bailey Green

Coaches: Vanlea Matthews, Jake Robertson

Manager: Robyn Baker

Scorer: Kim Robertson

Results

Rd 1	10-Sep-05	vs	Penrith Panthers	won	12 – 10
Rd 2	17-Sep-05	vs	Kemps Creek	won	18 – 9
Rd 3	24-Sep-05	vs	Plumpton Braves	drew	15 – 15
Rd 4	8-Oct-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers	won	21 – 5
Rd 5	15-Oct-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Blackhawks	won	15 – 7
Rd 6	22-Oct-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Mohawks	won	19 – 14
Rd 7	29-Oct-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers	won	14 – 8
Rd 8	10-Nov-05	vs	Kemps Creek	won	19 – 14
Rd 9	12-Nov-05	vs	Bye		
Rd 10	19-Nov-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Mohawks	won	17 – 10
Rd 11	26-Nov-05	vs	Plumpton	washed out	
Rd 12	3-Dec-05	vs	Penrith Panthers	won	14 – 11
Rd 13	10-Dec-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Blackhawks	drew	12 – 12
Rd 14	17-Dec-05	vs	St Marys	washed out	
Rd 15	28-Jan-06	vs	Mackillop	won on forfeit (9 – 0)	
Rd 16	4-Feb-06	vs	West Sydney Boomers	won	21 – 7
Rd 17	11-Feb-06	vs	Kemps Creek	won	20 – 17
Rd 18	18-Feb-06	vs	Bye		
Rd 19	25-Feb-06	vs	Colyton St Clair Mohawks	won on forfeit (9 – 0)	
Rd 20	4-Mar-06	vs	Plumpton	won	20 – 8
Semi Final	11-Mar-06	vs	Penrith Panthers	lost	9 – 15
Final	18-Mar-06	vs	Colyton St Clair Blackhawks	lost	6 – 18

Report:

The under 8's might have been short in stature, and frequently short in number, but were big on heart during the 2005/06 season. What this team managed to achieve with just seven regular players was sensational to say the least.

This squad started the season with a bare nine players, but unfortunately were only able to keep the core seven on the diamond through most of the season. Despite this, the team maintained an undefeated record during the regular season, finishing minor premier with 14 wins and two draws. They were the only team in the Association – junior or senior – to go through the regular season undefeated.

Throughout the season there were many highlights. There was plenty of solid hitting from Matthew Green, Nicholas Martin and Christopher Morris, diving saves (in fact diving generally) from Jack Flaxman, the ability of Daniel Robertson to make base at every at bat, solid fielding by Shenae Williams and great running from Alex Baker. All of the players made great contributions to the team cause and even on the occasions when the team were down, at least one or two would make the exceptional play to salvage something from the game.

While the team managed to get though to the finals without a loss, once in the post season it was a different story. The semi final against Penrith was a shock defeat by a team down on a bit of form. This seemed to carry into the final the following week where the team was completely outplayed by a more enthusiastic opposition.

Despite the unfortunate end to the season, the achievements of the magnificent seven should not be overshadowed. All of the players deserve the accolades of a great season, as do the coaching staff of Vanlea Matthews and Jake Robertson (who was coaching for the first time this season).

Special thanks go to the super subs from the under 7 squad – Lachlain “Little Legs” Foad and Bailey Green – who both played in a couple of games when the team was short. Thank you also to super scorer Kim Robertson, and mighty manager Robyn Baker for their assistance during the season.

Let's hope everyone backs up next season and can go even better again.



Under 9

Under 9 Roster – Season 2005 / 06

Steven Azzopardi
Aaron Baker
Emily Flaxman
Braydon Green
Wayne Jeffrey
Tyson Kake
Junior Luamanuvae
Bradley Menouhos
Olivia Morales
Timothy Portelli
Brock Schneider
Tevita Tilini

US players borrowed during season:

Alex Baker, Jack Flaxman, Matthew Green, Christopher Morris

Coach: David Flaxman **Assistant:** Richard Menouhos
Manager: Steven Baker
Scorer: Jimmima Tilini **Assistants:** Steven Baker, Kylie Menouhos

Rd 1	10/09/2005	vs	Mackillop	lost	17 – 22
Rd 2	17/09/2005	vs	Plumpton Braves	won	26 – 18
Rd 3	24/09/2005	vs	Penrith Panthers	lost	20 - 27
Rd 4	8/10/2005	vs	West Sydney Boomers	lost	23 – 27
Rd 5	15/10/2005	vs	Kemps Creek	lost	25 – 27
Rd 6	22/10/2005	vs	Mackillop	lost	22 – 23
Rd 7	29-Oct-05	vs	Plumpton	won	24 – 20
Rd 8	10-Nov-05	vs	Penrith Panthers	lost	18 – 26
Rd 9	12-Nov-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers	lost	9 – 24
Rd 10	19-Nov-05	vs	Kemps Creek	won	25 – 24
Rd 11	26-Nov-05	vs	Mackillop	washed out	
Rd 12	3-Dec-05	vs	Plumpton	won on forfeit	
Rd 13	10-Dec-05	vs	Penrith Panthers	lost	23 – 29
Rd 14	17-Dec-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers	washed out	
Rd 15	28-Jan-06	vs	Kemps Creek	won on forfeit	
Rd 16	4-Feb-06	vs	Mackillop	lost	15 – 25
Rd 17	11-Feb-06	vs	Plumpton	won	22 – 14
Rd 18	18-Feb-06	vs	Penrith Panthers	lost	10 – 23
Rd 19	25-Feb-06	vs	West Sydney Boomers	lost	23 – 25
Rd 20	4-Mar-06	vs	Kemps Creek	won	29 – 20
Semi Final	11-Mar-06	vs	Mackillop	lost	22 – 25

Report:

The under 9's were a mix of last season's under 8 grand final team and some new players. During the year, this group started to mesh into a team that, while maybe not as skilful as the top sides in the competition, certainly matched the effort of any team they came up against.

The 9's recorded 7 wins and 11 losses for the season, but looking at that alone does the team a great injustice as the season was about much more than that. The aim for this team was to ensure that all of the players were able to 'have a go'. No player was destined to spend the season in the outfield or be hidden away at catcher all were given the opportunity to play in each position and bat at various positions in the order. Only leading up to the semis were players were played as specialists, covering two or three particular positions where their individual efforts were always important.

Wins against Plumpton and Kemps Creek were highlights and great for the team morale, but some of our memorable moments were in our losses. Against Mackillop in round 1 we scored 15-1 in the fifth (it was later reduced to 5-1). At Penrith parents from both sides praised the efforts of an unlucky Blues squad with just nine players. At Boomers the team led for the first 4 innings against the competition leaders, proving they were good enough to take on anyone.

All 12 players in this group provided their own special moments during the season. There were some wonderful hits to bring home runners, some great reflex catches and, toward the end of the season, some spectacular teamwork to get the tag outs and put outs on base. To spotlight just some of the players would be unfair to the others. Everyone played an important and vital role.

Special thanks need to be extended to the under 9 support team: Jimmima Tilini (scorer), Steven Baker (manager), Richard Menouhos (assistant coach) and Kylie Menouhos (some scoring, some managing, some coaching, all smiling). Thanks also to Andrew 'AJ' Jeffrey, Colin Tilini and Benjamin Green for their assistance at training throughout the year, and to our under 8 players – Alex Baker, Jack Flaxman, Matthew Green and Christopher Morris – who played a few games at the end of the season. Finally a special thank you to all the parents who brought players to the games and to training.

And last, but not least, thank you to the players – lets hope we see you all on the diamond again next year.

Under 10

Under 10 Roster – Season 2005 / 06

Dylan Currey
Hayden Davis
Christopher Jeffrey
Nathaniel Larkin
Jarrod Manning
Reece Nixon
Wade O'Brien
Jessie Paniora Rhind
Dylan Soward
Joshua Tempest

U9 players borrowed during season: Wayne Jeffrey, Junior Luamanuvae

Coach: Ken Warner **Assistant:** Rick Warner, Peter Thurbon
Manager: Gemma Currey
Scorer: Kerry Soward

Rd 1	10-Sep-05	vs	Mackillop	won	2 – 0
Rd 2	17-Sep-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Redskins	won	22 – 3
Rd 3	24-Sep-05	vs	Penrith Panthers	lost	7 – 15
Rd 4	08-Oct-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers Gold	won	11 – 6
Rd 5	15-Oct-05	vs	Kemps Creek	drew	6 – 6
Rd 6	22-Oct-05	vs	St Marys	won	7 – 4
Rd 7	29-Oct-05	vs	Minchinbury Marlins	lost	4 – 13
Rd 8	5-Nov-05	vs	Mackillop	washed out - abandoned	
Rd 9	12-Nov-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Redskins	won	8 – 1
Rd 10	19-Nov-05	vs	Penrith Panthers	lost	3 – 5
Rd 11	26-Nov-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers	washed out	
Rd 12	3-Dec-05	vs	Kemps Creek	won	7 – 6
Rd 13	10-Dec-05	vs	St Marys	won	8 – 7
Rd 14	01-Feb-06	vs	Minchinbury Marlins	lost	10 – 11
Rd 15	28-Jan-06	vs	Mackillop	won on forfeit (9 – 0)	
Rd 16	4-Feb-06	vs	Colyton St Clair Redskins	won	15 – 1
Rd 17	11-Feb-06	vs	Penrith Panthers	lost	7 – 16
Rd 18	18-Feb-06	vs	West Sydney Boomers	won	13 – 11
Rd 19	25-Feb-06	vs	Kemps Creek	won	15 – 16
Rd 20	4-Mar-06	vs	St Marys	won	10 – 2
Semi Final	11-Mar-06	vs	Penrith Panthers	won 9 – 10 on upheld protest	
Grand Final	25-Mar-06	vs	Mackillop	lost	10 – 11

Under 12

Under 12 Roster – Season 2005 / 06

Kiran Bernardoni
Corey Garcia
Corey Ingram
Andrew Jeffrey
Jacob Larkin
James Matthews
Madeline Mercieca
Joshua Morris
Damon Nixon
Shaquiol Rhind
Ben Tempest
Stacey Turner

Coach: Phil Larkin
Manager: Helen
Scorer: Sue Loschiavo

Assistant: Ben Irmisch

Rd 1	10-Sep-05	vs	Minchinbury Marlins	lost	7 – 14
Rd 2	17-Sep-05	vs	Plumpton Braves	won on forfeit	
Rd 3	24-Sep-05	vs	Penrith Cougars	won	8 – 5
Rd 4	08-Oct-05	vs	Bye		
Rd 5	15-Oct-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Cheyenne	lost	7 – 8
Rd 6	22-Oct-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers Gold	lost	3 – 6
Rd 7	29-Oct-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers Green	lost	7 – 10
Rd 8	10-Nov-05	vs	Penrith Pumas	won	6 – 5
Rd 9	12-Nov-05	vs	Mackillop Green	won	10 – 9
Rd 10	19-Nov-05	vs	Kemps Creek	won	10 – 7
Rd 11	26-Nov-05	vs	St Marys	washed out	
Rd 12	3-Dec-05	vs	Minchinbury Marlins	lost	10 – 12
Rd 13	10-Dec-05	vs	Plumpton	won	6 – 3
Rd 14	17-Dec-05	vs	Penrith Cougars	washed out / abandoned	
Rd 15	28-Jan-06	vs	Bye		
Rd 16	4-Feb-06	vs	Colyton St Clair Cheyenne	drew	5 – 5
Rd 17	11-Feb-06	vs	West Sydney Boomers Gold	won	8 – 5
Rd 18	18-Feb-06	vs	West Sydney Boomers Green	lost	3 – 8
Rd 19	25-Feb-06	vs	Penrith Pumas	lost	2 – 7
Rd 20	4-Mar-06	vs	Mackillop Green	won	11 – 10
Semi Final	11-Mar-06	vs	Penrith Pumas	won	7 – 5
Final	18-Mar-06	vs	St Marys	won	7 – 4
Grand Final	25-Mar-06	vs	Colyton St Clair Cheyenne	won	10 – 6

Report:

The under 12's team this year was one of 11 teams graded in division 2, the team had a mixed regular season, one week firing on all cylinders and the next week playing like they were still half asleep. So at the end of the season the team was in 8th position on the ladder after winning 7, drawing 1 and losing 8 games. It was decided at the end of the season that the teams in position 5 to 8 on the ladder would playoff for the division 3 premiership, so we came into the division 3 final series in 4th position.

As we started the finals it seemed as though everything just clicked and players that had struggled at bat were making hits and getting on base. They were making the close tags on runners stealing bases; the players were working together and playing as a team. In the end the team won all 3 finals matches to take out the division 3 premiership. The scores in all three games were close, with scores of 7-5 against Penrith in the semi-final, 7-4 against St Marys in the final and 10-6 against Colyton in the grand final.

There were a number of players from the under 12's that tried out for representative teams after the season ended. Congratulations to B.J. Tempest and Joshua Morris on making the 28 person Greater Western rep winter development training squad. Good luck to both of you.

We finished the season with an afternoon of bowling and pizza at Pizza Hut (the kids were eating some interesting combinations from the desert bar), which was enjoyed by all of the members of the team that could make it.

I would like to take this opportunity (on behalf of Ben and myself) to thank all of the parents for bringing the kids to training sessions each Wednesday and to the games every Saturday (especially the early games when we expected the kids at the ground at 7:30am to warm up before the game). In particular, thank you to Sue for doing the scoring this season and to Helen for managing the team, collecting the money each week and organising the end of season party. Also to George for all his coaching help this season. It has been a lot of fun coaching the team this season and I have learnt a lot from the kids, and hope that have learnt just a little more about baseball from me.

Thank you,

Phil Larkin

Under 14

Under 14 Roster – Season 2005 / 06

Wray Cashmere
Benjamin Green
Drew Keating
Daniel Larkin
Nicholas Larkin
Aden McQueen
Brad Power
Alex Ryan
Sean Spernick
Damien Taylor
Colin Tilini
Anson To

Coach: Michael Wilcox **Assistant:** Ben Nash
Manager: Rosemary Nash
Scorer: Rosemary Nash

Rd 1	10-Sep-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Apache	lost on forfeit (0 – 9)
Rd 2	17-Sep-05	vs	Mackillop Green	won 12 – 8
Rd 3	24-Sep-05	vs	Bye	
Rd 4	08-Oct-05	vs	Mackillop Gold	won 13 – 12
Rd 5	15-Oct-05	vs	Penrith Jaguars	won 13 – 4
Rd 6	22-Oct-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers	won 4 – 3
Rd 7	29-Oct-05	vs	Kemps Creek	won 17 – 6
Rd 8	5-Nov-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Apache	washed out – match abandoned
Rd 9	12-Nov-05	vs	Mackillop Green	lost 10 – 11
Rd 10	19-Nov-05	vs	Bye	
Rd 11	26-Nov-05	vs	Mackillop Gold	washed out
Rd 12	3-Dec-05	vs	Penrith Jaguars	won 8 – 4
Rd 13	10-Dec-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers	won 15 – 8
Rd 14	01-Feb-06	vs	Kemps Creek	won on forfeit (9 – 0)
Rd 15	28-Jan-06	vs	Colyton St Clair Apache	won 10 – 4
Rd 16	4-Feb-06	vs	Mackillop Green	won 17 – 6
Rd 17	11-Feb-06	vs	Bye	
Rd 18	18-Feb-06	vs	Mackillop Gold	won 13 – 8
Rd 19	25-Feb-06	vs	Penrith Jaguars	won 9 – 3
Rd 20	4-Mar-06	vs	West Sydney Boomers	won 15 – 0
Semi Final	11-Mar-06	vs	Colyton St Clair Apache	won 12 – 2
Grand Final	25-Mar-06	vs	Mackillop	lost 5 – 15

Under 16

Under 16 Roster – Season 2005 / 06

Kirsten Chivas
Mitchell Edwards
Janna Loudon
Blake O'Keefe
Grant Piccoli
Rhys Sanders
Ben Thompson
Shane Turner
Jamie De Ubago
Todd van Steensel
Max Ward
Richard Ward

Coach: Peter Piccoli
Manager: Ken Edwards
Scorer: Bernie Ward

Assistant: Glenn Sanders

Rd 1	10-Sep-05	vs	Holroyd Giants	lost	3 – 7
Rd 2	17-Sep-05	vs	Plumpton Braves	drew	6 – 6
Rd 3	24-Sep-05	vs	Mackillop	won	2 – 1
Rd 4	08-Oct-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Comanche	won	7 – 3
Rd 5	15-Oct-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Shawnee	won	6 – 4
Rd 6	22-Oct-05	vs	Holroyd Giants	won	4 – 3
Rd 7	29-Oct-05	vs	Plumpton	won	6 – 4
Rd 8	10-Nov-05	vs	Mackillop	won	8 – 2
Rd 9	12-Nov-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Comanche	drew	3 – 3
Rd 10	19-Nov-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Shawnee	lost	6 – 7
Rd 11	26-Nov-05	vs	Holroyd Giants	washed out	
Rd 12	3-Dec-05	vs	Plumpton	lost	2 – 8
Rd 13	10-Dec-05	vs	Mackillop	won	8 – 2
Rd 14	17-Dec-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Comanche	washed out / abandoned	
Rd 15	28-Jan-06	vs	Colyton St Clair Shawnee	lost	2 – 15
Rd 16	4-Feb-06	vs	Holroyd Giants	lost	0 – 5
Rd 17	11-Feb-06	vs	Plumpton	won	7 – 3
Rd 18	18-Feb-06	vs	Mackillop	won	12 – 0
Rd 19	25-Feb-06	vs	Colyton St Clair Comanche	won	7 – 2
Rd 20	4-Mar-06	vs	Colyton St Clair Shawnee	drew	3 – 3
Semi Final	11-Mar-06	vs	Colyton St Clair Shawnee	won	4 – 1
Grand Final	25-Mar-06	vs	Plumpton	drew	5 – 5

Report:

Firstly I would like to congratulate all the players who made representative teams this year: Mitchell, Rhys, Blake, Todd and Grant who represented NSW Juniors to St Louis, USA, back in August 2005; Blake, Richie and Mitchell who played Youth League plus Janna, Max, Todd, Rhys and Grant who played Association Cup.

The year started poorly with a loss to the new team in the competition Holroyd after being in front for most of the game followed by a draw against Plumpton. The team then hit form and won the next 6 games in a row to be leading the comp. However, having so many players in the representative teams and a number of injuries meant we struggled during the middle of season and only won one of the next six games and dropped back to 3rd position on the table. On one occasion we could not field a full team even though we had 12 players we could only manage 8 on the field one Saturday. At this stage the team could have continued to struggle and drop out of the finals race or work hard to start winning again. To the players credit they won the next three games to enter the semi finals in 2nd position. The first semi final was a great performance by the team with a 4-1 win over the minor premiers and our arch rivals Shawnee which saw the side go straight to the grand final.

The Grand Final against Plumpton was a great game of baseball in which we led 3-2 after the 1st innings but after that the game became tighter and the team was behind 4-3 going into the bottom of the 5th innings and we had to score one run to force the game into extra time or two for the win. Some good hitting by the top of the order and the game was tied up at 4-4 with no outs but unfortunately we were unable to score the winning run and the game went to extra time. The 1st innings of extra time and Plumpton scored the go ahead run so once again we went into bat needing to score 1 run to tie the game and 2 to win. With 2 out we managed to score the run to make it 5-5 and tie the game up once again but could not score the winning run. The top of the 2nd extra innings and we had the opposition 2 out and we only needed 1 more out than we had the top of our batting order coming up and were confident of victory at last. However time and game was called as the extra ½ hour was up so the game finished in a 5-5 draw which was slightly disappointing as we would have liked to have won the game. We were declared PREMIERS as we were the first team into the Grand Final.

So after a season where we had 11 wins, 4 draws & 5 losses for many in the team this was their 2nd premiership in 3 years for others it was their 1st, so congratulations to everyone connected with the team. All players within the team contributed to the result achieved which was never more evident than on Grand Final day. Accordingly I have not included any individual statistics in this report but they are available to any players wishing to know.

Thanks to all the parents / sisters / brothers / grandparents / friends who turned up during the year and gave their support to the team. I was also like to thank the committee for their efforts during the year as without the work they put in the players would not be able to participate and enjoy baseball as they do now or to make the friends they make through the sport whether it be at club representative level.

For all the players who are trying out for he various rep teams during winter, Good Luck and hope to see everybody back fit & well next season.



USA Trip - August 2005

The 2005 baseball year started with a lot of very hopeful 14 year olds converging on Oriole Stadium, Auburn on the morning of April 3rd for the trials to make the U15 squad visiting St Louis, Missouri, USA.

The trials ran twice a week for a month at each session the group was anxious as they each waited the call they had been cut. May 1st came around and the final cut was being made as some very nervous nellies sat rigid as the numbers were called.

The excitement ran high as the five remaining Rooty Hill players (Mitchell Edwards, Blake O'Keefe, Grant Piccoli, Rhys Sanders and Todd Van Steensel) realised that their dreams had come true and they were off to America, to play baseball - the land where baseball was born.

At that point 8 very excited parents and 1 sister, decided, we cannot let the boys have all the fun, let's go see the bank manager and we will go to. As the trip started on 1 August, we had three months to plan the trip of a lifetime.

August 1st arrived and 8 Rooty Hill, 1 Colyton St Clair and 2 Bankstown jet setters converged on Sydney airport. We saw our boys off (their flight via Auckland). We then waited for our direct flight to LA. Confusion over the boarding time however saw 11 people almost miss the flight, just boarding as the doors were being closed. We never got boarding times wrong again as 9 of us were taking our boys and having an extended stay and we had another 8 flights to catch during the trip.

The 8 days in St Louis were wonderful, the host families and the people of Ellisville were so welcoming. The experience will never be forgotten. The team was up against the best the Japanese and the Americans had to offer and although they only won two of the six games, they had played in America and nothing else mattered.

During their free time the host families took them on some adventures, shopping for the best baseball gear, rafting and a major league game at Busch Stadium Cardinals v Braves. What an atmosphere.

August 9 saw us collect the boys and head off on the rest of our adventure. First stop New York where we shopped, saw the sights, rode the subway to Yankee Stadium to catch the Yankees v Texas Rangers and found cats in the fridge (not the cradle) in our local deli. We had a day trip to Niagara Falls, probably the highlight for the adults. They are awesome. Driving along they just seem to appear. Our final destination was Los Angeles for more shopping, more sights and Disneyland. Yes! One of the big kids did cry entering Disneyland 46 years old and she was finally there. We could have seen an Angels game but the Disney parade was the popular choice.

Players - when you reach 14 take the opportunity if offered, trial to play in America. You will have a wonderful trip.

Ken Edwards
U16/1s-Manager

U8 Gala Day - February 2006

Rooty Hill was represented at the Winston Hills Baseball Club Under 8 Tee-Ball Gala Day held at Col Sutton Reserve, Baulkham Hills. Nine teams from four associations attended the day, which was eventually won by the Mustangs Club from Bankstown Association.

Matches were played under modified rules that allowed all batters on the roster to bat, regardless of how many outs, and allowed all players to field – creating a very crowded outfield.

The Blues, bolstered by players from the under 7 and under 9 squads, took on Castle Hill (Hills District), Greenway (Ryde-Hornsby) and Plumpton (GWBA) in their pool. After a narrow loss to Castle Hill first up, the Blues had good wins over Plumpton and Greenway. That left the team second in their pool, not quite enough to make the final. All participants were given a medallion at the end of the day.

The Blues squad:

Alex Baker, Christopher Morris, Daniel Robertson, Jack Flaxman, Matthew Green, Nick Martin, Shenae Williams, Lachlain Foad (U7), Bailey Green (U7), Aaron Baker (U9), Emily Flaxman (U9)



U7 Gala Day - March 2006

The annual Greater Western under 7 Gala Day was hosted by the Plumpton Club at Alroy Park on 12th March 2006. Rooty Hill was represented and played in two games, against Kemps Creek and Mackillop. On a warm day and with just the regular seven players used for most of the season, the team were unable to register a win and missed out on the final. However, all of the players gave a good effort and all came away with something at the end of the day.

2005 Senior Winter

Division 4

Playing as Division 5

Rd 1	09-Apr-05	vs	Lansvale	won	11 - 10
Rd 2	16-Apr-05	vs	Penrith Wildcats	won	12 - 10
Rd 3	23-Apr-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Chiefs	won	11 - 6
Rd 4	30-Apr-05	vs	Mackillop	won	26 - 12
Rd 5	07-May-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers	drew	7 - 7
Rd 6	14-May-05	vs	Lansvale	won	8 - 3

Regraded to Division 4

Rd 7	21-May-05	vs	Blacktown Workers	lost	5 - 12
Rd 8	28-May-05	vs	Mackillop	won	13 - 8
Rd 9	04-Jun-05	vs	Diggers	won	12 - 9
Rd 10	18-Jun-05	vs	Penrith Cheetahs	won	7 - 1
Rd 11	25-Jun-05	vs	St Marys	won	10 - 9
Rd 12	02-Jul-05	vs	Bye		
Rd 13	09-Jul-05	vs	Wildcats	won	7 - 3
Rd 14	16-Jul-05	vs	Blacktown Workers	won	9 - 5
Rd 15	23-Jul-05	vs	Mackillop	won	7 - 5
Semi Final	30-Jul-06	vs	Diggers	lost	5 - 9
Final	06-Aug-05	vs	Blacktown Workers	lost	5 - 14

Division 6 - Blue Marlins

(Joint venture team between Rooty Hill and Minchinbury)

Results

Rd 1	09-Apr-05	vs	Diggers	won	18 - 7
Rd 2	16-Apr-05	vs	Penrith Pumas	won	8 - 5
Rd 3	23-Apr-05	vs	Wolves	lost	13 - 18
Rd 4	30-Apr-05	vs	Blacktown Workers	lost	2 - 18
Rd 5	07-May-05	vs	St Marys	won	17 - 4
Rd 6	14-May-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Chiefs	lost	8 - 10
Rd 7	21-May-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Chiefs White	lost	6 - 12
Rd 8	28-May-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers Gold	won	19 - 8
Rd 9	04-Jun-05	vs	Penrith Wildcats	lost	5 - 12
Rd 10	18-Jun-05	vs	Bye		
Rd 11	25-Jun-05	vs	Plumpton 7	won	10 - 5
Rd 12	02-Jul-05	vs	Mackillop Green	won	9 - 0
Rd 13	09-Jul-05	vs	Bethany	won	10 - 6
Rd 14	16-Jul-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Chiefs	lost	12 - 14
Rd 15	23-Jul-05	vs	Mackillop	won	6 - 3
Semi Final	30-Jul-05	vs	Bethany	won	15 - 14
Final	06-Aug-05	vs	Penrith Wildcats	won	9 - 7
Grand Final	13-Aug-05	vs	Mackillop	won	17 - 12

2005/06 Senior Summer

Division 4

Results

Playing as Division 3

Rd 1	03-Sep-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Chiefs	lost 7 – 20
Rd 2	10-Sep-05	vs	Wildcats	lost 4 – 10
Rd 3	17-Sep-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers	lost 1 – 7
Rd 4	24-Sep-05	vs	Brewers	lost 1 – 6
Rd 5	08-Oct-05	vs	Penrith Wildcats	lost 7 – 14
Rd 6	15-Oct-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Chiefs	lost 4 – 22

Regraded to Division 4

Rd 7	22-Oct-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Chiefs	won 15 – 6
Rd 8	29-Oct-05	vs	Penrith Lions	won 19 – 10
Rd 9	13-Nov-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers	lost 0 – 9
Rd 10	12-Nov-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Chiefs	won 16 – 11
Rd 11	19-Nov-05	vs	Penrith Lions	won 13 – 2
Rd 12	04-Dec-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers	won 14 – 4
Rd 13	11-Dec-05	vs	Colyton St Clair Chiefs	lost 0 – 9
Rd 14	10-Dec-05	vs	Penrith Lions	won 17 – 8
Rd 15	17-Dec-05	vs	West Sydney Boomers	won 16 – 1
Rd 16	28-Jan-06	vs	Colyton St Clair Chiefs	won 9 – 0 (forfeit)
Rd 17	04-Feb-06	vs	Penrith Lions	won 10 – 3
Rd 18	11-Feb-06	vs	West Sydney Boomers	won 13 – 6

GRAND FINAL SERIES – best of 3

Wk 1	18-Feb-06	vs	West Sydney Boomers	won 14 – 4
Wk 2	25-Feb-06	vs	West Sydney Boomers	won 10 – 6

Club Events 2005 / 06

The Blues were involved in a number of social and fundraising events during 2005/06. Among these were the annual Carols by Glowlight, which showcased our club's young stars in a tee-ball demonstration, the Rooty Hill RSL Country Music Weekend, the "8 Seconds of Thunder" Rodeo and the Mt Druitt Hospital Fete. In addition, a small core of dedicated parents and players held the fort at the barbecue and canteen at each home game home game during the seasons.

The efforts of all club members who assisted at these events cannot be underestimated or under appreciated. Through these efforts, the club raises valuable funds to ensure the club can continue to exist and provide baseball at a reasonable cost to players.

Below is a pictorial record of some of the events our club has been involved in during the past year.



Dates to Remember

Club Meetings: third Monday of every month

Annual General Meeting:	Monday 15 May 2006
General Meetings:	Monday 19 June 2006
	Monday 17 July 2006
	Monday 21 August 2006
	Monday 18 September 2006
	Monday 16 October 2006
	Monday 20 November 2006
	Monday 18 December 2006
	Monday 15 January 2007
	Monday 19 February 2007
	Monday 19 March 2007
	Monday 16 April 2007

Summer Season – 2006 / 07

Registration Days: Saturday 15, 22 and 29 July 2006 (*tentative dates only*)
Monday 17 July 2006 (*tentative date only*)
(*exact dates to be confirmed by committee*)

Pre Season Training Starts: From Wednesday 2 August 2006 (*tentative date only*)

Junior Competitions: **round 1:** Saturday 9 September 2006
Finals series: Saturday 10, 17, 24 March 2007
(*dates to be confirmed by Greater Western Baseball Association*)

Senior Competitions: **round 1:** Saturday 2 September 2006
Finals series: Saturday 17, 24 February; 3 March 2007
(*dates to be confirmed by Greater Western Baseball Association*)

Age limits for junior teams in 2006/07 Season:

Under 7	born in 2000, 2001	(aged 5 or 6 at 31 December 2006)
Under 8	born in 1999	(aged 7 at 31 December 2006)
Under 9	born in 1998	(aged 8 at 31 December 2006)
Under 10	born in 1997	(aged 9 at 31 December 2006)
Under 12	born in 1995, 1996	(aged 10 or 11 at 31 December 2006)
Under 14	born in 1993, 1994	(aged 12 or 13 at 31 December 2006)
Under 16	born in 1991, 1992	(aged 14 or 15 at 31 December 2006)

School Terms and Holidays

Term 2: 1 May – 30 June 2006	Vacation: 1 July – 16 July 2006
Term 3: 17 July – 29 Sept 2006	Vacation: 30 Sept – 15 Oct 2006
Term 4: 16 Oct – 21 Dec 2006	Vacation: 22 Dec 2006 – 26 Jan 2007
Term 1: 27 Jan – 5 April 2007	Vacation: 6 April – 22 April 2007 (Easter: 6 – 9 April)

Rooty Hill RSL Events (*expected dates – to be confirmed by Club*)

13 May 2006-04-26	Mt Druitt Hospital Fete
10 December 2006	Carols By Glowlight (Under 7 Tee Ball Demonstration)
22 April 2006	ANZAC March and Service