



*Blues*

*Rooty Hill RSL Youth  
Baseball Club*

*Yearbook 2010/11*



## *Ode to Volunteers*

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*Many will be shocked to find,  
When the day of judgment nears,  
That there's a special place in Heaven  
Set aside for volunteers.*

*Furnished with big recliners,  
Satin couches and footstools:  
Where there's no committee chairman,  
No group leaders or carpools.*

*No eager team that needs a coach,  
No bazaar and no bake sale;  
There will be nothing to staple,  
Not one thing to fold or mail.*

*Telephone lists will be outlawed,  
But a finger snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners  
And rare feasts fit for a king.*

*You ask, "Who will serve these privileged  
few and work for all they're worth?"  
Why, all those who reaped the benefit and  
NOT ONCE VOLUNTEERED on Earth!*

## Committee 2010/11

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President	Stephen Kenny ( <i>May – Aug 2010</i> ) Colin Jeffrey ( <i>from Aug 2010</i> )
Vice President	Dave Freyer
Secretary	David Flaxman
Assistant Secretary	Charmaine Woodcock
Treasurer	Steven Baker
Registrar	Kim Robertson ( <i>May – Aug 2010</i> ) Jake Robertson/Ra'chelle Eyre ( <i>from Aug 2010</i> )
Grounds	Colin Jeffrey, Tim Robinson
Canteen	Sharon Cuthbert
Uniform/Equipment	Leah Flaxman
Umpires	Vacant
Publicity	David Flaxman
Youth Club Delegates	Jake Robertson/Charmaine Woodcock
Greater Western Delegates	Jake Robertson/Charmaine Woodcock
General Committee	Justine Walker, Evelyn Kenny, Jeanette Kenny

## Coaches

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Under 7	George Ward
Under 8	Noel Foad
Under 9	David Flaxman
Under 10	Julie and Paul Devaney
Under 12/1	Alan Charity/Todd Fuller
Under 14	Stephen Kenny/Steven Baker
Under 14 Blue Chiefs	Richard and Jake Robertson/Kyle Fuller ( <i>Colyton</i> )
Under 17 Blue Saints	Rhys Callaghan (Rooty Hill)/Warren Whittingham ( <i>Saints</i> )

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# Secretary's Report

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It has certainly been an interesting 12 months at Rooty Hill. There has been excitement on the field, excitement off as well, some wonderful achievements and results and some events that are best left in the history books.

This year has been notable for the club's first premiership in about four seasons – the Senior Division 6 side took out the 2010 GWSBL Winter title. It was a marvellous effort from a team of largely social players who enjoy a bit of a hit on a Saturday. The team gelled well and finished second in the regular season, taking out the minor premiers St Marys twice in the finals series. Congratulations to Phil Larkin and the team on a wonderful achievement.

In the junior ranks, the club maintained its numbers overall, but fielded one under strength side and two teams as merged entities with other clubs. It speaks to the issues that the sport is facing generally, not just our club, in retaining players and growing numbers. Of the clubs in Greater Western, only Plumpton grew numbers substantially. To illustrate the problem:

- Greater Western passed a resolution pre season to make the under 16 competition an under 17 competition to ensure there were numbers to compete. Even after that, there were two merged teams in the five team competition, one of which was the Rooty Hill Saints.
- The under 14 competition, normally divided into Division 1 and Division 2, was a single competition this year with eight teams. Rooty Hill and Colyton entered a single team each and a merged team between them (the Blue Chiefs), and there was a second merged team in the competition.
- The under 8s competition lost one team at Christmas due to lack of numbers, and our own Rooty Hill side competed strongly all year with just eight registered players.

It seems strange that at a time where the Blue Sox captured baseball fans imaginations in the national competition, there was not a spin off into local baseball. Maybe that will happen next year – the ABL only started in November – but if it doesn't, it does not bode well for our sport.

Despite this, there is still plenty to be proud of around our club. The Senior premiership has been mentioned, but in the juniors there were four teams who made the post season games.

- Steve Kenny's U14s finished third in the regular season, and narrowly went down in the last in the final
- Julie Devaney's U10s also finished third, with another last innings loss in the final
- Noel Foad's Under 8s finished third in regular season, and played strongly.
- Alan Charity's U12/1s finished fourth overall.
- The Under 7s also did proud, finishing second in the annual Gala Day.

The annual U12 Pre Season Gala was another great success. The format changed a little this year allowing the players to participate in two full length games, instead of the full round robin of previous years. This day remains a great learning tool for players coming into live ball and should be supported into the future.

The club supplied many representative players this year from U9s to U16. These players are noted elsewhere but I would like to highlight one in particular. Adam Wootton was selected to play in the NSW Under 14s squad which won the Australian Championships in January. Adam was also selected for the Major League Baseball Australian Academy Program, a wonderful achievement.

I would also like to highlight the other talents our baseballers have – Shaun Cameron again made the Irish Dancing Nationals and will be representing Australia on the world stage later this year. Congratulations and good luck, Shaun.

Off the field, the Bunnings BBQ day at the end of the season raised over \$1200 for the club, a great finish to what was a tough year financially. The annual trivia night was very poorly attended based on previous years, but still brought in about \$500. The canteen had mixed success due to the weather and the draw, but still remains the mainstay of the club.

At this point it is only right to acknowledge all those who have assisted the club throughout the year. The canteen was able to perform because of the canteen committee, comprising coordinator Sharon Cuthbert, Dave Freyer and Jus Walker. Alongside those were the volunteers who helped in the van and the BBQ. A special thanks to those who helped haul it to and from the ground, in particular the McKechnie family, with assistance also from the Baker and Eyre families at various times

The diamonds were set up every week by the Jeffrey family, who get up to the ground sometimes at 6am to make sure the diamonds are ready for play. The grounds themselves were well maintained thanks to Paul Devaney and Anthony Lowe, who took it upon themselves to make a project of making our diamonds the most presentable in the competition.

Our coaches have again put in many hours over the season – it is much more than just the game day or even the training – coaches can sometime put in over 5 hours a week in preparing game plans and training sessions.

On that count, thank you to George Ward, Noel Foad, Julie Devaney, Alan Charity, Todd Fuller, Steve Kenny, Steve Baker, Richard Robertson, Jake Robertson and Rhys Callaghan for the countless hours put in to coaching this season. I would also like to thank all those who assisted by scoring, managing, base coaching or helping at training sessions – your assistance is valued more than you realise.

I would also like to thank our umpires – those who probably get the least thanks. It is easy to be put off umpiring by hecklers and ignorant spectators, but few who complain about the officials ever have the guts to have a go themselves and show how they would do it better. To everyone who umpired throughout the year, many thanks – the game cannot go on without you.

Behind the scenes is a committee who are committed to making the best club possible and giving our kids a chance to play. The committee

are listed on an earlier page and I would like to thank them for their efforts and commitment to the club throughout the season. The jobs we do are voluntary and do take a lot of time. We don't always agree with the direction or decisions but we all have the best interests of the players and the club at heart. Their efforts are often under appreciated but without the committee there is no club.

A number of committee will not be renominating at the next AGM. Now is the time for new blood and a chance to reinvigorate the club. Please consider taking on a role – it is rewarding and a chance to help your kids shine.

While it is always hoped that players and families will return next season, it is a fact some of you will be moving on to other endeavours. I wish those of you who are not returning to the Blues all the best in your future pursuits and thank you for being a part of the Blues family. You will always be part of the Blues' rich history and will also be welcomed at PvH.

As for me, this is my last report. I have served six years on the committee, 4½ as secretary. It has been a demanding role, but one I have largely enjoyed as it gave me the chance to help promote a club and a sport I really believe in. I will not be standing for re-election on the committee due to family and work commitments, however I will still be around the club watching my boys play and supporting everything Rooty Hill. I thank everyone for the support I have had over many years, including the Presidents I served with (George Ward, Richard Robertson, Steve Kenny and Colin Jeffrey) and Treasurer Steve Baker. I have made many friends through this club and look forward to catching up with you all next season.

See you on the diamond – go BLUE

*Dave Flaxman*

Secretary

# U8's Report

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Well, what can you say about a team that had eight registered players throughout the season.

The team was made up of:

- Hannah 'Montana' Woodcock - who played everywhere, except where she wanted to play.
- Jack 'Alphabet' Vanderlinde - started at first base, but ended up playing catcher and made some good plays throughout the final series.
- Michael 'Micky' Wills - not so good as an outfielder, but a solid rock at pitcher.
- Ayden 'Smiling Assain' Hilal - plays well when he doesn't have his glove over his face.
- Arato 'Island time' Johnson - hits really well and runs the bases in his own time.
- Jacob 'Never says a word' Bailey - he doesnt say much, but when you can hit and play first base like he does you dont have to say much.
- Matthew 'Da Bomb' Lowe - hits the ball into the outfield and then chase's his own team around the bases.

Zakharius 'Up in the Air' Foad - if he could learn to stop hitting the ball up in the air, he might actually hit more into the outfield and score more runs.

With only 5 loses all season, 4 of those loses were due to forfeits, but we still managed to find ourselves in the final series. All of the team played like the champions they are.

I was impressed by the way the players were hitting singles and doubles whilst batting, then when in the field they threw the ball to the chest of their fellow team members. They played hard, but fair.

A special thank you goes to Anthony and Linda Lowe, Paula Bailey, David Woodcock, Charmaine Robbins, Gail Wills, Daniel Vanderlinde all of who helped out when asked too and last of all to my wife who put up with the baseball kit being in the way all season.

Thank you to all the people who worked with me tirelessly and assisted with the U8's on game day and at training. I couldn't have done it without you.

Noel Foad

U8's Coach

## *Under 8s*

Arato Avaava-Johnson

Jacob Bailey

Zakharius Foad

Ayden Hilal

Matthew Lowe

Jack Vanderlinde

Michael Wills

Hannah Woodcock

*Semi-finalists  
Finished fourth*



# U9's Report

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I am pleased to say that I had a wonderful group of players during 2010/11. Many of the team had played together in the previous two years but there were some new players to the game who were welcomed with open arms. Each had their own personality and own way of contributing to the game. All are great kids.

The stars of the show:

## **Tamyka**

Didn't play many games but always listened and always tried to apply what she learned at training in a game.

## **Tristan**

Big T never put in anything less than a full effort. When he connected, the ball stayed hit and the base paths weren't big enough to hold him.

## **Ryan**

Developed as an instinct player in the field, and instinctively talked his way through most games and training session. Handy on the left side of the diamond.

## **Ray**

The Rampage will be a great baseballer if he sticks with the game. Hits big, fields well and pulls down some wonderful catches. A joy to coach.

## **Khya**

The Zip Zip Man was a first season player. The little lefty has great pace around the bases and learned a few things in the field as the year went on.

## **Paige**

Another first season player. Always enthusiastic and always trying. Paige's improvement in all areas from first game to last was a joy to see.

## **Lachlan**

First year player with the Blues. Lachie was another player who developed as the season progressed and finished the year hitting really well.

## **Matthew**

MattyMac was the real character of the team, surprising many with his power off the tee and pace between bases. Made some handy stops in the field.

## **Jeremy**

Big J improved his all round game through the season. When he put his mind to it, he could be as good a player as anyone in the under 9 competition.

## **Monique**

'Magnifique' is the quiet achiever of the team. Always focused, always improving and always leading by example. A great ball player in the making.

## **Sally**

'Super Sal' was a handy third base, a really handy bat and a really handy player. Never took a backward step, and a pleasure to work with

## **Emma**

The quiet assassin. Always came to games and training with a big smile and a lot of heart. A really good, intelligent player with a handy all round game.

It is true that the Under 9 were not successful in terms of wins. This does not sit well with some, however as a coach I have never overly worried about the score. Yes, it is nice to win (and it would have been nice to win some more) but, in my opinion, it is important for young players to learn the game, enjoy the game, play in the right spirit and have a fair go. Do that and the results will come, but more importantly you'll keep the players in the game. The major league will still be there when they are old enough.

I would like to thank the parents of the players for their support of the team and of me over the season. Without parents, the kids don't get to games or training. I have enjoyed the support of the parents over the past three years, even though there might have been disagreement over some of my methods or decisions at times, and for that I thank you all.

## *Under 9s*

I need to especially thank those who assisted over the season – Rose Reweti for scoring (and Sharon Cuthbert stepping in as relief scorer), Rita Hodgson for managing the dugout, Gloria Powell for organising the social side of the team. Thanks also to the on field helpers Dave Freyer, Chad James, Jack Flaxman, Aiden Stopps and Greg Stopps for their coaching assistance, and to George Ward for coaching the team when I was unavailable.

This season was my third with this team and my last as coach. I have truly enjoyed working with all the kids, because they all brought something unique to the team and taught me much more than I could possibly teach them. They all have great opportunities to progress as far as the game will take them if they keep playing. They are all wonderful kids and I wish them well.

Thank you all.

See you around the diamond.

Dave

Tamyka Avaava-Johnson

Tristan Cuthbert

Ryan Flaxman

Raymond Freyer

Khya Hicks

Paige Hodgson

Lachlan James

Matthew McKechnie

Jeremy Parnell

Monique Powell

Sally Reweti

Emma Stanford

David Flaxman Coach



# U10's Report

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Summer baseball started early for the U10s. With a Zooka gala day scheduled a few weeks before the start of the season.

The gala day had a few surprises one of which was a hail storm during the second game creating an impromptu bonding session with all the team, parents, umpires, brothers and sisters huddled amongst the equipment in the dugout.

It was no surprise most kids struck out in the first game or two, a big transition from T-ball to machine ball, but by the end of the day everyone had managed a hit.

We trained twice a week until the season began to help the kids with their batting and the coaches with operating the Zooka. It was problematic to start with until the instruction manual was downloaded and after a good clean it seemed to run a lot better.

It wasn't an auspicious season opener with a loss to Colyton St Clair 3-0. It seemed nerves got the best of the team or it could have been the boys often played to the level of the opposition.

There was varied experience in the team with a few kids in their fifth year of baseball while others were in their first.

As catcher was an integral part of the game, rather than just putting the ball back on the tee, I decided to give all the kids a turn. The kids practiced catching and overthrows to second base at the training before they would catch in the game. A few really enjoyed it, Hayden, Josh and Brock in particular. I would have loved to continue with these guys but they were more valuable in the field. Hayden's catching ability and speed anywhere in the field but especially at short, second and centre field. Josh at pitcher and left field another quick one across the paddock and a great catcher of a high ball. Brock at 1st base, a great set of hands and quick to the ball, in the event of a wild throw.

The catching position then became the spot for the less experienced boys to get the extra catching and throwing they needed to help boost their skill and confidence levels. Erick, Braidyn, Riley and Lachlan improved considerably after a few games catching. It helped Lachlan get back into the swing after a year off the game.

He became one of my outfielders due to his catching of flyballs and his approach to playing sport, he was driven to do his best everytime, getting to the ball as quick as possible, to get it back in.

Erick managed to catch a foul ball whilst at catcher and Braidyn's confidence boomed and he became more involved at training. Riley didn't seem to like catcher as much as the others and moved to 3rd base where he also took a catch.

Catching fly balls was a favourite for the kids with many of them quite good at it. Ayoola and Julian even managed to catch fly balls even when they weren't watching the game. It happened to be in the same game. Paul called out while the ball was in the air and they both still managed to get to the ball.

Nearly all the team managed to make a catch during the season and a few of the boys managing to make double plays. Liam enjoyed throwing himself around to get impossible catches even popping one up then regathering to make a double at second then trying to get a third out at 3rd base but there were already three out.

A good combination on the field was Aaron at pitcher and Brock at first base. Aiden made 2nd base his own, being aware of the necessity to back up, always ready for the overthrow during the steal or the hit which would come his way

The batting order was worked out early with minor changes due to half games or unavailabilities. To get through the batting order the first few batters needed to be reliable hitters, allowing all the kids to get more than one bat. It took four innings and over an hour to get through the batting order in the first game, only allowing each of the boys one bat.

The kids also responded well when the first few batters hit well – if we started bad it continued.

A couple of interesting batting stats. Julian had the least amount of strike outs for the season (5) followed by Liam (6). There were eight home runs in our team Hayden (2), Liam (2), Lachlan, Riley, Erick and Brock. The highest score was against Plumpton in the semi final with 21 runs scored. How far they had come since the season opener.

## *Under 10s*

Erick Boyd  
Liam Devaney  
Braidyn Duroux  
Brock Eyre-Nixon  
Riley Kendrigan  
Aaron Lowe  
Joshua Murphy  
Julian Royo  
Hayden Salt  
Lachlan Shankelton  
Ayoola Shogunle  
Aiden Stopps

## *Finalists Finished third*

Some memorable moments for me as a Coach were:

- Erick's home run – which seemed to be in slow-motion.
- The last training session before the Christmas break was on sliding. The kids started on the grass in their socks before moving to a make-shift slip and slide fully equip with water and bubbles. The kids started practicing sliding like they would into bases. It soon became a competition who could slide the longest on their belly. With each slide the run up distance kept extending until the kids were over a diamond away. Even the kids who struggled with running during training managed to run from the other side of the diamond numerous times to slide. The kids didn't realise the distance of the run up didn't determine the length of the slide. We kept quite as this allowed dinner to be cooked on the BBQ. This training session was extremely rewarding for me as a few kids were reluctant to slide beforehand they now had the confidence to do it during games.
- One other highlight was having one of the team chosen in the Rookie Cup side, congratulations Liam.

The game of the season was against Plumpton in the semi final. All the kids should be very proud of the way they played with 21 runs scored in the game and keeping plumpton to only five during the five innings. The combination between Aaron and Brock played a big part in the win. Finally! The kids played to their own skill level and showed Plumpton how well they can play as a team.

The last game of the season was the final against Kemps Creek it was an extremely close game and we kept Kemps to one run until the third inning. The turning point was at the top of the fourth innings. We had none out and runners on second and third. For the first time in the season the infield fly rule came into play. Next play ended in a double. Try and explain the infield fly rule to nine year olds.

Hayden scored the only run for us in the fifth inning. Kemps won 7-1 and went on to beat Penrith in the Grand Final. It was great to see the kids smiling after the game, yes we had lost but they played hard right to the end.

It was a pleasure to coach the boys, it was difficult at times but extremely rewarding to share in their achievements and watch their skill and confidence grow throughout the season. Thanks kids for the privilege and good luck with your baseball in the future.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out during the season. Umpiring to canteen duty your assistance is always appreciated by me, the kids and the Club.

Julie Devaney



## *Under 7s*

Tristan Barber  
Ryan Bennett  
Patrick Eyre-Nixon  
Daniel Flaxman  
Nicholas Hancock  
Cameron Hill  
Taine Paul  
Haylie Robinson  
Luke Shankelton  
Frasier Simpson-Gabbe

*Finished second  
in the annual  
Gala Day.*





## *Under 12s*

Kersal Avaava-Johnson  
Alex Baker  
Aaron Charity  
Jakob Field  
Lachlain Foad  
Nickolas Hernandez  
Nathan Perry  
Liam Reilly  
James Robinson  
Alex Wilson

*Semi finalists  
Finished fourth*



# U14's White Socks Report

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Well what a year for the Rooty Hill White Sox. This team of young baseballers have had everything thrown at them at the start of the season from having too many players to just having a team.

What can I say about a team of young baseballers that started the season at the top of their game?

This team would have to be one of the best team of youth baseballers I have ever seen in the Greater Western Association. They played the game of baseball at the highest level.

To talk about each player of the fourteen White Sox would be so easy but the under 14's are a team of players and I can say this with pride. This team of baseballers had to play with eight players for most of the year and able to make the semi-finals was no small achievement.

To the parents of the U14's White Sox on behalf of the coaching staff Mr Steve Baker, Carlos and myself I would like to say a couple of words to you all. It's pretty easy to say thank you for bringing your young Baseballers to training and to all the games around the Greater Western area without the parents of these players; well the game of baseball will surely die, so please give yourself a pat on the back and thank you.

## **To Paul Martin the scorer of the under fourteens**

Paul I would like to thank you for your assistance with the team from scoring each week to helping out at training, also on a personal note the passion that you have for the game of baseball is a good to see in a parent it helps the coaching staff and players.

## **Carlos**

Carlos is a man that came to the club two years ago, Carlos did not know anything about the game of baseball. He has managed to teach and help the players at training and on the bench on game days. This man's heart now has a baseball inside it – you are good for this game. Thanks.

## **Craig Cannon**

Well the job no one wants. The job of Umpire I would like to thank you for standing in for all our home games it was awesome to see an umpire that called the game well. A big thank you for doing a professional job.

## **Steve Baker**

To be an Assistant Coach well what can I say? I would like to thank you for all your support and encouragement to all the players you are one of a kind. Mr Steven Baker a big thank you.

We hope that you all return to the mighty Blues in the summer of 2011.

Steve Kenny

Coach U14's White Sox

## *Under 14s White Socks*

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Steven Baihn	Aaron Baker
Blake Cannon	Jack Flaxman
Victor Hernandez	Wayne Jeffrey
Lachlan Kenny	Nicholas Martin
Troy Perret	Adam Wootton

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*Finalists  
Finished third*

## U14's Blue Chiefs

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What a learning curve this season has been, Both for me as a coach and the players and "grown ups".

The team was made up of players from Rooty Hill (BLUE) and Colyton St Clair (CHIEFS).

Firstly thank you to CStC for supplying the kitt and playing fields on game day and to Rooty Hill for training fields.

It really was a combined effort of grownups stepping in to help on training nights and game days in all areas from coaching to umpiring, managing and scoring – yes, KIM did miss some games!!!!

I do hope the team had as much fun as I did – it's all about getting out there and having fun for a few hours on Saturday morning.

At the start of season it was obvious that there was an 'us' and 'them' from the mixed team but it was fantastic to see this change over the season to being a TEAM. Just looking at the team photos showed this.

To have players like Ryan and Austin who have never played before show they were keen to learn and Dana who will eventually get that elusive hit for her batting gloves.

Week in and out you guys and girls turned up and played together. Lucas, who has some amazing velocity on the ball to Dallas who really confused them at pitching after Lucas. Ashleigh could pitch'em in there even though at times I knew it wasn't her favourite position. Actually I think everyone in the team except Ryan pitched in the season – he played catcher though.

The seasoned players (who were used to my ways) helped out all around and there was some interesting fielding and batting displays. Who can forget Kaitlyn getting beaned on her way to first base or her pitching to Penrith and blowing kisses to the players in the box. Daniel, Logan and Justin worked well as a trio-the run down plays in a few games.

Sure we only won the one game but it wasn't ever going to be about winning. Not for me anyway.

I hope you continue to play baseball in the coming seasons.Thank you for putting up with me

Richard Robertson

Coach U14's Blue Chiefs

## Under 14s BC

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Kaitlyn Brown	Austin Cash
Justin Costello	Daniel Robertson
Ryan Thompson	Logan Woodcock
Ashleigh Herman*	Dana Smith*
Dallas Makin*	Lucas Albee*

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Richard Robertson Coach

Kyle Fuller Asst Coach\*

Karen Costello Manager

Kim Robertson Scorer

\*registered with Colyton St Clair

# U17's Report

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The beginning of the season came up quite quickly after the initial registrations.

As in past seasons the numbers were quite low even with the age group being expanded to include 17's on top of the normal 16's age group.

Once again Rooty Hill needed to merge with another club to enable the boys to take the field.

St Marys were in the same predicament so a merger between the two clubs was approved by GWBA.

We ended up with a Coach from each club, an Assistant Coach from St Marys, Scorer from Rooty Hill and the Manager also from Rooty Hill.

The season started with players from both clubs meeting for the first time at Round 1 against Kemps Creek. We all wondered, wished and hoped the boys would gel as a team quickly as all the opposition teams were well established with numerous rep or ex-rep players.

The boys worked well together and became one team almost instantly considering we had a mixture across all three age groups, mostly first year 16's, with a range of experience from those who started at teeball to one player who was very new to the game.

Amazingly enough they won the first round by one run after the batter was caught out at left field. If the catch hadn't been taken Kemps would have won by two or three runs as the bases were loaded for the last play of the game.

The next few rounds gave mixed results. Then we lost our starting pitcher Andrew to Rugby League.

We needed to work on getting a new starting pitcher. Anthony and Josh took it in turns to start with Shaun closing most of the the innings. Even Myesh had a go and threw well for someone who has never pitched. For most of the games Josh started and Shaun finished, both lefties.

After playing with a bare nine players mid season the team was helped greatly by the return of

Matt mid season taking some timely catches at centre adding strength to the outfield and the batting. Unfortunately for Matt he had missed representative duties due to his broken wrist.

All in all the boys had a mixed season with some good wins and a some close losses.

Even when we weren't at full strength the boys still tried their best.

The possibility of making the semis came down to the last round where they needed a win to make it into 4th place.

Unfortunately they were beaten on the day by a determined Boomers team.

Although coming away from that day a little disappointed they knew that they tried hard and played good baseball but not quite good enough to get us over the line.

Congratulations must go to Mackillop for winning the 17's Grand Final.

Hopefully the boys that are still eligible to play 17's next season can go around again so that Rooty Hill can field a full strength team in 2011/12.

In finishing off, apart from the players I would also like to acknowledge Rhys and Warren the Coaches for a great effort in guiding the players all season. Also Matt from St Mary's for assisting at training and 1st base coaching on game days. Thanks also to Kerry for scoring every game. Also thanks to Selva for sorting out the dugout when I was needed at 1st base.

Thanks to St Marys for helping us take the field as Rooty Hill Saints.

And last but not least a big thank you to the parents for your support, and getting the boys to training and the games on time.

Apologies to anyone that I may have left out.

Larry Cameron  
Manager

## Under 17s

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Jayden Borg

Andrew Jeffrey

Zac Parkinson

Adam Rajnovic\*

Jayden Keane\*

Shaun Cameron

Myesh Moodley

Dylan Soward

Anthony Sheppard\*

Rhys Callaghan Coach

Matthew Evans

Joshua Morris

Daniel Payne\*

Andrew Dickinson\*

Warren Whittingham Coach\*

\*registered with St Marys



# Representatives 2010/11

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Matthew Evans  
*Greater Western State Cup AA (U16)*

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Adam Wootton  
*NSW A (U14)*  
*Greater Western State Cup A (U14)*

Nicholas Martin  
*Greater Western State Cup A (U14)*

Lachlan Kenny  
*Greater Western State Cup A (U14)*

Jack Flaxman  
*Greater Western Sydney Junior  
Development League A (U14)*

Aaron Baker  
*Greater Western Sydney Junior  
Development League A (U14)*

Daniel Robertson  
*Greater Western Sydney Junior  
Development League A (U14)*

Logan Woodcock  
*Greater Western Sydney Junior  
Development League A (U14)*

Wayne Jeffrey  
*Greater Western Sydney Junior  
Development League A (U14)*

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Alex Baker  
*Greater Western State Cup Little League  
(U12)*

Aaron Charity  
*Greater Western State Cup Little League  
(U12)*

Lachlain Foad  
*Greater Western Sydney Junior  
Development League Little League (U12)*

James Robinson  
*Greater Western Sydney Junior Development  
League Little League (U12)*

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Liam Devaney  
*Greater Western Rookie Cup Squad  
2011 (U10)*  
*Greater Western Coasties Cup Squad  
2010 (U10)*

Brock Eyre-Nixon  
*Greater Western Coasties Cup Squad  
2010 (U10)*

Aaron Lowe  
*Greater Western Coasties Cup Squad  
2010 (U10)*

Julian Royo  
*Greater Western Coasties Cup Squad  
2010 (U10)*

Hayden Salt  
*Greater Western Coasties Cup Squad  
2010 (U10)*

Aiden Stopps  
*Greater Western Coasties Cup Squad  
2010 (U10)*

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Paige Hodgson  
*Greater Western Junior Age Girls Squad  
2011 (U9)*

Monique Powell  
*Greater Western Junior Age Girls Squad  
2011 (U9)*

Sally Reweti  
*Greater Western Junior Age Girls Squad  
2011 (U9)*

Emma Stanford  
*Greater Western Junior Age Girls Squad  
2011 (U9)*



*Adam Wootton*

## *A Rep's story*

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Hi my name is Adam Wootton and I am almost 14 years old. I've been playing baseball for seven years now and I have been playing for Rooty Hill for three years. I would like to tell you about my experience in Perth, Western Australia in the Australian National Youth Championships. For starters, New South Wales [my team] won the championships beating Western Australia 20-4 in the final. During the tournament I pitched and played at 3rd base against the best Under 14 players from around Australia. Winning the competition wasn't easy and it took three months of intense training three days a week, three hours per session and parents driving me around to training, which was most of the time out near Ryde. What I'm trying to say is that if you work hard and put in the effort you can reach the elite stage and maybe one day play for your state and win a national championship.

Representatives continued...

Alan Charity  
*Greater Western Representative Coach  
2010/11*

George Ward  
*Greater Western Representative Coach  
2010/11*

Richard Robertson  
*Greater Western Representative Coach  
2010/11*

Jake Robertson  
*Greater Western Representative Coach  
2010/11*

Noel Foad  
*Greater Western Representative Coach  
2010/11*

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James Robinson has also been selected for the NSW Junior Baseball League U12 tour of the USA in July/August 2011.



*Adam Wootton*

## *Umpires 2010/11*

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Thank you to the following people who made sure the 'show' could go on in 2010/11.

Steven Baker

Anthony Brown

Craig Burton

Alan Charity

David Flaxman

Jack Flaxman

Noel Foad

Todd Fuller

Chad James

Andrew Jeffrey

Stephen Kenny

Phil Larkin

Lindsay Salt

Greg Stopps

George Ward

Adam Wootton

Richard Robertson

Daniel Robertson

Kyle Fuller

## *Long Service Pins 2010/11*

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### *Five years Continuous Service*

Kaitlyn Brown

Shaun Cameron

Liam Devaney

Matthew Evans

Brock Eyre-Nixon

Lachlan Kenny

Stephen Kenny

Myesh Moodley

Richard Robertson

Logan Woodcock

### *Ten Years Continuous Service*

Dylan Soward

Kim Robertson

## *Perpetual Award Winners*

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### *Presidents Trophy*

1997/98	Joan Brown	2010/11	Linda and Anthony Lowe & Julie and Paul Devaney
1998/99	Matthew Brown		
1999/00	George Ward		
2000/01	Rosemary Nash		
2001/02	Greg Scott		
2002/03	Jimmima Tilini		
2003/04	Ken Edwards		
2004/05	Jenny Warner		
2005/06	David Flaxman		
2006/07	Kylie Menouhos		
2007/08	Steven Baker		
2008/09	Steve Kenny		
2009/10	Paul and Karen Costello		

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### *Rosemary Nash Club Spirit Award* (renamed in honour of Rosemary Nash in 2007)

2000/01	Jenny Warner		
2001/02	Rod Woolard and Under 14 Div 1		
2002/03	Gary Ward		
2003/04	Glen and Donna Sanders		
2004/05	Ricardo de Ubago		
2005/06	Ben Irmisch and Leanne Sadler		
2006/07	Phil Larkin		
2007/08	Colin Jeffrey		
2008/09	Dean and Jodie Wootton		
2009/10	Ra'Chelle Eyre		
2010/11	McKechnie Family		

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### *Rod Woolard Junior Club Spirit Award* (established in 2007/08 to acknowledge juniors for off field activities)

2007/08	Jack Flaxman (U10)	2010/11	Emily Flaxman
2008/09	Andrew Jeffrey (U16)		
2009/10	Wayne Jeffrey (U14)		

## 2010 Blues Trivia Night – Prize List

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Panrottis of Penrith	2 x \$50 dinner vouchers
Vicary Woolshed	Woolshed Dance Ticket
Nepean Belle	Family River Cruise (2A 3C)
Gary Whites Diamond One	\$50 Voucher
Wiggly Play Centre	2 x Family Vouchers
Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope	3 x family swim passes
Riverside Theatre Parramatta	2 tickets to show 'Breast Wishes'
Richmond Race Club	50 tickets to Richmond Greys
Riverside Oaks	2 Midweek rounds of golf
SCG Trust	2 family tours – SCG Experience
McDonalds	50 x Coke, 33 x Fries, 36 x Cheeseburger
Sydney Olympic Park Aquatics	2 x family passes
Featherdale Wildlife Park	2 x Adult entry passes
Picton Kart Track	1 x 15 min hire
Triple J	2 x t-shirts
Tyrepower Sydney Raceway	1 family pass
Sargents Pies	4 x movie tickets
Calmsley Hill City Farm	1 x Family pass
Captain Cook Cruises	2 adult cruise tickets
The Train Shed	1 x child's pass (unlimited one day) 96 x single ride tickets
Clark Rubber Blacktown	Totem Tennis Pole
Water Wing	Great White Alley
Jeanette Carrol (Avon)	5 x Avon Prizes
Donations from Flaxman family	

*Thank you to all of our sponsors*

# Someone else will do it!

The fact of the matter is sporting clubs do not run themselves. They're run by volunteers who donate a small amount of time during the season to allow kids to participate in sport.

Volunteering is very rewarding, not only do our kids get enjoyment out of playing but also by seeing their parents involvement with their team and club.

We try and teach kids 'team spirit' and 'comraderie', the best way is by our own actions. It helps build teams as well as great family memories of times shared together.

There are many tasks involved in running a club, some more involved than others. The Club has over 100 parents, with only a handful of positions on the Committee which need to be filled. Will you stand by and let someone else do it?

## Rooty Hill Baseball Annual General Meeting 16 May 2011

Ropes Crossing Community Hub  
Starting at 7.30pm

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; because there is not effort without error and shortcomings; but who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly. So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

*Theodore Roosevelt, former President of the United States,  
23 April 1910.*

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