

Cheltenham Baseball Club Inc.

Life Membership Proposal – Matthew Gourlay



Matthew Gourlay is proposed for Life Membership of the Cheltenham Baseball Club in recognition of his outstanding services and commitment to the Club both as a player, a coach and ambassador for the Club over the past 24 years.

Matthew commenced playing as an 11 year old in our Friday Night Competition, totally new to the sport of baseball and continued on to play both Summer and Winter at every opportunity, quickly becoming a regular member of the Sunday All Star junior teams.

From the Under 14 level starting in 1993, he played in

every Victorian Team State and DBA representative team he was eligible for and was selected in Australian Teams in the Under 16 and Under 18 Age Groups.

In 1996 Matthew signed a contract with the Toronto Blue Jays and played 4 seasons of professional baseball as a pitcher for both the Jays and the Minnesota Twins. During that time Matthew was also contracted to play with the very successful Waverly Reds Team in the Australian Baseball league.

Matthew has won many MVP and Batting awards at both Club and League levels.

Matthew has managed and coached many junior and senior teams over both Summer and Winter seasons with considerable success and even more importantly, he has been a outstanding role model and mentor for many players, particularly as they moved from the junior to senior ranks. Matthew was Club Coach and

Manager of the Summer Firsts from 2004- 2008 and is currently the Senior Pitching Coach and Manager of the Reserves in our Summer Competitions

Always the ultimate team player and Club person Matthew can always be relied upon to be available, ready to play and to get the job done. His commitment to the Club has been outstanding especially during any difficult times when we have needed a committed and inspirational leader on the field. As our first signed

professional he will always hold a unique position in our Club.

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to be associated with Matthew as he has moved through his many roles as a member of our Club and your endorsement and support of this Life Membership Proposal is strongly recommended.

Baseball Awards

- 1993 Vic U14
- 1994, 1995 Vic U16
- 1995 Australia U16 Team Captain
- 1996 Vic U18 and Australia U18
- ABL Pitcher for Reds
- 2003-04 Div 2 Club MVP
- 2003-04 Div 2 Club Batting
- 2008 DBA A Grade Triple Crown (.475 Batting Ave, Home Run Title (9) and RBI Leader)
- 2008 APBL All Star
- 2009-10 Div 1 Club MVP
- 2010/11 Div 1 Home Run Title
- 2011/ 12 Claxton Shield Rep

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Seconded

Laurie Hall

Michael Trevorah