



KEVIN WILLIAMS - LIFE MEMBER - 1993

Kevin Williams was nominated for life membership of the Cheltenham Baseball Club Inc for his outstanding service as a player, senior and junior coach and a clubman over 18 years.

Kevin joined the Cheltenham BC in 1976-77 from the Caulfield BC when Summer became the major VBA season. As a rookie he broke in as a Division 1 player as an infielder and then moved to leftfield. By 1978-79 he had settled into a role as Designated Hitter and first baseman becoming a consistent high average hitter and solid infielder throughout the late 1970's and early 1980's during the critical period when the Club was trying to restructure and find a permanent home. He was with the Club as it moved from Cheltenham Park, then to the Gasworks and then to the Kingston Heath Recreation Reserve.

Across all grades Kevin has played over 400 senior games for the Club. His hallmark has always been his total dedication to the team objectives and his own outstanding work ethic. His playing performances peaked during the 1982-83 Final Series comeback when the Club won the Division 2 Premiership. This was crucial to the Club's struggle for survival and some on field success was essential. This was a period when Kevin provided this leadership and his intensity and competitive drive were typified by his contribution.





Over the five finals games Kevin had 26 plate appearances for 9 hits (including 2 doubles and 3 triples) for 7 RBI's in 18 at bats for a BA.500 and an extraordinary SA.830 Slugging Average.

Always a consistent and productive hitter, Kevin has been the Club's leading hitter on a number of occasions including:

- 1980-81 Division 2 BA.423
- 1982-83 Division 2 BA.429
- 1983-84 Division 2 Reserves BA.375
- 1985-86 Division 2 BA.317
- 1990-91 Division 3 BA.414

From a coaching stand point Kevin has also made an outstanding and possibly an even more impressive contribution. He has held the positions of Reserve coach, Under17 Coach (1984-85 to 1986-87 including a Premiership in 1984-85 Under 15 Coach 1981-82 to 1983-84. He has also been the Chairman of Selectors and mainstay of the senior coaching panel since the early 1980's and he has spent many hundreds of hours working with any player to significantly improve their game. Most of the players presently in the senior sides have come through Kevin's junior teams. During 1992-93 was the Assistant Senior Coach and his enthusiasm and commitment under any and all conditions have been a major factor in the Club's steady improvement over many seasons.

His service also includes at least 5 years on the Committee between 1980 and 1986.

Kevin's competitive attitude, loyalty and contributions to the Club cannot be over stated and he epitomises the ideals and standards the Club expects from all our players and members.

This nomination had the unanimous support of the Summer Committee and Kevin Williams was elected as a Life Member in May 1993

