



### **PETER BURDETT LIFE MEMBER 2009**

Peter Burdett was elected to Life Membership of the Cheltenham Baseball Club in recognition of his outstanding services and commitment to the Club both as a player and a coach in both the Summer and Winter sections of the Club for over 30 years.

Peter has played well over 1100 games for the Club, including about 300 games in the Firsts. Peter commenced playing as an 8 year old in the winter of 1973 shortly after the amalgamation and from then on he played at every possible opportunity – juniors and seniors, Summer and Winter for the following 10 years before moving away for employment reasons

Peter played predominately as a middle infielder with a better than average glove and reputation as a tough out at the plate as his numerous batting and fielding awards across all of the levels he has played indicate. Always the ultimate team player, Peter could be relied upon to be available, ready to play and to get the job done. He was a feisty competitor who relished the inevitable collisions around second base. His durability, ability to play in any position needed by his team together with his commitment to the team was second to none and his thousand plus games for our Club place him in a very select group.





Peter has also coached junior and senior teams in over 10 seasons (Summer and Winter) with considerable success and he has played a key role as a role model and mentor for many players, particularly as they moved from the junior to senior ranks.

A detailed summary of Peter's service is listed below.

**NOMINATION WAS:**

**MOVED**

**John Ferguson**

**SECONDED**

**Laurie Hall**

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## Baseball Contributions

1970	Winter	Under 13
1971	Winter	Under 13
1972	Winter	Under 13
1973	Winter	Under 13
1973/74	Summer	Under 13 (Premiers)
1974	Winter	Under 13
1974/75	Summer	Under 15
1975	Winter	Under 15
1975/76	Summer	Under 15
1976	Winter	Under 15
		DBA Rep team
1976/77	Summer	Under 17
		Seniors Fourths
1977	Winter	Under 17
		Seconds
		DBA Rep Team
1977/78	Summer	Under 17 (Runners Up)
		Seconds
		Firsts
1978	Winter	Under 17
		Firsts
		DBA Rep Team
1978/79	Summer	Firsts
		<b>Coach Under 13's</b>
1979	Winter	Seniors
1979/80	Summer	Firsts
		<b>Coach Under 13's</b>
1980	Winter	Seniors
		<b>Coach Under 15</b>
1980/81	Summer	Firsts
		<b>Coach Under 15</b>
1981/82	Summer	Firsts
		<b>Coach Under 15</b>
1982/83	Summer	Firsts
		<b>Coach Under 15</b>
1983/84	Summer	Firsts
1984/85	Summer	Firsts
1985/86	Summer	Firsts
1986/87	Summer	Firsts
1987/88	Summer	Firsts
1988/89	Summer	Firsts





990/91	Summer	Firsts
1991	Winter	Seniors
1991/92	Summer	Seniors

1997-1999 Played in Goulburn Valley Baseball Association. 1997, 98 + 99 represented association in VPBL carnival, coaching the side as well as playing

2001	Winter	B Grade
2001/02	Summer	A Reserves
2002	Winter	C Grade
		World Masters Games
2002/3	Summer	A Reserves
2003	Winter	C Grade
2003/04	Summer	A Reserves
2004	Winter	B Grade
2004/05	Summer	Thirds
2005	Winter	B Grade
2005/06	Summer	Thirds
2006	Winter	B Grade
		<b>(Playing Coach)</b>
		<b>Coach Under 12 (Runners Up)</b>
2006/07	Summer	Fourths
		<b>Coach Under 14 State League (Runners Up)</b>
2007	Winter	B Grade
		<b>Coach Under 14 (Premiers)</b>
2007/08	Summer	Fourths
2008	Winter	A3 (Premiers)
2008/09	Summer	Fifths

### Baseball Awards

1973	Best Player in Runner-Up Team - Sunshine Lightening Premiership Under 13 Most Consistent
1977/78	Summer Under 17 Batting Average
1986/87	Summer First's Batting Award
1987/88	Summer First's Fielding Award Runner-Up Club Champion
1996	Moved to Echua and started Club Rich River Mariners
1997	GVBA Div 2 MVP Rich River Baseball Club - Club Champion
1998	Rich River Baseball Club Batting Average A Grade Rich River Baseball Club Runner-Up MVP VPBL All Star Selection – Batting/Catcher
1999	Rich River Baseball Club Batting Average





VPBL All Star Selection - 2<sup>nd</sup> Base (also selected as Designated Hitter)

2001 Returned to Melbourne  
2001/02 Summer MVP "A" Reserves  
Summer "A" Reserves Batting average  
2007/8 Summer Batting Award Fifts  
2010's Masters and lower grades when required to fill in.

**Other Contributions:**

- Secretary 1981/82
- Committee member one year
- Ground Maintenance: Started marking diamonds when he was 5 with the help of his dad (Allan) and was heavily involved in the work to relocate to Farm Road. Recently for several years, Peter looked after the main diamond.
- Junior Umpire – on an as required basis over many years.

