



**ALAN GRIBBIN LIFE MEMBER 2013**





LIFE MEMBER NOMINATION

14.1.2013

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Sons Daniel D.O.B. 9.4.1987 8 Milton Street Carnegie  
Andrew D.O.B. 14.9.1988

Alan has been involved with the club since his two boys started in Under 12's back around 1999/2000 and has seen them both graduate to Senior Baseball and play Division 1 with Andrew becoming "A signed Player", but unfortunately required a shoulder operation and ruined his chances of playing major league in the US.

Alan's involvement included a limited time playing in 4th and 5th grades but umpiring through Under 12's, 14's, 16's, and 18's, as well as coaching at Junior level and Summer Committee involvement and Summer President in addition to introducing background music on game days on No. 1 diamond.

Summary

1. Senior playing
2. Junior Coaching
3. Junior Umpiring
4. Summer Committee and President
5. Background music at No 1 Diamond
6. Ground Maintenance

Alan has put 100% into all of the above activities over a period of some 13 years at the club.

Alan - Coached the under 14 Mavericks Team to a Grand Final (Friday Night) 8.3.2002.

Umpiring was one of Alan's strengths in Junior baseball umpiring behind home plate and became a highly regarded impartial umpire to home and away sides alike particularly at under 18 level where standards are particularly high at State Competition matches.

Summer Committee Alan's commitment to the club can be demonstrated by his involvement at this level over a period of some 6/7 years. Graduating to being elected summer president in 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 and halfway through 2001/2. When he stepped down to concentrate on lifting the overall standards of the club at Junior Level by accepting a position of Junior Development Manager for 2002/3, and concentrate on sourcing parents to take on rolls as Team Managers, scoring, umpiring, Junior Team Coaches, Fundraisers, Cooking BBQs, ground maintenance, junior age group co-ordinators etc.


Ground Maintenance

Alan's background in landscape gardening was a huge help in Alan assisting with ground maintenance, picking up and dropping off loads of ent-tout-cas and soil and installation of benches around Kingston Heath reserve at Junior Diamonds along farm road grounds.

Background Music at No 1 Diamond

Alan's love of music has been responsible for him introducing background music to Cheltenham's home games on the No. 1 Diamond and in 2011 he purchased at his own expense two large speakers and sound system with microphones, computer tablet etc, and operated the system for the club and spectators to everyone's delight and enjoyment. These systems retail for over \$2000 and the club is indebted to Alan for his time and effort in setting them up and dismantling on game days.

The club has been fortunate to have such an experienced person as Alan and his involvement over a lengthy period and this warrants a Life Membership Nomination.

  
Graeme Ainscough  
Life Member/Board Member

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## Addendum

Since 2013 Alan has continued to be heavily involved at the Committee and facilities management levels and he has been a major contributor in helping the Club establish itself as a leading force in Victorian baseball. His wide experience as senior player at a high level of football and cricket has been invaluable in ensuring our junior and upcoming senior players get the level of technical advice and coaching they need to reach their potential within a supporting and friendly culture.

Amateur clubs rely heavily of their volunteers and Alan has been a key player in the ongoing development and improvement of our grounds and playing infrastructure. Simply put Alan is the person with the knowhow to successfully complete our projects.

Words are often inadequate to describe value delivered and it is hoped that the following photos provide some insight into the value that Alan has brought to the Club.



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