JOHN CARLILE LIFE MEMBER 2006

John Carlile joined the Club in the 1984 as a senior player from a cricketing background making the transition to baseball with little difficulty. Throughout his senior playing career 1986 – 2009, in both Summer and Winter competitions John has played 38 seasons and close to 800 games.

As a player, John started as an outfielder and relief pitcher then midway through his career he moved into the infield is best described as a utility infielder and a more than useful pitcher in the Reserves and lower grades. He was always a better than average hitter in the competitions in which he played. He was MVP for the Fourths in 1997-98.

John was a playing manager for 9 Summer seasons between 1988-89 through to 2008-09 for the Reserves, Thirds and Fourths

Between 2009 – 2018 John took on the challenging and vitally important task of managing our Little League programme that established Cheltenham as the club of choice in the south eastern suburbs for over a decade. His coaching skills and leadership lead to many Little League Championship teams.

He played the leading role in the launching of the Southern Mariners Charter programme and its development to a level that a representative team from the Charter played off for the Worls Championship in the LL World Series in the United States in 2016.

John has always been prepared to put the Club first and he has taken on many roles where there was a need for an on field leader to strengthen a team.

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As an administrator John has been actively and effectively involved at all levels bringing wisdom, sound judgement as wells as the business acumen and inter personal skills necessary to for a community sporting Club to run successfully. These roles include:

- President Board of Management 2019 – 2021…
- Summer President. 2006/7 to 2010/11
- Summer Secretary 2003/04 to 2005/06

John was officially recognised as the Club's "Best Senior Club Person 2009/10" but there have been very few members who have contributed so much over such an extended period over the years that John has been involved.