



LEGEND DAVID CLARKSON

David Clarkson was Club Coach and Manager of the A Grade Team for 15 Winter seasons between 1989 and 2015.

David’s record and achievements as a player for Waverley, Victoria and Australia are outstanding and well documented. He is a starting catcher in Victoria’s Team of the Century and he was elected to the Australian Baseball Hall of Fame in 2010.

During the 15 seasons that David was the Club Coach for Winter, Cheltenham enjoyed a Golden Era of unprecedented success and dominance of the DBA competition:

- 9 Club Championships
- 11 A Grade Premierships including 5 consecutive Flags 2008-09
- 14 Premierships across other senior grades.
- 18 Premierships across Junior Grades

David’s leadership and coaching expertise were instrumental in uplifting and rounding the development of several generations of ballplayers across all levels of the Club, providing them with opportunities and the support needed to realise their potential. He had the rare insight so important to coaches, as to what it takes to mould individual players together to make a successful team. It is impossible to overstate the value he brought to the Club.

Although David playing days were winding down by the time he joined Cheltenham, his on field performances were recognised by a DBA League MVP Award in 1989 and the Club MVP in 2004.

Managers and Coaches of David’s calibre do not come along very often and the Club benefited greatly from the time he was at the helm.

