



LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL RUSSELL FERGUSON

Russell Ferguson is proposed for Life Membership of the Cheltenham Baseball Club in recognition of his outstanding services and commitment to the Club as a player, manager, coach and administrator across both the Summer and Winter sections of the Club since he started as a Tee Baller in 1995

Following three seasons as a Tee Baller, Russell has played in Junior and Senior competitions during the both Summer and most Winter seasons. In total, he has played at least 40 seasons and about 800 games, including over 500 senior games in Summer/Winter First nines. Predominately a shortstop and pitcher, Russell has been a true utility player. He has been a regular starter in every position except centre field, fitting in and contributing wherever the Club had a need.

Russell was an integral member of our Summer U18 State Premiership Teams in 2004-5 and 2005-06 and the record setting number of DBA A Grade Premierships during the decade 2005- 2014.





Russell has represented Victoria and DBA at junior level and the DBA as a senior. Awards include DBA A Grade Batting Champion (BA.500) in 2013 And Winter Club Champion in 2013 and 2014. BV Div 1 Club Champion 2020-21.

Off the field Russell has been regular member of the Committees including as Winter Treasurer in 2004 and he is currently in his second year as President of the Summer section

Russell has also coached junior and senior teams for Summer and Winter seasons with considerable success and as a mentor for younger players particularly as they moved from the junior to senior ranks. Notably he played a key role as the Assistant Coach with the Mariners when they played off for the Senior League World Championship in 2016.

Always prepared to play wherever the Club needs, him he recently managed and coached Fifths Flag in 2019/20 and lead the resurgence of Saturday morning Tee Ball during 2020-21.

In conclusion Russell, absolutely fits our Life Membership profile to a tee. He commenced as a Tee Baller and progressed through the junior ranks ...U/12,14,16,18 and doubled up playing seniors in the afternoon. He coached and managed other junior U12 & 14 teams and senior teams and he has also umpired on many occasions. He has served on Committees and always assisted at working bees and social events including working the Bar and BBQ's'

As a past President, I am very aware of the work load in running the Club and he is also still playing first nine baseball. I have no reservations and only sincerity in recommending Russell Ferguson as a Life Member to Cheltenham Baseball Club. I urge all members and committees to strongly support this proposal.

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Alan Gribbin

Life Member

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John Carlile

Life Member

