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Forest Baseball Times

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President's Message

Your Forest Committee and I would like you to welcome you and your child(ren) to the 2014/15 Summer season. It's been a quick start up, but we hope to catch up this week and get the year off smoothly. Getting the teams together is always the most difficult part of preseason and with addition of the new Little League Minor and Major divisions it has added an level of complexity, so we have appreciated your patience.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their assistance with Forest hosting the Final series last season. The proceeds from the Canteen during the final series have enable Forest to highly subsidies our new jerseys.

Here is to a great season!
Beth Murphy



Start of the Season

The Season starts this coming Saturday, 13 September, however with all the rain we are having it is almost certain that Aquatic Reserve will be too wet to play. At best we can hope for a couple of fields, but not all. We will be speaking with the Junior League Competition Co-ordinator as we may be able to play more away games. We will try to communicate this to your team Manager as soon as we know, but at the moment we are just hoping for more sunshine.

Remember to join Forest Baseball Facebook page for the latest information and our website. The rule of thumb for baseball is always assume the game is on unless you hear otherwise.

New Jerseys

As you will know we are introducing new Jerseys this year as part of the Club uniform from U8's up to our seniors.

These jerseys will look great with our white pants and green accents.

However, as we have been reviewing the positioning of the logo, it has delayed delivery of the jerseys and we now expect to receive these on 20 September.

Therefore players will need to wear their white jerseys, or white t-shirts with limited logos. U8 and 9's will be provided with temporary playing tops.



STOP PRESS: Last formal Fit-out and uniform pick up (excluding jersey)
This Friday at the Junior Shed – 5:00pm-6:00pm



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Working Bee

Well it was a wet day, and we only expected to get the field bins ready and a couple of small jobs done, but we had a great turnout and everyone jumped right in. Great team effort by all. The amount of grass on the infield was disheartening but by the end of the day, the result was astounding – fences were mended, kits were put together, stock take and much much more. Thanks to our Forest Families and many members of the Dragons Club.

2014/15 Rules

The full 2015 Rules are due out tomorrow (10/9) with the Draw and posted on the Manly Warringah website, but a couple new things to look out for:

Reduced pitch counts for all live ball
Fields size changes

Deliberate collision

U9's 6 across the plate

U14's-U16's no 6 across the plate

Umpire Survival Workshop

An umpire workshop is planned for Saturday 20 September at John Fisher Park, Curl Curl at 12:30pm

We encourage you to attend. Please send an email RSVP to our Secretary Penny van Vessem

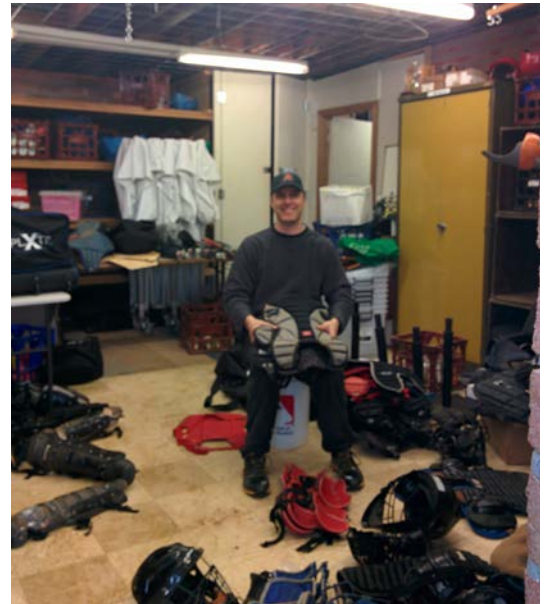
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Coach's Course

We are also waiting news on a Coach's Course, if you would like to register your interest please let Penny know and we will keep you updated.

League News

Keep up to date on league news by visiting the link to the left for Manly Warringah Junior Baseball.



*PJ Patterson, FBC Vice President
And Senior League coach*

Merchandise

We have new supporter polos, and training t-shirts available for sale in the Forest Canteen.

Also available are supporters' hats, gear bags and junior gloves for younger siblings.

Polos \$30.00, t-shirts \$15.00

Available Friday at the final uniform fit-out (see page 1).

Come have a look.



**Got something for the news
worthy for the next newsletter?**

Email Gail at

registrar@forestbaseball.com.au

Don't forget to include a photo

Aquatic Centre Fun Day

The Aquatic Centre is holding a fun and splash day on Saturday 20 September starting from 12:30pm. There will also be the **Dive-in** Movie at 6:30pm with Frozen being screened



Aussie T-Ball is nationally recognised by Baseball Australia and affiliated State Associations, the Australian Sports Commission and Major League Baseball as baseball's junior entry point program to introduce children to the game of baseball.

Aussie T-Ball is a modified version of baseball for children from 4-7yrs old. The game is a six a side, bat and ball game that is all about being active and having FUN. Forest runs our Aussie T-ball as a Twilight program on **Friday Nights from October – December.**

Each child received a uniform, glove and fun prizes. For more information please visit: www.forestbaseball.com.au

Do you or your friends have younger children almost ready to step into to organised sport then this is the activity. If enquire today: registrar@forestbaseball.com.au

Beijing Baseball Blast 2015 Tour

This friendship tour is an opportunity for young baseball players to travel and experience different cultures.

The **Australian Diamonds "2015 Beijing Baseball Blast"** is designed for all players that are **aged 14-16** wanting to experience international baseball and learn about a new culture in Aug 2015.

Australian Diamond Sports is also offering Big League Baseball Camp for **12-15** year olds on the Gold Coast 9-15 January 2015.

Please visit

www.australiandiamondssports.com for further information on these privately run camps and tours.



Manly Little League Adventures

As we start considering new teams for the Representative Year, It's also a great time to reflect on the achievement of the 2014 Little League team which featured Forest Players Jaylin Rae and Zach Murphy.

We are extremely proud of this team at Manly and Forest. The team went undefeated in the State Championships taking out the NSW title in April. The team then travelled to the National Championships in June – making it all the way to the Championship game, ending up runners up after a hard fought battle to concede the game in extra innings.

The hardest part of this loss was that the winner Perth Metro North became the Australian Representative in the Little League World Series, played last month in Pennsylvania – You may have well caught a few games on ESPN. If so you know what a true honour and experience this is. However, the boys rallied after this lose and went on win the Coasties Tournament in July.

What a great ride the boys had. So we wish our Forest players all the best as they head into representative opportunities and we hope that you enjoy their journey.

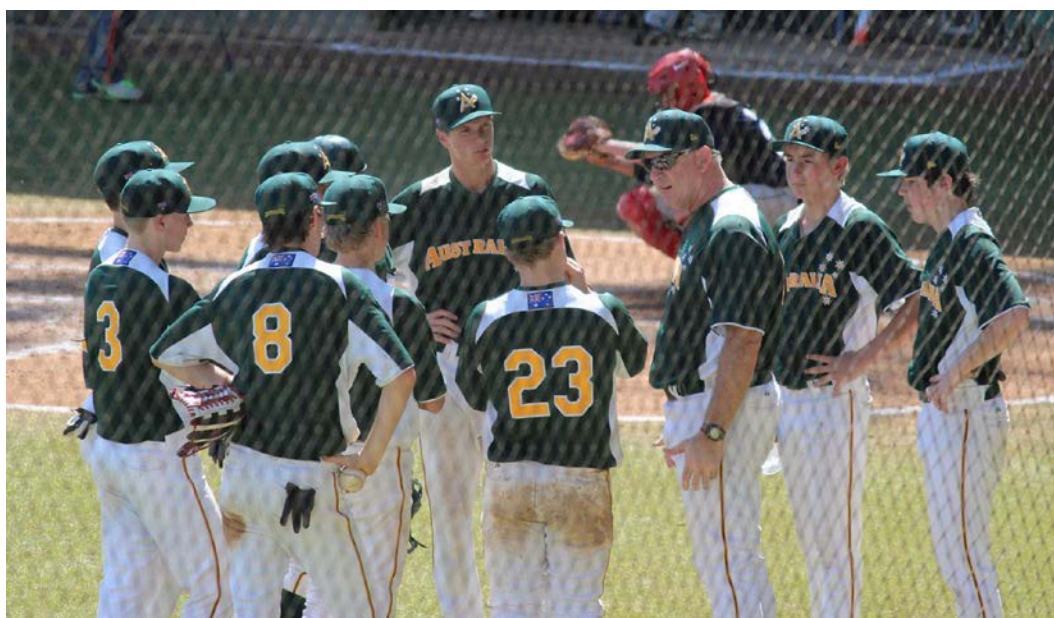


Our own Australian Coach

Forest Baseball is very lucky to have Brian Murphy as our Club Coach and League Delegate.

Brian again this year represented Australia as a Coach during the U15's World Championships in Mexico last month. Brian is always happy to lend any guidance, so this is a special call out to our newest coaches, just ask.

To follow Australian Baseball visit:
www.baseball.com.au



Representative Trials – This week

For those interested in Trialing for Manly Representative All Stars Squad invitations are now out and registration is required by this Friday 12 September.

Trials being for:

- Little League Minors
- Little League Majors
- Junior League (U14's)
- Seniors League (U16's)

Please visit:

www.manlywarringah.baseball.com.au/



Our Seniors this Winter

This Winter we say three Forest team in the local competition. What a great turn out and we are very pleased to see many father and son players getting involved.

Unfortunately the rain played havoc with the final weeks, but we did have two teams in the Finals and both proceeding to the Grand Final. Unfortunately, the rain cancelled two weeks of Grand Final attempts. The **Fighters** were regulated to second in their Division and the **Wild Fires** went on to win there's. Congratulations to both teams.



We look forward to seeing as many players back this Summer. Season starts 20 September.

Forest BBQ and Canteen

For the Club to run and continue to update and grow we need your support. We ask all members to help out in the Canteen and BBQ which is generally once a year for the younger age groups.

So if your Manager calls on your support we hope that you will be the first to respond with a "happy to take on a shift".

Louise Hosemans is also returning as Canteen co-ordinator this year, but her main role is to stock the canteen and guide any of the Managers when it's their teams turn.

We are also looking for Duke of Edinburgh candidates who may want to fulfil their community service requirements. If so please let us know

