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Traralgon Vic

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### March 2021

#### Message from the President

##### **Welcome to the Traralgon Redsox for 2021!!**

Hopefully we have put the 2020 season behind us all and striving forward with a positive attitude for 2021 season. I am pleased to have such a proactive committee on board, and they are already making great ground for us all to enjoy the great game of baseball.



My goal this year is to firstly ensure we retain as many of our previous members playing and non-playing and provide a friendly place for them all to enjoy the past time of baseball. The Redsox has a successful club history especially more recently in the past 2 decades. We pride ourselves being respectful, organised, and welcoming to everyone. We aim to be as successful off the diamond as we are on. Premierships are won from years of well organised systems/programs in place and this can only happen with everyone working together.

To date we have managed to secure an experienced committee with only 1 position left to fill. The committee is made up of 12 people with the position of merchandise/uniform coordinator still vacant. The club has secured 3 very experienced senior coaches that will be able to pass on valuable information to all our junior and senior members throughout the season. The coaches will aim to be at every training session to provide a professional, safe environment to learn. I have been discussing with players from the senior group to fill our B grade and C grade coaching roles which are predominantly game day managers, and we hope to announce them soon. Also, to date we have secured 2 junior coaches that will manage our T-Ball, and U13 age groups who are both eager and excited to work with our new & returning juniors. We would like to encourage under 16 players this year to train with our main senior group where they can be given the best opportunities to develop into senior players, and for those not ready for that challenge other alternatives will be provided. All coaches and training details can be found on our new and developing website

[www.traralgonredsox.com](http://www.traralgonredsox.com)

You will notice our grounds and facilities are the best in competition and we take great pride in ongoing improvements for all our members & supporters. Each season we aim to make new

improvements around the rooms and grounds. The committee has dedicated grounds people who organise working bees, construction, and general maintenance. Many hands make for a great environment to enjoy, so please don't be shy to show off some of your skills and volunteer from time to time. Working bees or infrastructure jobs will be advertised on our website so stay tuned.

The club has many ways of general communication, but we have found the most effective way has been throughout Facebook. We know everyone does not use this service so please inform your coach or committee person if you are not. The main Facebook groups are, Traralgon Redsox Baseball Club, Redsox Tee ball, Traralgon Redsox U/13, Redsox Senior playing group, Redsox junior group and the Traralgon Redsox Masters. Please when using these platforms of communication, it is done in a respectful way and be mindful of the audience and the way things are said.

Junior baseball again will be on Saturdays approximately starting early May with our training looking to begin next week. Under 13s will start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 4:30pm, and Tee ball Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 4:45 pm. Seniors have already started 2 weeks ago and preparations around the clubhouse have been prepared for junior families to start attending. Each year we have some juniors that fall just out of age groups, so we ask parents if they feel their child isn't up to the next age group to contact us asap with a reason to stay down a group.

Throughout the season I plan to introduce a social calendar of events which will involve everyone. These could range from home game dinners, supporting our sponsors events, mid-year functions etc. All families are welcome to join any functions it helps build our redsox community.

We have learnt how to become a COVID-19 safe club and we ask players, parents, and supporters to observe signage around the club and be sure to scan the QR code located as you enter the clubhouse, or at the indoor facility when entering.

Thank you for supporting the Redsox Baseball Club in 2021, we aim to be the most successful baseball club in our region.

John Kus

### **Message from the Secretary**

Hi, my name is Nicki Townsend – I am the club Secretary for 2021. If every you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send me a message or give me a call 04183287238.

### **Board for 2021 –**

<b>President –</b>	John Kus 0401334890
<b>Vice Presidents-</b>	Brian Dillon 0410191599 Dennis Caulfield 0488266556
<b>Secretary/Registrations -</b>	Nicki Townsend 0418327238
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Peter Townsend 0407823519
<b>Treasurer -</b>	Kelli Kus 0402118879

<b>Club Coach –</b>	John Kus 0401334890
<b>U16 Coach –</b>	TBA
<b>U13 Coach –</b>	Max Smith 0497906233
<b>Tee ball coach -</b>	Dennis Caulfield 0488266556

We still have a few spots available on the committee and would welcome new members if you are interested in joining. We have the role of Merchandise co-ordinator or there are a few general committees positions available if you would like to come to the meetings and help where you can.

**Social media** – We have a Facebook page called ‘Redsox Junior Player Group’ which enables us to communicate to the whole junior group. You may find your team Coach/Manager may have a group specifically for your team’s communication.

**Registrations** – The link to register will be uploaded to the Junior Facebook Pages for you to either Login and renew your registrations for the 2021 season or Register as a new login. Please contact me if you need assistance.

The Fees for Baseball Victoria and Baseball Australia are:

BV Member type	To be paid to BV	To Be Paid to BA	Junior Playing Senior	Club Fee- To be paid to the club	Total Fees Payable
2021-Ages 5, 6, 7, 8	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.83		\$ -	\$ 35.83
2021 Ages 9, 10, 11, 12,13	\$ 41.00	\$ 46.49		\$ -	\$ 87.49
2021 Ages 14, 16, 17	\$ 41.00	\$ 46.49		\$ -	\$ 87.49
2021 Junior Playing Senior	\$ 41.00	\$ 46.49	\$ 9.00	\$ 50.00	
2021 Winter Seniors	\$ 51.00	\$ 56.82		\$ 230.00	\$ 337.82
2021 New Player/ First Yr	\$ 51.00	\$ 56.82		\$ 150.00	
2021 Volunteer	\$0.00	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
2021 Umpire	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2021 Scorer	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2021 Coach	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Scorers Clinic** – LVBA are hosting a Learners, ‘How to score’ clinic on Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. It would be great to have as many parents as possible, grandparents, club members to jump onto this and learn the basics. It is a great way to learn more about the game and you have the best seat in the house to watch the game from.

We are one of 5 teams in the Latrobe Valley Baseball League, the teams we will be playing against are Churchill, Moe, Morwell, and Sale. U10’s and U 13’s play on a Saturday afternoon, with all games played at one team’s venue each week. U16’s and the senior teams play on a Sunday. Traralgon Redsox have 3 senior grades being A grade, B Grade and C Grade and 3 junior age groups U10’s also known as Tee ball, U13 and U16.

**Game times:** - U10’s 1:30pm Saturdays U13’s 2:45pm Saturdays  
U16’s 9am Sunday C Grade – 2pm Sunday  
B Grade – 11:15 Sunday A Grade – 2pm Sunday

## **Message from Treasurer**

Hi, my name is Kelli Kus – I am the club's treasurer for the 2021 season. I can be contacted on 0402 118 879 If every you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send me a message or give me a call.

**Fees** - We are extremely excited this year to announce that Traralgon Redsox are waiving its club fees for the 2021 season for juniors! The cost to parents for the season fees is payable to Baseball Victoria and Baseball Australia, which covers items such as insurance and this needs to be done before players enter the field. BV & BA costs have been highlighted earlier in this newsletter.

Senior fees are payable by the end of round 1, which will be after game 5 of the season. The club is investigating a direct debit system for the payment of fees for those that may find it easier to make payments on a weekly/fortnightly basis. Players that wish to join a weekly payment system will be considered financial when this process has started. Stay tuned for more details.

### **Uniforms**

All players both seniors and juniors are required to wear club uniform. The uniform consists of an undershirt (training top), cap, grey pants and a playing vest.

Under shirts	Junior Sizes \$20.00	Senior Sizes \$35.00
Caps	Adjustable \$15.00	Flex Fit \$35.00
Jnr Playing Vest	Can be purchased with your child's name on the back \$45.00 or borrowed from club for \$45.00 deposit and \$35.00 is returned at the end on the season once handed back to the club.	
Snr Playing Vest	\$140.00	
Grey Pants	The club have a selection of grey pants for loan or they can be purchased if the club has in stock or alternately providers like Ausport & K2 can provide you with one. Limited sizes are currently available at the club.	

### **Merchandise**

Our stock of club merchandise is currently low as nothing was ordered last year. Orders will be taken for items and we will contact our suppliers to get the stock we need.

*Items that can be purchased are as follows:*

Hoodies	\$50.00 – Available in grey or maroon
Polo Shirts	\$35.00
Shorts	\$30.00 - Available in grey or maroon
Stubbie holders	\$ TBC
Beanies	\$20.00 - Two styles are available - Maroon 'redsox' or our new style with a pom pom
Grey Playing Pants	\$35.00 - \$55.00 prices vary depending on style - X plate brand.
Scarves	\$15.00
Belts	\$5.00 Jnr / \$15.00 Snr
Socks	\$12.50 Jnr / \$25 Snr - maroon, maroon/white hoops, maroon/white hoops with stirrups
Backpacks	\$50.00

Merchandise will not be handed out until payment has been made in full into the club's account. It is preferred that all money payable for fees and merchandise be direct deposited into the club bank account.

### **Bank account details**

**Account Name:** Traralgon Redsox Baseball club

**BSB:**633-108

**Account No:** 101159176

## **Redsox Indoor Facility**



The Indoor facility is now available free of cost to all financial Redsox members.

Bookings can be made by visiting the below link and booking a time.

<https://tralconredsox.skedda.com/booking>

Once a booking is confirmed you will be messaged a code to open the door.

To keep the club safe from COVID-19, we ask all patrons to check-in to the batting cage by using the QR codes displayed on the entry wall. Please respect the facility and treat it like your own. No cleats, food or drink policy applies whilst inside.

## **Player Profile of the Month**

### **MAX SMITH (UNDER 13 COACH)**



*This year's goal for the under 13s is to win a premiership and make great ball players.*

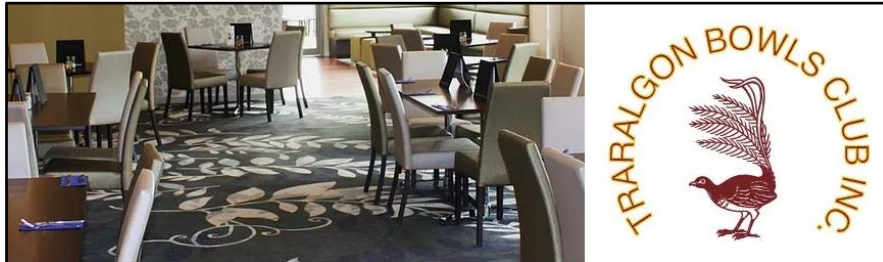
*What I enjoy the most about the club is the great family environment. People at the club are so welcoming and friendly. Well, I play 2 positions in baseball. I am a right fielder and a Pitcher. There are so many people around the club that are great role models. It is hard to choose who the best role model is all the coaches and players over the years have been great. I love doing outdoor activities like fishing and throwing baseballs and playing cricket with my little brothers. I work as a Civil Construction apprentice. My brothers and my dad play for Redsox also. My dad was president for a few years. My little brother plays under 13s and my other brother only played for a year or two. I have been at the redsox for 9 years and have loved every moment of it. I started playing when I was 9 years old. I love coaching because it is important to me that the kids get all the skill and training that I have had throughout the years I have played!!*

## **Redsox Sponsors**

The baseball club is looking to build its sponsorship packages for 2021 by introducing player sponsors, gold sponsors and major sponsors. We continue great relationships with the Traralgon bowls club and TRFM who are our Major sponsors and thank them for their continued support into 2021.

### **Traralgon Bowls Club**

We encourage all our members to check their membership card for the 2021 season by simply attending the venue, scanning your card to see if it needs renewing. If any new members to the club need to know how to gain a membership forms are in the rooms just fill one out and take into the venue when you go. We organise dinners, functions, and general outings at the bowls club, but also encourage everyone to use the venue and their card when purchasing.



**TRFM 99.5** have also been with our club for many years. We encourage all our members to turn your radio on their channel for some great tunes, and programs. If anyone in the club owns a business or needs to do any advertising, please contact the crew at TRFM and mention your with the Redsox. Over the years TRFM have helped our club become what it is today, and we thank them.



### **Henry & Hyland Street Cellars Traralgon**

Wine, beer and spirits shop in Traralgon, Victoria have supported the baseball club for many years now and provided great specials and discounts for all our members. Please take the time to drop in have a look at their specials and buy yourself some goodies.



### **Hornstra Engineering**

There is no job too small for Hornstra Engineering. Located at 12 Mc Mahon St Traralgon so if you need anything manufactured, altered, refitted drop in and talk to Peter & Val Hornstra and they will help you out.