



Cairns Baseball Buzz



“Roger’s Rave – President’s Report

It’s been an active year for Cairns Baseball with more than \$70,000 of upgrades to our grounds and facilities, and more to come before the start of next season. Next year we will be looking to continue in this vein with the focus on building up and promoting Cairns Baseball both locally and on the national and international scene. Of course this has only happened with the efforts of both past and present players, volunteers and committee members, and of course the Junior League, who help add new players to our rosters. None of this would have happened without the tireless efforts of Ritchie Mounsey and his band of merry men - Brad Spence (groundsman), and Geoff Roneberg (general dog’s body). Thank-you to our sponsors who have helped out during the year, and hopefully will continue for years to come. I hope to see you all again next year and that we can build on our achievements to date.



Batting Cage Gets a New Floor!

Concrete Impressions, a local contractor, and Cubs club member Rick Robinson put the final touches to the new concrete slab. Three truck loads of cement and a lot of hard work sees the job done in a day.

Note that the cage will now be a **spike free zone**



Rick Robinson puts the final touches to the slab.



Next will be the astro turf surface which completes the work on the cage for this year.



Dinner on the Diamond

Congratulations to the Cubby boys and Stinger’s for taking out their respective grades and to all the individual trophy winners. It was also good to see that the night was well attended by the League’s baseball members. Feedback from the night would be greatly appreciated. What could we have done better? How can we improve next year’s dinner?



We’re on the web
www.cairnsbaseballleague.com

Australian Provincial Coach Visit

Allan Parrott visited Cairns earlier this month to cast an eye over Cairns up and coming baseball talent.

Even though Queensland has not entered a team in the Provincial Cup for the past four years he was impressed with the high calibre of our young players.

Allan also had the opportunity to talk with Anne and Ritchie and he was very impressed (yet again) with the Trinity Beach complex

In the course of the conversation he discussed a proposed tournament

called (Emerging Nations Cup) that could involve APT, Guam, NZ, Palau and New Caledonia etc.

It could be played in Cairns on a bi annual basis. It would allow the selection of an APT team every year - one year would be a touring year, the other year the team would play in this tournament.

Spence and Paine off to Brisbane



Josh Spence and Nick Paine, two of Cairns youngest hopefuls, leave for the Gold Coast.

Read more on Nick's and Josh's progress in next month's issue.

Ground Developments

Diamond 1 Fence Completed

The fence was finished in early November and a big thank you goes out to Cairns Regional Council, Sport and Rec. and Sno Bono. We appreciate their help and support.

Club House Plans

With grant applications made by the CBL and its clubs in the last two years, the CBL has been able to complete the first phase of the planned capital development. After meetings with Council and Sport and Rec. the future of Cairns Baseball looks positive.

Bull Pen Upgrades Planned

We are upgrading the bullpen on the 3rd base side of diamond one. We will add two more pens to make a total of three with access for players from diamond two allowing them to also utilize the bull pens. The bull pen down first base will move from its current position (next to the batting cage) to the far corner of right field.



Dig the New Dug Outs

We hope to start work on the new dugouts shortly. Application has been made to the Gaming Machine Benefit Fund for a grant to finance the improvements.