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# Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

## Life Members

### Men

V. Dalton (Dec'd)	1959
D. Spitteler	1969
P. Noad (Dec'd)	1971
R. Halliday	1972
B. Spitteler	1975
M. Currell	1978
W. Meacock	1979
K. Timmel	1980
W. Forward	1982
J. Cole	1984
M. Reynolds	1985
B. Hancock	1987
I. Deveson	1988
J. Pickering	1991
N. Kidd	1992
W. Atkinson	1993
G. Napier	1994
C. Willis	1994
K. Jackaman	1997
K. McGuire	2000
R. Walker	2001
J. Rate (Dec'd)	2002
M. & B. Bennetts	2002
C. West	2002

### Women

S. Bell
S. Grey
H. Klass
D. Markham
S. Niven
G. Richardson
C. Bayens (Dec'd)
M. Margetts

# Melville City Hockey Club Inc. Club Administration 2003

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Max Reynolds (Life member)  
Wally Meacock (Life member)  
Colin West (Life member)  
Darryl Williams MHR  
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Assoc. Representative: Hans Geers

# President's Report

After my third year as President, it is gratifying to note the continued growth and development within our Club. With some 400 plus members aged from 5 years to 65 years, we certainly cater for a broad cross-section of our community and are gradually regaining our reputation as one of the larger Clubs in the State. Our efforts in developing our numbers within the Minkey and Graduates Programs has seen our numbers swell from 50 to 150 in the space of two years; a tremendous achievement and a growth rate other sports must envy.

This has been another big year for the Club with its return to the men's elite level Goundrey Cup Competition, establishing a Turf Committee and celebrating 50 years of Hockey in Melville.

The August celebration of 50 years of hockey brought together players from past and present eras and allowed current members to experience what the Melville 'family' is all about. Fifty years on and we still have the support of original and past players at the Club. It gave me tremendous pleasure to share the cutting of the birthday cake with one of our inaugural players, Ena Reichard. 50 years is a long time for any sporting club to survive. In reflecting on hockey clubs, I can think of numerous clubs that have closed over the past 15 to 20 years. It therefore augers well for Melville that we continue to grow.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary also celebrates a rebirth of Hockey in Melville through the continued growth through the Minkey and Graduates Programs. These wonderful competitions allow players to gradually develop their skills in a co-ordinated manner. Their competition evenings proved a highlight of the year, allowing parents to relax and enjoy the Club atmosphere and the congeniality of other parents.

Our return to the Goundrey Cup Competition coincided with a number of our 2002 top squad players not being



available for the 2003 season due to family and work commitments and work transfers. With our squad severely depleted, our top two men's sides fought valiantly all year with limited success. Although the premiership points were not evident, the character of our players proved enormous. I encourage our players to stick with us for a better year in 2004. Similarly, our younger players coming through need to remain loyal and appreciate the hard work being put in by numerous committees to make our Club even better. Unfortunately, this won't be achieved overnight. Be patient and the rewards will surely come your way at Melville.

Senior Coach Colin Brandis, having coached the top men's squad for seven years, has decided that the Club required fresh input in the coming season. Colin's expertise and broad knowledge of the game has been greatly appreciated, as has his commitment to the Club and its initiatives. I thank him for his work at Melville and wish him well in future coaching challenges.

Women's Coach Philip Todkill has also decided to meet other challenges in his life. Again, Phil, like Colin, has contributed greatly to the development of numerous players and has helped improve the standard of hockey played. Under Phil's coaching, our senior women's team displayed continued improvement. I wish him every success in any future endeavours.



# President's Report



A major step forward was achieved through the formation of our Turf Committee. This group has an excellent mix of expertise from a broad cross-section of business backgrounds and has displayed outstanding commitment towards an enormous task. They have met regularly on a fortnightly basis since February and developed a comprehensive Business Plan ready for presentation to Melville City Council and then on to the Department of Sport and Recreation. To build the turf will require the structuring of an independent turf management committee that will also manage the facility, its income and the repayment of substantial loans. If all goes to plan and funds are allocated to our group, it is envisaged the turf would be ready for the commencement of the 2005 season. Should approval be gained, members will be offered the opportunity to provide tax-deductible donations to the turf fund through the Australian Sports Foundation, a Federal Government group whose role it is to distribute funds to sporting groups and associations for major capital works projects. Of equal importance will be the assistance 'in kind' that members may be able to offer during the construction phase of the turf. 'In kind' assistance may enable the Club to save substantial expenditure from the overall budget. We must now endure a nervous wait through the off-



season to find out whether our submission is successful. It was hoped that new clubrooms would form part of the new development. However, the additional costs involved preclude this from happening. We will therefore retain our current clubrooms with some modifications made to improve general viewing of games played.

This year also saw growth in our level of support from Sponsors. The high level of support afforded to us allows the Club to take on additional projects requiring financial assistance without the need for fundraising activities or additional charges in our fee structures. I cannot thank our sponsors enough and strongly encourage our membership to utilise their services. Our two major sponsors Steve McEntee's Duracraft and the Kardinya Park Shopping Centre continue to be magnificent supporters and are thanked for their ongoing commitment to our Club.



At one stage during the year I attempted to assess the number of volunteers that assist at various levels within the Club. I found this an impossible task due to the enormous support we receive at different levels. We are indeed fortunate to have so many people willing to contribute in some way. I thank you one and all for the smallest to the largest contributions made. These efforts epitomise the values we portray as a Club.

It has been a great pleasure to again lead the Club this year. I thank you for your support and hope the all players return for the 2004 season ... and that some bring a friend. See you soon.

**Hans Geers**  
President 2001 - 2003

# Finance & Development Report

Once again this year we had excellent support from our sponsors. This was led by Steve McEntee, from Duracraft Panel and Paint and Eric Rogers, from Kardinya Park Shopping Centre. These are our loyal Major Sponsors. Thanks again Steve and Eric.

A large contribution to the overall sponsor budget this year was not only from our sponsors that contribute directly to the fund in the form of remuneration but the companies that donate in kind. That is by donating their services or special skills which help the club complete the many tasks required to keep things going.

This year we had the added efforts and experience of Chris Avent (Vet O/40 div 4 player) working with Finance and Development requirements. Chris' efforts have made for an exceptional year. This was with the extra requirements of again having a Goundrey Cup Team. Thanks for a great effort Chris.

This year is my final year as Vice President Finance and Development. My contact with all of you business people with the big hearts has allowed me to become personal friends with many of you. This is something that will continue for me, as I'm not leaving the club, only changing direction. I hope your support for the club and the new Vice President Finance and

Development continues as this important part of the club could not continue without your support.

The support from our current club President Han Geers, present and past committee members and club members over the years for me has been tremendous. I highly recommend that our young and not so young members give it a go. It is very rewarding and you get to work with the best people.

## Major Sponsors

Duracraft Panel and Paint  
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Duracraft Panel and Paint has been a MCHC sponsor for many years and was also the sole sponsor of our Classic League squad for 2003.

Duracraft is highly regarded in the industry as being a leader in applying the latest technology and for their high standards of workmanship.

Give Steve McEntee a call on 9330 2466 or drop in at 59 Norma Road, Myaree - the next time you're in need of some panel beating and a touch of paint on the chariot.

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**Gary Bowater**

**Vice President Finance and Development  
(retired)**



# Senior Administration Report - Men

2003 was another year of mixed results. The Goundrey Cup team and State 2A's experienced a tough year with 6 players of the 2002 premiership 1B team leaving for various reasons (study, travel, and injury). This placed a great deal of pressure on all our men's teams, but also created opportunities for some of our very talented young players. Unfortunately fielding a young, inexperienced team at this level made it difficult to produce the required result on the table. The teams, however, played hard and fought it out until the end.

The club was very fortunate to have Colin Brandis as coach for an 8th year but he has indicated that he will not be available to coach Melville next season. In 2003 we gained the services and expertise of Peter Robertson as the coach of the 2A's. We greatly appreciate the time and commitment given by both coaches to our Club.

After a disappointing 2002 for the Metro 1A's and 3B's, both teams have turned the tables around and finished first in both grades, and are favorites to succeed in their finals. It is obviously clear that the success of the Metro 1A's and 3B's is due to the encouraging leadership on and off the field.



**Kardinya Park Shopping Centre**  
For the second year running, Kardinya Park Shopping Centre has again been a major Club sponsor in 2003.

Located a short distance from the Clubrooms at the corner of North Lake Road and South Street, the Kardinya Park Shopping Centre can meet nearly all of your shopping needs. With K-Mart, Coles, a Post Office, over 40 specialty stores ranging from clothing to jewellery, plus a full range of automatic teller machines – there's not a lot that can't be purchased at the centre.

By shopping at any Kardinya Park store during 2003 and collecting their docket, many players and supporters have helped raise funds for the Club. Melville Hockey received 2% of the total dollar value of each docket collected.

So ... support Kardinya Park Shopping Centre and support the Club!



Unfortunately the 3D's and 4A's experienced a tough year through player shortages, however, it was not through lack of trying. All 6 permanent 3D players are sincerely thanked for their persistence.

The selection processes for the Metro grades, have taken the form of weekly group emails that have made for some entertaining reading. I'd like to thank Aki Etelaano, James Pickering, Rob Thorn, Gavin Scally, John Cooke, Andrew Scanlon, and Clint Dymond for your involvement within this process.

Personally, I'd like to thank all the Metro coaches and managers for the time and effort that they have placed into organising the senior men's teams over this season. Special thanks to Rob Thorn, Clint Dymond, and Gavin Scally for all their hard work throughout the season, and we look forward to everyone's continued support in 2004.

To all the players, thank you for your efforts, achievements and support throughout this year, and I look forward to seeing everyone back in 2004.

**Todd Barrett**  
Vice President, Men



# Senior Administration Report - Women

Each year in this report I have ended with a comment on junior graduation and player retention. I feel that this is still our biggest area of concern. The hard work of Roger, Keith, Greg and Graeme in recruiting young people to our club needs to be carried into the senior section of the club.

The efforts of three senior ladies must be acknowledged.

Lee Jarvis' great job coaching the 11's. We got a weekly report from an excited Lee each week 'my girls did this', 'my girls were marvellous'. I think that the enthusiasm of Lee and dedication to these girls along with her helpers Catherine and Sue means a squad of talent for the future.

Alana Wake took the girls who were last years 11's finalists and produced another finalist team in 13B, a great effort from all concerned.

Nicola Ogden who, along with Gary Bowater, did a great job with the 17's. The higher grade challenged the girls and most certainly was not beyond them. We need to get these girls to have a scratch match with the 3's - there is a challenge for you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Philip Todkill and Nigel Atkinson for their top efforts this year. Unfortunately both coaches are unable to continue with this role next year.

The progress that Phil has made with the top side is excellent. The results of the last few games shows that we can mix it with the best of them. Play like that for the whole season and who knows what might be.

Nigel had a great start with a win first up, then a number of things happened which resulted in some losses, morale dropped and probably enjoyment of the game. The attendance at training stopped and more losses occurred. Hopefully, we can gather a team of players from the start of the season who can all commit for the season and enjoy their hockey, as I am sure that the talent is there for these girls to achieve much better results.

Jan has rallied up yet another group of fine players for the Metro side. A few new faces but much the same result as they are again in the finals. (but no Challenge Cup ? minor premiership? this year) Well done, girls.

The 'senior' senior ladies, (I can say that as I am one) had yet another fine season. Vets 1 will hopefully win the grand final this year. The Vets 2 girls had an injury-laden season and struggled throughout but hopefully will be back in the finals arena next year.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable summer and hope to see you all for a successful 2004

**Carolyn Jones**  
**Vice President, Women**





# Veterans Report

## LADIES

This year we again had teams in both Vets divisions. Our Vets 1 side continued their domination of that grade finishing as minor premiers. We hope their form will continue and they will win the grand final as well.

The second side had a mixed year. After a poor start with 5 losses, they were then undefeated for 9 games. However, there was too much ground to catch up and they missed the finals this year.

The club is again well represented in the State Veteran's teams with Gail Anderson, Gaye Glaskin, Janese McDougall and Sheri Stokewell in the 40s and Kymberley Wilson, Marie Intini, Vicki Silich and Maris Margetts in the 45s. Unfortunately the timing of the Championships in Adelaide means these players will miss the club wind-up.

We again sent a team to Busselton for the Vets carnival after the end of last year's winter season. We won the competition but were too embarrassed to collect the trophy due to needing a few (underage) ring-ins to make the numbers. The social side of that weekend was also successful and a good time was had by all.

Many of our vets played over summer in both mixed and 7 a side competitions. We will be fielding teams again this year to keep us fit and keep up our skill levels over the summer period.

**Kymberley Wilson**



## MEN

This year we fielded 5 teams – Over 40 Midweek, Over 40 Division 3, Over 40 Division 4, Over 40 Division 5 and Over 50 Division 2. All the Saturday teams have finished in the top four (the Division 4 team finished on top) of their respective grades and will take part in the finals – the first time we've achieved such a result. Congratulations guys, an excellent effort.

Even though we have finished up the ladder in all grades we will be reviewing team nominations for next year. We are looking at the possibility of moving eligible players from Over 40 to Over 50 and also nominating a team in the Over 55 grade. We will keep you informed as we get closer to the start of next season.

Congratulations to all players going to Canberra to represent the State at the Veterans National Championships. Good luck also to Steve McEntee who will again be representing ACT, after a successful 2002 Championships with them – Steve was the top scorer in the Over 50s last year.

Thanks to the team managers who took responsibility for organizing the players and ensuring we had sufficient numbers to field teams each week. Thanks also to the players who filled in or played more than one game each weekend in order to make up the numbers.

This year we don't have a break between seasons. The summer sevens competition starts on 25<sup>th</sup> September, running through until the start of next winter season. The Busselton Vets Carnival is on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October. I look forward to seeing you all out there taking part and keeping fit for 2004.

**Rod Wake**  
**Veterans Coordinator**

## Sevens

Summer sevens at the stadium was a great success for our club. We had 3 Vets B teams and a Vets 1 team in the men's, and a ladies team as well, which augers well for when we get our own turf. The future is looking good for Vets!

**Johnno Orr**  
**Vice President, Vets**

# Junior Administration Report

An interesting and enjoyable season. The juniors had a mixed result on the score cards with some teams showing their prowess on the field week in, week out and others put their heart and soul into it for a disappointing result. As no doubt those who are close to me would know, I am very competitive by nature. However, what I saw during the season was a group of kids at all the age levels improve both stick and ball skills and develop team comradeship. That was important: they belonged to a team and were proud of it.

This year we tried hard to give the kids, especially at the U11s and U13s, a sense of belonging and ownership of the club. It is unfortunate that generally the U11s and U13s are not scheduled to play at Morris Buzzacott during the season, even more disappointing as these are our largest playing groups. We attempted to give them a sense of belonging via a number of strategies, the main being social nights. Whilst these nights were considered to be successful, we were competing against some stiff competition, namely the weather and school holidays. My sincere thanks to those that assisted, especially the pizza delivery lady 'Deborah' (It is amazing how much room 80 pizzas take up). Additionally, we introduced the Junior Advisory Group to get the players' feedback and advice on what issues they thought were important. Well done to those members (Tara, Chris T, Chris W, Matt, Sarah & Kimberley) who formed the committee and took the time to promote the club.

On the training field we had a shaky start, as per previous years. The numbers for teams were close but not quite there. The biggest disappointment was having to ring Tammy Lugg the week prior to start of the season and withdraw the U15 Girls team. No matter how we stacked the cards, we just could not get there. In all the other age groups we managed somehow. Well done to all who coerced, kidded, blackmailed, begged and kidnapped new players. Special thanks to Catherine Timmel, Matt Bell, and the U17/U15 Girls.

For the coaching staff, including team managers, I have nothing but praise for these folk, as always they gave their time for the club and especially the players. While most had a vested interest in the team, it did not detract from a dedicated effort to give all players fair time on the field and personalised coaching where required. Their efforts produced the cohesive team skills and subsequent results and not necessarily on the score card. From the club and personally, I forward our appreciation and thanks to the coaching staff and

managers for their efforts throughout the season, with an additional thanks to the Top Squad guys who assisted & coached the U17As. Extra special mention for Leanne (the U11 Girls), Paul (the U13 Boys SW) and Alana (the U13B Girls), for filling the coaching roles when we were all out of coaches.

There were two additional training programmes conducted during the season.

The goalies were given some valuable one on one time by James Welten. I believe James brought the skills out in a number of novice goalies and imparted some of his broader experience, which assisted both the novice and experienced goalies during the season.

The other program was the Skills Training conducted by Paul Douglas on Tuesday nights. These training sessions were aimed at the players who wanted to improve their stick to ball skills and less emphasis was placed on game strategy. Both coaches are applauded for their commitment and patience, and to their credit, they enhanced the skills of the players to bring out confidence in the player's skill set. Congratulations guys.

During the season I was fortunate to be able to visit various venues where Melville teams were playing and I liked what I saw in regard to support for the players. Parents and supporters, you should all pat yourselves on the back for your conduct and passion.

The players, the life blood of the club, firstly thank you for your continuing support from both myself and the club. There are numerous stories of extraordinary plays, goals made and saved, which I am sure will last till next season. For this season, I believe all teams were successful. In some cases teams started out with no direction, in some cases no coach, but a little arm twisting and coercion brought all that into place. On the bottom end of the season you all got it together.

Maybe in season 2004 we will start in January – Hmm, food for thought. Congratulations and well done to all players, you should be proud of your season, irrespective of the score line.

To all, good luck for 2004.

**Roger Bell**  
**Vice President, Juniors**

# Minkey & Graduates Reports

## MINKEY

The Minkey program continued to grow through 2003 with a 50% increase in numbers over those registered last year. A similar training and playing format was followed as that introduced in 2002 – the year 1's and 2's training from 8.30 to 9am followed by a half hour game and the year 3's and Grads training from 9.40 to 10.20 followed by a forty minute game.

Friday night Minkey and Grads continued with great success. There were four Friday night sessions during the season, with all very well attended. The very fact that so many people attended our last Friday night session is testament to the success of the evenings. This session was the day it snowed in the Great Southern, rained constantly during the day and had wind gusts above 100kmh! With so many children enrolled in the programme, we had to extend our movie sessions after the games to 4 separate videos, viewed in both the male and female change rooms – renamed Movie Room 1 and Movie Room 2!

One of the pleasures gained in being involved with this programme is seeing kids gaining new skills and confidence whilst having a great deal of fun. This can only be achieved through the dedication of a number of people who accepted the coaching roles for each team. Thanks to them, the support of their Managers and the parents, I'm sure we have introduced hockey to some future international players!

To the people who assisted "behind the scenes" by helping set-up the grounds or pack them away, in the canteen, on the barbeques for Friday nights or in any other way, thank you. In particular, I wish to thank "Bob the Barman" for his commitment to the bbq each Saturday morning. It has been suggested the Club purchase a new bed so Bob can spend even more time at the Club!



## GRADUATES

The intermediate stage of a child's development in hockey from Minkey is the Graduates program. Under this concept, team sizes are reduced, as is the playing field – ¾ size field. As with last year, we continued the formal development of hockey by introducing to the players the various aspects of the game including penalty corners. With the introduction of a ¾ sized field from day one, all players were encouraged to hit the ball hard, flat and accurately – a skill that developed smoothly during the season and will be of value throughout their playing career.

Training for all Graduates commenced at 9.40am on Saturday mornings, followed 40 minutes later with games consisting of 20-minute halves. It was during these games that the skills learned during our training sessions were put to good use – and their value in the game reinforced to the children.

This year, we had four teams, each ably coached by dedicated parents. Our thanks must go to these people for their commitment to our children's future. And finally to Keith Harper for his continued expertise in managing the Graduates program. With their help, we have successfully graduated a large number of children into the ranks of junior hockey.

The junior members of other clubs are on notice – watch out, we have some up and coming stars heading your way!

## *Melville is on the Move*



## Major Club Awards - Seniors

There are several major awards in the senior ranks of the club which deserve a few words of description here.

**The President's Award** is presented to the club member who has done the most outstanding job of promoting the ideals of the club during the current season. This encompasses not only players, but coaches, managers, parents and friends of the club who have given outstanding service to the club and hockey.

**The Maple Leaf Cup** was first presented in 1982 by Kip Hladky - a Canadian on secondment in WA for employment, playing in the Club's top teams. The award is presented by the club committee to the person who has given outstanding service to the club for the current season. Consideration is given to the recipient's service to the club both on and off the field, their service to hockey in general and can be awarded to anyone associated with the club.

**The Founder's Shield** - surprisingly donated by the founders of the first men's side in the club - is presented to the fairest and best player from the club's top men's side. Awarded by the coach and members of the management committee.

**The Catherine Bayens Trophy** was presented by women's club life member, committee member, coach and former player Catherine Bayens. Catherine wanted to encourage female club members in the administration of the club, attendance at pre-season training events and the social life of the club. Catherine was herself a fantastic example to the women with her commitment to the club and our sport, and the award is presented in her memory by the women's Vice President and with assistance from the women members of the committee and senior women's coaches.

**The Wiffen Trophy** was inaugurated in 1986 by Terry and Alastair Wiffen, former player and women's top side coach respectively. It is presented to the most improved younger (not necessarily junior) player who shows great promise and has shown willingness and enthusiasm to compete at the highest level.

## Major Club Awards - Juniors

The junior side of the club also presents several major awards which deserve further description. It is important to recognise the efforts and commitment of our younger players as they develop in their skills and abilities and preserve the future of the club.

**The Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy** was inaugurated by the Mount Waverley Hockey Club in Victoria when that club's juniors visited WA, were hosted by our club and played against our junior teams. It is presented to the most promising junior progressing to senior ranks in the following season, and is awarded by the junior coaches.

**The Life Members' Trophy** - presented by the life members to the junior player chosen by the junior coaches as the most deserving recipient from all those players receiving coaches awards. Coaches awards are generally given for the player displaying the most commitment to the team, great personal achievement or having shown an outstanding quality deemed by the coach to be deserving of reward.

**The David Porter Trophy** is awarded to the junior goalie considered to have had an outstanding season and is presented by long time clubman, Dave Porter.

**The Ian Halliday Trophy** is presented by Ian Halliday, another longstanding clubman, to the junior player scoring the most goals in the current season.

# The Maple Leaf Cup

Presented by Kip Hladky - Inaugurated 1982



Paul Meacock	1982
Geoff Morris	1983
Alan Meacock	1984
Keith Jackaman	1985
Ross Read	1986
Wayne Atkinson	1987
Harold Farmer	1988
Keith Harper	1989
Graham Napier	1990
Wayne Atkinson	1991
Colin Willis	1992
Bruce Read	1993
Rob Walker	1994
Les & Rob Walker	1995
Colin Willis	1996
Johnson Orr	1997
Pat von Mollendorf	1998
Mal Farmer	1999
Nicola Ogden	2000
Keith Harper	2001
Graeme Coleman	2002

# Melville City Hockey Club

## Games Played Awards 2003

### 500 Games

Keith Harper

### 400 Games

Gary Thomas

### 300 Games

Todd Barrett

Graham Coleman

Ken Woollams

### 200 Games

Geoff Riley

Gavin Scally

Richard Williams

Steve McEntee

Neil McPhail

Grant Watton

Kane Woollams

Michael Ashley

### 100 Games

Nicola Ogden

Athlene Marshall

Lindsay Borthwick

Andrew Starling

Stuart Meredith

Sue Wilson

Reece Crake

Alene Ivey

Stuart Taylor

Dylan Hadley

### 50 Games

Greg Riley

Allison Hall

Mark Tate

Stephen Hall

Samantha Lee

Lachlan King

Katherine Hall

Laurence Rushton

Sarah McIntyre

Mitchell Welten

Matthew Bell

Eric Cheung

Chris Criddle

Jordan Hunt

Mandy Pike

Cameron Wittber

Liam Woodward

Samuel Kenny

Terry Hudson

Tristan Ryan

Kendrick Pool

Grayden Doak

Matthew Bowater

Lynda Forbes

# Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

## Seniors Awards 2003

### **Founder's Shield:**

Fairest and best - men's top side

Ben Bishop

### **Wiffen Trophy:**

Most improved younger player - women

Tara Bowater

### **Catherine Bayens Trophy:**

Player displaying most commitment to club - women

Lee Jarvis

State 2A:

James Welten

State 3 Women:

Rachel Coomber

State 6 Women:

Lauren Ferguson, Siobhan Panton and Claire Hadley

Metro 1 Women:

Allison Hall

Metro 1A Men:

John Cooke

Metro 3B Men:

David Beatty  
Matt Geers

Metro 3D Men:

Scott Sparkes  
Wayne Harries

Metro 4A Men:

Mark Meyers

Midweek Veterans 1 Men:

Michael Watson

Veterans 1 Women:

No award

Veterans 2 Women:

Kelly McCall

Veterans 3 Men:

Peter Dawkins

Veterans 4 Men:

Leo Welten

Veterans 5 Men:

Roger Bell

Over 50 Division 2 Men:

Tony Illman

# Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

## Junior Awards 2003

Division	Fairest & Best	Coaches' Award
Under 17A Boys:	David Orr	Rhys Spedding
Under 17B Girls:	Tara Bowater	Shani Sperinck
Under 17C Boys:	Reece Crake	Rick Francis
Under 15B Boys:	Stuart Taylor	Joshua Harmon
Under 15C South Boys:	Peter Gross	James Kenny
Under 13B Girls:	Jordan Hunt	Adam Yeates
Under 13B #1 Boys:	Mark Timmell	Matthew Bowater
Under 13B #1 Boys:	Mai Barnes	Vanessa Martin
Under 13 South West Boys:	Ryan Angus	Blake Sims
<b>Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy:</b> Most promising junior progressing to seniors		Adam Halliday
<b>Life Members' Trophy:</b> Most deserving recipient of coaches awards		Shani Sperinck
<b>David Porter Trophy:</b> Most improved goalkeeper		Tristan Ryan
<b>Ian Halliday Trophy:</b> Highest junior goal scorer		Caitlyn Surman (38 goals)



# Top Squad - Men



The team is enormously grateful to Steve McEntee's Duracraft Panel and Paint for his continued sponsorship support of the top squad.

Thank you also to Jonno Orr, team manager who unselfishly gives his time to the top squad and value adds to the team by ensuring that the team's attire is always presented clean and tidy – I am sure Janet plays a big part in this too.

To the MOB – thank you for your 'behind the scene' support, particularly in assisting us to put the best team on the field as often as possible.

Following a very successful 2002 season where the undefeated 1B team was promoted to the Goundrey Cup, the club looked forward to a successful transition to the top grade. However over the summer six senior players left the scene for various reasons and the team was somewhat depleted. This did create opportunities for others to step up which saw a number of young players including Dan McEntee, Ben Meacock, Evan Kelly, Anthony Ricciardone, Ryan Backhouse and Jim Pickering. The team was led by Captain Ben Rushton with support from other senior players in Richie Williams, George Watts, Matt Read, Brendan Joss and Steve Beatty.

Leigh Meyers who moved to Melville from Mandurah provided some added talent in defence before succumbing to leg injuries that prevented him finishing the season and Dom Reay, Michael Starling and Graham Watts were valuable contributors when able to play because of other commitments away from Perth.

The club was lucky to have secured the services of Ben Bishop as the AIS draftee from Canberra Lakers. Ben provided the team with an exciting level of skill, speed and tenacity and his team ethics were evident with his participation in all club activities. With the Club having an active connection with the Canberra Lakers team, it augers well for recruitment opportunities from this area in the future.

Although the team only recorded 10 premiership points for the season, the endeavour and commitment of the team was not reflected by the results it gained. The players did the Club proud and had it not been for some untimely bad luck, the results could have been different. The young players in this team have gained enormous experience through this tough season and from this will provide the club with a nucleus of talent for years to come.



At the time of this report the Club has maintained the Goundrey Cup grade for 2004 although the 2A's have been relegated for the 2004 season. I wish to thank the Club, Committees and all the players and supporters for their unfaltering support over the past season and wish you well in 2004.

**Colin Brandis**  
Senior Coach



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## **Ben Rushton (Captain)**

Well done in your leadership role, Ben. In what was a difficult season, you provided a positive lead to the young players and kept the team focused through some trying times. You have learnt versatility and from this I am sure you can continue to play at this level for some time yet, even if it is in defence.

## **George Watts**

You handled a difficult season with an enormously positive attitude and enthusiasm that ensured that the team was always going to fight to the end. It was good to see your experience and confidence having an influence on the players around you, particularly the kids. George has many years of good hockey ahead and will provide the club with excellent leadership on and off the field for a long time yet. George was selected in the Australian squad for the inaugural World Cup Indoor Hockey Championships but was unfortunately not selected in the final team. Well done George.

## **Richie Williams**

We almost lost Richie to the poms but as things turned out, apart from some debilitating illness, Richie was an outstanding contributor for the whole season, and nearly scoring a goal on one occasion. Clearly comfortable at Goundrey Cup level, Richie provides the club with a foundation to build on. Well done on a great season and we look forward to you returning from your overseas junket with renewed enthusiasm to do it all again.

## **Brendan Joss**

Brendan successfully converted from a left wing to be pure left half for the best part of the season. Brendan learnt quickly and had a number of great tussles against some of the fastest players in hockey. Brendan's knowledge of how strikers think (do they or do they just run fast?) made things easier for him, I'm sure. Remember Brendan, anyone can play halfback - ask Ben.

## **Leigh Meyers**

It was great to have Leigh migrate from Mandurah as he had been a thorn against Melville in 1B's for years. When fully fit, Leigh will provide this Club with the required level of defensive skill and power that is needed at this level, and nice guy too. Well done, Leigh, in what must have been a frustrating season for you with those leg problems. Once they are fixed, you will go forward in leaps and bounds and have many seasons in Goundrey Cup competition.

## **Matt Read**

Matt was required to play in key positions this season in the midfield where he was able provide the team with some skilful stick skills. The defensive part of Matt's game still requires some work. However, when able to attack with the ball, Matt caused heaps of concern to opposition defences. Hopefully, Matt, the team can bolster up the midfield and you can be the striker you always wanted to be. Of course, goal scoring comes with that, so guess what you need to practice.

## **Rob McKenzie**

Rob was welcomed back to playing at Melville and it did not take him long to get into the groove after some time away from hockey. Rob played at centre half for the majority of the season and as he got fitter, his skills and confidence improved so he became a very good and influential player in this position. Rob provided a bright spark in the midfield and with his continued enthusiasm and team play, he will provide this team with a ready made CH for some time. Well done Rob.

## **Steve Beatty**

Fitting hockey into a very busy study schedule for a PhD, Beats could still manage a fine season with 10 goals. Although the fitness waned a bit over the latter part of the season, Steve was still able to provide a focal point at centre forward where he demanded attention from defences and created many opportunities for the team. Let's hope the youngsters learnt some good hockey things from Beats, other than the pre-game ritual of course.

## **Ben Bishop**

AIS draftee from Canberra Lakers – Ben was an excellent draftee for the club and, apart from his exceptional work ethic for the team and the many scares and knocks he took for the cause, Ben was a tremendous team mate and club man. Ben was our leading scorer with 14 goals from the midfield position. A great ambassador for Canberra and the AIS, Ben contributed to the club through his advice to others and his enthusiastic attendance at club functions. The club looks forward to a continued relationship with Ben and Canberra in the ensuing years.

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## **Graham Watts**

Graham was required to relocate in his employment to Geraldton early in the season and through assistance from the MOB was able to travel to selected games, returning to Perth for the last 5 games. A genuine State level player in field and indoor hockey, Graham provided the stability required for the team to be competitive when he was available.

Graham was the only Western Australian Player to represent Australia at the inaugural World Cup Indoor Hockey Championships in Germany in January 2003. Graham was voted one of the best three players for Australia at that Championship. Australia came 7<sup>th</sup>. Well done and congratulations to Graham and it is hoped that Graham's work keeps him in Perth to continue his career with Melville.

## **Dan McEntee**

Dan continued to improve this season with many games in the Goundrey Cup team and scoring two goals. With this experience and continued skill development, it is hoped that Dan's confidence will take him further and enable him to be a formidable striker for years to come. Work on those stick skills and watching the on field positioning of lots of good players will get you there, Dan. Keep improving and wanting to improve.

## **Evan Kelly**

Straight out of U17's saw Evan have many opportunities off the bench in the top team. Evan has the stick skills and speed to be a successful midfielder with his goal shooting improving over the season. Evan has already scored his first goal at Goundrey Cup level. With continued improvement, strength and confidence, Evan provides the Club with a future midfield star at this level. It won't just happen, Evan – you have to go and make it happen and with the right endeavour and focus you will get there, I'm sure. Get to watch and learn from the best, just as you did from Ben B. Well done.

## **Ben Meacock**

Ben started the season at right half in the top team. However, the tempo and tough opposition did not enable him to find his feet as he would have liked. Following some time in the 2's, Ben came back into the Goundrey Cup team in second half of the season as a striker and he was much better suited, scoring some goals. Ben should continue to develop his striker skills ahead of focusing on being a defender as his speed, reach and shot on goals are best suited to this position. Remember, anyone can play halfback.

## **Ryan Backhouse**

Ryan played predominately in the 2's where he was a very consistent contributor at left half. Ryan took his opportunities in the Goundrey Cup team and showed that he has potential to be successful. However, again Ryan, you need to study the game by watching and learning from the best to get the positioning and distribution options consistently right. Keep at it and you will succeed.

## **Dom Reay**

Dom unfortunately had to move to Melbourne after only six games and we lost one of the key players from our team. Thanks again to the MOB, we were able to get Dom back for four selected games where he contributed enormously to the team. It will be a great loss if Dom does not return for next season. Apart from missing his great hockey prowess, we don't know who to pick on at training any more.

## **Jim Pickering**

Jim was elevated into the Goundrey Cup team from the Metro 1A's and, after finding his feet, proved that he has the potential to be successful at this level. Jim finished the season in the twos but with a good pre-season under his belt should be able to compete at the top level. Well done after being dropped into the deep end and learning to swim quickly.

*To the other players who contributed to the Goundrey Cup team in 2003 - thank you for your patience and contribution from the bench at each game, a role that is considered very important for the team's performance. These players included – Anthony Ricciardone, Jon Rutgers, Grant Watton, Todd Barrett, Shayne Coumbes and Michael Starling.*



# Top Squad - Women



close to making the finals - consistency based on training attendance and player commitment is the remedy. I wish all the players the best in their further hockey development and thank the squad, interchange players and those dedicated spectators that experienced the great hockey that the team delivered for Melville in 2003. Until we meet again.

**Philip Todkill, Coach**

## **Rachel Coomber - RW (Captain)**

Enthusiastic, dedicated, committed and a very talented hockey player. There is no better sight than seeing Rach screaming down the wing and demonstrating that stick feint, then driving into the attacking circle for a shot. Rachel has plenty to offer and absorbs every learning aspect of the game. A great team personality and player to coach that has led by example this season. Rachel has learnt this season to outthink the disruptive Narelle.

## **Fiona Diprose - GK**

Although not well-known to Narelle or to sample the simple culinary delights of cream puffs, Fiona has continued from last season with improved slide tackling, kicking away from the attackers and raised ball work. Fiona has now developed an understanding of positioning the defensive unit and knows the value of being a little vocal when her instructions are not followed. Fiona only gets better.

## **Lee Jarvis LB**

Lee has taken on a new role as defender with great results and definitely does not like cream puffs. The fullbacks' union is alive and well with Lee acting as shop steward and Jonesy as secretary on the occasional umpiring interpretations. Lee has the willingness to transfer knowledge to her Melville juniors by taking on the tough job as a junior coach. A top effort this year with that 'dicky' knee.

## **Carolyn Jones - RB**

Almost Mrs Perpetual Motion with a pendulum-like hit and speed still good enough to mix it in 3's. A very enthusiastic and dedicated club/team member

We started the season with 'cream puffs' served at half time and Narelle playing full games. By the end of the season, there were no cream puffs and Narelle was relegated to the reserves bench and only making guest appearances. This season is one of continued improvement and establishment of a competitive platform for next season's finals onslaught. I am proud of the improvement that the team has demonstrated. Put simply, we have doubled our goals scored, reduced the goals against and have only had narrow defeats. The team is playing a style of hockey that is enjoyable to watch and uses all skill sets and thinking needed to play fast competitive hockey. We missed the finals by 1 win and all players have learnt the pain in coming so

contributing consistently every week. Jonesy has overcome the occasional lapse in concentration about Narelle and desire for cream puffs to forge ahead in the offensive role that a fullback can add in a game. Stick around Carolyn for one more go at the semis!

## **Kelly Ryan - LH**

Kelly is a younger player stepping up 3 grades this year with good results and learning every week. The biggest result for Kelly was refining the positional game, particularly in cover and short corner defence. Sometimes Kelly liked chocolate-coated cream puffs near the attacking circle but these were removed from the menu and the resulting constructive play improved. Next season a refinement in ball distribution will make Kelly a solid LH but more disliked by Narelle.

## **Sarah Lee - LC**

Sarah started with her usual trademark tenacity until holidays and injury took their toll with some vital games missed. The move to left centre suited Sarah's work rate and play and the results were plain to see in the last 4 games of the season. It would have been good for the team to have seen more of Sarah this season and I hope that those work commitments relent next season. Sarah never knew Narelle but liked the occasional cream puff.

## **Sue Clark - RC**

An experienced campaigner bored with Vets and liking the added work rate presented in 3's. Sue added a stabilising factor to our midfield with some great ball distribution that Narelle hated but Kate, Rachel and Tara revelled in. Our attacking PC's got an extra

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dimension with the inclusion of Sue that resulted in some nice early goals to get the team away. A well respected member of the team and thanks for the time and effort.

## Paige Tucker - RH

An original Melville player that was reconverted from Curtin to remind us all of the speed that Paige has. A typical Paige attacking raid consisted of 2 pirouettes, 3 back sticks, 4 pushes forward and a head down run for 40 yards through the opposition defence. The result was a mesmerised opposition defence, umpires, team mates and coach but resulted in Narelle sometimes getting in the way. Paige is a valued asset to the team that we all hope will return next season. Good to have you around Paige.

## Tara Bowater - LW

Junior just gets better! Turning 16 is hard in the tough world of women's hockey particularly as Junior runs down the sideline carving up more fancied opposition and scoring goals by demonstrating a desire for following the shot and picking up the rebound. Tara is not a known friend of the more experienced Narelle and tries hard to avoid cream puffs by keeping low in the circle ready to nudge another ball into the back of the net. A great year for Tara that I am sure will set the scene for her hockey career.

## Kate Fennessy - CF

Tenacious, elegant skills and fast sum up Kate's repertoire. Kate has had a good consistent season giving the spectators memories of great ball stealing and stick skills. Kate generally ignored Narelle's calls for the ball when Kate was going at full pace into the attacking circle to extract a last second shot on goal. If it was not Rachel doing the damage up front it was Kate tearing the opposition apart. This has been a strong season for Kate with some good support play all round.



## Marie Ainsworth - IR

An unassuming player from Bunbury with a higher work rate than most would realise. Marie has learnt the difficulties of 3<sup>rd</sup> man obstruction and the art of passing with good results. It was unfortunate that Marie was injured at the same time as Sarah resulting in some costly narrow losses. Something I did not realise was that Marie was experienced enough to star in the Melville Vets but not quite enough to overcome the pleas of Narelle. A good team player and addition to Melville.

## Karen Rossel - IL

Karen started the season strong as usual and then had some bad luck with injury that forced her out for half of the season. It would be good to see Karen in full fitness next season to show us the underlying talent that lurks beneath that quiet exterior.

## Interchange Players

A positive for the club was the youth that is returning and willing to take on the challenge to earn a place in the 3's. Players that contributed to the 3's and are developing ready for next season were:

Claire Hadley - 3 games  
Kathryn Atkinson - 5 games  
Martha Reay - 2 games  
Siobhan Panton - 2 games  
Katie Simcock - 1 game  
Lauren Ferguson - 3 games

## ***Some explanatory notes and part of the team charter:***

*'No' Cream Puffs – 50/50 bobble passes usually resulting from a Melville miss hit.*

*Narelle Nobody – a good pass from a Melville player straight to the opposition.*

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## **Robbo**

Known to his students as Super Mario, he is the coach who shows no fear. But we know he has one burning fear that sends shivers up his spine. This is the fear of shoelaces and tying them up. As a consequence he's a big fan of the zip up hush puppies. Also loves Ken Done and wears his tailor-made Ken Done tracksuit religiously. He just loves pastel colours. A man who loves fashion and watching Miami Vice re-runs in his spare time.

## **Jim Welten**

The most agile goalie in the competition. Don't take my word for it. The proof of this is highlighted when he lies down on short corners: he covers less than half the goal mouth yet still manages to save them all. Not that we're saying he's short or anything.

## **Hank - Bruce Hancock**

Mr Recovery. The only man with tighter hammies than Stef. Like Jeff Farmer, he often goes down as if he's been shot yet still manages to play the next week. And like Jeff Farmer, he never seems to get the free. Always manages to get even though. Thinks neoprene is mankind's best invention because it's the only thing that holds him together.

## **TB - Todd Barrett**

TB or Tuberculosis – They're both highly contagious and not good for you. Especially if you're an opposition forward who's just been mown down – usually from behind. He's also a bit of an epidemic around the club, organising everything from social functions, coaching to team selections. He's also taken over Scanners' job as the 2's team worry wart.

## **Backers - Ryan Backhouse**

Has earned his nickname through his uncanny ability of successfully tackling opposition players with the back of his stick. This in itself is nothing special but the fact that he has never ever had a free hit blown against him because of it is absolutely amazing. Then again, it could be because of his surname. No, it's definitely the back of the stick tackle.



## **Picko - Jim Pickering**

After a shocking start to the season, Picko found himself demoted to the 1's due to poor form. Showing true and character, Picko worked his way back into some form and was rewarded with a promotion to the 2's. With a good pre-season and some hard work, it shouldn't be too long before he finds himself back on top and playing 3's.

## **Johnny Boy - Jon Rutgers**

The man with the unpronounceable surname. People from Adelaide are always a bit strange. What can you say about a bloke from Adelaide? Probably not much that we don't know already. He's a Crows supporter, he thinks it's strange when you don't walk across the tarmac when you hop off a plane and watching cricket under lights is a new experience for him. I wouldn't get on the wrong side of him though. Remember, he creates his own acid wash jeans and always keeps a few spare buckets in the shed.

## **Whip - Ben Meacock**

Also known as Vandergraff because his head resembles a walking Sci-tech display. Apparently had his last haircut back in 1990. Poor soul thinks chicks dig it. His favourite pick up line is "You know what they say about guys with big hair".



## **Stef - The Old Man - Willett**

Four words. Too old! Too slow! Too grumpy! Oops, that's six words. And he can't count. It's the Alzheimer's.

## **Cactus - Craig Orr**

Apparently Cactus got his nickname from the definition of cactus which if you look up the dictionary "A cactus is a spiny, succulent plant". And I thought it was because all his girlfriends thought he was a bit of a prick. You learn something new every day.

## **Watto – Mark Watton**

I wish I could say too old, too slow but I guess we're stuck with too old. The most common phrase uttered

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around Watto this year was “Oohhh that’s gotta hurt” as he left the field with claret pouring from his head on more than one occasion. The most common phrase should have been “Duck!”

## **Macca - Dan McEntee**

The man who plays hockey like he drives, Fast and furious and, like the movie, you’ve guessed the ending before he’s stuck it in first gear. And, like the movie, he looks good but unlike the movie, he never seems to get the girl. He should probably stop trying to crack onto his friends’ sisters.

## **Ben Mac - Ben MacArthur**

The only man to have got John Bestall sent from the field. Why? Because he’s completely mad. Insane. Ben, that is. A typical forward, who gains great satisfaction from coming in from the wrong side of big hairy fullbacks just as they are about to club the ball. Like I said, a complete nutter.

## **Ricca - Anthony Ricciardone**

Ricca is the loud mouth of the group. Talk. You can’t shut him up. He goes on and on and on about how good he is. He’s usually talking about his latest attempt at a “Tomma” and how it missed by two inches (don’t they all). Fails to mention he’s never hit a ball with the flat stick in his entire life. As a result, he always approaches things from the left and has difficulty playing golf.

## **Evan Kelly**

Cut from the same cloth as Ricca. He can’t stop telling everyone how good he is. How he dragged around this full back and that full back and scored this goal and that goal and set all the others up. The other big thing to note about young Ev is his ability to sledge. He makes the Australian team look like amateurs and Shane Warne look well behaved. Not to mention the language. You thought Steve Waugh and Glen McGrath were bad. Wait to you here this bloke.

## **Dan “The Man”- Dan Scott**

What can we say about “The Man”? Is it the skills? Is it the flair? My personal opinion is that it’s the hair! Whatever it is there is no doubt that Dan is “The Man”.

## **Coumsy - Shane Coumbe**

The bloke from Mandurah who fortunately for the 2’s could always be counted on to put his back into it. Unfortunately for his back, this was not a good thing. So much so that eventually his back told him to bugger off. Unfortunately for the 2’s, this was not a good thing.

## **Mike Starling**

There are several things that stand out about Mike. The un-paralleled skill, the strange dialect of so-called English he speaks or the limited edition Isle of Man Police Socks. Of course it’s the socks I can’t go past. Well, not without wearing anti-flare Polaroid sunglasses. I think someone should tell him there is reason they didn’t make too many.

## **Scanners - Andrew Scanlon**

He came! He saw! He got sent off! There’s nothing like experience.

## **Clary - Mark Lyon**

He came! He saw! He got sent off! There’s nothing like experience.

## **Cookie - John Cooke**

He came! He saw! He should have got sent off! There’s nothing like real experience. The only reason he didn’t get sent off is because Scanners wasn’t playing.

## **Dave the Dirty little Orr**

Dirty is also known as the super sub. He’s got the super skills, the super pass, the super talent and a super big pair of shorts. He makes Jimmy look like Luc Longley on steroids.

## **Honourable Mentions**

Ryno – This book isn’t big enough  
Josh – The one legged man  
Leigh – Lethal Lee  
Brendan – Bear  
Grant Watto – The deserter



# State League 6 - Women

**Helen Scott** - Helen has achieved rather a lot this year, not only taking on the role as 'Segetary' to the Club but also the Manager of our team the 'Mighty 6's'. She has also gone back to study a teaching degree this year - not only has she kept on top of her study commitments, hockey training, keeping us unruly sheilas informed and in touch with club goings on, but also managed to become engaged to Kieran. So yes, this busy specimen managed also to play hockey this year and did exceptionally well as a winger and an inner (an experiment that in the lab looked like a good idea). Head and shoulders above the rest - great for frees, she fights hard, runs and leads for the ball, Helen is a great team player and it is no surprise she popped a few goals in this year.

**Sam Lee** - Sam is our star inner and wing. Without her, where would we be? She has been tripped up, hockey stick hacked and bumped into but she still comes back and plays like a trooper. Sam is always encouraging her fellow team-mates and it is never boring when she is on the field. Thanks Sam for all your support and a fantastic season.

**Jenny Pidgeon** - Jen is our goal-kicking queen. There were a few weeks when we did not have her and boy, did we feel it. No one can replace Jen. You can hear her yelling and screaming to get us back down to defend and to get on our players. It is a great help, Jen, and we love you for it. Jen has recently moved from the high life of Northbridge to the quiet surrounds of Gosnells but she puts her busy lifestyle aside to come and play hockey with the girls. Thank you Jen.

**Nigel Atkinson** - The girls would love to say a big thank you to Nigel. It has been fantastic having a coach, to yell at us each week and tell us what to do on the field. It takes a lot of courage to come and organise 11 ladies and Nigel did it with ease. Whether we are losing or winning, Nigel is always on the sidelines helping us improve our game and keep our spirits high. Nigel, from all of the girls, thank you for everything you have done for us. Do you have any plans for next season?

**Siobhan Panton** - Shevie is a new member of our team but we are so happy that she decided to play for Melville. Siobhan is supportive to her team-mates, happy and is a pleasure to play hockey with. Whenever you need help, Siobhan is always there ready to back you up or tackle the other player. Even though she is pretty quiet, you can hear her helping her team mates on with encouraging words. Thanks Siobhan and we hope to see you next season.



**Kathryn Atkinson** - "Kat" is always fun to have a game with. It's never boring on the field, that's for sure. With a great hit on her, it's no wonder she is on our back line or running around being centre forward. Kat don't take crap from anyone and she has encouraged us to do the same. She gets us all fired up to get out there and do our best. Thanks for a great season "Kat" - hope to see you next season.

**Lauren Ferguson** - Even though Lauren is one of our quieter players, she is always around to pass the ball to or do a great tackle down the middle of the field. Lauren has grown with experience and confidence over the season and is willing to give anything a go once. She is so committed to the girls that she even turned up for half a game before she flew off to Melbourne. Isn't she fantastic? Being on the forward line, Lauren has assisted with a few goals being scored and makes sure everyone is with high spirits. Thanks Lauren for all your support throughout the season.

**Claire Hadley** - Claire was new to the team this year but boy is she a great halfback. Claire has no fear either, being our first person to run out for shorts and with the amount we had this season, it became second nature for Claire. There is a funny story though how she scored a goal for the other team against her own goalie but hey, any way you can get a goal is good enough for us. I bet no other half back has scored a goal in their season. No really, Claire, thank you for a great season of fun and support. Oh and by the way - great goal.



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was the one you wanted to have next to you playing to give you confidence and support. Thank you so much for playing for Melville, Katie and we promise to come to training next season, honest.

**Kymberley Wilson** - It has been a good and bad season for Kymberley. The good side was that she scored most of our goals for the team with her hard hitting and great skills. The bad side was that her hamstring just would not allow her to play as many games as she would have liked. Even when she was injured, Kymberley would still come to the games to encourage the girls on. We even got her to play goalie once. It must be hard spreading yourself around between Vets and 6's but we thank you Kymberley for all your hard work and support for the season.

**Martha Reay** - Martha is also a new one to the women's team. If she made it to the game on time and not hungover, it just wouldn't be the same. Martha was our inner for a while but then had a go at halfback and she was great at both. She was always there for a pass or a tackle and never gave up. Martha was even asked to help out the 3's once or twice but she always came back to the girls. It was fun having her on the team and hopefully she will be back next season. Thanks Martha. Oh Martha, can you thank your dad as well for all the sideline yelling he did? It was nice to have support from the sidelines.

**Mandy Pike** - It was a big season for Mandy, being team captain and turning the big 30. Mandy is so lovely to have on the team. Her words of encouragement can be heard all over field. If you are meant to be somewhere, you will soon hear where it is. Being full back, Mandy can see all and even off the field she can make everyone feel good about themselves. Mandy was a great captain. She brought us all oranges for half time, and helped out when the manager wasn't there and even when the ball hit her she never screamed or got angry. (How do you do that?) Thank you so much Mandy for a great season. It has just flown by.

**Katie Simcock** - If there was ever a player you never want to lose, Katie is ours. She is always at training and encouraging us to go as well, and even on the field, Katie is the first to say how great you have done. Katie also got us, for the first time, our own team mascot, Ming. (Her dog). Katie got best player a few times and you always knew she was open and making leads to get the play going. As a forward player, Katie



# Metro 1 - Women

Having taken all before us in the past few years, this year the Mighty Metros decided to donate their top two goal scorers to higher grades and glory.

Although not top of the ladder, the M & Ms have still retained a spot in the four and look forward to the finals. Hopefully, injuries are finally behind us and we can field our strongest team and try again for the flag.

## Linda King

We aimed higher this year and claimed the Club Treasurer. Returning to hockey after fifteen years, Linda thought she was a forward but we have proved her versatility and made a great fullback out of her. It's a better position for her hammies which were sadly stretched at right wing. Noted for her fondness for the odd tipple of red wine.

## Helen Constable

We have given Helen the luxury of playing on the right wing this season, with less running and more opportunity to be creative. Her experience and skill have led the forward line to victory on numerous occasions and her hockey knowledge, expressed at half-time, has been most helpful to the team. Although she kept getting "best player" in Vets 1s (and even once in Vets 2 although she didn't play for them), for some reason we didn't give her best player in Metros. Don't know why - she deserved it time and time again!

## Carolyn Cadamar

Once again, Carolyn just keeps on running, back tackling and chipping away. She produces the cutest children but we have asked her to put a stop to this activity for a few more years. We can't afford her to take another season off. Great season, Carolyn.

## Athlene Marshall (Chook)

Donning the mantle of Metro 1s, Athlene decided to be slim, trim and terrific - and she was! New to us this year at centre forward, Athlene is cheeky, noisy, a barrel of laughs and very good at directing traffic. A promising gymnast, Athlene is part of the inaugural Metro Allstars, our star act for wind-ups, birthdays, anniversaries, ... any occasion where alcohol is involved and a sense of the ridiculous is required.

## Allison Hall (Mrs Mop)

Allison is our most brutalised player but a bruised jaw, black eye and bumpy shins are not enough to stop her giving her all. There is something about the women of Metros that makes them feel the need to donate their daughters to the team. With Allison, she carried that urge to new heights, donating Erin to the team, husband Pat to coach occasionally and son Ross to warm up the goalie. Allison never tires, never shirks the hard tackles and adds a great deal of drive and energy to our forward line. Looks good in a dressing gown.

## Lynda Forbes

Shy little Lynda came into the team with no confidence and, in her opinion, few hockey skills. To our good fortune, she has proved herself wrong time and time again, taking seagull lessons off partner Steve and hanging around that goal mouth ready to pounce on every crumb of a goal. Plays a great left wing, always making an extra effort. Again, a member of the Metro Allstars. Top goal scorer for the season. Well done!

## Audrey Emmett

It took Aud a little while to get into the Metro mode this year after a summer season on the turf but now she is back to her usual reliable self. Takes team priorities to a new level by delaying her flight to England to make herself available for the grand final - should we reach it. That shows commitment and faith, Aud! We'd better make sure we get there!

## Jo Mitsopoulos

When she wasn't dashing off to Enjo events overseas, Jo made the field her own. Full of enthusiasm and dash, Jo could be found wherever the action was on the field, up in the opposition D feeding the forwards or a desperate lunge in defence. Jo plans to trade her hockey skirt for a grass skirt in September but we have told her that this can't happen until after the grand final. No Hawaii until we get the flag, Jo, but keep practising that hula!! Pearly shells, dar!!

## Marie Intini - the Big Fat Cow

What a bonus! Fun on the field and off, we nearly lost her to the State 6s at the beginning of the season but



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eventually she saw reason and graced us with her presence. She worked hard at "Hairdo of the Year" and has been a strong contestant with green bows, diamante clips and streaks in her hair. Good try, Marie! Marie is also a member of the Metro Allstars - the original idiot who started trying to do headstands after one glass too many. Wine goes in better if you're upright, Marie!

## **Nicola Ogden** (alias Nigel)

Nic has not been quite so loud this year, due to laryngitis, not choice. We've missed our Noisy Nic and hope that booming voice has returned when finals fever hits us. Nic has played both fullback and halfback this year, and Mrs Versatility also played in goals in Alene's absence - did a fine job of it too. Even though Nic has not been in the best of health this year, she has still proved her commitment to the team by turning up every week. She still can't do a tomma but her sweep out to the side is a ripper! PS Fullbacks don't do tommas, Nic! Give it up!

## **Catherine Timmell**

Finally saw sense and returned to the fold. Sydney's loss is our gain! She heard we had continued winning in her absence and thought she was missing all the glory. Unfortunately, the WA climate left Catherine unwell for several weeks (YMCC Vets possibly to blame for that) and unable to join us on the field. But she's back for the finals!! Catherine had a run on the forward line this year and shot the winning goal. Not bad for a full back ... we're still hearing about it.

## **Jan Davis**

This year conscientiously refused to go to Sydney for the Challenge Cup weekend, which was a waste because we weren't in it (Bugger!) Constantly bleating about the need to play on the forward line and try to score goals (which we have yet to see), Jan is still the goalkeeper's favourite fullback - if nothing else works, she can always be relied upon to kick the ball for a short corner penalty better than anyone else. Manager and Wardrobe Mistress of the Metro Allstars - still waiting for those lurex bodysuits, Jan!

## **Alene Ivey**

Sadly lacking commitment this year, Alene took time off to climb Ayer's Rock and celebrate 150 years of King heritage. Alene has been practising her sliding - is 56 years of age too late to start doing this? It's hard to write anything about this woman - all she does is stand in goals! Oh yeah - and drink.

## **Alana Wake**

Alana took Hairdo of the Year far too seriously! She broke her hand on the hair dryer before the season even started and had to miss the entire season - all due to vanity! With nothing better to do, she agreed to manage the Metros during the year, still hoping to snag votes for H of the Y - fat chance! And now she's leaving for Roxby Downs and a radioactive future! Jan says the social scene will be duller than with us but Athlene says the male:female ratio there is 180:1, so good luck! Even though she couldn't play for us this year, Alana was the best manager we ever had! Thanks for the memories - come back and play for us again.



Special thanks to: Stephanie Hancock, Katherine Hall, Erin Hall, Gail Baker, Debbie Constable, Jeneane Becu who saved our bacon when we literally fell apart. A big thanks to our Team Photographer Guy, husbands, wives, children, supporters - and Carolyn's dog.



# Metro 1A - Men

As I write (it is late, but you probably knew that already) the Metro 1As have just taken the Guth Ardagh pennant to go with the Challenge Cup, and hopefully are on the march towards the premiership. Not a bad result considering our results last year and the fragmented personnel that always happens with a third side. A fantastic result considering the collective human frailties represented by the rather motley collection of individuals that make up the side, as outlined below...

## **James Pickering** (Captain, in name only)

Leaves us to play Goundrey Cup, then whinges all year when we win. You'd think he'd be happy for us. We're only doing it to spite you, Jimmy.

## **Rhys Spedding**

U17 goalie with the attitude of a fighter pilot in the body of a slightly misshapen female Romanian gymnast from the 1980s, saved our bacon in the Challenge Cup but listens far too closely to George's advice for my liking.

## **Andrew Scanlon**

The statue has finally thrown down the anchor in the full back line, demonstrating mobility unseen since Michael Jensen started playing midweek. Biggest contribution this year was his weekly e-mail insults of Clint Dymond, making fine reading for all involved, although it must be said that even though he can't run – let's face it, he can hardly move – he still got forward often enough to score more goals than Clarrie.

## **Michael Ashley**

Not so much skinny as downright skeletal, the man with the cramping bones played every game this year, despite his obvious physical deformities. Great fella, played well, but he is an umpire, and therefore not to be trusted.



## **Chris Geers**

What can you say about Chris that he hasn't already said about himself? Surprisingly enough he is the quieter of the 342 Geers family members playing for the club, which says more about them than it does about him. Primarily picked to make Scans look pacy, turned in some great performances at left half while still believing he is a striker.

## **Michael Deveson**

Junior continues to astound with his ability to...well, we don't know really. Has developed into a Willett-like player who stands in the middle and gets the ball all the time while complaining about not getting the ball, and tends to amuse himself by losing the ball and then getting it back with minimal involvement from anyone else on the team. Or on the other team, for that matter.

## **Ryan Rushton**

The arrival of the wonder twin to the M1As caused much consternation amongst opposition teams, who had to contend with a right side of him, Cookie and Gav, which is to an opposition midfielder what an abattoir is to an unsuspecting sheep. Ryan held up his side of the bargain, representing the finishing section, which produces the final product after Gav knocked them over and Cookie gutted them. Now that's teamwork.

## **Nathan Elliott**

Does anyone else remember the days when Figgy (remember that!!!) was but a slip of a lad playing in the backline and dazzling people with his speedy recovery and rapier like tackling skills. He is now more like a marauding panzer on the left wing, achieving phenomenal speeds when he has a tailwind and possessing all the manoeuvrability of a fully laden supertanker. Thank God he's on our side.





# Metro 3B - Men

What a fantastic season us boys have had. At time of writing we had stitched up the minor premiership and promotion back to Metro 2a's. The team for the year is as follows.

**Brad Wake** (Goalie) - Our rock in goals, has only let 14 goals past so far. Has come on in leaps and bounds this season and he continues to improve. Good work Rowdy.

**Aki Etelaaho** (Fullback) - The man, the legend, the golden boot. What more can I say. He has led from the front all season and has shown he only gets better with age. Luckily he did not score this season.

**Scott Forbes** (Fullback) - Every second week Forbsey graced us with his presence. Combined with Aki made a formidable backline. Not a lot gets past the little fella.

**Chris Criddle** (Fullback, Halfback) - Has an awesome reach and tackle on him. Many a winger/forward was taken apart by the younger Criddle brother. Great work Cridds.



**Brad Yates** (Halfback) - Our latest recruit to the club and a very handy one at that. As his confidence grew his pace and skill started to show through. Hope you stay on for a while.

**Dan Pickering** (Halfback) - When not out in the middle of the ocean he was in the backline. Does manage to run out a full game but can barely walk afterwards. Party related injury???



**Dave Beatty** (Centre Half)- A revelation at centre half. Controls the ball beautifully. But his constant wearing of black shorts cost us free beer. Damn you Beatts.

**Adam Sparkes** (Utility) - Played in almost every position and excelled in most of them. To date he has not been sent off so I think married life might be softening him up.

**Adrian Dusseldorp/Dave Pozzari** (Forwards) - Duss and Dave were never far apart from each other on or off the field. On the field Duss was the angrier one whereas Dave looks out for girls walking past. Both had great seasons and hope they stay around the club.

**Andrew Criddle** (Forward) - Went forward this year and it worked well, with Cridds scoring some great goals. Hasn't manages to dismember anyone yet but we still have the finals.

**Steve Walsh** (Forward) - Brought facial hair and speed into the team this year - this made him even scarier. Scored some great goals and was always ready out on the wing.

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**Matt Geers** (Forward) - The little fella who likes to tell mum jokes! On his day was unstoppable (in his own lunchbox) and took on whole teams and scored. Love your work, Geersy.

**Grant Watton** (Utility) - A handy bloke to have qualified for the finals. He better play well or we will cut off his food supply.

**Clint Dymond** (Forward) - A forward as if! A surprise packet this year, he has been there from the start, all through pre-season now onto the finals. He has scored many goals (on many occasions comparing himself to Devo and alike). He has put in a better than average effort this year, well done.

**Mrs Sparkes** (Supporter) Has only missed a handful of games in seven years. The club should honour this commitment with a 100 game cap.

Thanks go to Ramma, Gav, Scans and Devo for training and filling in for us.

Also special thanks to our supporters, the lovely Mrs Sparkes, the Wake family and Stephen Criddle.

But a huge thanks goes to my man Toddy, thanks for all your support and stress mate. You've done a power of work and you are a true champion.

***BRING ON THE FINALS***



# Metro 3D - Men

*12 Metro 3D players started with a forfeit against Hale and then  
Some training injuries and commitment problems  
And then there were 10.*

*10 Metro 3D players having a rough time  
1 too good for us and promoted,  
And then there were 9.*

*9 Metro 3D players with reinforcements late  
1 spat the dummy and went to WASPs  
And then there were 8.*

*8 Metro 3D players looking for more brethren  
But then another one spat the dummy  
And then there were 7.*

*7 Metro 3D players finished the season together.*

The magnificent 7 were:

Scott Sparkes, Kendrick Pool, Tim Priest, Justin Wake, Wayne Harries,  
Michael Girdlestone and in the latter half of the season, Scott Willis.

And with help from 17As Kieran Sanders and David Orr, George, Grant Watton,  
Matt Willis, Michael Jensen and many other ring ins, we never had to forfeit a  
game and even won one along the way on turf! (The highlight of the season).

Here's looking forward to 2004!



# Metro 4A - Men

This season started poorly with disruptions to fixtures upsetting the team performance.

The team then started to perform at a classic pace until another distraction (the broken finger club).

After realising we couldn't make it to the finals, we decided to have a bit of fun and amazingly won some good games.

Its amazing how an Emu Bitter can motivates the Metro 4A's!



**Rob Thorn** - (Centre half back) Another Super Star performance.

**Mario Coelho** - (Full back) A terrific year playing in defence. Broke a finger at the half-way mark, but recovered to play great defence in hockey.

**Kane Woollams** - (Full back) Some amazing hitting out of defence. Clocked 364 km/hr and the ball stayed on the ground. This year Kane had a clean slate for injury to the opposition.

**Tim McEntee** - (Right Inner) Played half the season with zest then Tim joined the Broken Finger Club and disappeared, possibly to the famous Albion.

**Matt King** - (Right half) One of the incredible half backs, who created many attacking moves. Tried a head butting tactic (but it didn't work)!

**Mark Myers** - (Full back/ inner) "Diver Dan". Consistent play rolling along the grass where he frequently tackled the opposition with vigour. Another great year from Mark.



**Josh Smales** - (left wing) Had an inconsistent year. Missed many opportunities in early season but found touch with terrific goals in the latter half. Josh is our leading goal scorer this season.

**Clint Chase - Captain (right inner)** Captain Clint played another defensive attacking year. Clint controlled the team without much fuss and kept the fighting under control.

**Cameron Porter - (Centre forward)** Cam played another sensational year of hockey. He went on a skiing holiday and managed to find a flight home to come back and complete the season.

**Cameron Wittber- (Goalie/Half back)** Our regular goalie decided to join the club, reinvented himself as a half back and was very impressive.

**Dale Tribbick - (Left half)** Dale had another impressive year with his Datson 120Y. His hockey was yet again fantastic for the super half back line and scored many goals for the half back group.

**Paul Worthington - (Right wing)** Played with magnificent poise, confusing the opposition with his magnificent backstick. Paul continued to improve all season and was a reliable contributor to the team.

**Dean Walker - (Goalie)** Our fill-in goalie when Cam joined the club, played an important part in the team's late season success. Dean's high skill levels showed, and we hope we have him back in future seasons.

# Veterans 1 (Midweek) - Men

**Mike Jensen** - Another vintage year from the captain. Remarkably, Jenno managed to get our guys to play the ball around the back to switch play. With this achieved he's going to be moved into the forward line next season to get our forwards to switch on. Thanks to Jenno, we managed to line up with a full complement each week – much appreciated by all. Thank you.

**John Crowe** - Somehow managed to get best player when he was spectating – twice!! No-one begrudged him the points, though, as Crowe's work in goals saved our skins many times over. A true and loyal gent, John backs the mighty Geelong Cats every week no matter what. Everyone wants Crowe in their footy tipping pool for 2004.

**Stuart Kenny** - Stue, if you throw it and it doesn't come back, it's a stick. Mind you, the way you hit the ball at times this year, maybe a boomerang's not such a crazy idea.

**Richard Thurtle** - When Viv Richards limped to the wicket, the fielding side shuddered. Get our Richard limping onto the pitch and you're going to see the laziest five goal haul of the season. It's been agreed that in the warm up next season a designated player will belt Rich in the calf. .... Bugger! We don't warm up.

**Keith Harper** - 'Barn Door' found it very difficult to score this season. He needs to get back in his box and stop being a trend setter.

**Geoff Ranford** - Whenever Jenno was in trouble he'd always dish off to Ramma and say, "Carry on, son". To Ramma, that meant belt the 'bJezus out of the ball and belt it he did. Getting keener on pushing into attack in his old age, he's learnt that Jenno plays best under pressure, so when our attack breaks down Ramma enjoys watching Jenno play really, really well.

**Kevin Dempster** - Our team's mister nice guy. Never swore when an opponent or team-mate thumped his fingers. Dispossessed so many of the enemy that every now and then he'd grant one full refugee status and allow him to settle in our half – with the ball.

**Greg Wilson** - Terrific work rate and enthusiasm, 'Willo' rejuvenated our forward line and gave it strength through the midfield. 'Willo' was a bit off putting at first – we're not used to telling a bloke to do something on the field and have them do it straight away. Thankfully, he calmed down and learnt to ignore Jenno like the rest of us.

**Dennis Loffell** - Managed to avoid running through concrete walls this year but was still hell bent on running through any forwards who dared dart down his wing. Amazing work rate, Dennis was to be found deep in attack and defence in a single move. Mind you, at the speed we move .....

**Rick Sinnot** - A disciplined winger, Rick fed the ball back into the middle to set up many an attack. Like Barn Door, was capable of missing the gimme goals and smacking in the full sprint reverse from the top of the D. Unlike Stue, when Rick doesn't like a stick he doesn't throw it away, he simply leaves it behind at the PHS.

**Andrew Burton** - Andy has the build to run through and break opposition bodies. We've just got to get him to break into a run. Mr. Versatile, Andy scored a couple of classic goals in attack and repelled many a blitzkrieg in defence.

**Greg Hunt** - Another mister nice guy who doesn't blaspheme when in acute pain. Will be remembered for his lilting "Not really" when asked if he was OK after being kneecapped by an opponent. Egg's still fantastically skilled when running in straight lines. He's still buggered if he has to turn.

**Michael Watson** - 'Apples' appeared regularly in the second half of the season. His defensive work and attacking drive spread fear throughout our team. How the hell were we going to keep up with this guy. It became accepted practice NOT to pass him the ball and NOT back him up. Funny, he reckoned that we played just like his old club.

## **Also Played:**

*Lindsey Rynvis, Jim Pollinelli, Leo Welten, Aki Etelaaho, Ted Neesham, Andrew Criddle, Evan Floyd and Allan Chellew*



# Veterans 1 - Women

**M**arvellous Melvill-ites

**E**nergetic moves

**L**uscious nibbles

**V**igorous warm ups

**L**ove giving advice to umpires

**L**ast to leave

**E**nthusiastic

**V**erbal diarrhoea

**E**xperienced drinkers

**T**rendsetters, first to have scarves  
& bags on wheels

**S**uccessful socialities

**1** - top of the ladder

Lindy Goss (Goalkeeper)

Jan Davis, Carolyn Jones, Ann Pekaar, Sue Clark, Sheri Stokell, Vicki Silich,  
Maris Margetts (Backs)

Marie Ainsworth, Janese McDougall, Helen Constable, Gaye Glaskin,  
Gail Anderson, Athlene Marshall (Forwards)



# Veterans 2 - Women

With most of last year's players returning and a couple of new faces (and a coach) we had hoped for another good year. Unfortunately losing the first 5 games, mostly by that solitary goal put us well behind. A run of 9 games without loss put us back in the hunt but we were unable to finish off and will miss the finals this year.

## **Alene Ivey**

Alene has had a great year in goals. Whilst we were under pressure early on in the season, she made many fine saves and helped to send the ball back into attack. Once again, I don't think a penalty has got by her. She had a few games off for a trip to the Red Centre and missed one after an operation (didn't the doctor say 3 weeks off?) Always prepared and well warmed up before each game.

Partner **Guy** was again a consistent spectator and photographer at our games.

## **Allison Hall**

After only missing 2 games all year, Allison eventually admitted she wasn't really a fill-in any more. Allison runs non stop for the whole game. She's not afraid of running into a tackle and has the dubious distinction of gaining more bruises than the rest of the team put together.



## **Audrey Emmett - Captain**

A stalwart of the team at left half and team captain this year. The opposition doesn't get past her too often and her ability to dribble on her back stick gets the ball back into our attack. She is a strong reliable player and it was a pleasure to play on the same team as her.

## **Debbie Gibson**

No Olympic or Commonwealth games this year, so Debbie managed to play most of the games this year (School holidays being the exception). Solid in defence, with plenty of vocal support for her team mates, she even kept playing after a serious fall in the infamous YMCC match.

## **Jo Mitsopoulos – Vice captain**

Jo has had a great year playing mostly at right half but playing centre when Kim has been injured or playing in goals. If she is in the country long enough she manages to play "Enjo, enjo, enjo – a travelling we will go". She plays hard and always has a smile. During the season Jo needed to alter her uniform – G strings were not popular with the other players. Great sense of fun and a good team member.

## **Kelly McCall**

An amazing tribute to "granny power" Kelly gets around like someone half her age.. hang on, that would make her too young to play Vets! A versatile forward with a big hit, great eye for goal and legs that run forever. Another great year and this year's best and fairest winner.



# Veterans 2 - Women

## **Kim Gotch-Martin**

"Kimmi, look at me..." Kim has played the pivotal centre half role and even filled in twice as goalie. Another great season from her this year. She even managed a couple of weeks in the Greek islands.

## **Kymerley Wilson - Manager**

Kymerley has missed far too many games with hamstringing injuries and has also taught us why you shouldn't run into a fence. Still our highest goal scorer despite playing only 2/3 of the games. She is again playing for the State 45s this year.

*Kymerley had a great season...when she was there.*

*Averaged a goal a game...when she was there.*

*Might have helped get us into the finals... had she been there. (More often)*

*Dogged by injury but still invaluable...when she was there.*

PS. Thanks for the scarves, Kym!

## **Lynda Forbes**

Lynda plays left wing and is always on that post waiting for the pass. This year she has scored quite a few goals by doing just that, unlucky not to have got more. She has chased some "impossible" balls several times. It's good to see somebody run. Great season.

## **Marie Intini**

We can't understand why Marie was called a "Big Fat Cow" by one of the opposition, since she is neither big nor fat. A new player for our team, coming back to the game after a 15 year break she proved a valuable player, able to play in most positions. Of course she had to learn a few new rules first, like "no off side". She has been selected for the State 45+ team this year. Oh, she's not a cow either.

## **Pearl Watene**

Pearl is another reliable defender, playing full back. Many a time has the ball come shooting out of the defensive circle after she has beaten the opposition forwards. Shame she hasn't signed up for Saturdays yet – she even has the uniform. Would be dynamite on the forward line as well and she did score a goal this year.

## **Sue Wilson**

Sue played centre forward and with a few tips from the coach has made some dramatic improvements. She regularly drags past the defenders and puts us into the attack. Our fox terrier, always running in and out, ever encouraging everyone. Sue always made position, when she was quiet long enough to stay in the game. Good fun, good hearted, great season.

## **Steve McEntee - Coach**

Our first coach – will he be the last as well? Just shows you have to be careful what you agree to at 3 am at a birthday party. His advice was always welcome and it was good to shift the responsibility for substitutions to his shoulders. Thanks for your efforts this year.

## **FILL-INS**

### **Carolyn Caydamar**

Carolyn has filled in a number of times when we have been short. She can play half back or inner, anywhere that needs a runner. Her long lunges keep the ball frustratingly out of reach of her opponents. Also has the ability to cause colour blindness in umpires.

### **Catherine Timmell**

Catherine has filled in a couple of times playing mainly in the back line. Her first game with us was the roughest of the year with some serious and some minor injuries, yet she still came back for more when asked later on in the year.

### **Nicola Ogden**

Nicola has filled in a couple of times, most importantly in goals. Where would we be without her?

### **Lyn Stowe**

Lyn also filled in a couple of times mainly as a forward. Who else can you call to go to a late game at Joondalup?

### **Michelle Bonner**

Michelle filled in once for us but other commitments prevented her being available most Wednesdays. Retired, hurt.

### **Lee Maxfield**

Lee played as a regular for half the season before a bad back and an approaching holiday forced her to pull out. Flexible enough to play as an inner or full back, we missed her.

### **Jeneane Becu**

Jeneane returned from Canada intending to play both Vets and Metros but unfortunately after only one game she had to retire.

# Veterans 3 - Men



A new look Vets 3 side this year with only 3 of last year's team back again, most of the remainder enjoying themselves in Division 4. Last year's Grand Final losing Division 4 team was split between the 3's and the 5's.

To date the team is sitting in third place on the ladder and just missed out on playing in the Challenge Cup. This might be a good omen as we played in the last 2 Challenge Cups and won, then lost the Grand Finals.

**Lindsay Borthwick** - Lindsay would have to be the most conspicuous player on the field. This is not only for his 6'6" plus height but also for the maximum effort he puts in every week. He never gives in and we only hear the occasional "oh S@#\$\$" come from the back line. When things get really rough and the other team is upset, he is really good to hide behind as well. Lindsay is a great team player and asset to the team.

**David Porter** - Dave is very passionate about his hockey. He is very much a team player and strives to perform at his best and to get the best out of his teammates. I would not enjoy being his opponent on the hockey field as he never takes a backward step and enjoys winning. I have had an enjoyable year playing hockey with Dave.

**Steve McEntee** - "Keep it short" the Manager said but I really thought I wouldn't. I am going to tell the whole gallant story even if I shouldn't. Steve plays Vets at 40 plus and runs at a tremendous pace. The other teams soon realise they're in for a hectic race. He wields an alloy stick which swung from up high, fires the ball at the goals, often flying by! I have fetched balls off the road and sometimes from the bush and I've fetched a ball wedged in the goalie's torso.

He plays full forward in our team and lurks around the net. Many goals he has scored from clever runs and stick and boot I bet! To be fair to a friend, some great goals he has scored and from playing hockey with Steve one can never be bored. He loves the game and sponsors the club, a really great guy. So if your car needs panel beating to Duracraft you must go. Be sure not to drive by.

**Mike Jensen** - Jenno only has played a handful of games for our team this year but has made a big impact at left half. He was able to tie up that side of the ground very tightly enabling the team to maintain constant pressure on the opposition. Some of his passes were a bit hot for some of the old blokes in our team. Thanks for helping out Mike.

**Robert Knyn** - At the time of writing Rob has a badly damaged ankle and may not be able to play again this year. Silly old fellow thinking he could play 2 games on the one day including taking on a young Fremantle side. After losing our other right side hero several weeks ago (transferred to Canberra), we are missing Rob's run and ball control very badly. We can only hope nature will do its best before finals time.

**Hans Geers** - One of the great things I have noticed about Mr President this year, besides seeing him and playing alongside him, is his hands on approach to the Hockey Club. From Friday night Goundrey Cup and Saturday morning Minkey to Saturday Grade games and our beloved Vets, he is always supporting both mens and women's teams of all age groups. I



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put Hans in the same league as Collingwood's Eddie McGuire. Hans can play hockey as well and his Saturday game is very solid and controlled with a very good eye for the ball. From everyone of all ages at MCHC, well done Hans on a great year.

Dutchy, El President or Hans not only runs the club, he tells his team mates what position he is going to play in, when at home what field we were going to play on and leads the sledging of the opposition, not that it happens very much in Vets! Like the majority of his team mates, Dutchy makes a snail look quite quick except at the conclusion of the game when he leads the rush to the showers and bar. Provided good drive from right half which often resulted in good scoring opportunities in a team which needed them. Thanks for the entertainment value and the way you have the club ticking, Hans. We do appreciate it.

**Roger Nottage** - Roger played for most of the first round and was indomitable at right wing. Roger had the speed and endurance and was tenacious, challenging to the best opposition. His fitness, pace and work rate enabled Melville City to unsettle opposition sides and dominate with the right side attack. Unfortunately, even though we all wish him the very best, Roger moved to Newcastle, NSW for work. His absence and his contribution to the team has been notably missed.

**Bruce Porter** - What can I say? Well, Bruce is very skilful, runs all day and is very tenacious at the ball. Not to be pushed around, Bruce stands his ground. It has been great to share the season with you and best wishes for the rest of the year. Thanks for your team play all year.

**Wayne Hudson** - Wayne is our no fuss, no frills Keeper who can always be relied upon to give his best both on and off the field. With his sidekick Paige in tow, Wayne frequently repels moves by the opposition teams. His voice in the background constantly reminds us of loose players, although we don't always listen to the calls. Turning out to be a pretty handy cook on the BBQ at the Clubrooms. Thanks for a good year Wayne.

**Peter Gill** - Peter played sound defence all year with long time team mate Lindsay. They had a great understanding and were rarely beaten in defence. Peter was particularly strong when pushing up in to attack. Our best goals came from his clearances out wide to our attacking wings. Great year Peter.

Other players in the team this year included David Timmell, the rock of Gibraltar at left half when he joined us early in the year and our gentle giant Lindsay Borthwick at left half. These guys also took the short corners and put pressure on opposing goalies. John Smith played at left wing and scored a number of goals but probably more posters than normal. Another Gentle Giant was Peter Dawkins who held down the difficult Centre Half position very well, week in and week out. Gary Bowater excelled at left inner with his skill and pace but did have trouble finding the grounds sometimes (eye sight fading, can't read fixture book?).



# Veterans 4 - Men

After a less than good start....like one win from our first five games....this team has performed sensationally. When writing this report we have won ten games on the trot and stitched up the Guth Ardagh trophy.

For the latter part of the season our forwards have only had to look at the goals and the ball's gone in...while cardboard cut-outs defenders have generally been sufficient to keep the opposition at bay.

Here's hoping it all stays together for the finals!!!

As well as those mentioned below thanks also to Terry Brooks, Peter Griffiths, John Maher, Chris Potter and Steve McEntee who filled in during our regular crises with regard to manpower.

**Mike Jolliffe** – Goalkeeper extraordinaire...had more clean sheets this season than a laundry service. Always dependable and highlighted his season with some absolutely brilliant stick-saves from the ground when apparently beaten. Continues to be the best sledger in the team....of both his team-mates and the opposition.

**Al Marshall** – Had probably his best season ever on the left wing, where he not only scored many goals but also set some up with great crosses. Perhaps his highlight was post match at Lilac Hill Park.

**Pat Hall** – The quiet achiever of the team. Runs his heart out, anywhere in the forward line and even occasionally on the half back line. Never stops trying, always encourages his team-mates, even ruffles a few feathers in the opposition from time to time. Considering a move to the fifties but should have at least one more year with us in the forties.



**Colin Slattery** – Welcomed back after a few seasons off and not much had changed with Slats. The car is a few years older, a bit louder and probably eligible for Veterans itself....he's still late for every game....the big change is the hair, almost gone past grey and turned to white. Slats slots in anywhere in defence and looks like he never had a break from the game.

**Bill Morrison** – They said it couldn't be done but a man with less hair than Gary Thomas. Had a blinder of a year at left half where he set up countless attacking moves. He ruined a great team tradition by showing us what to do with penalty-flicks....put 'em in the goals....something our erstwhile left half who shall remain nameless (Hans Geers) couldn't do.

**John Matthews** – New to the team, the man with the hamstrings made in Japan. Missed a few games through injury early but was a big part of the team's revival at full back where he calmly frustrated opposition forwards and scared team-mates with clever stick work in the defensive circle and a great confidence in his own ability.



# Veterans 4 - Men

**Peter Read** – Joined the team midseason after a twenty year break from hockey and filled in forward and back....not enough known about him yet to sledge but stick around next year and we'll find plenty!!!

**Gary Thomas** – How can you be accused of character assassination when this one barely had a pulse. Gary's mind was elsewhere for a large part of the season and about his most reliable feature has been his part, however this proved to not affect his game in the slightest. If the Merchandise Department had managed to develop the baseball cap with a false fringe in time we could have sponsored our way into next year on Gary's contribution alone.

**Leo Welten** – This was the straw that broke the camel's back and destroyed any hope we had of gaining potential sponsorship from Maurice Mead. After years of "head hunting", Gary has managed to stack the team and it now looks more like some obscure sect than a hockey team. This is, of course, reflected in the standard of play.

Leo often tried to keep us focussed at half time by giving a few pointers on our play. It's almost like he comes along for the hockey....

Anyway there's always next year to pursue Mr Sheen for the big sponsorship bucks.

**Chris Avent** – Some things like fine wines get better with age, and unfortunately this trait isn't always reflected in the drinkers of these products. This year Granpa's hands were definitely showing the effects of being shaken too much by the queen, as were his feet which as usual seemed to get in the way right at the critical moment. More hockey training might be a lost cause here but a few acting lessons wouldn't go astray. Although Granpa deserves credit for his sheer persistence with the rendition of the "who me" and the "what for ump" they were about as believable as Al Marshall bringing a carton .....

**Graeme Coleman** – What can be said about Graeme's game this year that he hasn't said himself. Well, actually, quite a lot but none of it would be printed. Another fantastic year from this valuable asset and if we could only figure a way of keeping him off the field his contribution would be even greater still. Graeme is one of the few forwards that is still in favour of wearing a saddle to certain games and this never fails to keep both teams entertained, if only we could stop their knees dragging on the ground.



**Noel Backhouse** – Speaking of mellowing with age, an astonishing year from Noel has seen several bookmakers put well into in debt. Conditions have often been ripe for the Backhouse of old but opposition teams seem to be warned off by the telltale signs of 10 players hiding behind the goals. Another unpredicted change to Crownies from Noel put 40 people out of work, cancelled a shift at the brewery and put Ken Ironmonger on the dole queue. Despite putting in a regular appearance this year, Noel's selective deafness seems to have worsened considerably, as has his confusion between left and right.

**Dave Graham** – Until this year Dave was one of our many forwards who thought goal was a place in Canning Vale and pass was something you tried on someone at the Christmas office party. We are definitely getting somewhere in the goal department, although most of them still only try the pass bit out about once a year. Being a bit of a quiet achiever Dave managed to become odds on over Noel after a "friendly" match early in the season.

**Greg Riley** – Taking on minkey this year has been tremendous and many of us suspect Greg has been taking notes as all aspects of his game continue to improve, from the sausage sizzle right through to the raffle tickets.

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**Roger Bell** - After having played with just about every other club, Roger decided to try Melville this year. Lucky for us he did, we might have found it a bit harder without a goalie. He worked hard all year to keep control of our backline – not an easy task.

**Mike Bide** - Mike made a return to hockey this year after a number of years. Unfortunately, Mike only joined us in the second half of the season. A little rusty at first, it didn't take long for the old touch to come back.

**Colin Brandis** - Colin joined us whenever injuries and Goundrey Cup commitments permitted. When available, Colin gave us much needed coaching and provided a steadying influence in the centre. His major fault is that he always displays skills superior to the rest of us.

**Declan Coghlan** - Our Irish import. Declan is more at home with hurling, but is coming to grips with the game of hockey. A really enthusiastic member of the team, he is sure to improve further with a bit of work during the Sevens competition.

**Colin Cooper** - Another player making a return to the game for the first time since his youth. Colin was used in a variety of positions this year. He handled all with ease and as his touch returned he put in some valuable performances for the team.

**Keith Jackaman** - This year Keith managed to fit in the odd game or two between trips to various tourist destinations. When in Perth he provided a steadying influence in defence and, just to show his versatility, even had the odd run up forward.

**Mark Johnston** - Yet another making a comeback after years of retirement. Mark had a few fitness problems, but showed a steady return to form over the season. Should be back even better next year.

**Stuart Meredith** - Stuart made a late start to the season but proved to be a valuable addition when available. Again, injury interrupted his season – this time caused by one of our own players. Hopefully, we will see him on a more regular basis next year.

**Steve Noble** - A talented player whose skill levels were above those of the majority of the team. Unfortunately, due to a posting at a country school, Steve was only able to join us every second week. It was certainly a bonus for us when Steve was available. He gave us plenty of drive and was always amongst the best players. Thanks Steve for a great year.

**Johnson Orr** - Another good year for the very sociable Johnno. He just loves chatting with umpires during a game and this year was no exception. He thinks that coaching from behind our goals gives him a better overall view of the game.

**Tony Patton** - Another good season from Tony, our ever-reliable right half. Not many opposition players get past his tackles. After missing the first few games, Tony returned in style and was regularly among the team's best.

**Geoff Riley** - Geoff made it through the season without an injury! Well almost; a broken arm kept him out for about six weeks. Apart from that, this would have to be his best season in Vets. It certainly seems as though he is getting better with age.

**Mark Tate** - Mark was only available for about half the season as he split his time between our team and coaching the Under 17s. When he did play he was a potent forward, not to mention vocal - there was no keeping him quiet after scoring a goal.

**David Timmel** - We managed to secure Dave's services for a number of games in middle of the season. His skills lifted our performances and gave us some crucial wins. Unfortunately, when we lost him back to the Division 3 team we had a big gap to fill. Thanks Dave.

**Rod Wake** - Rod was poached from the Over 50s to fill a gap in defence. He played strongly at either half back or full back, with the occasional run in the forward line. Still having a good turn of pace, Rod was able to match most opponents. Over 50s next year.

**Kelvin Woodward** - Kelvin again proved to be rock solid in the full back position. This year he showed more restraint and restricted his long runs downfield. Another consistent and very effective year.

*Thanks to the following players who were able to fill in for us at various times through the season: Noel Backhouse, Graeme Coleman, David Graham, Keith Harper, Greg Hunt, Steve McEntee, Chris Potter, Geoff Ranford, Craig Tate, Gary Thomas and Leo Welten.*

## Over 50 Division 2 - Men

Again the team showed that instinct that continued our being in the four at the end of the season. Well done all. As we have said before, it doesn't happen without the support of our spectators and fill-in players. We would like to thank Leo Welten, Pat Hall, Roger Bell and Stuart Meredith, who all filled in for us in our various times of need. A special thanks also goes to Kasu who has donated 3 awards to the team for use in the F & B awards. Next year will see us (we think) move up to the 55's but we are sure we will give as good up there as we did in the 50's. And yes, Dennis, we are working on how we can get you up there to join us.

### **Dennis Bawden** (Forward)

Seagull once again proved his skill of being a seagull when it comes to scoring goals. Another good year by Dennis who doesn't stop running and tackling. Caught many opposition players out and won a lot of balls this way. A good team member who doesn't say much on or off the field. Well done Dennis.

### **Jim Brown** (Halfback/Fullback)

Jim joined the team after a few years off hockey, part way through the year and we were glad to see him. He has slotted into the wing half position like he had been playing without any time off. Filled in at full back a couple of times and showed his skills there as well. Jim is a quiet achiever and we look forward to him returning to the team next year on a full season basis.

### **Bruce Cadd** (Half Back/Forward)

Bruce or "Caddy" as known by most, proved to be a valuable team player. Throughout the year he demonstrated that he was capable of playing both forward and half back positions. Sometimes Bruce's enthusiasm and "physical prowess" got him into trouble with his opponents and the occasional umpire, but his endeavours outshone these minor incidents. A reliable teammate who always gave his best.



### **Terry Hudson** (Goalie)

Terry has been known to offer the occasional opinion and rightly so when, at the time of writing this enthralling proforma on the man, the average of goals "for" compared to goals "against" is equal to zero. With respect, Terry is quite right to be concerned because firstly he believes we should have scored more goals "for" and secondly the ball should never have reached him during the games. These thoughts have obviously been taken from the well known publication "The Philosophies of Older Fullbacks". A man who played rugby in his youth (a long time ago), more recently as a position player in the field and now goalkeeper, Huddo has acquitted himself extremely well this year since taking over from his "li'l ol'wine drinker" mate Chris Potter. Terry has played well with courage, skill, determination and versatility to all our expectations.

### **Tony Illman** (Forward)

Tony is our effervescent right inner and in tandem with Terry P sets up many goal scoring opportunities for the other forwards. From start to finish Tony does not stop running and chasing down opposition players. His ability to burst through defensive players and get a shot away and score many goals himself is a great team asset. Part of the Thursday night training squad, both on and off the field, regardless of the weather, Tony is always there. Another great season and a pleasure to play with. See you next season.

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## **Ian Knight** (Fullback)

Ian played about half the season with us due to work commitments that saw him move to Canberra with his job. Their gain was our loss and we missed Mr Dependable in the back half of our team's structure. Again, we hope he returns to W.A. in time for next season. Oh, and by the way Ian, Ken has taken up your mantle of arriving at the game just in time.

## **Ian Lyon** (Forward)

Mouse, the old legs still keep moving and scoring many uncanny goals. Combined well with the other forwards during the year to make a focal point to score through. His long reach and skills caught many opposing players out and left them shaking their heads. A strong player who makes the best of his opportunities. Who said old men can't play hockey? A great example for some of our younger players to see how much enjoyment you can get out of hockey over a long period of time. Well done Mouse.

## **Kingsley McGuire** (Full Back)

King of the big hit, always goes exactly in the direction he plans but does not always get past all the bodies on the way. Our Rock of Gibraltar in the back left pocket.

## **Neil McPhail** (Half Back)

Our very talented and fit centre half. Quiet and unassuming, he gets the job done every week. His understanding with his two inners and fullbacks form a formidable X that is the nucleus of the side's success. Well done and see you back next year.

## **Kasu Nair** (Half Back)

Kasu started the year but due to a knee problem, did not play the full season with us. Showed again his skills when he did play and we have missed him. Knows how to get to the Hale fields through the back way and we are led to believe his knee problem does play havoc with his golf. Hope the knee problems clear up so he can join the team again next year on our move up to the 55's.

## **Terry Parker** (Forward)

Terry is one of the more skilful players in the team. He is a major contributor each week with his support to the defence, constant chasing of the opposition and accurate disposal to his other forwards. He is able to run for the whole game and can be relied on to neutralize any dangerous opposing forwards. His skills have deservedly won him a place in the State Vet's team once again.



## **Rod Wake** (Half Back)

Rod started the season like a house on fire but the Division 5 white-anted him for most of the season, using the lame excuse they were short of players. A talented player that was sure missed by the team and showed his versatility by filling both half back, full back and forward positions.

## **Rob Walker** (Half Back/Full Back)

The over fifty's manager and star talker, Known for his size and renowned as a baulker. Opponent forwards fear him as a deadly stalker. He has the strongest hit, which is often a corker. Our own inimitable club man, Rob Walker.

## **Colin Willis** (Forward/Half Back)

Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back. After retiring, it was a joy for all the team to see Colin back on the field where he belongs. The words "just to fill in" were rightfully ignored by us all and Colin took up where he left off, seagulling on the wing, and anywhere else he was needed. Can't wait till next year, to play in the old bastards (over 55's) team. Premiers in our first year, Colin?

## **Ken Woollams** (Half Back)

Always reliable in defence or when pushing forward. He plays the game in a good competitive spirit and really enjoys cracking a shot through the opposition to set up the play for a conversion. Not modest in letting everyone know when he has had a good run to ensure his votes for the day. A broken toe two thirds of the way through the season did not stop him from fronting up, along with the cheer squad, to ensure we had a full team. Another great year Ken.

# Under 17A Boys

## **Rhys Spedding**

Our goalie who was under pressure all the time. He extended his experience by playing some senior games. Rhys was a regular attendee at training.

## **Sam Kenny**

Sam was one of the newly promoted who had a difficult task at full back where he acquitted himself well and can look forward to being one of the senior members next year.

## **Kieran Nettleton**

Kieran had already some experience at full back in this grade. He used this to thwart many attacks and to deflect them to our advantage when he could.

## **Kieran Sanders**

Kieran was newly promoted and generally played on either flank half position. His distribution was good but needs to be stronger on the ball.

## **David Orr**

An experienced member of the team, Davie was able to move into attack at will. He showed his best work when making the transition from defence into attack.

## **Cameron Dixon**

Cam played a robust role in defence and occasionally showed his liking for an attacking role.

## **Michael Benbow**

Michael's pace was a great asset to the side. Sometimes he was thrown into defence. However, at his most damaging, he threatened opposition sides with his reversal of the flow of play.

## **Rhys Hyatt**

Like others of the more experienced group, Rhys found himself playing in a number of positions. His speed was acknowledged and his anticipation of where an opponent might turn was very useful.

## **Adam Halliday**

Another player with a lot of speed. When the players around him keep possession and release to advantage he will come into his own. Like many of the more experienced group, he helped motivate the team.

## **Chris Loveridge**

An adventuresome forward who made several penetrating runs into the opposition. Scored some spectacular goals and his spirited play was an inspiration to his team-mates.

## **Eric Cheung**

Eric played in a number of positions and always tried hard to create opportunities in the forward line.

## **Kirin Nair**

Kirin showed glimpses of brilliance when on a lead, and will be a better player with better marking and tackling back on his immediate opponent.

## **Simon Carnevale**

Simon demonstrated a dependable attitude to his defensive role. He always tried to bring team-mates into the play with astute passing.

Thanks to Dylan Hadley and Chris Cooper who filled in on occasions.

## **John Rutgers**

John coached the side and introduced some of the senior squad disciplines and activities into the game and into the training. John would like to thank Rob McKenzie for his assistance during the season.

The team would like to thank to Dave Halliday and his company for the opportunity to train on the Stadium turf every Tuesday night.

## **John Sanders**

As manager was pleased to be there, watch, and assist with the players participation in the great game of Hockey. We wish those who are going on to seniors all the best. Hang on, there will soon be a 'turf' at Melville for you to show your talents. Look forward to seeing you all back in some capacity.

# Under 17B Girls

We started the season with enough names on paper to field both an Under 15's and an Under 17's team. Unfortunately, the paper wasn't reliable and it turned out that we needed to combine the girls from both age groups into one Under 17 squad. We established ourselves as a "sisterhood" when several of the girls brought along younger sisters, to give us a strong core of players. After a rough start, our game improved throughout the season as our skills developed and we learned to work together as a team. All of the girls displayed great potential and have grown in ability as the year progressed. We worked hard but also managed to fit in a lot of fun. We are definitely proud of the girls' achievements and it has been a pleasure to be involved with the team.

**Gary Bowater – Senior Coach**

**Nicola Ogden – Assistant Coach/Manager**

## **Kate Bawden**

Kate wasn't certain of herself to start the year, but has developed into a handy wing with "goal sneak" abilities. Some excellent positioning on the post saw her score her first goal in her first game with the team. Kate has some very good skills which will be developed as she gains more confidence.

## **Tara Bowater**

Tara consistently works hard in attack or defence, with excellent skills and a big hit (ask our goalie!). With the amount of time she spends playing hockey – with our Senior Ladies State 3's side, school, and our team – it's no wonder that all her hard work pays off. She is a versatile player, capable of playing well in any position.

## **Amy Elder**

Amy joined the team quite late in the season, and found our system very different to the hockey she had played in Scotland. Quiet to start with, she has shown a lot of potential on the wing and as full back. We'll be looking forward to seeing more of Amy next season.

## **Kumi Ellis**

Kumi always has a big smile for everyone. She has a relaxed attitude which is very deceptive – she tackles like a tiger on the field and is an excellent left half. Tenacious on the field, Kumi never gives up the chase.

## **Tomomi Ellis**

Tomi unfortunately succumbed to shin splints early in the season, so we were only able to have her play for the first two games. This was Tomi's first year in the sport and she showed a lot of potential until injury slowed her down. Hopefully she'll be recovered enough to come back and play next season.

## **Erin Hall**

Erin at 12 is our youngest player – although she doesn't look it! Half of the blonde team that made up our full back line for most of the season, Erin has some great skills, including a lovely hit. She has worked on adding some new skills to her repertoire this year, that will increase her versatility on the field and with maturity, make her a player to watch in the future.

## **Katherine Hall**

Kat was disappointed to lose her preferred position as right wing this year, but has developed into a strong



right half. Her tackling and marking skills have improved beyond measure and a few games with the senior ladies have improved her confidence as well. Although she has been plagued with a persistent knee injury, Katherine has persevered and developed into a strong player.

## **Stephanie Hancock**

Steph is a forward with a mission – to get the ball, no matter what happens! She has the stamina to run for the whole game and is always involved in the chase. Another of our girls who has "played up" with the senior ladies this year, with some excellent results. We're very sorry to lose Steph to senior ranks next year, but wish her all the best with the seniors.

## **Taryn Jackson**

Taryn has been required to play in all sorts of positions this year, but is particularly good on the forward line. She has strong tackling skills and is persistent in attack. Taryn also had a few runs with the senior ladies, and certainly made a very good impression. They're looking forward to having you next year in seniors, but we will miss you.

## **Kelly Jackson**

Kelly's bright and bubbly personality makes her a joy to have around. She has played on the forward line this year, mostly as inner, and throws herself into her game (right into the PHS stadium wall when playing

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for her school!) A late season knee injury (blame the wall!) hasn't dampened her enthusiasm. Kelly has developed some strong attacking skills and has been a real asset to the team.

## Whitney Lawson

Whitney was another who joined us late in the year, after school hockey had kindled her interest. Whitney has an excellent instinct for the game, and just needs a little more time to develop skills to match. It will be great to have her on the team again next season.

## Sarah McIntyre

Sarah – Yugi – whatever her name is this week, has been the life of the party. A persistent forward with aggressive tackling abilities and a hit to rival Tara, she has shown excellent skills in attack all year. Sarah has also used her vision to redirect play and has been a strong and consistent presence on the forward line. Very good at bringing snakes for that half-time energy boost!

## Caitlyn Ogden

CaitO is the goalie that we poached from the Under 13's at the start of the year and has risen to the challenge of playing against people 4 years older than herself. Quite aggressive in her "D" – and elsewhere! – she has some excellent skills that have consistently amazed our opposition. She has learnt to use her voice more and is now more confident in directing the traffic in her "D." Some excellent progress this year – keep it up!

## Michelle Sperinck

The other half of the blonde full back team, Michelle has been one of the quiet achievers of the team. New to the sport this year, she has quickly gained marking and tackling skills to become a very good defender. Another year to improve her strength and confidence will bring Michelle closer to meeting the potential she has shown.

## Shani Sperinck

Shani has been a key link in our game this year. She moved into the centre half position midway through the season and has absolutely shone. Her ability to redirect the play and encourage the team have been as valuable as her excellent stick skills. Shani has developed into a strong and confident player this year, and we're sorry to lose her to seniors next season.

## Kim Welten

Kim loves the left wing position and thinks there's nothing better than sneaking a goal in from the post. She has become stronger with her reverse stick skills this year, which should improve her confidence in her abilities. Kim still has a lot of potential to tap into – looking forward to a great season next year.

## Nicola Ogden - Coach

Nicola is the backbone of the team. She keeps us organised, on time and follows up on every aspect of team requirements. Without Nicola, we would be in a sorry state. This is as well as many times giving our kids a ride home or to games and training. The girls and Nicola have a great rapport that only strengthens our fantastic team spirit. Thanks to Nicola from the team for all the great things you do for us.

*Of course, we owe special thanks to our parents and supporters, especially those who took up the challenge of appearing on the umpiring roster – take a bow **Leo Welten, Mike Hall and Pat Hall.***

*Thanks also to the girls from Under 13's who came up to help out: **Ashleigh Brickhill, Lauren Sims, Caitlyn Surman, Ellen Oosterbaan and Jaime Greenacre.***



# Under 17C Boys

The team started out the year slowly, but came to life with a “thud” when we played Mazenod for the first time. From there we became more passionate about our hockey and went on to play some great games. We didn’t like to run at training resulting in our fitness levels staying within our comfort zone. Our passing improved over the year and our team spirit was “World Class”.

**Coach: Mark Tate**

**Manager: Barry Wake**

## **Reece Crake (Captain)**

Played at Centre Half for most games giving us good drive up the field and wonderful defensive support. He did well in containing his excitement when things didn’t go his way and always tried hard to lead by example. Could be relied upon at all times.

## **Chris Cooper**

Always confident in expressing his thoughts, Chris roved from Fullback to Half Back to Inner depending on where the team needed him most. He was a good judge of how he was playing and would let us know when he was not having a good day.

## **Matt Wake**

Ever reliable and always giving 100%, Matt was wonderful in defence even when playing with the Flu. Would quite happily move from halfback to fullback at short notice.

## **David Wake**

The “quiet one” provided some great runs up the right wing and was always at his post when the ball came into the “D”. Provided good support to the other forwards when needed.

## **Josh Gardner**

Converted some good passes into goals by being in the right place at the right time. Coming from the Left Wing he would always be on “the scrounge” in the “D” for a loose ball to convert.

## **Glenn McGrath**

Had a bit of a slow start to the season, but once his tonsils were overhauled, he got the baggy shorts into action and showed us his true potential and skills.

## **Chris Tate**

Started the season in the forward line but was moved into defence to take advantage of his tremendous hit. Played some solid games at fullback and scored a couple of “Class Act” goals as a forward.

## **Clive Gross**

Swapped between Right Inner and Half with Blake during our games, giving the opposition a run for their money. Could often be seen “having a run” down the field and passing off to either Blake or David when the time was right.

## **Blake Tindale**

Blake had a good solid year. He was always trying hard in either attack or defence eventually getting the pass off to one his team-mates.

## **Rick Francis**

Played most of the year at Fullback and always gave it his best. Was “Rock Solid” and could be relied upon each week. Rick had a run at forward for about 15 minutes but decided that Fullback was “Home”.

## **Dylan Hadley**

Decided to take on “Goalie” fulltime this year and was best player on several occasions. His long legs and arms made it difficult for the opposition to place the ball in the back of the goals.



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What a fantastic season this has been. The players' hard work and dedication has rightly paid off. As I write this, we are on top of the ladder and have already won the Challenge Cup. If we win this week, we will win the minor premiership. Wouldn't it only be just if we win the Grand Final! (Fingers crossed).

The team has played in a highly competitive grade division with only a 3 game difference between the top team and the fourth placed team. So far, we have the highest 'score for', and the lowest 'score against' in the grade. This, in itself, illustrates what a well-balanced team we have been. We have stood up to the pressure placed on us by our opponents and addressed their change of tactics during the second half of the season.



It was a pleasure to watch the dedication and skills of our players, not to mention their joy in playing good hockey and thus, winning games.

Thanks go especially to our coach, Keith Harper, for his dedication, encouragement and sharing his knowledge of the game with the players. They have learned much from him and he has gained their respect. Also thanks go to Neil Taylor, Leo Welten, Norm Morrison and Alisia Harmon for volunteering in umpiring. You did a great job and I apologize, as I believe there is no more Hungry Jacks vouchers, to give to you for your valiant efforts. Thanks also go to the parents for their support of their son/daughter and the team as well as taking them to training and to the games.

Last but not least, special thanks go to the players for their enthusiasm and dedication to the team and game. You should be proud of yourselves for your excellent performance this year. Not only did you do yourself proud, you also did your parents and club proud as well.

**David Beros** – This is David's first year with the club. He easily "blended" in with the team and club. He displayed enthusiasm and good hockey skills and has the speed to match these skills. As a winger, he was always determined to get the ball in the 'D' so that we had the opportunity to score. Through some of his 'second phase' efforts, he scored several well-earned goals. Welcome to the club and hope to see you next year.

**Neil Ferguson** - Neil was the most improved hitter in the squad this year. He is also one of our unobtrusive players who efficiently goes along doing the job required of him. He consistently displayed, strong hockey skills, together with a good knowledge of the game and its tactics. He enjoys foiling his opponents as they attempt to get the ball past him, but only to see him take it the other way. He is a player any coach can depend on and would enjoy having on their team.



**Joshua Harmon** - Josh and Chris Lees were like Mexican bandits who would rob anyone silly enough to venture into their territory. Josh possessed the best reverse stick tackle in the competition and had the speed, strength and ability to read the play to ensure that very few made it into our D without a fair degree of trauma. Josh was also a bit like John Farnham in that he definitely was 'The Voice' of the 15 B's. He was always extolling the virtues of scoring the next goal whether it was the first or eleventh. Like all defenders, Josh is a frustrated forward and it must have riled him enormously that on the day that he was given a chance to score THAT goal he was as crook as a sick dog. A terrific Club man. Great to see him getting involved in umpiring. (For the record - this was not written by the manager [dad])

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**Carl Harper** – Carl is a confident, dedicated and versatile player who has shown his skills when playing in various positions. He has displayed a willingness to play any position required of him and has handled these positions competently and with enthusiasm and tenacity. During the season, he has caused havoc for the opposition, both defensively and offensively. Due to his tenacity and 'second efforts' he has added to the team's scoring tally. He would be a great attribute to any team.

**Chris Lees** – Chris is a dependable fullback who can always be relied upon in any situation. He has shown much assertiveness this year, and has got us out "of danger" on numerous occasions. He lets the opposition know they are not welcome in his territory, repeatedly sending the ball back down the line. He has shown his willingness to play other positions in our "radical" reshuffling of team positions. He would be a tremendous asset for any team.

**Chris Morrison** – The hardest working and most versatile player in the team. Chris has demonstrated his wonderful stick skills, even challenging his opponents to 'come and try to take the ball away from me'. As well as this, he has displayed confidence, dedication, team spirit and a sound knowledge of the game. He was also one of our goal contributors and was always on top of the job. He would be a welcome sight as a player for any team. Great to see him getting involved in umpiring.

**Alex Obiri-Boateng** – Alex continues to develop and enhance his hockey skills. He has displayed concentration and determination, and this, together with his speed, has resulted in him being a threat to the opponent's defence. As a result, he scored several goals during the season. If you look for him, you will find him on the left side of the goal waiting to slam the ball into the net if and when it comes his way. Alex would be a most beneficial player to any team.

**Erica Remedios** – the gentlest, most effective left half I've seen. She had an uncanny knack of pressuring her winger into mistakes or stealing the ball from her opponent. She is another unobtrusive player who, if you are not paying attention to her, will tackle and take the ball from the opposition, much to their astonishment. Her continued encouragement of her team-mates was always evident. Her determination and enthusiasm will assure her a bright future in hockey.

**William Remedios** – William played confidently and with keenness in the several positions he was asked to play throughout the season. He displayed competent hockey skills when either in attack or defence, and always gave much encouragement to his team-mates, both on and off the field. His enthusiasm for the game and the team was evident. He contributed to deciding plays which assisted the team in scoring.

**Tristan Ryan** - the best goalkeeper in the competition. He was seldom given the opportunity to display his skills this season, but when he did, it was beautiful to watch. For example, in one game, you would think he was an octopus - arms in every direction - with all the repetitive shots he saved. It was these brilliant actions that gave us a win. He has the potential of becoming a top class goalkeeper.

**Stuart Taylor** – Stuart was the best striker in the competition. He loves to "ballistically" slam the ball into the back of the net. A threat to any goalkeeper (except Tristan!). Not only was he our main striker; he was also a tireless player who was always involved in the offensive play. He assisted in setting up plays and as he gains further experience, will become an invaluable member of any team. Another junior, who has raised his hand to become an umpire, which is great to see.

**Mitchell Welten** – Mitchell is a tenacious and hard working player who is always diligent in his duties. He has illustrated his hockey skills and determination to trouble any of his opponents throughout the season. They have learnt not to underestimate him or he will come back with a vengeance. He is focused on his game and has quietly contributed to setting up good plays on numerous occasions. He is an all-round player who can be relied on at any time.

*Thanks go to the following players who were happy to fill in and contribute their talent when any one of the above players were unavailable to play:*

*Jordan Hunt, James Kenny, Carl Tulloch,  
Mark Timmins, Tristan Woodward*

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At the start of the season we knew we had a challenge in front of us, with barely enough players to make up a full team for the first game. An 8-1 thrashing out at Mazonod on the first match day was not the start we wanted. However, as the weeks went by I was very impressed with the way the team started to mould itself into a truly competitive side, aided and abetted by help from the junior ranks, to help us field a full side each week. The end of the season actually arrived far too soon for us, as we started to win some games and lost to the top teams only by the odd lucky goal. I have been really impressed by the way that all players have improved throughout the season – not only in their skill level but in their temperament and in their “never give-in” attitude. Well done all of you – I look forward to seeing you all back again next year.

**Neil Taylor (Team Coach)**

## **Matthew Bell (Centre Half)**

“Bellie” has a great positive attitude in every game which spreads through the team. If the team is down, he will boost the players through talk and also through action by bringing the attack to the opposition with some amazing dribbles out of defence (sometimes to the anguish of the coach!) A great guy to have in the team and a fine captain. Well done Matt!

## **Matthew Blakemore (Left Half)**

A real workaholic in the middle of the field, Matt had a great first half of the season with his skills improving each game he played. Unfortunately Matt had injuries combined with illness which curtailed his season. A real loss to the team during the second half of the season. Come back soon Matt!

## **Matthew Goor (Centre Forward)**

One of the 3 Matts in the team, Matthew is in his first season of hockey. He has made huge improvements in his skill during the season and has fought off injury to get well in time for every game. Matt is developing a real sense of the game and has developed into a good “goal-poaching” centre-forward. Keep it up Matt!

## **Jonathan Greenacre (Left Back)**

One of the most reliable full-backs around, Jonathan has a good read of the game, positioning himself well and making clinical, well-executed tackles, followed



by good distribution. With a little more pace I can see Jonathan having a really good hockey future. Great support Jon!

## **Peter Gross (Inner/Centre-Forward)**

If you're ever short of a player in your team, having someone like Peter around is a must! Peter will run all day, covering all parts of the field – and at speed. He is an exciting forward and has formed a good partnership with Steve Hall. Peter's skills are developing well and he has scored some great goals for us. Once the skills and pace come together, the opposition had better watch out! Well done Peter!

## **Stephen Hall (Inner)**

The find of the season! Footy commitments kept Stephen away from playing Saturday mornings for the U11's, but Saturday afternoons were free, meaning he could play for us – and really helped our cause! Stephen is a very talented player with skill and speed, forming a good attacking combination with Peter. Once he develops his finishing in front of goal he is going to be a very skilful forward indeed. Great support Stephen, thanks!

## **James Kenny (Goal Keeper)**

James was in the unenviable position of playing well as an outfield player for the B's but needed as an excellent goalkeeper for us. He is a multi-talented player who on several occasions this season was superb in goals with some breath-taking saves. As James' confidence in goal improves he will undoubtedly be one to watch for the future. James is ever-reliable and a real leader in the team. Many thanks James – great season!

## **Beau Kenton (Inner/Centre-Forward)**

Beau's first season in hockey has been terrific! He is a keen learner and always provides full attention when listening to advice. His tackling has been his speciality whilst playing as inner, and he never gives up! If Beau can build up his pace and stamina, it will all come together. Many thanks for a fine season Beau.

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## **Tim Meiri (Right Wing)**

A “natural born winger”. It took us a few games to work out Tim’s best position, first starting as full back. However, once Tim was given the task of right wing he never looked back and has grown in strength ever since. As the season wore on, Tim improved with every game, turning in many fine performances. He has really developed well and has the perfect positional play and also (most pleasing) the perfect ability to know when to cross and when to hold the ball. Tim’s skills have developed well and with a little more pace is going to be a very fine player. Great season Tim!

## **David Ogden (Right Back)**

An “honorary” member of the team, David has played almost as many games for us as he has for his U11’s team. David has really helped us out “big-time” this year and has formed a sound defensive partnership with Jonathan. Strong, resilient and skilful, David is going to be a very good player in the future. Many thanks David!

## **Stanley Tan (Left Wing)**

An exciting and enthusiastic first-year player, Stan has made the left wing his own. From the very first he has shown his willingness to improve and knows if he hasn’t played to his potential during a game. Like Tim, he has grown in confidence as the season progressed and has been cutting the opposition right flank to bits with his runs. Keep up the good work Stan!

## **Mike Greenacre (Manager)**

Many thanks Mike for keeping us (me) organized, especially prior to the games when I’m trying to plot strategy for the day. Mike has provided great support to me during the season, especially when we’ve been organizing the team and phoning around to get the numbers up. Sharing the duties of writing up the match report after the match over a beer at the club house has been great solace! Thanks very much for your support, Mike.



## **Parents**

There could be no junior games without the parents committed support through the year. From a coach’s point of view, it is always reassuring to know you have that support behind you and the team on match days, not just at Melville but more importantly in those more far-flung regions of the southern Metropolis! I especially welcomed their chat before and after the games and also for helping to keep me “sane” during the more “exciting” times in the games! Many thanks to all.

## **Support Cast**

We could not have been as competitive as we were without the support of the rest of the junior teams at Melville. With barely enough players to get a team together throughout the season, I thank Roger Bell (Junior Coordinator), Keith Harper (U15B), Greg Hunt, Dave Timmell (U13’s), and Nicola Ogden, Gary Bowater (U17 Girls) for helping me with the numbers each weekend. The junior players who provided so much valuable support for the Under 15C South this year (games played) were:

*Erin Hall (7), Kath Hall (7), Jason Tate (2), Pat Welsh (1), Jordan Hunt (6), Karl Tulloch (3), Callum Bint (1), Liam Woodward (1), Amy Elder (1), Tara Bowater (1), Mitch Welten (4), Neil Ferguson (3), Dave Beros (1), Stuart Taylor (1), Tristan Ryan (1)*



# Under 13B Girls



The majority of the girls played together last season, and started this season where they left off. We also had a few new girls who were warmly welcomed into the team. Being the coach of this team enabled me to have the pleasure of watching this wonderful group of girls develop and improve their skills over the duration of the season. Probably the biggest achievement of the season was the scoring of the 100<sup>th</sup> goal, against South Perth during the second last game.

A big thank you to **Tanya Gore** (manager), all the parents and spectators, and the umpires we had throughout the season. You all made my job so much easier.

**Alana Wake (coach)**



## **Mai Barnes** (Right Inner/Wing)

A strong player in both defence and in attack. Mai has used her good skills and speed to run the ball out of defence and into attack numerous times this season. She is a quiet achiever with loads of determination. Well done Mai.

## **Ashleigh Brickhill** (Left Inner)

As left inner, Ashleigh was able to display her strength and skills. Always hard-working, and generally a tireless player, Ashleigh made her presence felt (on and off the field) with her words of encouragement for the team. Ashleigh was also the scorer of our 100<sup>th</sup> goal.

## **Julia Elliot** (Right Wing)

At the start of the season, Julia started playing right wing, having been moved from halfback. She enjoyed it so much that it became her regular position. A very speedy and skilful player, Julia made a wonderful addition to the forward line.

## **Georgia Gibson** (Fullback)

One of the new players to the team, Georgia arrived a couple of games into the season. She was always willing to learn and improve her skills, and always tried her hardest. Not having played hockey before, she settled into the role of fullback nicely, and became a reliable defender. Well done Georgia.

## **Sheridan Gore** (Fullback)

Our ever-reliable fullback. With her strong clearing hits, and her hard work in defence, Sheridan was an invaluable member of the team. Her strong hits and hard-working attitude were also put to good use in the forward line.

## **Jaime Greenacre** (Right Half)

An extremely reliable defensive player, Jaime played as right half back for the majority of the season. She is a very strong player, with a hard hit and a good eye for the ball.

## **Vanessa Martin** (Left Wing)

The quiet achiever of the team. Vanessa's skill level and style of play have improved greatly this season. Eager to please, Vanessa always tried her hardest, and would always listen to any advice she was given. Keep up the good work Vanessa.

## **Caitlin Olson** (Goalie)

Caitlin came to the team's rescue by bravely volunteering to be goalie. Considering the strength of the team compared to the opposition, Caitlin only had the occasional touch of the ball. However, nobody would believe that this girl hadn't played goalie before with some of the spectacular saves she made.



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## **Ellen Oosterbaan** (Left Half)

Ellen is a very good team player. Always offering encouragement to the team both on and off the hockey field. Throughout the season, Ellen's major strengths were her consistency, and her tireless efforts in running the ball out of defence.

## **Dayna Osborne** (Halfback/Inner)

Dayna, especially when off the field with either Alex or Ashleigh was a very encouraging, supportive team member. Starting the season in halfback, Dayna loved every opportunity she had to play in the forward line. A very tenacious player, who throughout the season displayed some great skills.

## **Alexandra Pervan** (Right Inner)

Alexandra's skills have improved greatly this season. Initially a little timid, Alex has become a lot stronger, and more aggressive as a player. She was always willing to offer support and encouragement to the team.

## **Lauren Sims** (Centre Half)

A very strong, determined centre half. Lauren had some very strong clearances from defence – including some hard hits (so much for her saying that she can't hit!). Throughout the season, she provided a very strong link between our attack and defence.

## **Caitlyn Surman** (Centre Forward)

Caitlyn played centre forward this year, enabling her to display her impressive stick skills. A very strong player, and our top goal scorer, Caitlyn always appeared to be calm and happy on the field. So why one team gave her the nickname "psycho", we will never know...

*Thank you to **Erin Hall**, who played the first game of the season with us before being lured away by the under 17s.*



Thanks also go to our junior umpires we had throughout the season: **Josh Harmon, Matthew Bell,** and **Caitlin Oosterbaan**. You all did a terrific job. Many thanks also to **John Sanders** for organizing this great group of umpires, and for helping to ensure that we had an umpire each week.

Thank you to **Roger Bell, Rod Wake** and **Keith Martin** for filling in for umpires when it was needed.

A very special thank you to **Tanya Gore** who played the role of manager this season. Tanya was always willing to help out with any task when it was required. Thank you so much for your time and support of both the players and myself. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by us all.

Thank you to **Laura Brickhill** for filling in as manager when it was required.

And last, but not least, **the parents**. I would like to extend a very warm thank you to all of the parents and spectators for all of their help and support this season. Thanks to all of you for braving the freezing cold, early mornings to support the girls in their efforts. I know the girls really appreciated it, as did I.



# Under 13B #1 Boys

What an interesting 2003 for this team. We have a mixture of older children who are enjoying a final year in 13's with a blend of first timers who are thriving on the challenge of playing a better game of hockey each week. The Coach has instilled a positive work ethic where each player is accountable for their opponent defensively. Each child is encouraged to go hard at the ball, direct it out wide when in possession and run forward hard, sharing the ball to players in a better position offensively. At this stage in the season we can be very proud of what we have achieved this year. Like the Dockers, we can now talk about the finals as a certainty. If we play with enthusiasm and concentrate on the jobs we have to do on the field we will end the season on a high note regardless of our success in the finals. Congratulations on a great season to all of you.

**Coach – Greg Hunt**

**Manager – Trevor Welsh**

## PLAYER PROFILES

**Michael Ball** – The Rock! A solid contribution throughout the season at fullback. His 'no nonsense' approach to attack the opposition's forwards, helped him gain confidence, resulting in many of our forwards reaping the benefits of Michael's strong clearing hits.

**Callum Bint** – Dynamite across half back! As part of the Dynamic trio, Callum was ruthless in not letting forwards progress too far into the back half or to the circle. Shows a lot of dash, can keep possession and distribute effectively to others in the team. A top prospect for this club's future.

**Emma Biss** – Never missed a beat all season! Emma is a great contributor to this team. Her stick skills and 'go all day' attitude always made it difficult for opposition forwards. As part of the trio Emma made left half her spot. Will always be valuable to any team she plays in. Well done Emma.

**Kyle Dolling** – Skaterboy! Kyle's exploits in ice-hockey during the season are as great as his efforts for the team on the left as a winger. His ability to run and work hard forward helped with many successful attacks. If not scoring, he was in the area passing to others to finish off. Looking to another good year in 13's in 2004. Hope he returns to play and will again make a useful contribution.

**Scott Geoghegan** – The Greyhound! Scott has worked extensively on his skills at fullback. Like a true greyhound if he gets a scent of winning the hard ball in the backline he does not give in until it is well out of there. Turned some great defence into attacks by belting it out of the back half to our nippy forwards. Hope Scott is able to return to play 15's and enjoy a stint as a half back to further improve his capabilities.

**Jordan Hunt** – The General! There is no other player in the team to match the skill, strength and power of Jordan when he is in full on mode. He's copped a couple of real sore spots because he puts everything on the line for the team. He marshals the players around him at right half.

With the ability to penetrate other defences, he has advantaged our forwards and finished off any short corners with rattling shots into the nets. Along with the other senior boys our club's future looks good. Great season Jordan.

**Alex McPhail** – Tiger in the tank! Alex has been a valuable asset to the team and the club. He is very tigerish around the circle when attacking. Has been versatile in being able to play as an inner and half back when required. Plays the important 'hit in man' on the corners and is very dependable in this role. We all hope he stays onto to build a good hockey future with Melville for years to come.



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**Jason Tate** – The secret squirrel! Jason has been the secret weapon out wide on the right. He has listened to the coach and now possesses a new array of skills to go with the pace and skill he has. Like a squirrel he sneaks past the defences and manages to get in close, to either set up others for goals or like the WASPS game knock the surprise ball rocketing into the back of the net. Well done Jason.

**Karl Tulloch** – alias the Smiling Attacker! For the many who see the team in action, you can only watch and marvel at this pocket rocket. Karl weaves his magic with pace, deft touch and like a true 'destroyer' blows the defence open. His finish is very potent as most goalies have suffered the humiliation of not even seeing the ball as its blasted past them into the net. Our most prolific scorer. Great season Karl.

**Patrick Welsh** –The 'Inner' specialist! Patrick has worked hard at training and in games to build up his defensive skills to cover his opponents. Along with his forward work, he has assisted in setting up many others in the team. He has benefitted from the strategy work done with him by the coach and has shown great improvement over the season. Patrick and Jason have become a real 'right side' team setting up many goal scoring opportunities for the team. Patrick will enjoy another year in 13's. Good work Patrick.

**Damon Wilkes** – The paceman! Damon has enjoyed a consistent year playing most of his games at either half back or full back. His pace, skill and willingness to attack the ball has thwarted many opponents. Damon will enjoy the opportunity to build on this year from playing alongside the 'trio'. He is the future and shows promise as a tenacious half back. Obviously comes from a good pedigree. See you again in 2004 Damon.

**Adam Yeates** – The cool man! Adam has taken the role of goalie to make it his own this year. As each game goes by his confidence builds. The boys allow Adam to call the shots from the back and his cool demeanour to stop, prop and kick the ball clear of the circle has further enhanced the team performance. Adam can claim to be 'Mr Dependable' in either full back or goals. Well done Adam.

**Tom Yeates** – The reliable ever available sub for the team. Tom played forward or back whenever we were short due to player injury or illness. Has learnt more as part of the team with each outing. Thanks Tom .



*Finally, we would like to say a big thankyou to the Parents who have supported the team each Saturday. Your willingness to be at the games, providing vocal encouragement for a win, loss or draw, doing the oranges and the umpiring when required, or just having a chat with other parents, we thank you sincerely. The time taken to get the boys to training and games is appreciated as the results show in the vast improvement in the hockey played during the season. We wish all the boys a successful future in hockey and hope it is consolidated by playing with Melville City Hockey Club.*





# Under 13B #2 Boys

## From the Bench

A season in which we only won one game and the opposition was often a lot bigger than us!! To their credit, the boys stuck at it and this puts us in a good position to enjoy a successful second year in Under 13s. Thanks to my Manager Ian Crosby for his support, Hans for blowing the whistle and particularly all the parents for allowing me to coach the boys without distraction.

*David Timmel – Team Coach*

## From the Manager

It almost feels that the season isn't long enough! Towards the end of the season we seem to be getting it together. This year was a big step for most of the team as it was their first year in Under 13s. The many points that Dave has been drilling through the year are now starting to pay off. Next year will see even greater development for the boys. Best wishes to those of the team who will move to Under 15s next year. Thank you to Dave for all the time and effort in coaching the team and for the great hockey experience he has brought to coaching this year. Thank you to all the parents for their support and encouragement throughout the year. A special thanks to Kelvin Woodward for his assistance at training and particularly his assistance at the games and to Hans Geers for his willingness to umpire when required throughout the season.

*Ian Crosby – Team Manager*



### **Grayden Doak** (Right Full Back)

Grayden came into the team mid way through the year, but once he joined us, he added skill and reliability to the back line. Grayden is an attacking full back with a strong hit which has allowed him to clear the ball from defence well. Grayden has started to work in very well with the players around him and as his confidence grew became a dominant player in the team.

### **Sam Geers** (Right Inner)

Unfortunately Sam has had an interrupted season due to a broken bone in his foot. (Not gained playing hockey!!) With Sam's influence in the forward line, some of the early draws we had could have resulted in wins for the team. Sam is a good striker and has the potential to develop into an extremely valuable forward. His ability to find space and score will develop with a full season of hockey next year.

### **Matthew Bowater** (Goalie)

Matt decided quite early in season to give goalie a try and hasn't looked back. Matt is developing into a very dependable goalie who has a very good sense of timing and control. The specialised goalie coaching has assisted Matt tremendously and he has a big future in this position. Probably the most improved player in the team. Well done, Matthew.

### **Chris Crosby** (Left Half)

Chris has developed into a very reliable left half. Chris hasn't had a right wing score on him all year. He has been able to run all game which has made it difficult for his opponents to get away from him. As Chris becomes stronger and gains confidence, he will develop into an extremely valuable player.



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## **Nic Geers** (Right Half)

Nic has developed into a good half back during the season. He has good skills and reads the play well and, like the rest of the half back line, will enjoy playing on people who aren't twice as big as him next year!! Nic has a good tackle and with his speed can both attack and defend, skills which will see him develop into a key player in the team.

## **Lachlan King** (Left Wing / Centre Forward)

Lachlan, our left wing, has developed well over the course of the year. When we have attacked down the left, Lachlan has produced some great runs up the wing and lurks dangerously in the circle waiting for goal scoring opportunities.

## **Murray Quakernaat** (Left Inner/Left Wing)

Murray lets his stick do the talking. Has good ball and tackling skills and he frequently came away with the ball when the opposition least expected it. Like a lot of the team members, Murray needs to have more confidence in his ability and when this comes, he will be a force to be reckoned with.

## **Sean Ranford** (Right wing)

Sean has played all season at right wing and when he used his speed and skill was a very dangerous player for the team. Sean has scored the majority of the team's goals this season and when he gains in confidence and uses his ability more will be a very dangerous player.

## **Laurence Rushton** (Left Full Back)

Laurence has been a steady influence in back line all year, in a team that has had a lot of defending to do. On many occasions Laurence has intercepted and cleared the ball with skill. Laurence has a good hit and with greater concentration will develop into a very solid player. "Where's your man, Laurence?"

## **Mark Timmell** (Centre Half Back)

Mark has played in the critical centre half position throughout the season and has been one of the team's most dependable players. He has very good hockey skills and covers a lot of ground. Mark is able to run the whole game and lends great support to all the players around him.

## **Liam Woodward** (Centre Forward)

Liam played some of the early matches at full back but has settled very well at centre forward. Liam has good speed and skill and can be very creative. With a good strong hit which, when he takes his time, is a very good weapon Liam will score many goals in the future from the centre or wing positions.



## **Alexander Wragg** (Right Inner)

AJ has played most of the season at right inner and worked very hard in this position. He is a good tackler and often comes away with the ball, assisting the team to move the play into attack. Alexander combined well with Sean and this is a combination that will no doubt play together for many years to come.



# Under 13SW Boys

The U/13s SW boys team was the third team of the three U 13s Melville teams for 2003 and had amidst its ranks several players who had either not played before or had very limited experience of hockey. In contrast to this, it did have also several very strong players, who had played continuously from the Minkey level. Luckily, the team did have the advantage of two coaches usually both able and willing to help out at games and training. At times in the season both the coaches felt that this was almost a necessity rather than a luxury since there was a lot of work to be done. This was not just in terms of teamwork/passing skills but also just basic individual skills. Over the course of the season, both coaches felt that the team has actually progressed in leaps and bounds, and this eventually showed up in the improving scoreline bit by bit.

## **Sean Tan - Goalie**

Sean was one of the players who had not played hockey before and he started out on the field as a left wing, but as the season progressed and the benefit of a dedicated goalie was "sold" to the team rather than swapping from week to week, Sean was the player that put his hand up to take on the role.

Even whilst playing left wing Sean did actually show some amazing natural talent in terms of uncanny trapping skill and reflexes with "one-timers". It was therefore providence that he took on the role of goalie because he did actually quickly shine in this role especially after some specific Goalie training. There were some memorable saves to his credit. Well done Sean. I hope for Melville's sake he continues next season.

## **Ryan Angus**

Ryan had played little hockey, I believe, prior to this season, but you would have to say was definitely one of the many players who you could pinpoint incredible progress in his skills and confidence. He was an absolute stalwart in defence taking on the role of left fullback with incredible gusto and many times with flair. So much so, it would be hard to imagine him playing in any other position. Not that this should limit his choice of position, just to say that with only one whole season under his belt ... well, watch this space, people.

## **Adam Gore**

Adam took on the role of right fullback after a few position experiments and did a fantastic job in this position. Extremely dependable and you would have to say very cool headed under pressure (which was often). Adam could nearly always be trusted to do the disciplined thing with his tackling and not over commit and be eliminated. When he was he would always put in 100% to cover back and support his other fullback. A great work ethic, strong hit and good tackling saw him work so well with Ryan in defence.

## **Chris Airey**

Started with little hockey experience, but very keen, and a great enthusiastic attitude. Played mostly at left wing and, whilst there are some basic areas needing development, his close in skills with the ball do show a good deal of promise and the last few games of the season showed that he really was showing a commitment to improving and putting in 100%. Ended up gaining a best player nomination towards the end of the season because of this.

## **Craig Roberts**

Craig came to the team with some prior hockey experience, a good deal from indoor hockey. Played much of the season in the half back line but Craig was adaptable and flexible, sometimes swapping into the forward line. I think his indoor hockey has made him quite a good tackler and his fitness was quite good so he put in a high work rate. Keep working on your hitting skills Craig, but overall, a great effort. Towards the last part of the season really got a handle on the marking role of a half back, earning him a best player nomination. Keep going Craig.

## **Nyall Sinnott**

Played out much of the season at inner and did this job very well. Small and wiry and fast over the ground, he showed at times some great innate skills and talent. Fairly quiet and unassuming, at times you couldn't help but think that Nyall maybe doesn't know how much natural ability he actually has. I think that this ability will be fully unleashed once Nyall develops his own inner confidence. When this occurs, I feel that Nyall will be able to follow through on some of the good work he sets up on the field and really stand out. Make sure you play next year, Nyall.

# Under 13SW Boys

## **Joshua Kent**

A late addition to the team coming about halfway through the season. With Joshua's previous hockey experience, he was indeed a sight for sore eyes when the team overall needed a morale boost. Proved very useful at right or left inner and the previous playing experience shone through here. Add a little more discipline and focus to his game in terms of positional play and marking and you have the makings of a very talented player, I believe. Better late than never would be the apt term here, Josh ... good to have you in the team. Keep up the good work in 2004 and keep developing.

## **Blake Sims**

Blake had played hockey from Minkey level onwards so has developed well in all the basic areas and is certainly starting to show some very good close in skills with his ball control and tackling. A very good strong hit and good passing skills meant he seemed the obvious choice to step into the role of centre half when the team lost a strong player in Grayden Doak. He did a great job in this position, and was certainly very switched on at training and before games in terms of his attitude to preparation and listening to the coaches. Keep working on your fitness, Blake, and maintain your dedicated attitude and you can take your hockey to higher and higher levels. A strong season for you, Blake.

## **Andrew Gleave**

Andrew had played a fair bit of hockey prior to this season and was a very useful forward. Played mostly R Wing and did seem a natural here with a good reach, good speed across the ground and a good goal sense. He also showed an improving understanding of positional play towards the latter half of the season, needing less prompting to stay wide as a wing. A good "push and run" game proved useful on grass, but Andrew does actually have a good reverse stick drag which he merely needs to incorporate into his repertoire more. A valuable forward with some great skills. Keep working hard next year. I imagine Andrew's quite a good cricket player ... just watch that hitting action to ensure you're not trying to do an off-drive, Andrew, whilst having that shot on goal!!

## **Cameron Franklin**

Cameron had little hockey experience but showed a continuous determined effort to develop his basic skills, especially hitting. Played much of the year at half back,

but also thankfully adaptable ... a handy trait to help out where he was needed when the coaches were trying out some new things sometimes. He definitely improved throughout the year and did have a good work ethic on the field and could seemingly pull out some uncannily good tackles sometimes. Try to remember, Cam, left hand at the top of the stick ....no need to swap over. In one of the last few matches of the season, I saw Cameron pull off one of the best passes of the entire season from out of a pack of players from the left half position, giving a perfect through pass to the R inner. We know you can do it, Cam, so we're probably going to stay on your back next year. Sorry in advance.

## **Mark Angus**

Mark had played little or no hockey prior to this year but was really starting to show some terrific signs of getting a grasp on the game towards the latter half of the season. All his basic skills showed improvement and despite being mucked around by the coaches swapping him from half back to the forward line on more than one occasion, he is definitely getting a handle on positions, and passing etc. Along with his brother Ryan, he was a regular at training, showing an interest in learning more and improving bit by bit. Another player with a great work rate, he always finished a stint on the field puffing. Work on your calling for the ball, Mark, so people know you're there and you'll find you get more of the ball and your confidence and prowess will grow accordingly.

## **Joseph Swan**

Joe had obviously played before and he could be relied upon to do some explosive and creative work in the forward line, usually starting at centre forward. A natural striker with some obvious innate ability. His fitness level also contributed to his high work rate and speed across the ground. Combined well with Blake and Andrew to help set up some good attacking moves quite often. Keep working on your back tackling game,, Joe, and your passing game as well. Have the confidence to keep the ball on your stick when you are running with it so you adapt your game to Astroturf and you'll go places. A great season from you, Joe, and remember to really put the effort in behind the scenes as well ( i.e at training ). Featured regularly in the best player list.

# Girls Under 11B

Coach : Leanne Jarvis  
Manager: Catherine Timmel  
Umpires : Sue Clarke, Di Menegola, David and Catherine Timmel, Steve Silvey  
Parents : Consistent, patient, willing, frustrated, supportive, enthusiastic. Thank you!

## THE TEAM:

What an evolution! From a mere four to five players who attended pre-season training, this wonderful team eventuated in 36 hours with some further additions from Graduates after the first few games. Each week has been a learning experience and congratulations to all the girls on the development of their skills, position of play, and understanding of the game of hockey. Another year together in Under 11's will be excellent.

## THE PLAYERS:

### Briony Clarke

Solid in the half back line for her defensive work, quick passing, team play and "never give up" attitude, Briony has blossomed over the season. Her given task when marking the stronger opposing players has been outstanding as well. Well done Briony!

### Nicola Cook

A good start in the Under 11's for one of our youngest players whose confidence improved as the season progressed. Understanding of the game and skill development will come together in another season of hockey, this being Nicola's first year. Well done!

### Eva Franklyn

A little chatterbox who loves to swap recipes. As the season progressed, Eva's strength, ability and understanding for the fullback position improved immensely. Looking forward to seeing Eva as one of our strong main defence for next year.

### Nikita Harmon

Nikita was our rock in the centre halfback position. She is a tenacious player whose persistence won her many opportunities and one of our main goal scorers. Nikita's enthusiasm to learn and love for hockey showed on the field. A valuable team member who will thrive in future years.

### Holly Menegola

The quiet achiever who favoured her position on the wing. It was a pleasure to watch Holly's skills, understanding and enthusiasm grow with each game throughout the season. When dropped into the halfback position, her solid performance was an asset to the team. Well done Holly!

### Rachael Morey

Our other little chatterbox. When concentrating, Rachael demonstrates a very good understanding of the game. A solid defender who showed no fear in tackling on the breakaway attacker and caused upsets with the other team with her strong marking. Great effort Rachael!

### Courtney Smyth

Our volunteer goalkeeper and the main stay of our defence. Courtney, who joined goalie training this season, was called upon many times with her new skills especially against the top sides which she carried out with wonderful confidence. Keep up the great work.

### Danielle Sims

Our youngest player, stepping up from Graduates. A big ask to concentrate for 60 minutes though Danielle showed no fear and got amongst the pads on many occasions. Danielle gained confidence throughout the season and can be very pleased with her input.

### Madeline Sims

Our gentle forward. With training and a regular position on the field, Madeline improved as the season went on. Getting amongst the play and developing a hunger for the ball, results will come. Great effort!

### Claire Timmell

Claire's determination was established from game one where she ran so hard she needed to have a quick sideline break and was back on the field straight away. Her strong hitting and ability to play different positions is a great asset to the team. This was Claire's first year. Well done Claire!

### Megan Silvey

Megan was poached from Graduates and a very welcome addition to the forward line. Megan's stick work and solo runs were a delight to watch. A skilled player who has a wonderful hockey future ahead of her.

### Kirsten Silvey

Welcomed to the team from Graduates. Gained confidence and showed impressive improvement with skills as the season progressed. Kirsten's bubblyness was a pleasure to have in the team.

### Tandia Wilkinson

Tandia was one of our goal scorers and proved to be effective in the forward line as her understanding of the position play improved. Improved strength on the ball and never giving up and the results will follow. Looking forward to seeing Tandia making that extra step up next year. Keep up your enthusiasm!

# Boys Under 11B

The ladder may not reflect it but I think 2003 was a successful season for the team. We started off in the Under 11 South West grade and won several games convincingly but soon realised that the team was graded too low. A switch with the other Under 11 side who were struggling saw us enter the 11B South grade. This turned out to be a good move as the games were much more even and gave the boys experience in both attacking and defensive hockey. Although the games were tough, the team played some excellent hockey and we were unlucky to lose in a number of games. It was pleasing to see a great turn out at training each week and the effort the boys put into their games. One of the hardest things to learn for Under 11's is positioning on the field and every player really improved on this over the season. I would like to thank all the mums and dads for assisting with umpiring and oranges each week and the team for their great effort. Good luck with your future hockey.

**Geoff Ranford**

## **Daniel Sims**

Daniel was one of our most consistent players this season. Played most of the time at centre half or at inner where he was able to provide a reliable link for his team mates. Daniel's cover defence is excellent and against the stronger teams he was always working hard to get back and provide support. Work hard on your hitting, Daniel, and I'm sure you will be a key player for the club in the future.



## **Stephen Ranford**

Stephen played in many positions this year and really improved with each game. He is a good thinker on the field and always tries to do the simple things. At half back, Stephen showed that he could pass the ball accurately to his winger and also make some good runs up the field when required. His stickwork has continued to improve this season and he is able to drag the ball to change direction around defenders. Well done, Stephen.

## **Timothy Gupanis**

Tim played most of the season in the forward line where he was able to use his pace to move the ball quickly up the field. Played some excellent games on right wing where he has learnt to stay wide and open up the play. When he received the ball, Tim was able to run with it and then make a good pass across the field to his team mates. Practice your hitting, Tim, and you will be able to score more goals in the future.

## **Kieran Brooker**

Kieran was our strongest hitter in the team and we relied on him in many games to clear the ball from defence when the team was under pressure. Played at fullback against the strong teams where he was able to use his good tackling skills to stop opposing forwards and rebound the ball to our forwards. At the start of the season Kieran was lifting his hits regularly due to a grip problem but he worked hard to adjust this and by the end of the season this had improved greatly. Keep working on your dribbling skills, Kieran, and practice running with the ball. Good luck next year.

## **David Ogden**

David was a key player for us this season in both the half line and forward line. In comparison to the other teams, our side was fairly small and David was one of our taller, stronger players. David always works hard on the field and is rarely beaten for the ball. He always supports and passes to his team mates and helped set up several good goals during the season. Thanks for all your efforts this season, David. It would have been a much tougher season if we hadn't had your strength on the field.



# Boys Under 11B

## Steven Oosterbaan

This was Steven's first year in Under 11's and I was impressed with his attitude and willingness to learn. Steven often played on players who were older and taller but he always tried to play to instructions and made it difficult for most opponents. For most newcomers to full field hockey, positioning is the most difficult thing and at times Steven was unsure of where to be. To his credit, by the end of the season this had greatly improved. Always make sure that you keep your hands apart on the stick when dribbling and trapping, Steven, and this will give you more strength. I'm sure with your attitude and approach to hockey that you will be a good player in the future.

## Ross Hall

Ross has been playing hockey for years and he's still one of the youngest and smallest players in the team. What he lacks in size, he more than makes up for with drive and determination especially when it comes to scoring goals. The team's leading goal scorer and he also set up a few for the other forwards. Never short of advice, Ross could always be relied upon to ask the same question before the game each week. "Can I play centre forward?". With a bit more growth and experience I am sure you will find that you can play equally well in all positions. Great season Ross.

## Rhys Matthews

Rhys was another newcomer to Under 11's and found some of the larger opponents a bit scary at times. As the season went on, Rhys started to show some real skills on the field particularly when dragging the ball and using his pace to get around a defender. In several games we scored goals created by one of Rhys's attacking runs up the field and then a good pass to a forward. Great season, Rhys, and I look forward to seeing how you progress in hockey over the next few years.

## Nick Tate

Our goalie for most of the season but also had a few runs on the field. Nick is also one of our smaller players but is a terrier when he puts the pads on. On several occasions he rescued the side with great saves and was able to clear the ball effectively. When called upon to play up the field, Nick showed that he has great determination and with more experience could be a good player in any position.

## James Hall

James played in most positions throughout the season but had a few difficulties in knowing how to position himself, particularly when playing in the forward line. In defence James was almost unpassable and in our games against the strong teams, we relied on him to

be one of our strong full backs. A great mover across the ground, James could always get back quickly and made many excellent tackles to save the team. His hitting improved as the season went on and will only get better with experience. Keep thinking about your positioning, James, and well done on a good season.



## Michael Wawryk

Another newcomer to the grade, Michael will benefit greatly from his experiences this season. Probably one of our quietest players but has a great attitude and was a regular at training. Played most of the season on the wing or at half back and always tried to do what was asked of him. By the end of the season, Michael's dribbling and passing skills had improved greatly and he even got on the score sheet when he scored the winning goal for us against Canning. Keep up the good work, Michael, and I hope to see you back in hockey next season.

## Hamish McCleary

Hamish started the season slowly but soon turned into one of the key players in our forward line. Played some terrific games on the wing where he was able to make some great runs up the line and then pass the ball across to the middle. Also played some handy games at inside forward and half back. Hamish's stick skills were starting to develop throughout the season and at times there was glimpses to indicate good things to come. Keep up your efforts, Hamish, and good luck next year.

## Brendan Butler

Brendan's confidence grew as the season went on and on many occasions he showed great determination to keep the ball going forward towards our forwards. As a halfback he kept his opposition under control and tried to do the safe things when under pressure. On the wing, Brendan's dribbling skills improved greatly and he tried to run the ball when he got the chance. Remember to keep up your concentration on the field, Brendan, and call for the ball more often. Well done on a good season.

# Boys Under 11SW



## **Ben Graham**

Ben's fitness has shone through this year after combining both hockey and cross-country running. He has the ability to make lightning fast breaks into our forward line from deep in our defence – often resulting in a goal.

## **Jonathon Curtis**

The "Pocket Dynamo" who has taken in his stride the quantum leap from Minkey into the big league! Started in goals but has moved further upfield to bolster our solid defensive wall.

## **Nick Fairfoul**

To some it would appear Nick was born with a hockey stick in his hands! His confident stick control, poise under pressure and speed out of defence, combined with his "team-focused" attitude make Nick a valuable asset to any team.

## **Nick Emmett**

Another of our "naturally" talented players. Nick has the ability to read the play confidently, traps and controls the ball well and starts many of the successful runs into our offensive circle.

## **Matthew Salinovich**

Under the tutelage of some of the club's senior goalkeepers, Matthew has grown in stature with each game. Has the confidence to attack a forward line quickly repelling any danger. Has also learned how to "hide" the ball from those goal-hungry forwards by trapping it in his pads!!

## **Michael Halliday**

Has made an excellent and rapid transition from Minkey to a full game of hockey. His confidence is growing after each game, fuelled by the successful addition of each new skill gained at training. The team is greatly indebted to Michael for dragging his dad along to each training session and game!

## **Adam Riley**

Another player who combines hockey with cross-country running, Adam doesn't know how to stop – perhaps that is why he has a natural tendency to "lie down" on the field a lot! His presence in the goalmouth is always a threat to opposing teams.

## **James Jewson**

Even though James has had no previous experience with a hockey stick, he has slotted into our team well. He is a keen listener at training, providing him with a solid foundation to continue the improvements he has shown throughout the season.

## **Sam Bide**

A solid defender at all times, Sam has grown in stature with each match. His enthusiasm for the team is often heard when on the bench!

## **Harin Singh**

Harin's season commenced slowly with some late starts. However, his efforts in the latter part of the season indicate his skills are developing – especially in maintaining his position on the field.

## **Sam Hardinge**

A talented hockey player who likes to take on all opposition – sometimes all at once! Can read the play well in defence.

## **Luke Jackaman**

When Luke connects with the ball, it travels hard and fast – a power hitter who has provided an exit from defence.

## **Jack Oliver**

One of the team's two quiet achievers. Jack is a solid defender who is capable of repelling an opposition's push forward.

## **Thomas Murray**

The second of our quiet achievers. Tom shares defensive duties in the team and does so with little fuss. Always attentive and willing to learn – a great first season.

