

## Presidents Pen 17 June, 2013

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**Weekend Games** – A mixed weekend and results with the top squads. The men started off very slowly and with a talented team like WASPS could recover. The first half was bad and the second half was good. We all need to be firing to get into finals 4 – 1 loss. The women played a tough game away in Rockingham. There were injuries and the game was very physical. Our girls are still on track with a 2 – 2 draw.

As a footnote to all the top squad players and playing members for that matter. We are halfway through the season, you have been training since pre season and it has been nothing but hockey since before Christmas for many of you. This is where the mental resolve comes in. One must stay focused and tough to bring it home. This is not easy but if successful we will get our rewards with positive results. Remember the other teams are feeling it to and we need to improve each week to stay on top.

**Minkey Games** – It is great to see so many Minkey kids (hookin2hockey) out there each Saturday Morning with coaches, families and friends. These budding players are absolutely what hockey is about. They are all having fun while being watched by their fans. Finished off with a great Bacon Burger or Sausage in a bun from our BBQ after the game. Thank you to Maureen Welten and the top squad volunteers for providing a big part of this fun day.

**Back to the Club Night** – A big attendance day for the club and the opposition WASPS were also well attended by their fans. It is so nice to see our Life members and their partners attend these functions. I think they all had a good evening with hot soups and the odd drink during the game mixed with the often good sense of humour conversations. Our sponsors were present and well represented. Nice to see Richard and Amanda from Gateway Printing and thank you for the gift note pads handed out on the night.

Once again Catherine Timmell, Leonie Meacock and Tracy Hunt were fantastic getting food and drinks organized and the invitations out on time so our guests were well aware in advance. This really makes the night for our special guests truly special.

**Volunteer Duties** - I wish to give a special thank you to Maureen Welten for all the great work she has been doing in the kitchen. A usually shared responsibility with Lynda Forbes, Maureen has been organizing the running of the kitchen while Lynda is away mainly on her own. If you can find any time, the kitchen is an area that needs more permanent assistance on top of the regular roster which assist on key days of week. Please contact Maureen Welten or Gary Bowater, or leave your details at the bar to be passed on if you would like to assist.

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**Sponsors** – We have some new sponsors this year which are very useable by the average household. Australian Leading Lock Service and Creation Jewelers are now onboard with us. Please where possible give our sponsors a go as their generous donations really help the club.

**I wish you all a very good week and look forward to seeing you at Melville Hockey soon.**

**Gary Bowater - Melville City Hockey Club – President.**