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13 May 2014 Newsletter Very good games with excellent spectator participation throughout the club. Melville supporters were definitely felt at several venues in hockey land last weekend. Nice to see the Minkey kids on the field again and the Juniors in full swing.

A date for the calendar both our Premier 1 Men and Women have back to back games 17 May, Saturday 4:00pm Start for the women and 5:30pm start for the men. This is our first official **back to the club night** with all the bells and whistles. I look forward to seeing you there along with our Melville Athletes. They love the support. The after party is where something beginning with M.

Premier 1 Teams Men and Women thanks to the coaches and managers for writing such good reports. I must say though as a totally unbiased supporter (well close) to Watch the men take out Hale 3 - 1 in such a professional and dynamic way was just great. Pete will elaborate on the goal scoring but this game was a beauty which on the card could have gone either way. Well done lads and yes it was us doing all the cheering from the peanut gallery.

Our women although losing 3 - 2 to Aquinas showed a toughness and resolution not seen in many teams until the last second of the game. With three key players out, it did give a chance for our younger players to step up and they did. I was very proud to see Melville 18 - 15 year olds out there with our senior members mixing it with the best. Our leadership group and senior players were exceptional also. We are still on track and there are plenty of games to go.

Let's give some support to our Premier 1 teams by attending the games .

Melville Junior Hockey (from the President) to bring some of our U17 and U15 boys teams into the Premier 1 change rooms and work through the game plays in the viewing box with Russell Lee was a gem of an idea. This insight to big match day plays will be nothing short of inspiring to these young players. I understand the idea is to be adopted by our ladies also and fully agree with the concept and support our juniors receiving this great guidance.

New Turf Chairman I would like to announce that a MCHC Turf Chairman has been nominated and elected unanimously by the Turf Committee to the position. Long standing Past President and Club Member **Hans Geers** now holds the role. Hans brings a wealth of knowledge of club operations and Hockey WA operations which will service him and the club well for the future in this role. Congratulations Hans. I would also like to thank outgoing long standing Chairman **Pat Hall** for years of diligent service. **Dave Porter** must also receive thanks for is temporary role as Turf Chairman which has been handled not only very well but while he also managed the design, supply and installation of the new turf and surrounding civil works. Thank you Dave.

Not So Good News: I received a complaint this week from a very respected umpire about a very Senior Melville Team which argued and displayed unsportsman like conduct during Saturdays afternoon game. This is not the norm for MCHC at any level let alone a team at this point in their hockey career. I see this as a one of issue but do remind teams and members that we have a code of conduct and do at all times respect the opposition and our own team mates. We also

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represent our club while wearing our maroon uniform and would not like to hear any more reports along these lines.

What's Happening Update: We received approval from City of Melville to install a container in our inner fenced area which will be used to store, sell and display our uniforms in the future. Thanks to Greg and Tracey Hunt for pushing through this requirement and I am happy to say in the near future you will see some works occurring to locate the container and prepare it for action for our hard working uniform team to use in the very near future.

We do still need another turf sweeper driver. Perhaps someone who has some time off during the week may be able to help. IF you can find a bit of time to assist with this role please contact Barry Hancock on mob: 0400 310 404

I hope you all have a great week and look forward to seeing you at the back to the club night Saturday.

Gary Bowater - Melville City Hockey Club – President.