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27 May 2014 Newsletter As we move through mid season and a bye weekend coming up we have a chance to reflect back over the season for a few moments before moving on. Our Premier 1 Men and Women's teams are solidifying their positions in the league and becoming a force to reckon with. Melville City Hockey Club is being recognized around the league as a team to watch out for. Do we have the metal to hold this position and move on? Our opposition will say no. I see a tough resolve building whereby we know it won't be easy but a quiet and reserved confidence building. Let's keep moving forward and stay professional and focused. Our club is very proud of our top squads.

Our Senior and Junior teams are settling in with the programs taking shape. It is great to see the Junior Coach Development Program still advancing and for the first year is now setting a good foundation for years to come. Hookin2Hockey is well on the way and it is great to see all the new recruits building. Don't be shy ask your friends to bring their kids along and join in the fun. I now see Grand Parents Managing Teams who are Coached by Parents who were Coached by the very same Grand Parents now assisting. It brings great depth to the club and a familiar well being for all.

Premier 1 Teams Men and Women Great work but tough games again against Vic Park. The coaches will elaborate with the detail but I have to say an impressive result by our Premier 1 Men with a 3 - 0 win. What a change around from last year. Our Premier 1 Women let them in late in the game to get a 3 - 3 credible draw. While we understand it is our first year in this league, second place on the ladder at this stage is not something to be ashamed of. In fact we are fitting into the pace and play at this high level very well. Well done to the Men and Women.

Whats Happening - Well the uniform container is here and obviously so, you can't miss it. The work has started by the dedicated team and all I can say is watch this space as it takes shape and the fit out, painting and appearance changes over the next weeks.

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**

Meetings between City of Melville and MCHC were held last Friday with reference to the new facilities envisioned for the future. At present CoM wish to have a Multi Function facility which has bars, common function areas and change rooms. We are at present not clear on the business model and fear that it will not work to the benefit of not only MCHC but the Bowls, Tennis and Cricket Clubs in our region. These meetings are by no means over and MCHC and the other clubs do support the present business situation or a minor variation of the business models in place so we may control our own club destiny's and future. If you see your councilors please pass this message on as it would seem we need their assistance to get to a working model for our club. I am sure I will be writing more on this in the future and will keep you advised.

On a more pleasant note the Kitchen is up and running and Lynda and Maureen have been putting on excellent meals on Thursdays and Saturdays with good attendance. If you get a chance buy a take away or pick up a delicious dish or take away during games or training. I take

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this opportunity to thank the rostered teams for your volunteer support during these times. Without your help the kitchen would not achieve the great standard that has been kept up over the years.

The next back to the club night is being planned now. Keep an eye on the Pride for the announcement. We would like to make the next one even bigger with greater attendance at the games and night. 21 June, 4:00 - 7:00PM back to back games.

I hope you all have a great long weekend and look forward to seeing you at the club soon.

Gary Bowater - Melville City Hockey Club – President.