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10 June 2014 Newsletter Well after the long weekend bye and meeting up with Junior Parents after the event it would seem that the Bunbury Carnival weekend was a hit. All I can say is good **onya** mums dads, family and friends of our juniors and our juniors for making this effort. All reports are good and that our Junior players attending had a great time as well as their chaperones. I remember these weekends with fondness and somewhat of being very tired when we finally had made our way back home. Melville teams acquitted themselves very well and the camaraderie shared with other families and teams is priceless. I am sure our Junior VP Janine Tate will have more to say on this subject.

It was great to see CoM taking care of our grass. Thanks to Graeme Coleman And Barry Hancock for heading this up. Last week was the first phase of a leveling plan to try and make the grass more suitable to hockey within the boundaries governed by the CoM. Thanks must also go to John Christie and Jeff Bird (Technical Services) for attending and coming up with a restoration plan. It is greatly appreciated by the club and once again proves City of Melville and Club can work together with good results.

Premier 1 Teams Men and Women Very good games once again with our men building in confidence and making a statement in all positions on the field. Something must be said about the flying Dutchman Christiaan Stroboer 4 goals scored is a great effort in anyone's books. The deliveries to the forward line and team defensive effort must be commended. Gents you are building a very strong reputation. I am sure Pete will have more to say about this. Great game.

Our ladies came off feeling disappointed with the loss. You could see it in there walk and manner. Well they shouldn't be. The team with the reputation CTP nearly lost it and now our girls have their measure. The coach Blake Burrows although a little philosophical understands this as we the club do also and let it go as a learning game. You girls are dynamic and exciting to watch and we know to watch out because you won't forget this game and will come back full on. Good Luck Melville Girls.

Whats Happening - Well the grass was verti mowed and while a little rough after the first round is expected to improve as more work is done.

A bad thing to report. The kitchen is being abused with broken items occurring each week and sometimes cleanliness being breached which has to be addressed by our diligent staff a second time to maintain high standards. To this end a locked barrier and door lock have been added to maintain control. A key will be held at the bar which will require a sign out and return before being issued in the future. A thank you must go to Steve McEntee and Leo Welten for giving up their Monday to make this modification happen. Well done Guys.

While on the kitchen we are looking for part time **kitchen assistants** to learn the role from Lynda and Maureen. If anyone is interested and we do need your help please contact Lynda on Mob: **0418945876**.

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I am happy to report that Baz has recruited, trained and inducted 4 rookies for the highly skilled and mobile job of turf sweepers. Thanks must go to Tony Illman, Graeme Coleman, Jake Coleman and yes the Flying Dutchman Christian Stroboer. I hope Christian can slow down for this role. Gentlemen we thank you and it is great to see that Baz may finally get a bit of a break.

Great to see young Mattie Bowater coaching the young goalies on Monday's. On inspection it could be seen on last Monday night that the four 4 young wards were in four sets of goals after drills while the men's ones team played a scratch push game and moved around these goalies and gave them a real insight to what the big league is all about. I am sure they appreciated it immensely and they performed well to boot with excellent skills training worked into the event. Great to see the up and coming goalies getting first class training.

There are many unsung volunteer heroes in our club at all levels. if you feel they need a mention let me know and we will honour them with a few words of recognition which I know is usually silently appreciated.

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. Don't forget that there are MCHC games either side of these time slot also so come early or stay late there is always a game on at Melville.

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.