

## Presidents Pen 2nd July, 2014

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**1 July 2014 Newsletter** Another great home day set of games. Both the men and women's top 3 grades played well. A good turnout from the supporters made it even more enjoyable with away game players making the effort to come back to the club as spectators.

Our **Premier 1 Men** won very convincingly and it was good to see. 5 - 1 is a good win in anyone's book. Thanks to Matt Swann (Swanny) for playing and giving us a glimpse at World Cup Standard Hockey. Once again well done to the Team, Coaches and Managers for putting together a great game. Fremantle have in the past proven to be a bit of a nemesis but not this time. While a spirited game very solid win to Melville.

Our **Premier 1 Women** had our AIS players back in strength this week and with Edwina Bone and Rachel Lynch back from the World Cup also it was a formidable team. Once again led by Blake Burrows (Women's Head Coach) the team played very solidly and then towards the end literally ran away with a 7 - 1 win. That word comes to mind again **Relentless**. This team is very good but let's not forget the depth in the background that Melville offers when players are injured or away. Good to see our Juniors on the pitch and providing that support.

**Footnote** - We have several Under 21s away from both Men and Women teams for the next 2 weeks and wish them well in their WA assignments. There is nothing surer than we know they will do Melville and their State proud. Charlie Gaudoin our Senior Men's Assistant Coach is also away with the U 21 men's team so we know the boys are in good hands.

Still great to see the top squad players holding up their duties at the Hookin2Hockey Saturday mornings. The kids love it and it means a lot to the parents who get to talk to you while getting that tasty Egg and Bacon roll or sausage in a bun.

**Presentation Night** - The presentation night has been booked again at the favorite location of Tompkins on The Swan. This year the event will be held Friday night 26 September 2014. So please put this in your diary. There will be more advertised over the next weeks. We are a finals club so it has been planned so our finals players, Honored Guests, Life Members and VIPS can attend and have fun out of season. Hopefully we will be celebrating some final successes as well.

**Failed Break In** - We did have a failed break in this week with both gate chains cut and the lock on the rear of the uniform shop lock cut. The intruders must have been disturbed as that seems to be the only damage done and there is no evidence of anything missing at this stage. Thanks to Greg Hunt and Team the place was secured quickly and the authorities notified. Just a reminder for members to keep your eyes open for anything suspicious and report anything suspect to a committee member if something does not seem right.

**All Grass Teams** - Whether training or after games please put your goals away on completion of your event. If in doubt that there is another team using them after your session then please put them away they will soon stop you if required.

**Uniform Shop** - Not sure if you have noticed but banging and clanging, paint smell and colour change was all happening on Saturday. The Uniform Shop Team were in action starting to turn a container into something in line with a Myers or David Jones. Well it is starting to look good.

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**Volunteer Request** - There is an urgent request for volunteers to work with the kitchen staff who 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**.

**Entertainment Books** - If you haven't picked your book up please do so if they were requested and paid for during registration. There are also some left over for over the counter sales at the bar. So if you need a book please come and get one for yourself or more so as a gift. At \$65.00 this is a bargain for even some of the savings that can be made as presented.

**Bentley Crane Hire** - We welcome Orlando and Albert from Bentley Crane Hire as a new sponsor. We now see the guys at the club regularly Thursday evenings and during home games. Thank you to Bentley Crane Hire and all our loyal sponsors who help us so much, they are now a part of this proud group.

**Porter Commercial** - You will notice the signs up on the green fence line. Don't panic the grounds are not for sale as someone has suggested. It is indeed in recognition of a special sponsorship package, which benefits our Hookin2Hockey and Junior Team members. Bruce and Cam Porter (long time members) have increased their already generous advertising package to focus on these very important members of our club. Thank you to Porter Commercial a responsible commercial citizen company.

I hope you have a good week and look forward to seeing you **at the club**.

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