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**13 May 2015 Newsletter** - The games on the weekend - Wow what a turn around. Our top squad men played one of the most exciting games I have seen in a long time. Reflected on the score board and demonstrated with a resounding win on the field. All the players gave it everything they had as they always do but definitely a peg above normal. While an exceptional game by all team members Clemo (our goalie) played out of his skin. As a bonus the team sported their new uniform which looked sensational and good reports coming back by our most selective members.

For the Top Squad Women's game unfortunately I arrived again a little late because of conflicting fixtures. I must say I was once again absolutely overjoyed to see a game of very high standard and our ladies playing at a level better than anything I have seen this season. 1 - 0 then 1 - 1 and then a magnificent short corner flick by Mathilda (Tilly) Carmichael with 3 minutes to go straight into the top right side corner. What an exciting game against the top team in the league CTP 2 - 1 win. Welcome back to Edwina(Eddie) Bone and Renee Taylor and our latest Import Player Maike de Jager - Welcome.

What was so impressive was both our men and women's games were complete team games played at a high level sparked with moments of brilliance and rare mistakes but definitely no give in intensity. Well done to both teams. I know you will say, oh Gary give it a break, but next is to back it up with the same intensity and determination. The thing is I believe we can. **Go Melville.**

Still lots going on at the club with Hook into 2 Hockey (H2H) starting on Saturday morning. It was great to see the 180 kids playing learning and just having fun. Thank you to the senior top players who put their efforts into conducting special skills sessions. Your efforts were noticed and commented on by many senior people in our club and Hockey WA. A few hiccups with the lost little boy looking for his mum while Granddad was chatting to the uniform staff. No names no court marshals but we did have fun with that one and caught up with an old friend.

If you are not already aware our Junior Development Office Jon Smedley is well into the program with the first draft of the Melville Brand of Hockey Manual written, many coaching sessions performed and now the coaching the coaches section happening on several nights to tie it all together. We have received many compliments from members on how this program is progressing to date. John's efforts here are excellent and Emma Bell Junior Coordinator and the Junior committee along with John should be very happy on how the junior programs are going to date as they cover all facets of Junior hockey.

Just some club house keeping and updates as bullet point comments:

**Uniform Panel** is now working into Phase two of the uniform change for the club and progressing to member uniforms and the extra paraphernalia type garments which go along with this change. That is brought about by our lead supplier Canterbury progressing successfully to the next level of the contract.

The **Kitchen and Bar** is in full swing again on Thursday nights and other times so come on down and grab a delicious meal or drink. At \$10.00 a serve the value is fantastic and take away containers are available. You can also meet top players and coaches as well as they join us most Thursday evenings for the meal and a quite ale. If you can help we are now **desperate** for some volunteers to be supervisors in this area. If you can help please contact Maureen Welten or Graeme Coleman m: 0414441490.

Just a reminder for grass games. If you are the last game of the day please teams put your **goals** away.

Can't wait for the games. I hope you have a good week and look forward to seeing you **at the club.**

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