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Life Members

Men

V. Dalton (Dec'd)	1959
D. Spitteler	1969
P. Noad (Dec'd)	1971
R. Halliday	1972
B. Spitteler	1975
M. Currell	1978
W. Meacock	1979
K. Timmel	1980
W. Forward	1982
J. Cole	1984
M. Reynolds (Dec'd)	1985
B. Hancock	1987
I. Deveson	1988
J. Pickering	1991
N. Kidd	1992
W. Atkinson	1993
G. Napier	1994
C. Willis	1994
K. Jackaman	1997
K. McGuire	2000
R. Walker	2001
J. Rate (Dec'd)	2002
M. & B. Bennetts	2002
C. West	2002
K. Harper	2003
Dave Porter	2005

Women

S. Bell
S. Grey
H. Klass
D. Markham
S. Niven
G. Richardson
C. Bayens (Dec'd)
M. Margetts

Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

Club Administration 2006

Patron: Mrs K. Jackson, Mayor, City of Melville

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Max Reynolds (Life member)
Wally Meacock (Life member)
Colin West (Life member)
Darryl Williams MHR
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Clint Dymond - Senior Administration - Men
Nicola Ogden - Junior Administration
Roger Bell - Veterans Administration
Chris Avent - Finance & Development

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Games Records: Rob Walker

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Assoc. Representative: Hans Geers

President's Report

What a year it's been! As a Club, we set and achieved some major milestones:

- Operating our turf facility through its inaugural season
- Increasing lighting to our grass fields at a cost of some \$17,000
- Improving Clubhouse kitchen and change room facilities
- Modifying our Minkey and Graduates programme
- Improving the number of women's teams
- Hosting the Australian Institute of Sport, the Western Australian Institute of Sport and the Chinese National side at our Club
- Receiving an Australia Day Commendation Award from the City of Melville and
- creating a broader base of Club support personnel outside of the committee, coaches and managers.

Not a bad list, all things considered.

All in all, this should be seen as a year of celebration for our Club as we continue to achieve a great deal due to the ongoing support and commitment of our ever increasing membership. Our turf has proven an outstanding success, gaining accolades from the hockey community and allowing us to have many of our sides training and playing at home, something not experienced since our top sides played on grass many years ago. With so many sides based back at home, we have been able to utilize the wonderful cooking and organizational skills of our delightful chef Conor and her band of volunteers. This has provided a whole new dimension to the Club and acted as a catalyst in further drawing our Club together. Meals on Thursday evenings have proven a treat.

Our turf has also give us the opportunity to run Summer 7s competitions which were a resounding success and will again be something for players to look forward to this year. During the coming school holidays Melville will host a component of the Australian Men's Veterans Championship. An outstanding achievement in the turf's first year of operation and a further opportunity for us to showcase our magnificent facility.

Further demonstration of their commitment to the Club was the formation of the 'Social Committee' under the watchful eye of Wizard Cup player, Dan White. He managed to harness the energy of a young group of volunteers to organize a range of memorable social functions. I thank them for their commitment and look forward to what they may have in store for 2007.

During the off-season key members of the Club, along with the committee, will undertake a review of its operations, processes and procedures in developing a new Strategic Plan which will provide clear direction for the years ahead. We will review priorities and set goals to ensure we remain a leading club in the State.

In strengthening the Club's infrastructure, we were able to substantially increase our sponsorship base. I thank departing Vice President Finance and Development Chris

Avent for his outstanding work in this area and appreciate his ability to apply for and gain grants to complement our other forms of income.

We have sought and achieved success in other areas. Our web site continues to be second to none and our weekly communication vehicle the 'Maroon Zone' is far superior to any newsletter I have seen from any other Club.

This has certainly been one of our better years for selections in representative teams. This year we achieved greater recognition in State Representation with Dan White and Ben Meacock being selected in the State Under 21s side, Jordan Hunt in the State Schoolboys Under 16 Team and Patrick Welsh in the State Under 15s team. Earlier in the year Wizard Cup player John Carroll was invited to train with the State Senior Men's team, the Thundersticks. Also to be congratulated are the numerous men and women Vets players for their selections in State and National Veterans' Teams.

The new Club jacket proved very popular this year with what seemed to be a competition as to which family could come up with the best names on their jackets. These certainly make our Club members very easily identifiable around all grounds. They look fantastic and are warm!

When I reflect on the many issues within a Club of our size, I can see room for continued improvement. It is only when I step back and review the 'big picture' that I gain comfort in the Club's achievements and comprehend the forward steps it has taken. These forward steps form the basis of Melville re-establishing itself as a major force in Western Australian Hockey and complement the hard work carried out by former committees over the long history of the Club. The concept of 'Club' ... a sense of belonging, has continued to develop. Next year the committee and all involved with the Club will face new challenges. I firmly believe the Club has much to celebrate but also many challenges to face.

As a Club I know we have the strength of character, fortitude and where-with-all to continue to move forward. 2006 is now behind us. Enjoy the celebrations of this year before we move on in a positive frame of mind for 2007.

As President I get to see the work put in by the many people involved in some capacity, in and around the Club. It becomes difficult to thank specific people, for I would surely miss numerous people out. I therefore thank all who in some way contributed to make our Club a better place and who are helping achieve its vision. I also thank the many new members who chose to join our Club. We hope your involvement with the Club remains long and enjoyable.

I look forward in anticipation to 2007 and the membership's continued support of the great Melville City Hockey Club. Be well and come back.

Hans Geers
President 2001 - 2006

Finance & Sponsorship Report

What a big year for Melville City Hockey Club Inc. – financially and across many other criteria. Cindy Growdon has done a fantastic job in her first year as Treasurer, including introducing some efficiencies with our banking arrangements.

Although the finances of the turf are independent of the normal operations of the Club from a budgeting sense, the two clearly impact on each other. For example, proceeds from the canteen and the bar are influenced by fixturing on the turf, while various Club expenditures (eg. wireless technology for the sound system) have benefited turf operations.

Two significant revenue initiatives impacting on finances this year were Conor's Canteen (fantastic grub) and the sale of MCHC licence plates. On the other hand, the continued growth in team numbers has increased outgoings in terms of turf and affiliation fees and equipment costs.

The continued support of our loyal band of existing and several new sponsors has been critical – with a special thanks to our major sponsor, Steve McEntee's Duracraft Panel and Paint. We welcomed Australian Steel Supplies, Master Picture Framers Myaree and Niche Belle Beauty & Massage Rooms as new sponsors this year.

Major Club Sponsors

Steve McEntee's Duracraft Panel and Paint
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Senior Administration Report - Men

Season 2006 is drawing to a close and it is time for all of us, I feel, to take a step back and give ourselves a pat on the back for a great season at Melville. Our club this year has come on in leaps and bounds in every aspect. The atmosphere that has been created is fantastic and something I personally have always hoped would happen at Melville.

The relentless work of our numerous committees is something that everyone at the club should appreciate. A lot of you don't see the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to make our club great. Once again, Hans has led from the front in many aspects. If it wasn't for his great work and constant persistence, the club would not be where it is today. Leanne has done a great job with the women and Nicola's work with the juniors is fantastic. Others to remember for their tireless work are Cindy, Chris, Rob, Roger, Deb, Dave, Tom, Pat, Steve, Greg, Tatey, Rhys, Bobby, Yvette, Caddie, Jan, Lynda, Whitey and all the girls who have helped out in the kitchen throughout the year. (Don't take offence if I left you out). I would like to pay a special thank you to Conor. She has created a brilliant kitchen at the club. Conor puts in more hours in to the kitchen and around the club in a week than most blokes would in a lifetime. A fantastic effort, Conor.

This year with the men has seen an up and down year. The State 1a's have struggled with injury this year and unfortunately find themselves at the wrong end of the table. But the boys have battled on and fingers crossed we are there next year. Congratulations to Dan White and Ben Meacock for their selection in the State U21's.

The State 2a's have had an excellent season and at time of writing were sitting in the top 5 with the finals calling. The State 3a's have once again been one of the benchmarks in the competition and let's hope they can go one better and win the flag this year.



The Metro boys, like the State boys, have had injuries and absences to overcome but that comes with the territory out on the grass. The Metro 1a's had a horrible start to the season but after a wonderful mid season winning 5 in a row, they are in contention to make the finals. Our mighty Metro 2a's have had a very consistent season and have cemented a finals spot where we hope to give the flag a real shake. Our battlers in the Metro 3b's and 3d's have struggled along, with the usual constant line up changes and redraws, which never helps. However, the boys seem to enjoy their hockey, which is a credit to them.

Finally a few thank yous. Firstly, I would personally like to thank Mal Farmer for coaching the Metro teams on Thursday nights and helping with the selection process. It's been great to see big Mal back down at the club. Cheers mate.

The top squad brains trust of Dingo, Whip, Scanna and Johnno – thanks for all your help. Particularly Whip, who was always helping me with the players coming up and down between the State 3a's and Metro 1a's.

And finally to everyone around the club, I hope you have enjoyed season 2006 as much as I have and I thank all of you for your patience and support. Good luck for 2007.

Clint Dymond

Senior Administration Report - Women



I would like to start with taking the opportunity with thanking all the coaches, assistant coaches and team managers for your time and effort, which was very much appreciated. It has been a fantastic, successful year for the club. We always knew that this year would bring a sense of excitement, achievement and progress with having the new turf at our doorstep and carrying on from last year's success.

Last year we introduced a new team to our grades and it was followed up again this year, adding another team with the outlook for next year continuing to grow. This definitely goes to the credit of all players with their enthusiasm, commitment, team mateship and most of all being competitive on the field.

This year we were able to bring in a head coach that was passionate to see the women's part of the club as a whole drive forward to succeed in the near future. For a brighter future, hard calls had to be made for us to become a stronger dedicated playing group. With Dee Plaister's endless effort in developing young quality players, teaching old dogs new tricks, junior development and bringing a sense of belief within the player group, we are definitely heading this way. A big thank in your professionalism, experience, comradeship and laughs that you have brought into this club and we look forward to reaping the benefits with you again as our head coach for next year.

The kitchen was taken on by the women's side of the club with Conor Keating and her expertise stepping in to manage the show. Not enough words can praise the amount of effort Conor has put into running the kitchen. It has been profitable and most of all, thanks to the tasty meals provided, has given the club a buzzing atmosphere which is a pleasure. To see families and Life Members of the club coming down on a Thursday night and making it a weekly outing just showed why we are known as the

family club. Thankyou also to all the wonderful kitchen helpers for giving up your time and helping it be so successful.

A lot of the success of the women's club is thanks to the dedication of the WAGS Committee that helps in the running of it all. They are never short of a red wine in the hand, coming up with ideas on how to constantly improve. Many thanks to Marie Intini, Lynda Forbes, Allison Hall, Jan Davies, Gaye Glaskin and Conor Keating.

Three teams made the finals this year. Congratulations to the SL3's, Metro 1's and the Vets 1. We also had women Vets that represented WA in the State championships - Gaye Glaskin, Janese McDougall, Maris Margetts and Alene Ivey. Well done on this achievement.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to the 2007 season that lies ahead of us, fitted out in our new uniform!

Lee Jarvis
Senior Women's Vice President

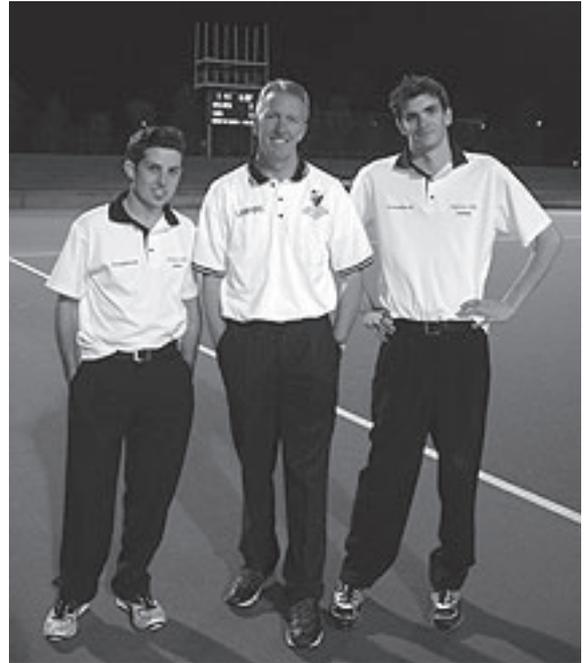


Our Invaluable Umpires

Everyone knows that feeling of dread when the coach says "It's your turn to umpire this week." *Surely it can't be ... who can I get to do it for me?* ... Yes, we all know the panic, the excuses and the final solution ... pay someone else.

But there are those who take umpiring seriously and at Melville we should be proud to recognise that we have four umpires who regularly umpire at Wizard Cup level - more than any other Club! They are:

Chris Geers	(Metro 1A player)
Michael Ashley	(State 3A player)
John Carroll	(Wizard Cup player)
Kevin Dempster	(Midweek Vets player)



*Chris, Kevin and Mike
in official umpiring uniform at the Stadium*



Ladies State League 3s

Veterans Report

LADIES

This year proved difficult at the start. For the first time in many years, it seemed we were having difficulty in fielding two full teams for midweek Vets.

Luckily, with Jan and Lynda liaising, we were able to allocate enough players to each team for them to turn up each week, secure in the knowledge that there just might be one substitute ... if they were lucky.

The Vets 1 team, with some young blood imported from the Vets 2 team and an import from Willetton, are once again in the final four. Good luck for the finals!

The Vets 2 team was very depleted this year, with several players going to Servio and two players moving to the Vets 1s. A midseason injury to Lee Maxfield saw her pull out for the rest of the season. Several new recruits filled the gaps admirably and a strong team spirit was built. This team should improve dramatically in 2007 as they become more used to each other's game.

Once again, Melville players were to be found representing WA in this year's Ladies Veterans Championships held in Darwin. Congratulations to the following on reaching State Representation yet again:

Gaye Glaskin
Maris Margetts
Janese McDougall
Alene Ivey

MEN

Melville 2006 again arrived with six teams – Over 40 Midweek, Over 40 Div 1, 3 & 4, Over 50 Div 2 and Over 55 Div 1. The results this year are not as fantastic as seen previously. However, with a little luck the Midweek and Over 55s will see some finals action. The better news being, both Over 40s Div 4 and Over 50s Div 2 will fight out the finals and fly the Melville colours with pride.

Both teams have performed well this year: Over 50s finished on top of the division and will move on to the Div 1 next year. The Over 40s Div 4 went from the bottom rung last year, including having to forfeit one game, to fighting out the finals in 2006. A fantastic result.

Noting the good results, we must not forget that all teams played well this year. Over 40s Div 1 had a hard task, being promoted to the top Division. They fought well and typically only lost by one goal. The Div 3 was in two races. There was a top four and the others. We were first - unfortunately for the others! The Over 55 and Midweek team played well and maintained a good run to the flag.

Player numbers were great, well that was until the sixth, no, fifth, no, no, fourth maybe or third game, when injuries, bugs, work and holidays interrupted a wonderful season. We had our weekly shuffle to ensure all teams had the numbers required. Managers, god bless their cotton socks, were looking for the unattached Centre Forward, Inner (what the hell) **goal scorer**, they could poach and call their own. The end result, no matter how we got there, was either a good game and/or good beer.

My congratulations to all veterans for a great season, good luck in the summer teams, either on the turf or home catching up on all that didn't happen during the hockey season! Either way you will have a good coach.....

Cheers

Roger Bell

Melville City Hockey Club is a



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Junior Administration Report

The junior season started well before any playing dates this year. In fact, I hardly think there was any break between seasons at all!

The new turf provided a wonderful venue for Summer 7's competitions for players of all ages, and our juniors were quick to get involved. To see the young players improving their skills and reflexes, while maintaining fitness and having a lot of fun with their mates was a wonderful thing indeed!

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the year for me was, on sitting down to fill in our applications for teams for 2006, the realisation that we had enough players (on paper) to fill 23 teams. Although with some last minute withdrawals that dropped to 22, it certainly is the biggest number of junior teams I've experienced in my 10 years at the club. Firmly backed by the second largest minkey program in the metro area (over 200 players – second only to Wolves who run a school based program, so to my mind that doesn't count!), our junior program is one of - if not, *the* - strongest in the state.

Of course, these numbers meant extra coaches, managers and administrative support folk, and I cannot thank enough those who stepped forward to take on roles of responsibility within the club. Judy Gauci and Patrick Matthews have run an extremely successful minkey and graduates program this year; my thanks to both of these wonderful people, their coaches and supporters (especially the canteen crew, captained by Kathy Ireland and our Kitchen Manager Conor Keating). Special thanks to my Year Co-ordinators: Greg Hunt, Trevor Welsh, Mark Tate, Geoff Ranford, Catherine Timmel and Sue Clark. These brave people have pioneered new roles within the club, acting as liaison and support crew for the coaches and managers in their year groups. They have opened the way for others to become involved in the development of junior hockey, and their experience and dedication has eased the guidance of so many young people through this year of junior hockey.

My thanks also to the many coaches, managers, umpires and other support folk who have leapt forward into their respective roles with our many teams. It's not always an easy task keeping 11 or more young folk focussed, concentrating and learning new experiences – especially as many of us do not have teacher training qualifications! – but you have all exceeded my expectations (which were idealistically quite high!). Many thanks to those of you who have completed yet another year of service, and welcome and thanks to those who took on coaching roles for the first time. The support of our younger adult players has also been a joy to me – with U17 players involved in junior coaching and young representatives from our senior sides stepping forward and coaching on either a regular basis or as specialist coaches. I won't name names here (we'd need a whole book to thank you all!) but I am very



Jordan Hunt - WA Schoolboys 2006

grateful, as is the whole club, for the time and efforts you have put into developing our future with the junior players at Melville

Some innovative negotiating saw us put together combined club sides with Willetton Hockey Club, to give the U17 boys from both clubs a chance to play in A, A Reserve and B grade competitions – giving great depth and experience to the boys concerned. Although an administrative juggling act with Hockey WA, I feel the boys managed to bond well together and played under their neutral colours with great sportsmanship to the pride of both clubs. Next year we will be back to just Melville players in the U17's, but this has been a great learning experience for many people, especially those outside the club. The lesson has been sportsmanship and many other clubs have commented on how good it was to see two traditional rivals bond together for the good of young players in our sport. Without realising it, these young men have become diplomats and statesmen for hockey in general, and we are very proud of them all.

Nicola Ogden
Vice President, Juniors

Minkey & Graduates Reports

MINKEY

The 2006 Minkey season was enjoyable and successful for all concerned. As the season progressed we could visibly watch the children improving. All I can say is *look out Melville*, there are some legends in the making coming our way! Legendary or not, it is always a pleasure seeing kids outside, running around, developing skills, making friends and having a few laughs. Better still when this extends to the parents and other family members watching on the sideline.

We stuck to the tried and tested format set up by my predecessor, Graham Coleman. Most games were played on Saturday morning with a handful of Friday night games/social evenings. Perhaps one of the most memorable occasions was July 7, when Friday night Minkey was conducted on the turf. We weren't sure how the children would go with this but if anything it showed up their skills. We had many requests to repeat the event in future years.

Another successful Minkey and Grads venture was our attendance at the WA Hockey Smarter than Smoking, 2006 Minkey Carnival. This year 6 teams played at the tournament. Special thanks to Melissa and Nathan Fitzgerald who organised and coordinated our attendance at the carnival. Also, a big thank you to the 30 children who participated and team coaches, Andrew Spears, Mike Powell, Ivor North, Justin Gill, Phil Brown and Lisa Anderson.

The success of this year's Minkey and Grads season has been the result of much hard work and effort from a large number of individuals. Our Year Coordinators have taken a larger role in planning and running the competition and have done all sorts of jobs in the process such as buying TV's, mending bibs and putting up marquees. Our coaches have all done a fantastic job with their teams. Team managers and parent volunteers have also worked quietly on roster behind the scene to ensure the kids can just get on with playing. My thanks go to you all.



Being Minkey Coordinator has certainly been a much bigger challenge than I first anticipated but I must say, it has also been highly enjoyable. It is very exciting to see the growth at Melville CHC and to have been part of it all this year. It has been a pleasure to meet many of the families who will move through the club in years to come and work alongside other volunteers who give so selflessly for the benefit of our children.

Finally, we are farewelling two Minkey committee members this year. Our canteen manager, Kathy Ireland and Grads Coordinator, Patrick Matthews will both move onto Under 11s with their children. Their contribution has been huge and I for one would have been lost without them this year. We will also miss Kathy's husband, Greg Ireland who has always been around to help out.

See you in 2007

Judy Gauci
Minkey Coordinator

GRADUATES

This year has seen a record number of graduates represented totalling 63 players, 43 boys and 20 girls. In 2005 the numbers represented totalled 47 players 24 boys and 23 girls. Overall, a gain of 16 players this year. The increase of player numbers proves clearly that MCHC has the right systems in place and quality facilities available to provide the best playing environment for our aspiring hockey players.

This year for the first time (largely due to the increased number of players) it was decided to adopt normal hockey playing conditions involving playing on full size fields under proper rules including short and long corners so that these players would be fully familiar with what is required for under 11's. Development of ball hitting skills was a major focus and it was pleasing to see the rapid improvement in the skills shown by these players. A good number of these players will progress to under 11's in 2007 and should perform very well at that level. We also expect that many of these players will also take up the opportunity to play Summer 7's to further develop their game.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the excellent work done by the many coaches, managers and those helping to set up and assist both Judy Gauci and myself in running the Minkey/Graduates programme. A special thanks to Judy Gauci for all her hard work as Minkey Coordinator and making my task so much easier. Judy has great leadership abilities and her keenness to get as many people involved and her use of emails and flyers ensured the Minkey/Graduates programme ran without a hitch.

Patrick Matthews
Grads Coordinator

Melville City Hockey Club

Games Played Awards 2006

700 Games

Kingsley McGuire

300 Games

Scott Forbes
Brett Martyn

200 Games

Ron Chesney
Clint Dymond
Evan Green
Nicola Ogden
Ted Neesham
David Orr
Justin Wake
Brad Wake
Roh Weddikara
James Welten

100 Games

Matthew Bell
Ashleigh Brickhill
Chris Criddle
Jaime Greenacre
Erin Hall
Jordan Hunt
Chris Lees
Stephen Llanwarne
Mark Myers
Caitlyn Ogden
Mark Tate
Richard Thurtle
Leo Welten

50 Games

Simon Carnevale
Briony Clark
Nicola Cook
Colin Cooper
Kyle Dolling
Nicholas Emmett
Nicholas Fairfoul
Georgia Gibson
Stephen Gibson
Ben Graham
Michael Halliday
Kylie Hankinson
Sam Hardinge
James Jewson
Rhys Matthews
Holly Menegola
Rachael Morey
Bill Morrison
Steven Oosterbaan
William Remedios
Lauren Sims
Michael Starling
Nicholas Tate
Mark Timmel
Claire Timmel
Tandia Wilkinson
Karl Tulloch

Major Club Awards - Seniors

There are several major awards in the senior ranks of the club which deserve a few words of description here.

The President's Award is presented to the club member who has done the most outstanding job of promoting the ideals of the club during the current season. This encompasses not only players, but coaches, managers, parents and friends of the club who have given outstanding service to the club and hockey.

The Maple Leaf Cup was first presented in 1982 by Kip Hladky - a Canadian on secondment in WA for employment, playing in the Club's top teams. The award is presented by the club committee to the person who has given outstanding service to the club for the current season. Consideration is given to the recipient's service to the club both on and off the field, their service to hockey in general and can be awarded to anyone associated with the club.

The Founder's Shield - surprisingly donated by the founders of the first men's side in the club - is presented to the fairest and best player from the club's top men's side. Awarded by the coach and members of the management committee.

The Catherine Bayens Trophy was presented by women's club life member, committee member, coach and former player Catherine Bayens. Catherine wanted to encourage female club members in the administration of the club, attendance at pre-season training events and the social life of the club. Catherine was herself a fantastic example to the women with her commitment to the club and our sport, and the award is presented in her memory by the women's Vice President and with assistance from the women members of the committee and senior women's coaches.

The Wiffen Trophy was inaugurated in 1986 by Terry and Alastair Wiffen, former player and women's top side coach respectively. It is presented to the most improved younger (not necessarily junior) player who shows great promise and has shown willingness and enthusiasm to compete at the highest level.

Major Club Awards - Juniors

The junior side of the club also presents several major awards which deserve further description. It is important to recognise the efforts and commitment of our younger players as they develop in their skills and abilities and preserve the future of the club.

Coaches' Awards: - given to the player displaying the most commitment to the team, showing great personal achievement or having shown an outstanding quality deemed by the coach to be deserving of reward.

The Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy was inaugurated by the Mount Waverley Hockey Club in Victoria when that club's juniors visited WA, were hosted by our club and played against our junior teams. It is presented to the most promising junior progressing to senior ranks in the following season, and is awarded by the junior coaches.

The Life Members' Trophy - presented by the Life Members to the junior player chosen by the junior coaches as showing the most commitment to the club. This award honours players who show dedication beyond that of the average player and covers both on and off field achievements.

The David Porter Trophy is awarded to the junior goalie considered to have had an outstanding season and is presented by long time clubman, Dave Porter.

The Ian Halliday Trophy is presented by Ian Halliday, another longstanding clubman, to the junior player scoring the most goals in the current season.

Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

Junior Awards 2006

Division	Fairest & Best	Coach's Award
U17A Boys:	Jordan Hunt	Callum Purcell
U17A Reserve Boys:	Jackson Thomas	Neil Ferguson
U17B South Boys:	Josh Burton	Daniel Wilkinson
U17B Girls Maroon:	Sheridan Gore	Dayna Osborne
U17B Girls White:	Jaime Greenacre	Kate Miller
U15A Boys:	Karl Tulloch	Sean Ranford
U15B South Boys:	Tim Deacon	Joseph Swan
U15C Boys:	Joshua Lucas	Michael Wawryk
U15C Girls	Sarah King	Stephanie Dixon
U13A Boys:	Nicholas Tate	Nicholas Fairfoul
U13A Girls	Clair e Timmel	Sarah Bowyer
U13B South Boys	Rhys Matthews	Sam Walker
U13B South Girls:	Emily Casely	Shailey Rushton
U13C South (Gold) Boys	Julian Sorgiovanni	James McNaught
Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy: Most promising junior progressing to seniors		Chris Morrison
Life Members' Trophy: Junior player displaying most commitment to Club		Matthew Bell
David Porter Trophy: Most improved goalkeeper		Tandia Wilkinson
Ian Halliday Trophy: Highest junior goal scorer		Josie Mark

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Seniors Awards 2006

Founder's Shield:

Fairest and best - men's top side

John Carroll

Wiffen Trophy:

Most improved younger player - women

Erin Hall

Catherine Bayens Trophy:

Player displaying most commitment to club - women

Allison Hall

State 2A Men:

Jamie Legg

State 3A Men:

Wayne Anderson

State 3 Women:

Susan Clark

State 5 Women:

Sarah Billingham

State 6 Women:

Janine Barrow

State 7 Women:

Laura Woolhead

Metro 1 Women:

Athlene Marshall

Metro 1A Men:

Alistar Burton

Metro 2A Men:

Daniel Pickering

Metro 3B Men:

Geoff Hunt

Metro 3D Men:

Chris Lees

Midweek Veterans 1 Men:

Michael Jensen

Veterans 1 Women:

N/A

Veterans 2 Women:

Debbie Crompton

Over 40 Div 1 Men:

Lewis Bint

Over 40 Div 3 Men:

Bill Morrison

Over 40 Div 4 Men:

Andrew Reynolds

Over 50 Division 2 Men:

Leo Welten

Over 55 Div 1 Men:

Terry Parker

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Paul Meacock	1982
Geoff Morris	1983
Alan Meacock	1984
Keith Jackaman	1985
Ross Read	1986
Wayne Atkinson	1987
Harold Farmer	1988
Keith Harper	1989
Graham Napier	1990
Wayne Atkinson	1991
Colin Willis	1992
Bruce Read	1993
Rob Walker	1994
Les & Rob Walker	1995
Colin Willis	1996
Johnson Orr	1997
Pat von Mollendorf	1998
Mal Farmer	1999
Nicola Ogden	2000
Keith Harper	2001
Graeme Coleman	2002
Alene Ivey & Guy Hickey	2003
Rob Walker	2004
Mark Tate	2005
Pat Hall & Steve McEntee	2006

President's Award

Johnson Orr & Graeme Coleman	2001
Greg Riley	2002
Rod Wake & family	2003
Bob Blachford (<i>Bob the Barman</i>)	2004
Linda King	2005
Conor Keating	2006

Top Squad - Men

We have come to the end of another year of hockey. It has been an interesting year, with many changes to the competition, a shortened season, and home away fixtures that meant Melville City Hockey Club was exposed to first class hockey at Morris Buzzacott once again.

Congratulations to the players for their efforts this year. It is the first time for many years that Melville will remain in the top division for the third year in a row. The season has had its difficulties and challenges, but this is no different than with any other year.

My goals this year as head coach were to learn from the past season, put a competitive team on the field each week, and to improve the knowledge and skill level of the playing squad. I feel we have achieved most of our objectives. While we did not finish in a position on the league ladder that was an improvement on last year, I am convinced that we were able to put a competitive team on the paddock each week. The fact that we didn't make the finals or improve on our position from last year doesn't make it a less successful season. I am sure that the club members that came to support the first team will agree that it is a tough competition. All members of the squad must strive to improve and achieve their potential, and not just be happy to turn up each week.

I have to thank a few people for their support during the season. Without their help, my job would have been a damn sight harder. Thank you again Paul (*Whip*) Meacock, for your help at training, during games, your organisation for selection meetings, and for your everyday positive outlook on life. You have a lot to offer the game, and I am sure you will continue to add to your list of commitments and remain intimately involved in the sport and the club.

Johnson Orr – Organisation personified. *Johnno* had a new job this year that made it harder for him to do all the things that a manager is asked to do. But he was always there, sometimes a bit knackered after too much running during his own game, handing out shirts, doing the drinks, educating the umpires, and supplying the top shelf scotch for the south west trip. The '*Original Geers*'. Hans and his committee have to be congratulated for a very successful year generally at the club. The club can only get stronger, with numbers on the field, turn over at the bar and kitchen, and talent on the field.

Damon Diletti
Coach

Daniel White – *Whitey*, Co-captain

Daniel continued to develop his hockey this year. After playing most of the year in the middle, he found a more potent position as one of the flank halves. Although his drag flicking wasn't as deadly this year, his desire to improve will see him develop into a strong player and leader both on and off the field.

John Carrol – *JC*, Co-captain

JC came the club this year bringing much enthusiasm and commitment. After a slow start, John started finding the net and led the forwards with his hard running and tenacious attitude. He has a lot to offer sport, and I hope he develops his game further to become a top class player.

Rob McKenzie – *Macca-Cajun*, Co-captain

Rob managed to stay available for most of the year, and played well across the half line. Rob showed composure

on the ball when needed, but his fitness let him down at times. Congratulations on your engagement, Rob, and best of luck next year.

George Watts – *TPG*, Co-captain

The big man at the back started the season off strong, and received many a free beer for his efforts. Always full of voice and encouragement, he should believe in himself more and use his good hockey knowledge to get the most of himself and the team.

Michael Starling – *Mickey*

The old man of the team played well when given his chances in the first team. Mike continued to show the younger players that you don't need to be the fastest player to have an influence on the game. His hockey knowledge is outstanding, and I can see him being involved in the game for years to come.

Nick Christie – *Nico*

Another one of the new players to the squad this year. Nic played most of the season at left back, continuing to develop his game. Nic showed flashes of excellence, but needs to learn to be more consistent, ie. no mistakes for 70 mins. Thanks for your feedback on where you think the team need to improve.



Top Squad - Men

Ben Meacock – Whipper

Benno is still developing his game, and I am sure that the end product will be one that will lead this team to great things. Ben must learn to produce a faultless game to get the most out of himself and the team. Congratulations on your U/21 selection for this year, and I hope that you reach your full potential.

Anthony Riccadone – Ricca

Ricca is a fast and skilful striker who got better as the season went on. Ric discovered the art of patience and passing this year, and because of this, was able to be an more effective player on the forward line. His love for the game made it hard to get him off the field when his number was shown. Keep getting into the correct positions, and you will have your time on the sun.

Andrew Hunt – Spud

The prodigal son returned this year, and brought with him an insightful view of the game. Not the hardest worker on the field, Spud's skill level was fun to watch as he set up and created plenty when he was going forward. This player, when switched on, is one of the better players in the competition.

David Orr – Dirty

Congratulations on surviving the season. Dirty showed tremendous poise at times for a young player that doesn't take himself or his ability seriously enough. I hope that he continues to develop his game, and work on the fitness and strength that he will need to have a long career.

Will Pearse – Pearsey

One half of the Pommy connection, Will played across the forward line and used his pace to get at the opposition. An injury in the first half of the season made him unavailable for a couple of games, and he used that time to see more of the land down under. Thanks for your efforts this year, and we hope to see back. The boys really appreciated your efforts on and off the field.



Jamie Legg – Leggy

The other half of the Pommy connection and GK. Jamie was unlucky to not get much of a run in the first team. A big, fast and strong 'keeper, his will to improve and get the most out of himself this year will help him become an excellent player. Best of luck back home, I am sure you will play at a high level for the rest of your career.

Michael Devison – Junior

Junior was not sure of his commitment at the start of the season, but was always at training, and wanting to give it to the forwards whenever they came near.

Evan Kelly – Ev

Ev can be a skilful and clever player when given space. Having played most of the season in 2's and off the bench for 1's, the pace sometimes got the better of him. With silky skills and youth on his side, I am sure that Ev will become a solid contributor for the first team.

Josh Brown – Josha

Josh came up through the grades this year as his fitness and confidence grew. As one of the more experienced players of the group, JB showed what possession and patience can do to a game. I hope that his knowledge can be used within the club for years to come. Well done old man.

Brett Martyn – Marto

Marto's fitness, strength and tenacious work rate helped him stay on the field and niggly the hell out of both teammates and opposition alike. Brett always tried his hardest at training to get the most out of himself, and the rest of the team. I would have loved to have seen him on the score sheet more.

Russel Ford – Rusty

Our AIS player always gave us his best on the field. Rusty was not available as much as last year due to national commitments

Top Squad - Women

The goal for 2006 was for this team to take that next step up and work towards 2's. It was a challenge that was given to the ladies and they took it on knowing that there wasn't going to be a prize for second best. The 3's started the year firing on all cylinders and showed that Melville can find the back of the net. With professional guidance from coach Dee Plaister and more commitment from all players, they progressed not only as a team but individually and are now ready for the next level that is ahead of them. Our scoring doubled this year with our attacking style of play; we were the team to beat. Unfortunately, towards the end of the year, injuries and absence of players took its toll and with a competition that is stronger and closer than the previous years, there was no room for errors. Something we were always going to struggle with was the opposition dropping of players from the higher grades and that is why the new grading system can only be a benefit to our club which is on its way up. To watch this team gel was a wonderful sight and provided great hockey for our wonderful supporters. We made the finals and headed in with form, class and great team mateship! Well done on a superb year.

Dee: Coach

Our wonderful coach. What would we have done without you? Dee was always very positive, except once when we really deserved a yelling, and she never gave up hope in our team's potential. Sometimes failing to spell correctly though; such as the G&T incident (Guts and Determination). From all of the team, thank you for all your guidance this year, and we can't wait for an even better season in 2007.

Wayne: Assistant coach

Wayne joined our clan early in the season with his partner Holly and the two team mascots, bringing his experience and bad habits from his Kookaburra days; I mean what would he really know – he's a Hawthorn supporter! He is definitely a crowd pleaser with his acrobats on the side line showing his speciality move, the back flip with a twist. Thank you Wayne for all your effort and lack of sleep in helping the team to the finals and for developing our forward line into a scoring machine.

Janice

Janice is our lovely manageress and is a lady of many talents. Not only does she manage our team affairs, she also comes along to all our trainings and becomes a portable coat hanger, but best of all she is an award winning tap dancer! From all our team, thanks for all your support and help over the season, it has been great to have you around. You bring a smile to the club. See you next year!

Gaye (Gayesy)

What is there left to say that hasn't already been said about this player. Year in, year out, Gayesy works her heart out. The vice captain who leads by example, from dedication at training, talking on and off the field to the perfect passes into goal. Gayesy is the player that's doing it all but unfortunately fell victim to injury late in the season. Highlight for this season: representing WA in Darwin and scoring the opening goal.

Lee

Our fantastic fullback. Lee has an amazing hockey brain and when combined with her enthusiasm and tenacity,

makes her one of the strengths of our team. Lee is always there to back up her team mates and her voice of experience can be heard all over the field.

Thank you for an excellent season.

Sue

Sue was our team captain this year and provided the backbone to our success. She led our team to some fantastic wins and guided us through the tough games. Sue starred at left inner but it wasn't unusual to find her defending at fullback or scoring goals at centre forward. Sue always provided a welcoming smile and positive opinion during team talks.

Great season Sue.

Holly

Holly came to us from Vic Park this year. She proved her strength in fives and was quickly brought up to the threes. Holly provided some great experience to the team and easily starred in any position she found herself in. Crucial player in our short corners, scoring many goals with her powerful hit. Great to have you in the club, Holly.



Top Squad - Women



Erin

Our glam chick who has proved she can mix it with the old girls. Erin has shown excellent progress throughout the season. Her high skill level and speed has been a huge asset to the team. Her hard work and commitment was rewarded by being selected in the Girls Under 15 Regional team. Congratulations Erin.

Stacey

There is only 110% effort always given on Stacey's behalf at training and game time. She has worked hard to craft the position of wing, either Left or Right. All her hard work finally paid off with the game against Subs when she did the ultimate winger's goal, throwing herself along the ground and scoring at full stretch - it was a beauty. One that she can tell the grandkids! She still got up and looked as perfect as she did before starting the game. How do you do that? Well done, Stacey for keeping your head up, no matter what the challenge and for being a great team mate.

Sally

Often confused with Stace. Sal has an amazing happy and positive disposition like no other, both on and off the field. It seriously never falters! For 80% of the season Sal has been our reliable and courageous Right Half. Her strength on the ball, skill and commitment make the right inner position an absolute joy to play. Her speed makes her the ideal runner on defensive short corners and the perfect Right Wing. Yes, in a recent team reshuffle, Sally found herself starring at Right Wing. Only with her presence on the field is the Melville Women's SL3 team complete.

Fiona

An amazing Goalie, great team player, always reliable and lots of fun. Best Quote "Just Get the Ball In", Most Embarrassing Moment, coming out of the circle and kicking the ball.

Jonesy

Jonesy is our reliable fullback who always gives 100% commitment and strength. We often found her overlapping into the circle and nearly saw her score a goal!! Jonesy is a very devoted club lady who is always willing to help out. Great season, Jonesy.

Bi

This was Bi's first year with us. The smallest player in our team who slotted perfectly into right inner. Bi was able to apply her experience and strength to give our forward line the drive that we desperately needed. Always making great goal shots that seem to miss by 0.5 of a centimetre every time! Great to have you in the club Bi.

Kate

Is it the world's smallest hockey bag or the largest mouthguard holder?? Gucci, of course. Kate manages to juggle her busy job, sometimes having to mix it with the who's who of Perth at flash functions, with her commitment to our hockey team. As well as being glam off the field, she has had a sensational season at the top of the SL3 goal scoring table with 15 goals so far. Her wonderful stick work and powerful hitting make her a fantastic asset.

Nat

Our centre half. Always eager to please, putting in 110% every game. Almost saw the end of her season when her hockey shoes had no grip left and she spent more time falling over than playing! Nat's happy smile is sooo infectious, no wonder her boyfriend couldn't say no when she popped the BIG question. Good luck on and off the field.



State League 2A - Men

John "JP" Pescod

A man who is passionate about heavy metal music and, judging by his haircut, the Beatles. His mum still cuts his hair so maybe that's where the Beatles influence comes in. The first man to have an Ipod surgically implanted into his brain. The doctors had plenty of space to work with and thought it was a waste not to use it.

Jamie Legg

Like most goal keepers, Jamie has been clinically diagnosed as insane. To be fair, he is English which means he is slightly odd anyway. Not only takes guys out playing hockey but also known to take out guys in social games of soccer. Like most of the English, not known for his cleanliness (i.e. cleaning up after a late night chuckle).

Adam "Ads" Halliday

The Robin in the Batman and Robin duo that is Rhys and Ads. Most opposition defenders can be heard saying "*Holy F&*\$ Batman, he's actually faster than the Batmobile*" before being totally skinned. Still has a way to go before he is faster than Stef over the first five yards.

Dan "Macca" McEntee

Macca thinks he is the best drag flick in the team. The rest of us can't wait for Scotty to come back. Like JP, the doctors have found a large unused space in his brain. Unlike JP, they have yet to find a use for it.

Mark "Blots" Watton

Blots or Watto plays left half, right half, full back, centre forward, inside forward and wing. If you think this is confusing, you should see him play. Mesmerizes opposition because like us, he has no idea what he's doing.

Ben "Angry MKI" Rushton

Usually at his angriest when Matt - Angry MKII - scores a goal and then punches Angry MKI in the chest as hard as he can. It's not the punch that makes him angry but the fact that Matt scored and he didn't. Although being punched in the chest and having a dodgy ticker is not altogether a pleasant experience.

Matt "Angry MKII" Read

Angry MKII - Usually at his angriest after having scored a goal and subsequently punched Ben - Angry MKI - in the chest. Seeing Angry MKI get angry usually calms him down. Either that or Todd falling over. Like Mickey, most opposition haven't worked out that he always drags left - even when playing left wing.

Evan "Ev" Kelly

The most likely person in the team to be an axe wielding serial killer. When serial killers are caught, everyone says that they seemed to be so nice and never caused any trouble. Ev is one of those guys whose seems too nice and therefore must be evil.

Josh "Josh" Brown

Josh was sadly relegated from 3's to 2's and then to 1's. Has generally been a first team regular and therefore has struggled to reach his early season form with the three's. Has a knee that is held together with elastic bands, pop sticks and super glue.

Michael "Mickey" Starling

The wee Scotsman who runs like a paralytic giraffe. Opposition and team mates alike have yet to realise he always drags to his left. Like Stef, will still be trying to play top level hockey at the age of 85.

Something or other "Gibbo" Gibson

Gibbo the man with no first name. He pretends his name is Stephen Gibson but in reality it's probably some strange South African name like Hanse Cronje, Gaffie duToit or Jaco van der Westhuyzen. For some reason he thinks the South African rugby team is good. Poor soul.

Dave "Dirty" Orr

The ultimate ladies man. Dirty little Orr or Sanchez as he is now known' is the ultimate chick magnet. The fact that he himself still looks like he is 14 obviously helps with his conquests of the younger generation.

Bruce "Hank" Hancock

While Dirty thinks he is the ultimate ladies man, he has a long way to go before catching Hank. He has put in a lot of work over many seasons to achieve the chick magnet status he so truly deserves.

Todd "The T-Train" Baret

Otherwise known as the T-train or the Man in Black. Thinks black skivvies are a fashion item that help his on field tough guy image. Thomas the tank engine has a better turning circle but God help any forward who tries to get around the T Train.



State League 2A - Men



James "Picko" Pickering

Picko is the quiet achiever of the team. Really got stirred up one game when a bloke hit him. He retaliated by giving him the ball back. Has a disturbing infatuation with the Purple Passion and Matthew Pavlich and many of the Dockers players. Less said the better really.

Rhys Spedding

The Batman in the Batman and Robin duo that is Rhys and Ads. He is the only player on the field with a length of rope tied around his ankle which is staked into the ground to stop him chasing the ball from one end of the field to the other.

Will Pearce

Has been undergoing treatment for serious depression since the World Cup. Not so much because of England's performance or lack thereof but more due to the fact he still has to do a nude run around the clubhouse due to a bet lost at the time. Was heard to say Bollocks when he lost while the rest of us said yep and we're still waiting to see him race around the club.

Jordan "Jords" Hunt

Is not related to a Spud but is related to an Egg. Unlike Dirty, Jords looks 16 because he is. Unlike most of the team, he can drag opposition players on either side. This caused great embarrassment for the team in general so we promoted him to 17's as much as possible so we didn't look so ordinary.

Craig "Cactus" Orr

Another chick magnet who impresses the girls by wearing ugg boots to the Commonwealth Hockey Stadium. One step away from being the Club bogan. Care should be taken when approaching Cactus as he can be dangerous. Best approached wearing a Kappa tracksuit and a ghetto blaster with the bass on 11.

Michael "Junior" Deveson

Very good defensive player who is actually not that junior. May have to be renamed "Senior" in the not too distant future. Not so good at soccer. Especially avoiding slide tackles from psychopathic Englishmen. Another player whose very poor form saw him demoted to the 1's.

Stefan "Stef" Willett

Too old, too slow. Usually wandering around aimlessly wondering where the hell the Enigma has got to.

Andrew "The Statue" Scanlon

The Coach or as we refer to him, The Enigma. Who is this man? Rarely sighted but has a win/loss ration others would die for. Usually wandering around aimlessly wondering how Stef gets out so much.

Paul "Whip" Meacock

The man who has paid for his dentist to go on four overseas holidays, buy a new boat and a house in Dalkieth. Always keeps Jords in check for some reason. Not sure why.

Johnson "Johnno" Orr

Nobody really understands a word Johnno says, even after 45 years as Manager. Most of us just nod approvingly and say thanks for the Dencorub.

Special Mentions

Damon "Dingo" Dilletti, Ben "Whip" Meacock, Nick "Is that really a perm" Christie, Jim Welton, Dan Scott, Ryan "Not Angry at all" Rushton, Kyle Jamieson, Rob McKenzie, Anthony Ricciardone and Andrew "Spud - is he really a doctor" Hunt deserve a mention for their "special" contribution throughout the year.

They were all obviously hopeless as they were demoted to the Ones shortly thereafter. However we all still think they are very special (No sarcasm intended - much)



State League 3A - Men

We began the year with an upgraded training regime as learnt from the Crows (and it actually existed this year) with resounding results. The hard fitness programme we were subjected to cost us mid year with a small slump, but we finished the season in 2nd position before finals, losing only 3 games. We were clearly the glamour team of the club, with a magic blend of youth and experience (Ben and Wayne increased our average age by 20). We had good times all year and hopefully as you read we have a flag or two.

James Welten – Jimbo joined us after being unceremoniously dumped by old man Scanners from the 2s due to some shrewd off season recruitment. Our star keeper was highly bored throughout the first half of the season, before we kindly decided to lose a few games to keep him interested. Still needs to grow a few inches in all areas in order to follow in Georgey's large footsteps.

Craig Orr – Cactus was stuck playing fullback all year, being one of few in the team who would qualify for the National Woodchopping Championships, such was the size of his axe. Always thought he had some forward line ability, which was never actually displayed on the field, instead had to get his excitement from pushing out corners and seagulling a few goals on the post. Managed to pull off one successful overhead from 87 attempts in the season, not a bad effort. Met his future wife at Ryan's buck's night, but nobody remembers what she looked like.

Michael Ashley – Sticky was our massive framed man controlling the backline and was the teams 3rd top goalscorer from fullback. Like his partner in crime Cactus, always thought there was some merit to him playing in the forward line, but never got past the half line. Sticky probably would have challenged Cactus for the Woodchopping Award, and has still yet to hit one ball flat for the year.

Cam McDonald – "You can take the boy out of Rockingham, but you can't take Rockingham out of the boy". One of our two token redheads, Cam tried to pull off magic all year, with the only success being the tomma hit scored 0.2sec after the siren, much to everybody's amusement. Cam was the king of the spin move, which never succeeded in doing anything except eliminating one player 6 times and ending up back where he started. Cam was always good for belting at least one opposition player every week, usually the smallest player, and sometimes even related to one of his team mates.

Wayne Anderson – Wayne was our token old bloke who ran around at centre half all year, pretending he had some hidden burst of speed and skill to match occasionally. Wayne will be happy to purchase a carton of fine ale at the season's end, being the only player to be sent off all year. Wayne, along with Ben, helped increase the average age of the team from 23 to 41.

Kyle Jamieson – Jamo was one of our country bumpkin imports, introduced along with Cam to provide the thuggery. Jamo only ever ran in straight lines, often performing several jinks before running into the big fullback from the opposition. Jamo thought he was too good for us and was promoted to the 2s for a week, only to see them lose 10-0, with his man scoring 8. Displayed a total lack of commitment, dedication and heart when attending the

Dockers v St Kilda game instead of playing, only to see his beloved Saints get totally belted.

Ryan Rushton

Ryan was useful for only one thing this year – that bucks party which destroyed all for days afterwards. When Ryan felt like not going to work and turning up to the game, he proved to be a useful flank halfback, and you could never accuse the boy of being quiet.

Stuart Hennessey – Stu was part two of the token redhead combination with Cam. Because of this character trait, Stu occasionally lost his cool and wanted to fight anyone who went near him. Stu scored some magic goals during the year, but must work on his effort and dedication in order to improve in the future. Stu, we expect an invite to your wedding in December.

Ben McArthur – Ben was our top goal scorer for the year, playing a mixture of striking positions. Saved his best game for WASPs, which was quite a coincidence as his brother was on the opposition. Ben's selection in the glamour team was under the microscope at one point during the season, but his extensive negotiation skills with Scanners managed to save him from the chop.

Zane Hill – Zano pretended to be our centre forward all year, despite having a 3% conversion rate. He tried to be like his role model Beats, but sadly turned up to training twice which spoilt it. Known to love a good goon bag, this jovial clown gets a little too 'friendly' after one too many ales. Stay away at the windup!

Rhys Hyatt – We thought Rhys liked playing with us until he decided that there was no money in hockey and went off to play volleyball instead. Needs to learn to keep his mouth shut during team discussions. Good luck with the volleyball, you traitor.

Hamish Burton – Hamish was a new boy for us this year, a recruit from Willetton, which is always dangerous. Broke his wrist (doing who knows what?!?), and then missed the rest of the year.

We had several ring-ins throughout the year, who helped us on our course to glory. Thanks to the following: *Joshua (too good for us), Ads, Hank, Macca, Chris M, Jordydog, Matt Read, JP, Rhys Moptop, Pete, Callum, Picko, Scanners, Mike Scotsman, Stef, Geersy, Ally.*

State League 5 - Women

We started the season off with a new look team this year, with only a few from last year's team but we started well with plenty of new talent as well as Allison and Andrea from the 5s last year. Coaching them was great as everyone had something to offer the team and all are eager to learn and put that into their game. So I would like to thank them all for their support this year and wish them all the best for the future as great hockey players and lovely people that they are. THANKS,

your friend
Norm

Nat Johnson

Nat is new to the club this year but came with enthusiasm and drive, having a bright and up-lifting nature and her liveliness in goals sparked up the defence. Nat has great leadership quality which earned Nat the Captaincy this year. Nat not only put in a great season in goals, she also coached one of the junior teams. It has been a pleasure working with Nat as she encouraged the team on and off the field.

Fiona Jones

Fiona came to the team this year from one of our other grades having earned her spot in the team with her hard work this year. Fiona is very reliable in defence, gives her all every game, never gives up and never gives in. It was great to see Fiona playing in the 5s this year to be able to show that she has what it takes

Jess McGregor

Jess is another great find from another club this year. Jess is one of the most talented players we have found. Jess is one of the best defensive players in the club. As a left half you never see the opposition's winger and as full back she shuts down their attack. Works well with all the players around her. Jess may be short in stature but she has a heart bigger than Pharlap. It is a pleasure to have coached Jess and I look forward to seeing Jess in Melville's top team in the near future

Alison Hall

It is hard to believe that Alli has not been playing hockey for that long. Alison is an inspiration to all players as she has more drive and enthusiasm than anyone on the team. Allison filled the position at right half this year for the team and has played it to the utmost, relentless in defence and brilliant in attack. Alli has also taken on coaching this year and if any of her players put in half of what Alli does, we will have some great players coming up. One thing that I would love to see is for Alli to have faith in your ability and just go out and have fun.

Demelza Dravnieks

Demelza is another talented player who, on her day, can outplay anyone. She has great stick skills and is one of our best tacklers. Demelza filled the role of centre half this year. She played some great games there and I'm sure that Demelza will be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Kim Gotch Martin

Kim only got to play a handful of games with us this year, with getting married and being injured (but not at the same time). Kim is great on and off the field, always keen to train and puts in over 100% every time. Kim mainly played in the defence but has the ability to play anywhere on the field and is willing to do so. Even when injured she still trained and came to the game to support the team and got roped into doing the manager's job. One great lady and one great team player.

Kelly Stanger

Kelly caught my eye early at training as a player that could be a top player even though she had not played for some time. I still believe Kelly has the ability to be a top player with a little bit of fine tuning. Kelly played mostly as a winger but has asked to play other positions to help her game improve as Kelly is keen to get into the play more and show her potential.

Sarah Billingham

Sarah or Billy as we call her - well, what can I say about Sarah for what I say cannot come close to her ability on the field. Sarah has a presence on the field that leave most people in awe. Sarah is one of the most talented players I have had the privilege to coach. Sarah is so unassuming but plays hard and fast I'm just glad that Sarah is on our team, thanks Sarah for a great year



State League 5 - Women

Andrea Smith

Andrea, like Sarah, also playing it hard but fair. Together they formed the team's link between the halves and forwards. Andrea has great skill in close as well as having the vision to see the opportunity for the long ball through, and works hard around the circle in attack always looking for opportunity to score.

Yvette Rutherford

Yvette is a very hard working player always trains hard and is eager to learn. Yvette has played just about all the positions on the field which is a credit to her as not all players can adapt to going from attack to defence and back again. With just a little bit of fine tuning on her game Yvette will be an asset to the top team

Marion Vince

Marion the pocket rocket! I just love to see Marion with the ball as she can run flat out with the ball and it doesn't leave her stick. She can turn on a dime and has amazing stick work, just needs to learn when to lead and Marion will be a fantastic player. I have great faith in Marion as she has the ability to be a top player.

Kelly Penglis

It was great to have Kelly play for us this year even if it was only for about half the season due to Kelly having to relocate to Kalgoorlie. Kelly was great up front as our strike forward never giving an inch, tackled hard and she put the opposition defence under a lot of pressure with her hard running. Kelly also has a great shot that is hard and mostly accurate. She was sorely missed in the later part of the season

Kristy Jasper

Kristy took over from Kelly as our strike forward and fitted in very well as Kristy also plays it hard. She is an asset to the team creating lots of opportunities out of sheer hard work and is always looking for a glitch in the opposition's defence. She can play as an inside forward as well, as she has great determination on the ball. Kristy has improved with every game she plays.

Claire Timmel

Claire is one of the club's up and coming star players. The way in which she plays the game makes you forget that Claire is only thirteen as she reads the game so well. She has great skills with the ball. I'm thankful to Claire as she helped the team out when we were having trouble getting a team on the field with so many players out. She has become one of the team ever since, always keen for more hockey. Claire has a great future in hockey and I'm sure we will see her name in the top team in the near future

Conor Keating

Conor, what improvement this year. Conor also has helped out immensely this year, she stepped up when we had players out left right and centre in the middle of the year and has either started on the field or been on the bench to help out. Talk about putting in everything to what she does, wet or dry, Conor will slide. Conor always asks what she can do to improve and is keen to learn. Conor always listens and puts it into action.

Other players that have played this year in SL5 are Kelly Ryan, Caitlin Oosterbaan, Marie Intini, Leanne Jarvis, Carolyn Jones, Stacey Tweedle, Janke Arnold, Renae Stirling.



State League 6 - Women

What a great season for the 6's. This year saw a few tears, lots of smiles, and more than a few coaches. Gary was our primary coach, though we must have been a bit too much for him, 'cause a few times he had to shoot off to Singapore and relax with a few Singapore Slings. He would then return to share his wisdom with us. In his absence, we have to give thanks to Pat Hall, Steve McEntee and also Mark Tate. Mark did a wonderful job, though his enthusiasm for us did get him told off during one game, when the other team made a request that he didn't cheer so loudly. This just got him more fired up, which also spurred us on.

We flirted with getting into the top four, and were there for a week or so, but unfortunately we just dropped out. Hopefully next year sees all the players back for another fun filled season and a closer spot to the finals.

Audrey Emmett

One of our driving forwards, Audrey has given the team lots of strength in our forward line. One of the more experienced players in the team, she has a cool head on her when it comes to conflict and is one of our best players when it comes to chasing down the ball. Audrey does surely not know the meaning of the work "quit".

Sue Wilson

Affectionately know as "Suzie Q" she is also another one of our power players in the forward line. Sue also brings some years of experience to the team which has led her to be one of our leading goal scorers. Sue is always cheering on the team and you can always tell where she is on the field, for she is always calling.

Janine Barrow

Our wonder from the UK. All season we heard wondrous tales from when she played in the snow, and if she is as good in snow as she is on the turf then it would be a great thing to see. Janine has got a great hit on her with a backswing that could last all day, which has often got her in trouble from more than a few of our coaches, but still she carries on. Look forward to seeing her next year.

Conor Keating

Conor is one of our part time players. She started off strong with us, but showed way too much potential and got stolen from us and upgraded to the 5's team, though every now and then they would lend her back to us. Conor improved a lot over the summer season, and it is a shame to be losing her to Canada this year.

It wouldn't be right to not mention "Conor's Kitchen" which saw Conor down the club every weekend slaving away and cooking us great meals. I don't think we would have had half the people turn up for Thursday night training if it wasn't for her fantastic meals.

Lauren Ferguson

Our brilliant Captain! Lauren would have to be the direction of our team. Only missed one game due to a spider bite that she copped on the foot. Many of us believed that if she was bit anywhere else then she would have played on. I saw her happiest when we beat Canning 6 nil and she scored a goal for the first time this season.



Deborah Miller

Deb is our quiet left half back. At the beginning of the season she was moved around a fair bit, but she found a good home in the left half back position. Deb is as quiet as a mouse, but also just as sneaky. She will sneak up on her opponent and when she is there she sticks on them like glue.

Caitlyn Ogden

Our mighty goalie! Caitlyn is only a youngster but is just as great as any of our male goalies. She has had great support throughout the season from her back line, but that does not mean she has done nothing. She has had some spectacular saves that saw the crowd on the edge of their seats and the hearts of her team mates in their throats. Great season Caitlyn!

Caitlin Oosterbaan

Our import from the under 17's. Caitlin has been playing both 6's and under 17's the entire season, and though she has been tired she has always given 100%. Caitlin is our Joan of all positions and this season has seen her put all over the field, and even though she complains a little she always puts in her best.

State League 6 - Women

Kimberley Welton

This season saw Kimmi starting out in the 7's team. However through out the season when the 5's "borrowed" from us, we then had to "borrow" from the 7's, and we liked what we saw in Kimmi so we decided to keep her. She has given our right side lots of strength and she is always running her little legs off.

Yvette Job

Fondly known as "Jobby" she is another one of our driving forwards. Jobby mainly played on our left side of the field, and in combination with Sue and Audrey, made that side a force to be reckoned with. She is the fiery redhead of the team and is always chatting away and is quick with a smile.

Kathryn Atkinson.

Kat is one of our full backs. Half way through the season she decided to retire her very old stick and buy a new one, which saw her stickwork improve in leaps and bounds, especially her mighty hit, though every now and then an air ball would come out and scare the pants off the opposition (and sometimes her team mates if we were in the way)

Kathryn Abbott

Kathryn is our other full back and is our strength in the back line. She directs the players with skill and precision, and if any one foolishly tries to take her on, she just drops her stick flat on the ground and cleanly takes the ball away, leaving the opposition to just stare at her. Unfortunately Kathryn aggravated her knee recently which has seen her not yet return. Hopefully she will make a come back for the last two games.



Kelly Ryan

Another one of our part time players. Kelly has been tossed back and forth from the 5's to the 6's all season, though we gladly have her when we can get her. Kelly brings more strength to our back line, and also a colourful variation with her nail polish. Thanks for all the hard work Kelly, I know it must not be easy, trying to play for two teams who are so very different, you have done well.

Kate Sparkes

Kate would have to be one of the most entertaining players to watch in the whole club. It would not be a proper game of hockey if Kate did not get injured. Each week she was inventing new places to get hit. One week she even took herself out before the game even started, by falling off her bike whilst riding to the game. Lots of laughs for that one, and also earned her the nickname "Crash" from some people at the club. Unfortunately Kate's season has been cut short by a few weeks due to a nasty tackle from behind which saw her stretchered off the field with a rather nasty banged up ankle. It was a fantastic final game though, got hit in the first five minutes in the knee, scored a goal in the second half, and then taken to hospital before the end of the game. Thanks Kate, it has been entertaining.

State League 7 - Women

With a last minute scramble to work out who we could have on the team (after the 3's, 5's and 6's took their picks), the 7's cobbled together a nice little unit of players and set off for season 2006. Learning new skills, with an emphasis on strong basics, saw the team trotting through their paces each training night. Unfortunately varying commitments didn't see full team training together too often, which was the major contributor to our limited successes on the ladder.

Still, you could not ask for a better bunch of players. Work rates on the field increased over the season and the girls put in plenty of on (and off!!) field effort. We even worked out how to score goals! It was great to see those who made it to the training nights, actually putting the skills learnt into practice on the field. The team also had several newcomers throughout the season, and despite being flung in to the deep end, the "new girls" did a great job of blending into the team, both on and off the field. Our SL7 team was also used to provide several of our U17 girls with their first taste of senior hockey and all put in great efforts and seemed to have had a very good time.

The SL7 ladies have been a pleasure to coach and play with (don't get too carried away there) and have great spirit and dedication. The team has shown great potential for success, so let's hope next season brings it all together for us.

Nicola Ogden

WELTEN, Leo - Coach

Leo, Leo, Leo - patience of a saint. Dealing with all these excitable girls, our variable attendance at training, having to constantly revise basic skills - lucky he shaves his head, because he wouldn't have much hair left after we'd finished with him. He pitched his coaching at our comprehension levels, challenged us enough to try new things, and kept the positive spirit that has been a major bonus in the team. The girls have had a great year of growth under your guidance - thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done for us. Same again next year, please!!

WOOLLAMS, Ken - Manager/ Assistant Coach

Team spirit enthusiasm and co-operation, to coach and keep track of 15 individual female players, for a bloke is very demanding but through it all Ken was the best mate you had to have to keep things flowing both at training and on match day. Just the little things like assisting with one on one coaching, taking training when the Coach is ill or busy, helping with match day substitutions. Thank you Ken.

BONNY, Sarah (*Bonney*)

Although relatively new to the sport, Bonny has given the team a great deal of drive through the midfield because of her speed and fitness. Good work this year should pave the way for a bigger and better 2007.

HADLEY, Claire

Keeness, versatility and an abundance of energy are some of the attributes that Claire has displayed on a regular basis this year, as well as keeping to the team game plan. A rock solid defender until an untimely knee injury caused her to spend the later half of the season on the sideline. However, with rest and care we anticipate a strong recovery in 2007.

HALL, Katherine (*Kat*)

Having started the season at right half, Kat spent most of the season in defence until changes in the team list allowed her to play up in the forward line, where she appears to enjoy the work load more and can display her very good ball skills. Look forward to an even better season next year with TEE out of the way.

HAYES, Rebecca (*Bec*)

Absolutely never ever played the game before (she said) well Bec, despite her lack of knowledge of hockey came out and played some very intelligent and helpful team hockey until she unfortunately had problems with shin splints and has not played any hockey in the second half of the season. Let's hope that the fitness problems can be overcome and we get to see Bec strut her stuff once more in 2007.



State League 7 - Women

LOCK, Peta

A keen left half back for most of this season, Peta also played in many different positions and was found to be quite a handy utility player. Although not the quickest kid on the block, she regularly pops up in the right place at the right time to put the hooked end of the stick in to dispossess the opposing player. Hope all goes well for a speedy recovery.

LOWE, Melissa

Ms Quiet Achiever. Mel is the type of player every coach wishes he or she will get to coach from time to time. Mel is quiet, unassuming, polite and attentive and above all, always at training. She has probably been the most improved of all the SL7 girls in as much as being in the right place at the right time and yes, even scoring goals. Mel, it has been a pleasure to coach you and have you as a friend as well.

OGDEN, Nicola (Nic)

What can I say about this one. Well Nic is Ms Utility herself, on and off the field. She freely admits to not having too much in the hockey brain department. However, when it comes to all other things not on the hockey field, she is always there to assist, keen to listen to advice, and of course is always ready to give some back of her own. Every team should have a Nicola Ogden!!! Always there and always full on!!! Love you, Babe!!!

REARDON, Lara

Lara joined into this season with around 6 games left to play. Originally from South Africa (we won't hold that against her) she has not played hockey for some years. However, from what we have seen to date, she will be a great asset to the team and MCHC. Look forward to developing the game skills next year.

REMEDIOS, Erica

I remember seeing Erica play in our juniors some years ago and I thought then she had some very good hockey skills. It has been a hard year for Erica with study and health problems. However, she has still been able to produce some very fine ball control which has also allowed her to be pushed up into the SL6's as a sub. Keep up the good work.

RYAN, Trevlyn (Trev)

Our own fly in, fly out hockey fullback. Trev works away in the Kimberley region of WA and has to fly in each Friday and out again on Mondays. As a result of this the only time we see Trev is on the field. A mature player, she is strong, reliable and a guiding influence to the younger players in the team. A change in work next year may see Trev around the club more, maybe with the Vets.

SCHWARZ, Annette

Another late starter this year, Annette has not played too many games this year. However, we look forward to enjoying the game with her next year.

WALKER, Krystal

Labelled a left fullback, Krystal is strong and assertive in defence. The way she clears the ball out of the back line is an indication of her influence on the game and like any young wine, she will mature with age. Great season 2006 and hopefully an even better 2007.

WELTEN, Kimberly

Kim had a slow start to the season but has worked her way back to becoming a regular player in the SL6 team. We do miss Kim but the Club comes first.

WOOLHEAD, Laura (Goal Keeper)

Laura just turned up to training one night and ever since then, has had the biggest impact on the team results of any player thus far. She is keen to listen, very capable of taking on any opposition on the field and the circle is hers. We would have had our butts kicked from here to there and everywhere had Laura not been in charge in the circle. Great goalie and great team member.

WOOLLAMS, Elle

A daughter of the infamous Kenny Woollams, there is almost nothing that will stop this energetic little redhead from turning up to training or a game and putting in 120% all the time. A few more team players with these qualities and the sky is the limit. Great player and a terrific friend.

The Junior Subs

A huge vote of thanks must go to the Under 17's players that helped our team out during the year, for without them we would not have been able to field a team on some Saturdays. They came to play at the drop of a hat, no questions and no hassles. They also joined in to enjoy the games with all the players and we look forward to seeing some of these girls moving up into the senior ranks next year.

Sheridan Gore
Whitney Lawson
Sarah Paull

Jaime Greenacre
Tiki Menegola
Lauren Sims

Metro 1 - Women

We have had a fairly good year on and off the field. At the end of last round, we were on top of the ladder and have been for the best part of the season, although we did lose the Challenge Cup. I put that down to a couple of absentees from the team, which is enough to upset the balance of our finely tuned machine and we finished up losing in the last minute of time on. No disgrace, I can assure you. Our girls played like the real champions they are. Great going girls, we just have to hold on and bring home the flag - Now wouldn't that be nice!

Our Metro team has been together for a number of years now, so we know each other fairly well but we try to get a bit of new blood each year and this year we welcomed Maris, Maree Ainsworth and Andrea into our team.

MARIS wasn't sure where she wanted to be with her hockey this year as she still has the ability to play a much higher grade. We won her over with our off the field socialising and although the grass deterred her at first, I believe she is very happy to have made the move. I know we are very happy to have her with us. Our back line is almost unbeatable. Maris plays what we call a roving fullback. Roves wherever she wants.

We also managed to snare **MAREE** who wasn't going to play due to dodgy knees. We chose to ignore that excuse and insisted we needed her and what a year she has had. Probably one of her best on the field, getting votes each week as another part of our tough back line. Off the field, I think she has had a good time, 'cos I know we have enjoyed having her around.

Our other new player is **ANDREA** who started the year playing State League. That didn't really suit her, so we rescued her by dragging her down a grade and made her play as a forward when she prefers to be a back. I think she has enjoyed herself and is glad she made the move. She certainly fits right in socially as well.

Thank you girls for coming to join us.

We could also not have survived the season without the help of various subs, in particular Sheridan Gore and Sarah King (who scored two goals for us). Thanks to everyone.

As for the regular players of past years, we have:

LYNDA who gets better every year. Her work rate is amazing, the more she does the more we ask. Thanks Lynda.

KYLIE (our goalie) In some games, her only stats were fetching the ball, but come the tough stuff and boy, did we appreciate her being there. Some of her saves were absolutely amazing. When we had a tough game she got the votes.

CAROLYN was not going to rejoin us this year, but found she missed us too much and begged us to take her back. Of course we had to – who else can take on half the opposition with one hand?

HELEN, who despite saying she is getting older and slower has shown us that it is all in her mind.

Then there is **DEB** who chose three weeks study in New York over hockey. (Can you believe that?) I think it was just a ploy to make us appreciate her ability on the right wing. Okay, Deb we get the message. We need you. Please stay.

Next we have **SHANI**, who at first meeting seems like butter wouldn't melt in her mouth. But put her at left half and tell her not to let anything past and see how sweet she is. The smiling assassin. Never lets us down.

Last but not least is **ATHLENE** (aka Tin Man or Chook) who plays CHB very well, roams the field, gives orders, backs the play and when angry, shoots the best goals.

To all the above girls, as the number filler up the back, I say thank you for a wonderful year. We have had a few tough tussles with the opposition but most of the year our games have been played pretty much in our attacking half (not much good for my stats) but each person has a job to do and it works pretty well.

Off the field, I think Helen won International Apron, Athlene and Maree won most pornographic, Sharni, most patriotic, Maris, most inventive, Lynda & Kylie, best matching pair, Deb most unwilling and the rest of us suffered from Dementia and forgot to wear our aprons.

Great year girls. Thanks you for the fun.

Jan Davis
Manager

Metro 1A - Men

Good year (thus far) for our boys with the traditional blend of youth and experience starting to gel. Pushing hard for our first finals campaign in several years, despite the fact that many star players have missed important games throughout the season. Perhaps the highlight thus far would be the 2-2 draw with Mods in the second round – when down to 10 players due to Clarry doing his 'back' in, out of nowhere came Mal Farmer wearing about 7 different people's attire to give us some 'presence' up forward – word is Mal still can't walk!!

Brad Wake

Unusually more aggressive approach from the Keeper this year which was most pleasing on the eye – but generally required, given the inability of a certain right half to even look like defending. Super season in the bucket from this kid which is possibly the reason why the team has recorded several close victories.

Kingy

The smallest man in the team with possibly the dodgiest hit under pressure that I have ever seen! New tools to his passing repertoire this year included the waist high back pass and the back pass straight to the opposition centre forward. Tried a new stick halfway through the season because his old dodgy wooden leg gave way and believe it or not – might actually be the reason why this fella has had a super second half of the season!!

Crids

Ahhh yes, the man who wants to be like Jethro. Constantly overlaps his right and centre halves only to get ball shy when he actually collects the pill in front of the half way line. This gentle giant is reluctant to wield his lengthy axe and is even as quoted as swearing at himself for a mistimed bludgeoning prior to the umpire having time to put the whistle to his lips!!

Carne

The only bloke at Melville City Hockey Club who **GENUINELY** doesn't believe that the Aussies got robbed at the World Cup by the bloody Italian Stallions. Has focused this season on modelling his hockey game to that of the Italians as a tribute to their success – drops to the ground like a fly when the hockey ball touches any part of his skeletal figure and holds the spot with both hands. It's rumoured that in the off season he will be working hard on the roll and call for the stretcher techniques.

AI

New face to Melville and to the M1A's this year after previous stints playing inline hockey – and it's been bloody good to have him on grass. Apart from his dazzling hockey skills and unrelenting effort – several moments stand firm in our minds. Partaking in an intra club friendly during a general bye weekend and being the only bloke to genuinely belt an opposing Melville player (ask Andy S) and secondly trying to fight a NCR ogre by chesting up to him and then appealing to the umpire for the free hit!! And AI also, no you weren't robbed that game – there was no way that ball was going in the back of the net!!

Geersie

The right half that continues to think he has the pace, skill and stamina to play further up the field..... and how wrong he is. Highlight of the season would have to be this defender's complete inability to back tackle, chase or even turn around when repeatedly losing the ball when going forward. Possibly, the biggest mistake the M1A's have made all year is allowing Geersie to take the penalty corners hits – something he seems to think he has excelled at, when reality says that 7 / 979 shots really doesn't mean you're that good at it!!

Lloyd

Ahhh the new father within our team – firstly, congrats to Jenna!! Some would have thought that becoming a dad for the first time would settle a man, no, not our Lloyd.... Credit where credit is due though – this is the first season in about 3 years that Lloyd managed to play against Aquinas and not end up in a fight with the opposing John Cooke.

Walshy

Age never seems to slow this man down or maybe we just get slower as he does and the gap remains? Added a new dimension to his 'A' game this year – that being WWF. I've never seen an umpire give a stroke to a forward who is "tackled" by a goalkeeper but who was actually running away from the goal at the same time? Also need to mention the resulting "flick" if you can call it that? Walshy did it ever get off the ground and why didn't the keeper move?



Metro 1A - Men



Roh

The flashy winger that brings balance to the team. Solid season and one wonders how good it could have been if the buggger would have turned up to more training sessions? Flies under the radar a bit at times and possibly would be a good BB candidate with that kind of attitude.

Andy

Left half way through the year for some reason to do with being a pilot? Hopefully have him back if we make September action. Possibly the oldest bloke in our team but adds an unusual mix of experience and voice to the front end of our midfield brigade.

Matt Geers

Apparently played 6 games for us? Can't remember half of them personally. Possibly his quietest season on record and possibly the only season we haven't heard about everything that he did, was going to do, or would have done if it weren't for some muppet umpire. Speaking of umpires, tried to become one this year only to go and apparently do some kind of season ending leg injury whilst playing footy with his "mates" at uni one afternoon. WEAKNESS!! See you back next year gympie!!

Many thanks to our support cast which included many better halves like Stace, Jenna + 1, Chris Sparkes + 1 and Roh's Missus.

As per usual there were a few ring-ins which we would like to give honourable mentions to: Stu H (sorry about that goal, mate), Hamo, Farmer, Dymo, Sparksy, Pete, Dan Picko, Bennie Mac, Zane and Rhys Spedding.

Ports

Was going to write good things about this bloke until he tells us with two weeks remaining and a finals position very much up for grabs that he is going overseas with his fiancée????? Thoughts like commitment, devotion and loyalty obviously mean nought to him!!

Clarrie

Moved initially to left inner to start the year to prevent on field stoushes erupting and to generally ensure his on field safety. Don't know about you but it's got me beat. Another good season from this veteran. However, at one stage it did appear that he'd been in training with Carne after going to ground a little too easily after some harmless friendly fire. Applause is due after all as this season Marcus has doubled his goal scoring tally from the previous 5 years. Well done pal!!

Cookie

MIA a bit this year – apparently runs a few pharmacy businesses and earning a living is more important than on field team success. Strangely enough, we did seem to win more games when Cookie wasn't playing. Looking forward to having this man back somewhere near his best as we surge towards a finals campaign and a player we very much will need if we wish to venture deep into September action.



All photos of Opening Day Wizard Cup Game

Metro 2A - Men

A surprising season, given all the poaching from the Metro 1A's. Our mixed bag team has gelled on more than one occasion to produce some excellent results. The player factory once again has proven fruitful with the higher grades benefiting from our meticulous grooming of the younger players. For the fourth year in a row, we make the finals which is a testament to the dedication of the core group.

Chris (*Psycho*) James

Always quick to yell abuse, not necessarily at the umpire or opposition, generally his own team mates. Very fast around the field, again especially when angry. Feature of his game this season was his reoccurring swing and misses. Chris had many handy assists with some good goals scored. "*Go the Swannies!*"

Adrian (*Lightning*) Smith

Adrian scored many handy assisted goals early on this season. The Vets are calling and "yes", you do not have to run. The reversed windmill was an easy option this year when unable to turn.

Jeremy (*Nightshift*) Smith

New player to the team this season. Two hands for beginners and steer clear of those plastic sticks. Girlfriend is always welcome to keep you warm on the side line. Handy sub this season.

Aki (*Who wants Surgery*) Etelaaho

Injury prone season once again has not seen Aki at his best. However, has managed to come off better than his opponents on most occasions. Text book tackles and precision hitting have kept us alive in many games. Any facial surgery required can be booked by Bob at the bar. "*Yes, we will bulk bill!*"

Cameron (*Mint*) Robinson

A mint season in goals. It was all Gold. Silver lining is yet to come in the finals. Thank you for your two bob's worth out of defence. *In future, Aki, get out of my bloody way.*

Andy (*Just in Time*) Criddle

The mind is still willing. Lacking a little track work, like any good stayer, there comes a time (Vets are calling!). Your horizontal defence has been a feature this season. However, please keep this position to the bedroom.

Rhys (*Boost*) Spedding

If you rely on 'one touch a year', this does not constitute a good year. Impressive all year with versatility all season. Chic-a-Chow

Michael (*What about me*) Girdlestone

What about me, it isn't fair, I've paid my fees, so I want my share. Can't you see I want to sub, but Chris just refuses. What about me?

Gary (*In a spin*) Knoresborough

I'm so dizzy, my head is spinning. Pass the ball Maaate. Solid in defence and a handy pick up this season.

Shaun (*McClub it*) McLoughney

A cameo appearance in the first half of the season. No sooner was he settling in than he went walk-about. Sadly missed, love the overhead.

Clint (*Bitch Slapper*) Dymond

Slapper by name - Slapper by nature, our "temporary" centre half scored. Opaque ball skills, however, overrated by the critics. Always willing to help out other teams. A good club member.

Dan (*The Family Man*) Pickering

Rock solid performance on and off the field. Not afraid to clock up a few miles and always gives 99%. The team was happy to have you in the side, considering your family commitments. The team is saving for a Rubber Tree!!!

Chris (*sshh*) Inglis

A welcomed recruit that took to the challenge of this quality side. Always on the front foot and unwilling to take a back step.

Ted (*in the wings*) Neesham

No 1 Team Player, always 1st with a red on Thursday nights. Much appreciated by the health conscious team mates. Ted's half time commentary was not well received, with all players choosing not to listen. Very versatile in all positions.

Brad (*Chippy – more salt required*) Potter

Failed to feature in the 4 seasons calendar this year. Difficult to follow on from the stellar season of last year. Found an unlikely ally in Chris (*Psycho*) James. Combining well with fellow forwards to create and register many goals this season. Only running on the fumes of vinegar these days!

Tom (*Scooter Boy*) Hoffman

What can you say about the Hoff?? Always willing and showed more endeavour than most. Likes to have ball in hand and puts the squeeze on others.

Cam (*the Target*) Porter

Number 1 target for all opponents. Abandoned us early through misguided ambition to join the 1A's.

Thanks to Jimbo and Sticky for your cameo appearances.

Metro 3B - Men

A season of up's and downs for the M3B team which saw some moments of brilliance and some moments of disappointment. We are a team that played well together throughout the season against some top quality sides and some sides that made you think "*Why would you play hockey in bare feet?*"

A big thankyou goes out to our spectators who were there every week without fail, cheering us on.

Hope to see everyone back for another year at MCHC in 2007.

Scott Sparkes

The man behind the team as captain and manager.

This season saw Scott back in the goals after a year off.

Had a tough season against some very good competition which saw him swearing and cursing everyone except for himself. A good season over all and can only improve next year.

Justin Wake

One of a number of Wake family members that played with us during the season.

This season saw Justin once again as a solid fullback and a strength in defence with an out of control 16 yard hit that would turn the game from defence to attack in a split second. A top season and a guy to rely on in defence. Well done.

James Butcher

The strength in defence and a guy who put in 110% every game. James played on through blood, sweat and bruises and returned the next week to do it all over again. A great season and an invaluable member of the team. Well done James, we shall see you again next season.

Darren Kidd

The centre half who never said die and attacked every play with 110%. A guy who could play any position and take on any fullback no matter what their size. Some magnificent goals scored through expert skills and some as a well positioned seagull. Well done Darren great season.

Dylan Hadley

The goalkeeper who had a great game on the field. A guy who played every position from fullback, halfback or inner with talent only a goalie knows. Has an awesome flat straight hit that could punch a hole through a backboard or an oppositions shin. Great season Dylan.

Geoff Hunt (Chip)

The man with the voice among the forward line and back line that kept the team in order, positioned and structured. Chip crawled out of bed grabbed his hockey stick and turned up to every game and put in 110% every week as a forward, halfback or fullback. Great season Chip

Matthew Wake

Another member of the Wake family who had a great season as Halfback, inner or wing.

Matt would tackle any player and would win every time. A guy who would run all day and just keep going until he won the ball. A great season Matt and an invaluable member of the team.

David Wake

Another member of the Wake family who put in 110% every week and was not afraid to challenge any opponent. Dave was the speed and the strength in the forward and half line that the team needed. A fantastic season Dave well done.

Russell Lees

The man in the forward line with the strength, speed and agility to beat any opponent.

A season for Russell that saw him score some incredible goals that had goalkeepers blinking and bending over backwards to save. A top season Russell well done.

Joshua Gardner

The quiet achiever who played every game to the fullest. Josh was the strength on the wing the team needed. A couple of great goals throughout the season saw Josh become a leading member behind the team. Well done Josh great season.

Roland Belford

A young guy from the south west who proved to be a powerful member of the team with speed and skill that had the forward line in good scoring position. Roland would turn up every week with a smile on his face and keen to take on any opponent. Well done and hope to see you back next year.

Chris Inglis

A driving force behind the team for most of the season until the 2A's took him off us. A great season overall and a player who will continue to improve in leaps and bounds. Good luck in the coming years and hope to play with you again.

The Others

A special thanks goes out to Shannon Liggard, Andy Milner, Brad Wake, Adam Sparkes and all the others I can't remember for filling in when we needed. Couldn't have done it without you guys. Thanks.

Metro 3D - Men

Dean Walker (Goal Keeper, the Ump Slayer) – Towering over the attackers, Dean had a great year with some truly spectacular saves. Dean was often seen using his head, literally, to add to our defence. He finished the year well by taking out the umpire with a stunning kick off his left boot.

Simon Antonio (Full Back- the quiet achiever)
Simon had a great year holding strong in fullback, lending his support to the forwards wherever needed. Simon was never afraid of showing the attackers how to do it. Well done.

Bastian Baalman (Full Back – the gentle giant)
Bastian showed great improvement over the season and showed his skills of moving around the field to support his team members throughout the entire season. Great effort this season.

Mark Myers (Half Back Star and avid Dockers supporter)
When he wasn't madly supporting the Dockers and not his team, Mark was on the field pulling some amazing goals from the same place that the Dockers have had their recent winning streak from. Mark again was a pillar of strength and experience as the oldest member of our team. Another great season Mark.

Ricky Francis (Half Back- the Determinator)
Another great improver this season, Ricky showed his talents this season along with his determination to get the ball. Ricky was often seen chasing the ball all over and succeeding over his larger opponents to lead with some great plays.

Ben Davies (Half Back – Sort of, or something forward, umm what was the question.... I've had too much to drink)
When he wasn't hung over or finishing a tinny on the side line, Ben was in fine form over the field. A late starter, he showed his skills lending to some great plays.

John Harmsen (Half Back – the baby maker – the only new father this year)
John's stamina and "it's not bad if the blood is only trickling" mentality often found him running from defence to attack, with dreams of showing the new addition to his family (Jackson) his old battle scars, bloodied from head to toe. Never afraid to lead with his chest, John led the team to a good season, literally through the opposition.

Ryan Burr (Inner – David from David and Goliath)
Ryan by far showed the most improvement this season and was not afraid to take it to the bigger players. New to the game and one of the few of the scrubbers who went to training, he showed the older, more experienced players how to move the ball. Despite physically facing much larger opponents, he always bounced back to show some true talent.

Tim McEntee (Centre Forward – we think but God only knows where he actually was on the field)
Apparently after he mooned the umpires on numerous occasions for telling the team to play it cool before starting a fight on field, we think Tim was a forward but he was found often in defence. With more shots on goal than actual goals, Tim was more the voice of the team, telling the umps so. The effort was there, so God love him.

Chris Lees (Inner- Speedy Gonzales)
Chris has that amazing talent of being every where at once. Set as the un-stoppable inner, his speed often found him taking the ball out of the D, passing to the defence and leading down the field to make a stunning shot on goal. A great season from Chris.

Matt Willis (Wing - "Windy Willis")
With some great shots on goal, Matt has supplied the alcohol for the scrubbers for the next 5 years with his near misses. When he wasn't aiming for the children playing in the playground behind the goals, Matt was superbly moving the ball around the field for some great plays. Another great season.

B (Wing – the Sea Gull)
When he wasn't sitting on the goal post waiting for an errant ball to come his way, Josh was great at receiving the ball from defence and moving it towards the goals, often to later pick it from another player. A great season Josh.

Veterans 1 (Midweek) - Men



An injection of new blood, legs and talent saw us play at a level not seen before. Top bunch of blokes kept under control by Crowe. Another season enjoyed by all.

John Crowe: “*The buck stops here*” is a famous quote handed to Crowe at the start of the season and he kept it at all times in the back of the net. The net did a brilliant job over the season and didn’t let anything past it. To be fair, though, it was starved of opportunities to shine as the big bloke in front parried and kicked like a ballet prima donna.

Geoff Ranford: With the whole defence playing so well, Ramma seemed to have more time to set up our forwards with his penetrating passes. Top season.

Mike Jensen: Enjoyed his season amongst a defensive group that really gelled and played with slick aplomb. Led by example and would be rated as one of the best tacklers in the comp.

Dennis Loffell: Stunned us all by scoring. The best left half in the competition isn’t meant to be anywhere near the goals. Right winger’s nightmare.

Dean Revell: We may not do a pre-season, but our shenanigans prior to the season in order to gain Deanno’s services were of the highest order. Whilst he was an embarrassment to the team with a stick that must have come out of the Colosseum, his play on field at centre-half was sensational. Thankfully, Deanno did buy a new stick.

Kevin Dempster: Evergreen, ever reliable and everywhere in defence. Regained his supreme touch of the 2004 season and his tackling and harassing of opponents gave everyone on the team a great sense of confidence.

Michael Watson: ‘Apples’ form slumps were difficult to pinpoint because they were the times that he played at the same tempo as the rest of us. Being able to reach that extra gear meant that he gave us the drive in the forward line that has pushed us into uncharted success in the Midweek Vets comp.

Lewis Bint: Another member of the defensive brigade that created such a strong platform for the forwards. Gave us extra drive with his ability to carry the ball out of defence and into attack.

Richard Thurtle: Took more responsibility in the left midfield and worked really well with Apples and Darren. Scored a couple of memorable cracking goals.

Keith Harper: Harps injured – no, must’ve been someone else. Good to see him get his back back in order and body running around on the track.

Daymon Joseph: Back from a serious knee injury, Daymon quickly regained his confidence and was attacking defences and creating random mayhem with great dash and a smile on his dial.

Darren Wilson: A fantastic addition to the team. With his ability to attack and finish off in the circle, Darren caused many ruffled feathers amongst opposition teams as they suddenly found themselves a couple of goals down and in the unusual position of trying to catch those blokes in maroon.

Greg Wilson: Relatively injury free, Willo’s work in the attacking 25 meant that we could sustain serious pressure on sides. More inclined to be an assistor in attack, he helped Daymon and Harps shine.

Simon Reid: Another excellent recruit, Si worked into fine form only to break his thumb and have to restart the whole process. Another player who provided the run through the midfield and forward line needed to become a quality team.

Scott Forbes: Great to have ‘*the silent assassin*’ in the side. Certainly added a few more scalps to his trophy cabinet. Added further stability and quality to our defence which played with its best composure and form since we first entered midweek vets.

Andrew Starling: Andy gave us the confidence to take it up to the big boys in the comp. If we were down he’d dish it out in abundance. “*I’ve got plenty! Don’t be bashful. Take as much as you want.*” Also handed out plenty of advice. We took both with relish.

Many thanks to our assistants who helped out throughout the season:

Lindsay Borthwick, Greg Ross, Derek Doak, Darryl Dedman, Greg Hunt, Mark Lyons, Mark Watton, and Michael Starling

Veterans 1 - Women

Another good year of hockey. Is there a bad one? Over the eleven years that the majority of us have been playing together, we have made the final four. This season is no exception.

Also, this year brought us some new (interpret that as young) blood, and Alison Hall, Marie Intini and Gillian Forbes joined our aging side. This brought much needed running power into our game.

Thanks also to those players who were there for us when we were a little short of numbers. Gail Anderson who filled in on her trips back from the far away southern regions. Jan Davis, who has retired from vets at least 6 times this year. Andrea Smith who was happy to be there for us – except when recovering from traffic accidents.

Thank you to our coach, Vicki Silich. Yes, we now have a coach (but that doesn't mean we listen to her – well let's face it, half of us have hearing problems), but come rain or shine, she is there urging us on.



Ladies Vets 2



Veterans 2 - Women

DEB CROMPTON

Delightful Deb does dazzling dribbling down the field while driving the defense in all directions. She plays a great centre half and is always there when we miss the ball. Like lightning, she's away with the ball in a flash. Well done Deb!!!

MHAIRI ANGUS

Our show pony! Too much time on the soccer field has given Mhairi delusions of belonging to an Italian team. It's not a proper game unless she takes a tumble and spends a few minutes on the turf, much to the umpire's concern, (buying her team a few extra moments to catch our breath!) A great player, with a strong hit, amazing ability to run and drive the ball into the 'D'. Good calling on the field... if only we could understand her accent...

LISA ANDERSON

The lovely Lisa was lethal as our right inner this year. She'd nip across the field at a great rate of knots - like Speedy Gonzales. Keep fit for next season.

CAROLYN CAYDAMAR

A wonderful addition to our team this year. She provided great pace in the centre and a contribution to our social gatherings. Her friendly nature meant she quickly fitted into the team and could be counted on to sprint across the field to help a team mate. Welcome to Vets 2.

NICOLA OGDEN

At the start of the year Nic did not know if she would be able to play because she had a "bung" shoulder. But like the trooper she is, Nic battled on and overcame her injury to have a fantastic year with the Vets 2. She was the stable influence on the backline for the whole season.

LYNDA FORBES

Lynda is the perfect left wing, steady on the trap, fleet of foot down the sideline and standing ready on the post for another 'seagull' goal. She is also Team Manager, Function Co-ordinator and the perfect companion for that after game glass of red. Great season, Lynda !

DONELLE SMITH

A versatile player with a huge hit, Donelle has had a great season. Starting in the forward line, a stint in the half line and even showing up as full back, there's nowhere she can't play. Great stamina, an amazing hockey brain and ability to pluck amazing shots out of nowhere (she says she's studying psychology but we think proctology may be in there too...)

THERESA RAYFIELD

Racing up the wing, Rayza has a mighty cross hit that has seen her score plenty of 'assists' as well as putting a few in the net. Reliable and consistent, Theresa has been a great asset to the team! A fantastic season for the girl from Aberdeen - more of the same next year please!

AMANDA LEA

Amanda demonstrated that she was a mighty fine half back as well as a full back. Toward the end of the season, her newfound strength was evident. Great season Amanda!

YVETTE JOB

It took a while to get the hang of yelling "*Jobby*" on the pitch. A great addition to our team this year, she is willing to put her body on the line and chase that ball up the field.

ALENE IVEY

Alene (our goalie extraordinaire) has saved our bacon on many an occasion and held up the rear. She is superb at diving but don't expect her to get up in a hurry. Don't push her or she'll push you back. Alene has had a great year and can always be counted on to bring the cheese and bickies for our after game socializing. Thanks Alene!!

ANNETTE SCHOLTEN

New to the team after a long time away from the game. Improved more and more as the season progressed and also proved herself to be a great team person. Well done. Hope to see you again next season.

LEE MAXFIELD

Lee is our super solid and ever reliable full back, that is until early in the season. Lee did some major damage to her foot and had to sit the rest of the season out. We missed you Lee and look forward to your return next season.

STEVE McENTEE

Steve is our coach and should receive a special mention as his strong guidance saw us improve steadily throughout the season, and where would we be without our number 6 short corner. Thank you Steve for putting up with a gaggle of women and for all your advice and time this season.

GUY AND ROBBIE

Our ever faithful supporters, Thank you for braving the cold nights and supporting us each week. And a special thank you to Guy for all his time and effort with the camera.

Mens Veterans 40s Div 1



Back row (LtoR): David Ross, Derek Doak, Geoff Ranford, Richard Thurtle, Rob Thorn, Wayne Cutler, Patrick Matthews
Front row (LtoR): Keith Harper, Rob Knyn, John Crowe, Lewis Bint
Absent: Lindsey Borthwick, Greg Ross, Mark Tate, Greg Hunt, Micheal Watson

D'oh!

There was a distinct lack of enthusiasm for documenting the season, as it has not been very successful.
Let the photograph of our illustrious team members suffice.

Mens Veterans 40s - Div 3

The Management was successful in putting together another team of hockey misfits for this year. Buoyed by our luck in obtaining two pre season draft picks, although they were number 3246 and 5307, the season was looking very promising. When we took to the field our aspirations became somewhat diminished. As per usual we found it difficult to put the same team on the field two weeks in a row due to aging bodies and visits to the emergency departments of various hospitals. Although we lacked success on the scoreboard, many individuals were outstanding in their sledging ability.

Chris Avent

The man who puts "*the old*" into the "*Old Firm*" full back squad. Grandpa developed a surprise new tactic to immediately take the pressure off the defence and restart play from the half way line. Despite this, he was always calm under pressure even when passing to the opposition to make things more interesting. Who can count the number of ill advised forwards who thought they could get through Chris and learnt otherwise.

Noel Backhouse

What can we say about the special guest appearances of the team's enforcer? Noel brought a new way of thinking to the team this year. A man so dedicated to the team that he would arrive virtually from the airport, manage to put the right foot into the right shoe and run onto the field to terrorise the opposition (although it must be said he might have done better with two shoes on and possibly some pants). No apparent signs of the "red mist" descending over his eyes this season but he did miss some interesting games.

Graeme Coleman

Would you believe it that Leo is the team's leading goal scorer (must be something to do with him handing in the card). Graeme is also popular with the opposition defenders and is known as "*trigger*" as he is often seen taking them for a joy ride in the circle. The opposition seemed to take unreasonable joy out of gang tackling him whether he had the ball or not. Must be a sign of respect, or maybe it's just the "*Hoff*" look.

Mike Gill

A new face to the team and a very versatile player who learnt during the season that there is wisdom in letting the odd player get away. His great field work unfortunately led to a broken limb while diving to the team's defence. Two nurses rushed to his aid but unfortunately for Mike, they were both blokes. Good effort from Mike to turn up to the last games to give a bit of support (I think we needed something more in the line of scaffolding). Hope to see you back next year.

Pat Hall

Deft bursts of speed and activity were rewarded with a few good goals this season. Speed is relative of course when viewed from the back line (forwards are so far away). A solid performance and clearly the thinking man's forward, although not noted for his turning circle.

Mike Jolliffe

He who saves the team from defeat by pure reflex having been able to disconnect the thought process from his motor responses (through judicious application of red wine the previous evening). Mike had another superlative season and often thwarted the efforts of the opposition. Heaven help any forward who loiters more than 2 seconds in front of his goal. This has been the first year that Mike hasn't been voted least likely to turn up at the right ground, at the right time, with all the right gear thanks to the efforts of Steve Llanwarne.

Dennis Loffell

Possibly the highest work rate in the team and another member of the "*Thinning Red Line*". Dennis showed impressive speed and skills, despite frequent injury. No one got away from Dennis and in attack he could be often seen hitting the ball to himself (such is his speed) or working in tandem with Bill and other members of the defence. Dennis keeps his eye on the ball and often the turf, with his head hovering some 30 – 40 cm from the pitch. It's often been said that Dennis leaves the pitch with black teeth after the lines have been freshly marked.

Stephen Llanwarne

The James Bond of the forward line (the Roger Moore version) – cool, calm and collected – one could almost say urbane. Always a good team player and talking it up at half time, Steve was in the right place many times but luck and interesting umpiring robbed Steve of glory this season. Excels at the sharp response (especially after the game when analysing the character and performance of his fellow team mates). Steve also was noted for his fear of dogs of any size which made him wary of going too far out on the wing.

Mens Veterans 40s - Div 3

John Maher

An excellent season for John who is always solid in defence and shows great trapping and disposal skills, despite being in this team for a long time. John is always a good option to move the ball from defence into attack. Like all of us, the body does not respond the same way it did 20 years ago but John often pushed his hard enough to thwart attacks and counter strongly. John could actually be the only nice bloke on the team (which helps balance out the rest of us).

Al Marshall

Great to have the legend back on the field. Al's unorthodox approach often causes the opposition defence to leave him alone (at their peril). Not the usual goal scoring machine this year and may benefit from a more economical use of energy (no, that doesn't mean taking the batteries out of the clock radio again, Al). Some remarkable tackles and attack work sadly not rewarded. Some even more remarkable performances on the occasion of the odd ball going in with the trademark "*Oh what a feeling*" move.

Steve Metcalfe

A man that stated publicly during the season that he "*likes it hard and fast*" scored well during the season despite a few set backs with broken bits and pieces. Could have worked harder in attack and defence (somehow). Steve coped well with the chainsaw and axe tackles employed by many teams against his superior skills. His heart rate monitor was a source of great joy to the full backs as there is no way their combined heart rate (or IQ) would have averaged Steve's 130 beats per minute without being terminal.

Bill Morrison

As the central pivot point for the "*Thinning Red Line*", Bill was able to construct many forward movements with a dazzling display of ball skills which often caused the opposition to stand back and admire his work. Unfortunately, it had the same effect on the rest of us (as did most things) which resulted in a bit of solo work on his part. A great season following a bit of work on the knee which didn't seem to slow him down. A great comfort for the full backs and goalie as the ball rarely penetrated the Thin Red Line. Bill had a defender's dream of a season by being one of our main goal scorers.

Mike Pitcher

By the look of it, it's probably been a long while since the term "*new face*" was applied to this man but Mike fronted for the first time to Divvy 3 this year. It didn't take him long to fit into the rigid training regime, but he still has the look about him that makes you think he is about to leap up, catch the ball and drop it. Very constructive season, in which Mike managed to strike some fear into the opposition by getting some speed up but not being able to turn too sharply (hence bowling a few opposition over – not deliberately of course). A heroic effort to come back for more punishment following an injury to his lower back mid season.

Colin Slattery

Has aspirations of being a forward but doesn't like all that running around so prefers to be part of the "*Old Firm*" of the backline. Over a year spent offshore in a secret hockey training centre culminated in Slats' big shot on goal in the 7th round – pity it wasn't a year at OPSM because it was the wrong goal. Despite this, Slats was solid in defence this year,. The average forward would have more chance of selling Gary Thomas a bottle of Grecian 2000 than getting past "*the old firm*".

Gary Thomas

Another sparkling performance from "*Mudguard*". Like a crocodile, he is dangerous over short distances but, of course, that's where the resemblance ends, as the average crocodile would spend more time on parting his hair than Gary. Gary forms part of the "*thinning red line*" of the half backs who are characterised by their tenaciousness and the trademark hairstyle (ie take it off to wash it style - created by the high stress levels of being a half back).

Mens Veterans 40s - Div 4

With half the team being new this year we were hoping for some good results. We had an excellent season and were consistently in the top 3. Great to see the team working so well together. Great camaraderie, good fun and some good results

Gary Bowater

Unfortunately work commitments meant that Gary did not play many games. Always showed great skill and put pressure on the opposition.

Ron Chesney

Fantastic forward. In spite of rumours that he would only play one game, was available for most of the season. Always creating scoring opportunities and looking dangerous.

Colin Cooper

Another player that is good to have in the forward line. Always gets lots of touches and is capable of scoring a "bag" of goals.

Scott Girling

New to the club this year. Ultra fit and competitive. Consistently in the top three players. Always gives 100% and another capable goalscorer.

Wayne Hudson

Good to have Wayne back after injuries. A solid defense meant Wayne got some protection. Still managed to pull off some outstanding performances.

Roger Kent

Probably Roger's best year. Had a big impact in a number of important games. Often unorthodox when he tackles but effective.

Whip

Whip's first year back after a long break. Came into the team with big expectations and he did not disappoint. Ultra reliable, great distributor of the ball and good goal scorer.

Tony Patton

Quieter season from Tony. Missed a few games through injury. Formed a part of the solid Melville defense.

Andy Reynolds

Been a while since Andy played. Still showed plenty of skill. Another great distributor of the ball and also a capable goal scorer.

Geoff Riley

Geoff played mainly from the bench. Always gives 100% and has a big impact.

Tom Rushton

Great season from Tom who has "cemented" his place on left wing. Combined well with the team's frontline. Scored a number of important goals throughout the season.

Jaspal Sembi

One of Jaspal's best seasons. Always had an impact and looked dangerous up front. Another competent goal scorer

Andrew Spear

Played centre forward most of the season. Never takes a backward step (Regardless of how big the opposition player is!) Always willing to take the defender on and both score and create scoring opportunities.

Dave Timmell

Solid as a rock. Natural leader and great reader of the game. Good distributor of the ball.

Geoff Widdicombe

New to the club this year. Integral part of our solid defense. Plays well under pressure.

Kelvin Woodward

The last line of our defense. Famous for hit outs. Another player who never takes a backward step.



Mens Veterans 50s Div 2

Last year, this team's first in the over 50 grade, we made the Grand final and lost. This year, we've stepped up and totally dominated the grade. At the time of writing, we are undefeated; sit 3 games clear at the top of the ladder having scored an amazing 94 goals at an average of almost 7 whilst conceding just 16. With 2 games to go, we will finish the season on top of the ladder and be promoted to Division 1.

We had a new club member in Ray Domingo join the team, welcomed back Frank Williams, made Leo Welton an official team member and loaned John Smith to the O55's where he made an immediate impact.

Congratulations to team members Peter Dawkins, Leo Welton and Steve McEntee who all made the State team.

Neil Ashley

One of the dynamic duo, Neil is the type of fullback a goalie dreams of. A goalie need only sit back and let this "minder" take care of those opposing fools that dare enter our 25. Not limited to the defensive role, Neil reliably seeks out the gap and delivers the ball to the sharp end with precision.

Peter Dawkins

Pete '*the engine room*' Dawkins had another stellar season this year. A man who works hard on his fitness and takes his game seriously, Pete was the rock at centre half around which we built many attacks. He runs hard all day, has great skills and is always the "go to" man when things get tough. Pete capped off a great season with selection in the State O50 team. Well done Pete, bring on Div 1.

Ray Domingo

Ray joined the club this year from Kalamunda and added an extra dimension to our already potent forward line. Ever the opportunist, Ray regularly had his name on the score sheet. He also revealed an aptitude for tennis - during a match early in the season, he scored a goal with what appeared to be an overhead smash.

Hans Geers

Hans is your typical Vet, physically fit, relatively reliable and, dependent on his mood, is dependable. Always likes to have his say and will always have an opinion. This year has seen Hans extremely busy on and off the field having successfully completed the "Turf Project" and his onfield being a continuous "*work in progress*". Another great season.

Guy Hickey

Our custodian has had a few quiet games this year but is there when needed and has made some fine saves. Most memorable was the second half against 3rd placed WASPS when Guy really kept us in the game.

Steve McEntee

The '*Seagull*' has again proven his worth as a goal scorer. Forever looking for an opportunity to bang one in, goalies must hate the sight of him. Steve capped off a good year in which he scored over 25 goals by joining other team members in the State Vets Team which plays later this year.

Johnno Orr

Mr Versatile, Johnno has played almost every position this year. Although he scored twice, his strength is in the midfield where his strong running and tackling skills really stand out. Johnno managed to play most games despite also managing the top team again.

Bruce Porter

Bruce returned to the team and has injected pace into the forward line. Bruce is always determined, can frustrate an opposition with tenacious tackling and has combined to create the most formidable forward line in our division, as evidenced by the 100 goal total we are nearing for the season.

Dave Porter

Dave is the team nucleus providing the pre game direction, noting the strength and weakness of the opposition teams and how best to counter them (*listen up, Hans*). Again at half time we are reminded and urged on to excel, where we might have erred in our application in the first half. Together with all the captain/coach responsibilities, Dave is a determined and focussed player who motivates the team to greater effort, is tenacious in the circle with many hard won goals. Thank you for your drive and enthusiasm for another memorable season, look after those knees. See you next year.

Vick Rypp

Like a good bottle of red, Vick has gotten better the longer the year has worn on. Vick's trapping of the ball and quicker disposal to team mates has given the team added impetus and drive in its march through to the finals.

Rod Wake

Another dynamic duo "*goalie minder*". Always remaining calm under pressure, Rod's actions might *appear* slow but the opposition are always left wondering what happened to the ball they were carrying.

Rod is no slouch when it comes to making sure the ball acquires express delivery status when it is time to attack.

Leo Welten

Leo graduated from Over 40s this year and provided us with extra drive and goal scoring potential in the midfield. He showed his versatility with outstanding performances at centre half while Peter was on holiday. The highlight of his season must be his 6 goals out of our score of 12 against Vic Park - we'll never hear the end of it!

Frank Williams

Frank has put on a terrific display of ball control, positional play and dedication to the team ethos (*Let the whistle do the talking*). The quiet achiever, he just gets on with the job. Apart from minor injuries and holidays Frank has been the rock at left half giving depth and drive thru the left side.

Thanks also to those who have filled in on occasions: Wayne Hudson, Pat Hall, Gary Bowater and John Smith.

Mens Veterans 55s Div 1

We started the season losing a few of our regular players to the curse of all older hockey players – injury and work commitments. We filled the places lost with some very very capable players who joined the Club from Willetton. Also the team welcomed back Life Member Max Currell and Kasu Nair. We would like to thank Guy Hickey who filled in for us on one occasion and all others who supported us during the season.

ROBIN BAILEY (Halfback)

Robin came to us from Willetton and what was their loss was definitely our gain. Robin became one of our stalwart wing halves who rarely let many get past him. His games were curtailed by the Vet's curse, injury, and we look forward to him playing more games with us next season.

BRUCE CADD (Forward)

The only "original" seagull left in the team. Again, this was proved with a few of his goals scored. A hard working forward who runs a lot of the time and has played as a half when needed. A regular on Thursday nights and has been seen leaving with dinner in his hands so he can feed the hordes at home. Is a Club Sponsor and also has been a supplier to the team of some healing lotions and creams which were appreciated by many. The team manager picks on Bruce in the weekly write up but we know he appreciates all the work and support done by Bruce around the Club and team.

GEOFF CORLETT (Goalie)

A member of the Australian Masters side who joined us, on short notice, from Willetton after Alex Scott pulled out due to injury. Geoff controls the field from the back and we have tried some new defensive moves on his suggestion, which have worked well. Also his half time speeches have been stirring. It has been noted that he counts our missed short corners and has shown team members he can count in the hundreds.

MAX CURRELL (Halfback)

Came back to the Club from the wilderness this season and early form showed he had not lost much of his skills. All we needed to do was hone them up for him. But this was not to be. Max let his other sporting passion (tennis) butt in and he suffered a season ending knee injury. We hope to see him back next season.

TONY ILLMAN (Forward)

Zim has had another great year and it seems age doesn't slow him down, just adds a few aches on Sunday morning. Enjoys himself and worries the opposition no end. Scored some good goals but Geoff is trying to get him to shoot earlier and add to his impressive tally. Another Thursday night man who actually trains prior to enjoying the company afterwards. Has recently sold his hire business and now will be able to dedicate more time to his hockey so our oppositions watch out. Bring on the "7"s eh Tony.

KEITH JACKAMAN (Halfback)

"Skinter" missed the start of the season but when he returned to the fray became another of the half-line stalwarts. His eye and reach fooled many an opponent. His hits found many a teammate and opened up the advantage needed for us to move on and score. We kept him on time most times but he did arrive to a couple of the times after the rest of us had started.

IAN (Mouse) LYON (Forward)

The Club's oldest playing member but to look at him you wouldn't think so. Again, one of the team's chief goal scorers but did take a break during the season, something about touring Europe or something else menial. Again a State Vets Rep and we congratulate you for that achievement. Mouse has again shattered some of our opponent's hopes with his reach and deft touches on the way to the goal circle. We look forward to seeing you next year to continue this on.

KINGSLEY McGUIRE (Fullback)

Our backline became the stalwarts of the team to some and Kingsley fits that description. Was there for most of our games and, like Geoff, all noted his stirring words directed from the backline and at halftime. Our new defensive system suited Kingsley's style and his saves and pickups helped put us into attack from defence. Passed his milestone 700 games this season and it should be noted that they were all for one Club which is **exceptional**.

KASU NAIR (Halfback)

Joined the team in the second half of the year and fitted straight into the backline. Again, another of us who succumbed to the dreaded injury and missed a few games. Whilst injured, we missed Kasu's skill and dexterity in picking up the ball from our opponent's sticks. We look forward to him playing "7"s and a full season with us next year.

TERRY PARKER (Forward)

What words describe Terry?. Things like skilful, a goal scorer, team man, chaser, need we say more. But seriously "Parks" is one of our excellent forwards and goal scorers. He rarely misses a game and, like Tony, is another of the team that trains when he can. Terry, we appreciate the encouragement you give the team and we promise to work on our corners so we put a few more in. A great year Terry and we look forward to seeing you back in the 2007 season along with the "7"s.

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KEITH PLATEL (Forward)

Another of our new recruits who slotted in to the wing position with devastating effect. Gives the team a sure fire avenue of attack and we think we have found another "seagull" to take Dennis's place. Showed us he can score goals from the top of the circle and from close in as well. His skills left many a back languishing and wondering where he went. Thanks Keith for the work put in during the season and we look forward to seeing you amongst us again next season.

JOHN SMITH (Forward)

John joined us from the 50's and we were appreciative of the fact. Became a centre forward when "Mouse" was not around and filled an inner's position for most of the season. His skill with ball and stick along with the goal scoring ability helped us many many times. Another regular who trains and maybe we could take some note of what this training does, as his runs and leads into the forward lines gave the halves a good option to pass to. We hope you stay with us for next season John, as you would surely be missed if you were not there.

GRAHAM SOUTHGATE (Centre Half)

We lost Neil McPhail at the end of last season and in discussions some of the players wondered where we would get a replacement from. A few were suggested but the general feeling was "Don't pick me". Someone must have been smiling on us for when we got our new recruits Graham joined us and slotted straight into the centre half position. Graham is a hard working skilful centre half who controlled the pivot position excellently. Many a time he linked the forwards and backs, taking us forward and resulting in scores being registered. Graham, we look forward to you playing with us again next season.

RON THOMAS (Fullback)

The second half of the stalwart fullback line who was always there to back up the halves and Kingsley. Again, Willetton's loss was our gain and Ron's hard work was most appreciated by all who played in the team. But Ron, like "Mouse", took a little time off to go touring and whilst he was away we missed his skills. Ron's size has given a few of our opponents a fright and I have seen a few shy away from him. One thing that was noted was with this Ron and 2 Robs in the back line it left a few confused including Geoff and at times we wondered whom he was calling to. Ron, we hope you return next year, as you would really be missed if you were not there in the back line.

COLIN WILLIS (Jack of All Trades)

Colin is the "Jack of all trades" of the team. Has played in the forward, halfback and fullback positions. Scored some great goals and when Ron went travelling, filled in his big shoes and was a regular in the best players list. Also I know the forwards appreciated his strong crosses and we didn't capitalise on them enough. Great to see that Colin got through the season with minor aches and pains (like us all) and is even talking about joining us for the "7"'s during summer. Think we need to speak to him about becoming one of the new short corner battery for next season so we don't give Geoff any more heartaches.

ROB WALKER (Half Back)

The team manager who has marshalled the troops each week. Tried hard to keep us playing on what we consider our ground but was unsuccessful a couple of times. Still hasn't lost his clearing hit and was able to pinpoint some of his passes to the forwards at time. Know Geoff learnt his name quickly and was asked to drop back all the time. Not quick, but dependable at times.

Under 17A Boys

The start of the 2006 season saw, for the first time, a combined Melville-Willetton U17 competition. With the merging of the two clubs, a total of three teams were entered into the U17 competition with an U17As, U17A Reserves and an U17Bs. Prior to the commencement of the regular season, grading games were organised where all of the boys could parade their prowess on the field. Help from such qualified parents as Greg Hunt, Sid Brodie, Greg Stone and Trevor Richardson all helped to roughly organise each of the boys into what would be three very strong sides.

Once each of the sides had been named they were allocated to some inexperienced but eager to learn coaches. As a first time coach, I was in charge of the U17As and I was very keen to put them through their paces. As the season commenced, there were a few jostling of positions to try to structure the side so as to allow the the most free-flowing form of hockey we could play, whilst also providing a strong defence (this is the goal for all coaches).

As the year progressed, we were never soundly beaten by any side and were never truly out of the game until the final siren. Robbed by numerous clashes with the goal post or cross bar, or freakish saves by opposing goal keepers, it may have been a different story if they had gone in. Never a side to chase a team, we needed to score the first and put the other side under pressure.

Overall, it was an enjoyable year had by all (I hope), with the facilities at Melville being outstanding. Playing half of our games at this, our home ground, certainly helping to increase the skill level of each of the players. Something that training on grass twice a week would certainly not have helped. Our thanks go out to the club and all of those involved in providing a fantastic training and playing facility.

Another quick thank you goes to our Manager Sid Brodie, for helping myself and the boys throughout the year with numerous menial tasks. While we weren't aware of all that was involved, we greatly appreciate all your help. Other quick thanks go to Greg Hunt for helping me on the bench during games, Greg Stone for words of encouragement and hockey balls, as well as Trevor Richardson for his ability to make me laugh. And last but not least, all of the parents who continued to encourage their kids to come to training and always had a smile or a hello for me. Thankyou.

Next year we take it to the finals!

Ben Rushton
Coach

Chris Morrison – (Captain) A good choice for captain with the ability to lift the side when down, he had a solid year of hockey, playing in a variety of positions. Starting in the forward line but ending up playing as full back, where a strong tackle and good pace made it hard for most forwards to get past. Chris was also a big part of the State 3A team which finished in second spot on the ladder. Chris leaves junior hockey to a very promising future in senior hockey. All he has to do is stay fit; he is a 17 year old boy in a 50 year old man's body!!

Jordan Hunt – A very talented midfielder with a big future ahead of him. Jordan made the State School Boys side and travelled interstate as a key player of that side. As a player for Melville, his ball handling skills and strength on the ball marked him as someone to build a team around. Jordan also played State 2As and 3As during the year and did well alongside much older and more experienced team mates. Jordan will continue in U17As next year but will no doubt play senior hockey as well.

Stuart Taylor – A quiet and determined player, Stu is one of the hardest players to notice on the field. Playing at inside forward, centre half or as a part of the goal scoring machine at centre forward, his intensity and presence on the ball was invaluable to the strength of the side. Stuart

also played in the State 2As and 3As during the year, adding some much needed pace to the sides. He moves onto senior hockey next year with much promise.

Callum Purcell – Another quiet assassin made up for by his presence on the field. Not given to loud calls or overt displays of aggression (which is odd considering the flowing fiery locks), Callum has grown and improved as a talented half back, aided by his high level of fitness. Good tackles resulting in quick turnovers helped to propel the side forward many times throughout the year. Callum trained with the State 2A and 3A sides in the second half of the year and the exposure to senior hockey has helped him to see another side of the game. Another talented youngster who remains in U17As next year, but will no doubt be called on to help out in the men's competition.

Christian Nettleton – A talented midfielder and half back, Christian often wore his heart on his sleeve with a desire for his team to play well. Playing at centre half he broke through lines with good stick skills to swing the team into attack, supplying the wings or inside forwards with much needed possession. Christian remains in the U17s competition next year, who will no doubt supply the team with some experience and skill.

Under 17A Boys

Chris Lees – A new addition to the Melville family, Chris came from Fremantle with experience in both the junior and men's competition. Starting as a wing striker with raw pace and slick stick skills, his talents as a defender allowed him to play as an inside forward. With good defensive marking skills and the ability to switch into attack mode with change of possession he often found himself as part of many scoring opportunities. Chris moves onto senior hockey with good background in the style of hockey that will help him to enjoy the game at the next level.

The Willetton Boys

Mark Brodie – A very gifted striker with the ability to tackle a player from any position. Mark was crucial to the goal scoring capacity of the side with the skill to take on two or three players and pull off a shot. One such goal during the middle of the season saw him take an overhead from the centre of the field, trap the ball and take it down the wing to score. His high skill level was noticed by the State selectors for the State U15 side, receiving a call up after getting through the early morning trials. Mark has two more years in U17s and will certainly be one of the main strikers for this team and then into men's hockey in the future years. A player certainly to look out for.

Matt Oeding – Has been known to do some absolutely freakish things on the field, such as scoring goals from impossible angles or stealing a ball from a fullback with possession. Matt was another key striker in the structure of the side, working well with both Mark and Stuart. His rapid pace and good stick skills in close made him a powerful wing striker that few could contain. Some training sessions and some game time with either a Melville or a Willetton men's team will help to strengthen his talents.

Luke Murphy – (Vice Captain) A solid half back with a wicked drag right and rapid acceleration, which helped to cement Luke's position primarily at right half. A good link between himself and usually Mark at right wing provided us with a major source to goal or a short corner. Another player who put it all on the field when he walked out, you always knew if things weren't going right for him. His high expectations of himself often overburdened his game, reducing the fun the game can bring. Luke has a lot of talent and with the correct exposure to senior hockey, he can become a key player in any men's side.

Matt Richardson – A very talented goal keeper with lightning reflexes that surprised everyone at times. Anything within arms reach was swatted away, often denying some of the most talented U17As players from opposing sides. His loud voice and mature nature made him an important focal point for the defensive portion of the side, as well as helping to improve on training sessions by offering advice. Matt plays not only in the U17 competition but also with the Willetton men's sides and has been very successful.

One cannot however forget the time he took the field for the U17A reserves and scored a diving goal. It's a pity that Matt's one memory of this year will be about scoring a goal when he should be saving them! But what a goal!!

Kris Stone – Kris' last name should be 'Rock', because that was what he was for us. He played the full year at fullback, providing a solid wall of defence against numerous fast break attacks. His ability to either muscle a ball off a player or simply stand his ground and tackle a player was a major reason for lack of goals against us. He also stepped up later in the year to hit short corners. However, it was a pity that he didn't get enough opportunity to finish these short corners off. Kris injured himself for a couple of games during the year which was the only reason he didn't train. A big fan of the game, he was a player that very rarely missed a training session, a pleasure to coach with a great attitude towards hockey and his team mates. A welcome addition to any side, but will certainly be a key player for many a top team.

Dane Urbaniak – Another quiet player who has an ability to play in numerous positions. Dane spent the start of the year at fullback, moving rapidly into the inside forward position, shared also with the half back line, playing almost every position on the field. On the field he very rarely had anything bad to say, but at training as his coach I saw the ugly side! Given to wise remarks and sly comments, he would often direct them at his coach who struggled to comprehend why a young boy like Dane would disrespect him. Lucky it was like water off a duck's back to the coach. Dane was a very solid player throughout the year who was always willing to do the best for his side, playing in positions he hadn't played before. This attitude and his constant presence at training (except for the school social where he loves to dance), will help Dane become a great hockey player.

Jason De Wind – Unlike quite a few of his other team mates, Jason was not a quiet player on the field. He was heard to demand the ball continually throughout the game, playing at a key position at inside forward, whilst also adding a solid part of the defensive structure to the side. Often belittled by his coach as screeching like a woman, this desire for the ball was noted throughout the year, only ever subsiding if he had to rest on the bench to get his voice back. Jason moves onto men's hockey next year and will certainly be a big addition into the top senior men's teams. A small amount of exposure to men's hockey through training with the senior sides has shown that he certainly has the ability and raw talent. Just has to start scoring the goals and stop setting them up for other people!

Boys Under 17A Reserve

When we signed up for the 17A Reserves, we were handed a team of ratbags. We had almost no hope of winning the first game after our first few training sessions. However, our hopes for the season were sent sky high after the boys played like a practiced unit and dominated to win 3-1 against Wolves. Our hopes for a winning season began and continued to dwindle as this was to be one of only two victories besides a 2 all draw. After much consideration, both coaches think that all the boys should switch to "NETBALL"!!!

Special thanks go to Stuart Finlay – 17 B coach for providing fill-in players and a constant help line, and to all the B's players who filled in throughout the season, Warren North, Craig Macmillan, Ryan Angus, Josh Barton, Matt and Ben Coggin and Michael Halpiuk. Also a big thanks to the support of all the parents.

Good season boys. We hope you had as much fun as we did (we know you did, Griff!) and don't take this grilling too seriously.

James Welten
Coach

Neil (Fergi) Ferguson

Skip. Tough task with a bunch of ratbags and did nothing about it – nice work. Always solid as half back, and occasionally yells an instruction. Hope he will go onto bigger and better things.

Matt (Belly) Bell

The rock in defence, Belly was the trusted enforcer, with a licence to get physical. Renowned for frequently tackling from the ground and occasionally receiving cards for it.

Graydn (Bunge) Doak

Bunge, the smallest "player" on the team. Bunge showed glimpses of talent through the year. The little man has lots of terrier and when given a task he will succeed, given that the player isn't bigger than him.

William (Yessey) Remedios

A skillful individual with lots of potential in hockey. Will needs to learn how to play on both sides of the field. Will's ability to turn up to training frequently was OUTSTANDING!!?

Nic (Robo) Robertson

He came! He played! He went! Nick joined the team part way through the season and played well with the guys at any position in the forward line. Unfortunately, Nic broke his thumb during the school holidays and couldn't complete a good season. Nic's a good player who can excel.

Laurence (Lorro) Rushton

Nothing like former Rushtons, due to his love of Pokemon. We brought Lorro up into the reserves and moulded him into the full back he is now to fit the team structure.

Tristan (Paddius Gappius) Ryan

Tristan has improved in the net throughout the year by finding his vocal cords. Although he was unable to train this year, Tristan's skills have not let him down. His physical presence on the pitch is immense. This is good to see and we're hoping he will return to play senior hockey next year.

Ravinderpal (Rav) Singh

A new player to Melville this year, Ravin brought a league and an attitude of his own as a solid overlapping fullback who switched to forward halfway through the year and never once let up about hitting short corners. He occasionally helped to lighten the mood with renditions of Queen "We Will Rock You" during games.

Jason (Tatey) Tate

The legendary one-armed man who went on a snowboarding trip halfway through the season and broke his wrist on the first day. Jason played a solid half season, blitzing down the wing beating player after player with his pace. Hope to see you move on to better things next year.

Griffin (Griff) Thomas

The unit of the team. The tall, powerhouse centre-forward. The Pokemon playing, pink shirt wearing sissy who can't do one pushup! The younger of the Thomas boys turned out to be our powerhouse forward scoring a number of goals off the end of his fore stick and tomtom, despite the coach's objections.

Jackson (Jacko) Thomas

The older, shorter skinner Thomas, who is constantly hampered by Griffin's exploits. Jacko played a strong season at centre half, setting up a lot of the play. He is a talented player who I think will go far, if he can get out of his younger brother's shadow – literally.

Mitchell (Mitch) Welten

What can I say for Mitch? The man's got height, reach and speed but is still trying to find the ball between his feet and more often than not, falling over due to his bean pole like resemblance. Mitch worked hard through the season at right half/right inner and will become a better player when he finds some muscle.

Boys Under 17B South

The 2006 season started off really well and the team was full of confidence. However, with the promotion of a couple of players to the A Reserve, the team's ability to score goals was limited. Due to an outstanding attitude from all players, the side was more than competitive and was probably one of the better sides to miss out on the finals. These young men were an absolute pleasure to coach and these players will be an asset to any senior side. I would like to thank my team manager Tom Cole for his efforts and many thanks go to Dougal Burton for taking the team when I was absent and for his excellent umpiring. Well done guys. Good luck for 2007.

Stuart Finlay
Coach

Cameron McNess (Goalkeeper)

Cam is an outstanding keeper and was called upon to save the team many times. Cam really did keep the team in many matches when the side was going through a rough patch.

Chris Walke (Left fullback)

Chris has a good eye for a tackle and a dependable clearing hit. His voice throughout a match was appreciated by the team.

Ryan Angus (Right fullback)

Ryan is a quality full back who is extremely cool in a crisis. His tackling is exceptional and Ryan is not afraid to carry the ball out of the danger zone.

Michael Halpiuk (Right full back, right wing)

Mr Reliable, Michael has a complete game when it comes to playing in deep defence. When asked to play at right wing for the last eight weeks, he turned himself into a competent forward. An extremely adaptable and resilient player and person.

Rhys Cole (Left half)

Rhys was asked to switch to left half during the season. He took the role on board and became an integral part of the team's half back line, thwarting many a right wing foray into the D.

Joshua Burton (Centre half)

Josh was without a doubt the team's most consistent player throughout the season. He is a highly skilled player and deserved to be playing higher grades in U17s next year. His fitness levels are of the highest order and matches his excellent attitude towards the game. A real thinker.

Mathew Coggin (Right half) Team Captain

Matt has a good understanding of the game and is an extremely competent player. Another player who is cool in a crisis and should go on to play up the grades in seniors.

Nic Mathwin (Right half)

Nic plays a very robust game but has just enough finesse to fool the best of defenders. Has a strong hit and is deceptively quick. Nic likes to draw the line in the sand and won't take a step back from it.

Craig Macmillan (Inside right)

A hard working player who generally runs himself into the ground. Links up well between defence and offence. Another player who was exposed to A Reserve and should play there next year.

Warren North (Centre forward)

Warren started the season with us, then was promoted to the A Reserve team. Decided he'd seen the light and was welcomed back into our side. Warren has exceptional ball carrying skills and these skills created many an opportunity.

Ben Coggin (Left inner)

An enigmatic player with sublime skills. Probably doesn't realise how good he is. Ben has a good motor and can slip through some tight defence.

Daniel Wilkinson (Left wing)

Dan came to the game as green as the grass we played on. I've never seen a player so eager to learn and to his credit, he became a very competent player. His improvement in a season was so rapid he was accepted to the Como Senior High School hockey programme. Well done, mate! There are plenty of goals to come from your stick.

Lachlan King (Left wing, centre forward)

A very versatile player and a player who never stops trying to improve his game. With hard work, Lachie, your game is only going to improve.

Andrew Morison (Right half, centre forward)

Andy came across from Victoria and we promised not to hold that against him. Andrew gelled well into the team and consistently tried to improve his game. His persistence in trying to improve resulted in a goal. Well done, champ! Hope you're still at the club next year and maybe become an adopted Sandgroper.

Girls Under 17B Maroon

Janka Arnold

Our primary striker and top goal scorer, the ball stuck to her stick and the opposition defence had no idea how to deal with her attack. Always in the right position, Janka instilled great confidence in her fellow team members. Janka will go to senior women next year. What an asset!

Ashleigh Brickhill

A consistent worker and great runner, Ashleigh has been a reliable link in the team, both on and off the field. The positive words from her Dad on the sideline have been great encouragement for all. There is still much more to come from Ashleigh and she will be a strong influence next year.

Sheridan Gore

Our Rock. Whilst Sheridan is not keen on her full back role, she is a natural. She has a great eye for the ball, and was a constant strength for her team. Sheridan's continued improvement has seen her cement a position in the senior women's teams. We still have a lot to come from Sheridan, well done.

Paige Growdon

Paige stepped up as a stand out wing this year. Her speed and good vision made her difficult to stop when she got a run on. She has a good understanding of her position and was always prepared to work back. Paige, keep up the great work and I look forward to seeing you mix it a bit with the ladies next year.

Erin Hall

Miss Reliable. Always strong in defence and never afraid to back her judgement and take on the opposition. Erin has wonderful skills and it is great to watch her in action. She is never short of something positive to say and enjoys directing traffic from her fullback position.

Kylie Hankinson

Kylie had a great summer season, which gave her a strong presence on the field. She has started to give more direction to her defence and will continue to improve as a keeper with a little more aggression in her game.

Dayna Osborne

Go Dayna Go. As first runner on short corners, rarely did the opposition have the opportunity for a shot. Always a dynamo, Miss Personality became a terrier on the field. We will see more of Dayna in the senior ranks next year, and she will be a leader on the junior field. Her overall improvement this year has been enjoyable to watch.

Sarah Paull

New to the club, you would not have picked Sarah as the baby of the team. As a strong halfback, she gave her opposing wing little opportunity. Her jink got the team out of trouble on numerous occasions. Sarah has a good understanding of positional play and has been a valued team member.

Alexandra Pervan

Our goal sneak and quiet achiever, her positional play benefited from her close observation of the World Cup. Alex will go from strength to strength with more time on the field. I look forward to seeing her as one of the "Old Girls" next year.

Lauren Sims

Lauren came back this season after a two year lay off from a knee injury, so was in catch-up mode to the rest of her team. To her credit, Lauren improved with every game and has proved to be a reliable defender. She has been prepared to listen and is keen to grow as a player. Keep up the good work, Lauren.

Sophie Williams

Sophie has been prepared to play any position asked of her and has been a constant performer. She has improved over the season and with her continuous running has linked well with other players. When her stick was on the ground, nothing got by her. As a senior team member next year, Sophie will be a standout.

Meagan Wood

New to the club this year, Meagan's overall fitness has allowed her to play in all positions (including goalie). Utilizing her skills from her other sports, she has strengthened our side in both attack and defence. Should she choose hockey as her preferred sport, we will see great things from Meagan.

Thankyou to **Katherine Hall, Claire Timmel, Sarah King** and **Chelle Williams** for filling in at short notice. It is great to have the depth of talent to call on when required to support fellow club teams.

Thanks also to **Pat Hall** and **Steve McEntee** for being our regular umpires. We really appreciate your support.

A special thankyou to **Cameron McDonald** and **John Carroll** for giving up their time and imparting invaluable skill and discipline that has led to the success of the team this year.

Cheers also to our parent supporter base who turn up rain, hail or shine to cheer their daughters on with lots of positive enthusiasm.

Girls Under 17B White



MAI BARNES - Ahh delightful little Mairyn. Is a joy to have in the side. Started off the season slowly but has grown into the star player that we all know she can be. Still a terrier at heart.

GEORGIA GIBSON - Our trusty George. Please someone buy her an alarm clock. Always a rock at the back and gives 110% on the field. But George, we still need to work on your hitting.

JAMIE GREENACRE - Another stellar season from Jamie. Is our driving force from right half and never takes a backward step. Another season in 17's and then look out seniors!!!

WHITNEY LAWSON - Whit has pace to burn. If it's not running out on shorts she's flying down the pitch chasing the ball. Will cause plenty of grief in seniors. Just got to work on that trapping. Good luck Whit.

VANESSA MARTIN - Ness...ahh Ness. Still has a lovely hit and tackle on her. It just depends on if she decides to use it or not. A vital part of our defence and she would love to get to half back... one day.

TIKI MENEGOLA - Young Tiki, never short of a word on or off the field, normally with Whit. Has developed into a solid centre half. She has some very good skills and with some more time and practice she will become a vital player in any team.

KATE MILLER - Our lovely English lass with the big smile. Is a delight to coach. Her stick skills have come along in leaps and bounds this year. Millsey is still a terrier at heart and the team's social butterfly.

CAITLYN OGDEN - Our enforcer in goals. Has had a great year in goals, only conceding 12 goals at time of writing. Bellows instructions from the back and you had better make sure you listen or she will be having words after the game.

At time of writing we were still in with a chance of making the finals. A very good effort by the girls considering that the majority of the girls were playing 17's for the first year. Having said that, the girls have never given in or taken stick from a bigger or stronger opponent. I could write a page on the girls but space does not allow. It's been a pleasure once again to coach and a great learning curve for me. So here is the mighty Melville White.

CAITLYN OOSTERBAAN - Our utility player who has played in just about every position. Has had a great final season of juniors before moving to the big leagues. Always contributes on the field. Good luck in seniors.

ELLEN OOSTERBAAN - One struggles to write about Ellen. She has some excellent hockey skills and can read the play well. But she also is never short of a word and you can be sure she will do something bizarre on the field But we love it!!!

OLIVIA ROPER - A new player to Melville who at first struggled but as the season has gone on has picked up her skills and reading of the play. With some more training, she will become a more than useful player.

CAITLYN SURMAN - Our tenacious right inner. Runs herself into the ground every game. Has some excellent hockey skills and reads the play well. If she can master her hitting she becomes near unstoppable.

A few thank yous are required. Firstly to Heather (and Keith) for being the team's manager. A superb job, Heather, always having the monies collected, the card filled in and all the other things I always forget. So from all the girls and myself, thank you.

My assistant coach Rhys. Not only did you help me out with training and game day coaching, you were always there to umpire for the team. A huge thank you, little brother. I think I might owe you a few beers.

Nicola, thank you for all your tireless work around the club. The juniors have run beautifully this season and none of the onfield success could have happened without you. Thank you for filling in for me numerous times and for your general advice on hockey issues.

And finally to the parents. Thank you for your support and the support you give to the girls. Winter sport can always be a challenge and I thank you for being there week in week out.

COACH - CLINT DYMOND.
ASSISTANT - RHYS SPEDDING
MANAGER - HEATHER MARTIN

Boys Under 15A

This year has been a very successful year for the group, Jamie and I were new to the club at the start of the year and so it is a credit to the boys for the way they accepted us, and worked hard on what we, as coaches, wanted them to do.

This year we introduced regular Tuesday night fitness sessions to improve the fitness of the squad, and show the boys what was needed to win games and to be successful. The boys have worked hard throughout these sessions and it has benefited us greatly this season.

I have been impressed with the squad atmosphere this year and it is good to see so many of the boys around the club so often. At the time of writing, we are preparing for a final push towards the end of the season, and hope to achieve our main aim of being crowned champions come September.

A special thank you must go to Trevor Welsh for managing the squad this year, and for organising Jamie and I (a tough task!!) Thank you for your support this year

Will Pearce

Matt Bowater – Matt has had a strong season this year and has proved to everyone what a solid shot stopper he is. He has gone from strength to strength and has always been keen to take advice from Jamie, even though at times he always knows what's best anyway!

Mark Timmel – Mark has been one of the most consistent performers this season and has showed the grit and determination needed to succeed at the top level of sport. His steadying influence at Right Half has helped the team greatly and he has also proved to be a supporting vice captain for Patrick.

Brendan Jojart – BJ has adapted well to life at Full Back (FB) and I see this as his position for the future. (Not CF as he thinks!) He has distributed the ball well from fullback and has a good change of pace when it is required. BJ and Nick have formed a formidable partnership at FB even if they do have their ups and downs occasionally.

Nick Geers – Nick has showed this year what a good tackler he really is. Nick also has been converted into a FB and I consider him to be our most consistent performer this season. Although not the biggest, he has showed the strength needed to play at FB. He has kept us all amused with his regular *Tourettes* outbursts and has been a valuable member of the team.

Sam Geers – Sam's core skills have improved dramatically this season and has proved a good outlet to have at LH. He is still working hard on improving his tackling, but he has all the basics there to succeed in that department. Sam has also been able to get forward on regular occasions and help out the midfield.

Patrick Welsh – Patrick has continued his development this year and has been a great leader as captain of the team. His composure at CH has enabled the team to play with a decent structure. He has terrific stick skills and his distribution of the ball is improving game by game. Patrick is also working hard on his drag flicking in extra sessions outside of club training.

Karl Tulloch – Karl is fast becoming a master of the art of 3D hockey. His ability to control the ball in the air whilst on the move is second to none. He terrorizes defenders week

in week out, with his pace and his terrier like qualities. He is also not too bad at the tomahawk goal shot!

Jordan Hughes – This year was Jordan's first year at Melville. He brought the average size of the squad up and has controlled the Inside Left channel with strength and composure. Jordan has a great ability to simplify the game of hockey. Hockey can be such an easy game when you want it to be. Jordan has showed this in many games this season by simply carrying the ball with strength and giving the simple passes. He has had an excellent debut season with Melville.

Blake Simms – Blake is one of the quieter members of the team, (why couldn't there be more?) He has made a massive step up from playing Bs last year and hasn't looked back since. His speed on the right wing is a great asset to the team and he has linked well with Karl at inside right.

Sean Ranford – Sean has a very calming ability on the rest of the squad and always leads from the front at CF. He may not be the quickest but his ability to hold the ball up, and bring other players into the game is an ability not many other boys possess at this young age. He is a consistent goal scorer who is always willing to learn new skills to benefit his game.

Matt Jenson – Another forward with blistering pace, and who is not afraid to use it. Matt scored 5 goals in one game this season which is something most players will never achieve in their careers. A good squad member who will be a menace to every defender he comes up against in the future.

Kyle Dolling – Kyle has had to wait for his chance this year, but has showed his potential when given his opportunities. He brings a much more physical approach to our forward line, which at this age has benefited us greatly. He even had a ten minute spell at FB before coming of and telling me he never wanted to play there again.

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Alex Wragg

A true fullback that reminds me of myself at times, always thinks he can play forward, except he gets to occasionally. Gee I'm good to you AJ!

Tandia Wilkinson

Our goal keeper for the year who played outstandingly when she needed to and kept the boys in line. Thanks for filling in, then eventually becoming our regular, reliable keeper!

Blake Simms

Not sure if it was World Cup fever but Blake was definitely seen playing soccer one afternoon after a hockey game. Hope you weren't saving yourself for the odd soccer game!

Liam Woodward

Could be a forward, halfback or fullback. Either position, he never seems under any stress whatsoever. Generally is kind enough to offer his opinion or interpretation of a decision to the umpire, even his father!

Josh Kent

Does his role well in the halfback position. Occasionally known to be so excited about training that he forgets to tell me until the very end that he won't be playing on the weekend as he is going to the footy! As long as he isn't a Dockers supporter!

David Ogden

Also reminds me of myself at times. That strong, flat hit to a forward, whom, if he were in the appropriate position, would tally up more goal assists for himself. I understand your frustration, but let's face it, forwards just aren't as reliable as halfbacks!

Nick Emmett

The winger who despises running, except when there is a goal to be had. This young, calm and unfazed man could do with a few studs in his shoes for some grip on those days when he slides along the grass making tackles!

Tim Deacon

This kid will run all day and then some if you asked him too. Still a young and inexperienced player to hockey, he is only improving and fast! Could be well suited to the indoor version of the game.

Joe Swan

A big forward who loves to score goals. What forward doesn't though, let's face it. Very strong explosion of speed with the ball and works hard for his team. A very admirable aspect of his game.

Ross Hudson

Not the loudest man in the team, but that's probably due to the excessively loud team mates that he has to endure. Does his job well, which tended to change a fair bit during the season. A smart hockey player whom I am looking forward to seeing develop in the future for our club.

Andrew Gleave

Do not let this man play on a hockey field anywhere near an airport! It is only going to distract him as this man has aspirations of becoming a pilot. Still this "wing man" managed to score a handful of goals that day we played at Guilford and that wasn't the only day he scored a bag. Right spot scores goals!

Bryce Wilson

Managed to make his way up to the B squad during the process of the season, playing nearly half his games with us. Where didn't Bryce play is the question, forward line half line and the backline – he played wherever he was asked, and always gave 100%

Stephen Hall

On loan to us for the odd game from the A squad. A sound player with a good understanding of the game.

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Chris Crosby

Played a couple of games with us and did a superb job. Thanks mate.

Ross Hall

This little man was delighted to have a run for us, especially on the turf. Don't play two people with the same name next to each other though!



Boys Under 15C

A tough season where the score line didn't reflect the guts and determination shown by the shortest team in the U15C competition! The boys often found themselves manned up against kids twice their size with twice their arm reach. They had a courageous season and I'm sure the skills they have developed will stand them in good stead for next year. A bit of hard work and you'll all be in winning teams next year!

It has been a pleasure to coach them. Many thanks to all the parents for cheering us on (and bringing snakes!) and to all the boys who played along with us when needed during the season.

COACH: MATTHEW BELL
MANAGER: NATALIE LUCAS

Alex Biggins

"B1" Alex has proved himself time and time again as a reliable pivot, his keen eye and skill allowed him to comfortably receive the ball and pass it straight away to one of ours with great precision. Great season B1.

Chris Biggins

"B2" Alex's little brother playing up from his normal age group. Chris during the season made some great runs weaving between players as his little legs went as fast as they could straight for the opposition goals. Well done B2!

Conor Faulds

Conor proved a huge asset as a inner. His shock tactics worked well in his favour. That is to say the other teams were shocked to see that he had great skill, timing, speed and reach for a boy the size of him. Great season Conor.

Aidan Gallagher

The introduction of Aidan as our goalie was well timed, a team that was swapping the pads every game now had a strong defense man. Aidan proved not only a great goalie, but a solid rock for the team to interact with and look to for support. Well done Aidan.

Joshua Lucus

The older half of the elusive Lucus bros, Josh played the position of half with intensity and courage. Never afraid to approach the bigger players on other teams to lay a strong tackle, also capable of running like the wind. Truly a force to be reckoned with, Josh.

Jake Lucus

The younger half of the deadly duo that is the Lucus bros, Jake was not only a full back but our chief hitter. Once he took time to perfect his hitting, he was able to slog it all the way up the field beyond their defence, Great season Jake.

Rhys Matthews

Also playing above his normal age group, Rhys would play his game every morning then come and help out us every afternoon he could. A powerful player considering he is about half the body and height of most of the opponents, Good luck next year Rhys.

Tom Murray

Tom is a strong attacker,. When he focuses on his game and analyses his opponents, he plays some of the best hockey in the grade. His eagle eyes rarely failed him when picking off their defensive hit outs. Well done Tom.

Jack Oliver

As an inner/winger Jack really found his comfort zone in the team. Always making a lead up the line or between opponents, making himself available to any and all of our defensive hits. Great season Jack - good luck for the future.

Matthew Page

The little kid that could. Matt suffered a pretty painful injury in the very beginning of the season, causing a little break from the game so he could heal up. Once he did though he hit the field hard, not taking no for an answer. Great hustle little Matty.

James Pitcher

Pitcher's offensive efforts during the season did not go unnoticed. He was a very valued member of the attack always making the effort to be an option and once he received the ball he was able to either pass or run the ball very effectively. Great season Pitcher.

Alex Roberts

Alex has very well rounded skills. He is a strong defender when he is played back and also has the skill to take the ball with him as he makes a mad dash for their goals. He is very knowledgeable about the game and follows it until he can see an opening to attack. Well done Alex.

Michael Wawryk

Wawryk was our fullback along with Jake. He responded well to his tasks in the back line and throughout the season made some very strong tackles on a consistent basis. He also made the connection to cover the goals at any cost in any situation. Great effort Michael.

Bryce Wilson

Bryce was our leading strength in the half back position... for a period of time. He was then selected to perform in the 15B team which meant we lost him for some of the later games. However, he did make an effort to attend as many of our games as he could. Cheers Bryce.

Girls Under 15C

This year saw a group of girls, many who were new to the club, go from strength to strength, both in their individual performances and as a team. They went from the bottom of the ladder to ending the season in the top 3, even going so far as to win an impressive game against the top side. A very talented group of hockey players and an absolute pleasure to coach.

Alice Beauglehole

Alice was told she had to earn her position in full back, and earn it she did. She provided the team with a solid defence and her strength in a tackle was often the difference between a goal being scored or not.

Skye Buitendag

Skye joined us mid-season, and although she didn't play many games, she showed great potential. Hopefully Skye will be back next year and we will get to see her skills blossom.

Stephanie Dixon

Our half-back line was our strongest asset this year, and Steph as center half-back provided control in each game by reading and redirecting play and providing the necessary opportunities for the forwards to score. She possesses exceptional hockey skills and is a very talented player.

Kate Hill

Kate has had a fantastic season. She is a star winger, with the speed, skills and positional know-how to have made her one of the top goal scorers in the league. Excellent effort Kate!

Sarah King

Sarah didn't want to play up in the forward line. Coach thought it would be a good experience for her. Coach was right. The partnership of Kate and Sarah on the right led our team to victory on more than one occasion, with some especially spectacular goals from Sarah.

Britt MacDonald

A new member to the club, Britt played a very solid season in the half back line. She is a very talented hockey player who often gave the team the breaks they needed at crucial points in the game.

Rachael Morey

Rachel had a slow start to the season but as the games went by, her skills and confidence grew enormously. She has played her position as full back with a strength and reliability that has been commendable. Her persistence in defense often saw her take a ball from the back line past the half-way line, and she never shied away from a tackle.

Stephanie Spedding

Stephanie proved herself indispensable on the field, often playing beyond the call of her position. With seemingly endless energy she could be relied on to take the ball right into the "D" and then chase the ball back into deep defense.

Ashleigh Sperinck

At the beginning of the season the team didn't have a goalie. Without even a second thought Ashleigh volunteered herself as our last line of defence. She has embraced her position and loves her new role in the game.

Jessica Sperinck

Despite being ill for most of the season, Jess wouldn't give up on her hockey. She was almost too enthusiastic, and at times she had to be dragged off the field against her will. Her skills improved tremendously this year, and she became a real force in the mid field.

Sharni Warren

Sharni had never picked up a hockey stick before this year, but you wouldn't be able to pick that by watching her on the field. Her speed and enthusiasm has made her a very successful winger, with more than one goal to show for her efforts. We look forward to seeing her skills grow in future seasons.

Chelle Williams

Chelle played extremely well this season, showing the ability to adapt her skills to suit different situations on field. Often having to switch between positions, her reliability made her a valuable asset on the field.



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Sam Dennis

Terrific work rate and enthusiasm with strength through the midfield. Great ball skills and control. Sam never gives up!

Nick Fairfoul

Nick's talent never fails to amaze us! He is most consistent and provides a reliable link for his team mates.

Jake Gorman

If he was a few years older, George would be in trouble! Jake has had a great season, with some fantastic saves.

Ben Graham

Our turbo-charged all rounder. Can always be relied upon when a serious chase for the ball is required.

Ross Hall

Famous catch cry is "Can I go back on?" after being off for three seconds. Enormous energy, fantastic ball control, a real powerhouse on the field.

Mike Halliday

Mike has great ball and tackling skills and he frequently came away with the ball when the opposition least expected it.

Sam Hardinge

Sam's game has matured out of sight this year, with the ability to penetrate opposition defences. Sam is an asset to the side.

James Jewson

A solid contribution through the season in the backline. James has gained confidence and is now focusing more on his game.



Patrick Lawther

A very reliable back player. Reads the play well and performs some well executed tackles.

Conor MacDonald

Always full on, head on, non stop against all opposition, even if they are twice Conor's size.

Steven Oosterbaan

Always dependable. Continues to develop and enhance his hockey skills.

Stephen Ranford

Ever reliable backline player, with strong clearing hits. Stephen is a very hard worker in defence.

Denvor Stove

Denvor has a great positive attitude. He always gives encouragement to his team mates, both on and off the field. He has displayed concentration and determination and this, together with his speed (turbo?) makes him a welcome team member.

Nick Tate

Nick has demonstrated his hockey skills and determination to trouble any of his opponents throughout the season. Many thanks to Dad for blowing the whistle every Saturday.

Morgan Ward

A very welcome new member to the club. Holds the record for the best goal this season - or many seasons! Sadly sidelined for the end of the season. Looking forward to Morgan's return next season and more spectacular shots for goals!

Girls Under 13A

The U13A Girls team has had a very successful season. This team has so much potential, they have the ability to beat any team in the competition. They have learnt a lot thanks to our wonderful coach Leanne Jarvis. The South Perth clash was a highlight, it was hockey poetry in motion and boy, was Lee happy with them. Lee's faith and enthusiasm in the future of these girls is to be applauded. We are all keen to see just how high these girls can go with their hockey careers.

Di Menegola – Team Manager

Great support, Lee's memory, amazing organization, soothing influence on the bench in times of need. Thanks for all your wonderful effort.

Erin Hall – Warm up Coach

Thanks to Erin's effort in being a back up for Lee in getting the girls ready for the coach's arrival. Fitness was never going to be a problem with our team due to Erin's warm ups. Great to have the experience of a young player wanting to go all the way for the girls to look up to and follow in her footsteps.

Sarah Bowyer – A senior player who has led by example with her great stick work and speed. Sarah is a wonderful forward as she knows how to score goals.

India Brockman - Played the season in full back with good reason. She can be relied on to intercept and stop fast and skilled opposition forwards. Saved us from defeat so many times.

Briony Clark - Like her mum, she is a star. Really found her positional forte as centre half back. She has the determination and skill to change the direction of play. Took a big step up this season. Clocked up 50 games this season.

Rachel Harries - Rachel was our halfback this season and had to take on the opposition wings (which are usually the fastest player in the team). She continued to develop this season and was an important part of our team. Great season Rachel.

Elyce Joseph - The team was very grateful to have a player who could play anywhere on the forward line. Elyce showed some great stick work and was a very valuable player in our team.

Josie Mark - Wow, give Josie a ball and open space and watch out goalie! She has a flair and adds something special to the team.

Holly Menegola - Played on the forward line then proved valuable as a halfback. She improved as the season went on. Her versatility and understanding of positions is a blessing for a coach. Another of our 50 game stars.

Amelia Scalise - Amelia has speed and showed it on the wing this season. She is a reliable thinking player who is an asset to our team.

Megan Silvey - Megan is a pleasure to watch as her stick work and running strength is why she is a wonderful winger. We are sure Megan will go places with her hockey career.

Kirsten Silvey – The youngest member of the team but one of the hardest hitters. She is very valuable in the full back position. Kirsten has had a great season and taken on the older girls no worries. Well done.

Claire Timmel – Claire is a powerhouse. She has it all, determination, skill and leadership, this is why she dominated in so many games this year. Achieved 50 game status this year.

Louise Watson – Louise is still the goal sneak. She knows where to position herself and was one of our major goal scorers. Congratulations on being accepted into the Como Hockey program.

Tandia Wilkinson – Where would we be without our star goalie! Tandia has further developed her keeping skills this year. She has kicked, dived, used her hands – whatever it took to stop those goals. Another to join the 50 game club. Well done Tandia.



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Boys Under 13B South

What a great bunch of boys to coach. They did not enjoy running too much at training, but on game day, everyone always gave it their best.

Our first game of the season was a highlight for some of the team – it was their first win in junior hockey after 2 seasons. Things looked promising from there, but at the half way mark, we discovered our opposition was improving more than us.

Thank you to everyone for putting up with a squad of 15 players. It meant less game time, but it helped at the start of the season with two players out for broken fingers!

Here are the members of the Fantastic Fifteen . . .

Callum Ashby – An enthusiastic attacking player. Callum never stops running and won many battles when he chased the opposition. Has a tendency to go for the big shot. Our second member of the Hat-trick club. Well done Callum.

Graeme Baxter – Our No1 Centre Half, Graeme also made a name for himself as a great fullback and someone who can hit the ball so hard he hurt the coach! Graeme has given our defence a great deal of strength this season. Well done Graeme.

Cameron Harries – Cameron is our Mr Versatile. He can play any position, even filling in for goalie (with best player votes) while Matthew was in the broken finger club. Cameron also scored his first goal in Junior hockey this season. Onya Cam.

Sam Walker – Fullback No1. Sam played some awesome games where he stopped many shots on goal. Sam never gives up and will always chase hard and clear the ball out of danger. Well done Sam.

Samuel Mazzer – Centre Half No2 and Inner. Our first goal scorer of the season, Sam has a great hit and has the ability to think quickly and play on to the team's advantage. Well done Sam.

Ryan Palmeiro – Left Half supremo. Ryan has found a niche at Left Half. He has been improving all season and his stand out performance was against Aquinians in Round 8. Ryan scored 2 goals for U13 South Gold one week. Well done Ryan.

Blake Thompson – Left Wing, Left Half No2. Blake is another big improver this season. He has played mostly at Left Wing but will always play his position well wherever he is put. Blake's strength is that he never stops tackling. Well done Blake.

Liam Smart – Right Wing No1. Liam never stops running and will always play a team game. He has been unlucky in many goal scoring situations, but has managed to score a couple. Well done Liam.

Inti Mason – Centre Forward No1. Inti has been our lynchpin in the forward line. He has strong stick skills and always builds the attack with his great passing. Inti is growing into a very mature player and is still getting better. Well done Inti.

Mark Shelton – Right Half No1. Mark is a valuable player in defence. He has a consistent strong hit and adds strength and height to the midfield where he has repelled many attacks. Well done Mark.

Matthew Pashley – Goalie. Inaugural member of the broken finger club. Matthew is not afraid to "take out" opposition attackers which makes for exciting hockey and some great saves! Well done Matthew.

Rory Gibbs – Fullback No3. Rory had a delayed start to the season because he thought he would join the broken finger club with Matthew. Rory is a great tackler and very cool in defence. Rory has enjoyed playing in half back as well. Well done Rory.

Jesse Martin – Right Inner No1, and anywhere else. Jesse is a very talented hockey player (as well as a TV star!). Jesse is also a natural leader on the field and is always talking up the team. Jesse was finally rewarded in Round 12 with a goal after many attempts. Well done Jesse.

Rhys Matthews – Right Wing No2. Rhys is capable of bringing the crowd to the edge of their seats when he gets the ball in attack. He is another player that never stops running and doesn't mind putting his body on the line. First member of the Hat-trick club. Well done Rhys.

Christopher Steenkamp – Fullback No2. Christopher is a strong hitter of the ball and has worked well with Sam W back at full back this season. Christopher has learnt this season to take his time and hence produce much better results! Well done Christopher.

A big thank you to the supportive parents, especially all the dads that umpired. It was a great team effort all round!

Boys Under 13C South (Gold)

The U/13C team had a challenging but generally enjoyable year. For several of the boys, this was their first year at the U/13 level while for a few others it was their first year playing hockey altogether! For all boys in the team, the potential was there to improve their fitness, basic skills and teamwork, which we pursued relentlessly throughout the course of the season.

As expected, with persistence, this began to pay dividends in the latter half of the season. I think most of our opponents were taken by surprise at our significant improvement during the second round. Although the scoreline didn't always reflect it, the boys played some very competitive hockey. In fact, all the boys should be proud of their efforts against Mods, the two WASP teams (particularly that fantastic 3-1 win) and the draw against Willetton when we only had nine players.

The most pleasing aspect of the season was that we started to use the ball intelligently (get it to the right side!!!!!!!).

Importantly, this proved that we could control the ball so that we could develop and play an attacking game. This, in turn, allowed us to build confidence in ourselves.

While hockey is very much a team sport and the efforts of all the boys should be recognized, I'm sure all members of the team would acknowledge the fantastic efforts our goalie, Julian Sorgiovanni, provided over the course of the season. Julian displayed some brilliant goal-keeping. With further development, I believe he will develop into a first class keeper for the Club.

Many thanks must go to Slavica Pervan for her team management skills, all the parents for supporting the team and ensuring the boys got to training and the games, and to the boys for sticking it out throughout the season and putting up with me!

Brad Bocking
Coach



Boys U13C

Girls Under 13B South

Our team U13 B Girls have been amazing this season. In each game they have worked as a team and developed skills and strategies, both individually and collaboratively. Perhaps the most defining moment was achieving their Challenge Cup Pennant but this was secondary to the camaraderie and cohesive spirit displayed by the individuals and their supporters. An excellent season with thanks going to each team member, parents and our coach, Bill Morrison.

Verity Swift

Verity has been a key defensive player in the team and her most noted achievement has been her improved confidence and development of her ability to run with the ball.

Emily Casely

Emily has shown a tenacity and consistency in her approach throughout the whole season. She has been defined in her ability to continue attack until ownership is reverted.

Brianna Coleman

Brianna has shown a significant improvement in both her skills and ability to read the play. She has developed her confidence and has become a key player in the team.

Shailey Rushton

Shailey has always been relied upon in her position as full back. Her ability to stop the ball dead and to clear all balls away from goal have made her invaluable in defense.

Shana Purcell

Shana began the season as a rookie goal keeper. She undertook specialized goalie training and has developed her skills and the role to become an invaluable member of the team.

Kelly St Clair

Kelly has developed her skills and confidence throughout the season within the team. She was a key player in moving the ball down the wing and has become an integral part of the offensive by scoring and assisting goals.

Stephanie Lynch

Stephanie is a quiet achiever who has developed both in confidence and ability throughout the season. She has become an integral part of the offensive side and a key player in converting to goals.

Nicola Cook

Nicola has been a key defender for the team. She has always been relied upon as our first line of defense and showed an improvement in both her ability to read the play and to initiate defense.

Josephine Mark

Josie has been an integral part of our offensive side. She has shown speed and agility while boosting the team score and morale in the second half of the season.

Denby Russell

Denby has been an invaluable mid-fielder, moving the ball towards goal and either initiating or assisting goals. She has worked consistently throughout the season and built on existing skills and strengths.

Caitlin Sweeting

Caitlin has been a strong player throughout the season. She has tenacity and vocal enthusiasm for the game. She supports other players and leads by example.

Sarah Morrison

Sarah too is a quiet achiever who has worked hard throughout the season, always doing her best. She has made a significant contribution to the team and has developed her ball skills and her ability to read the play and forward the ball on.



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Boys Under 11A

Jason Broadbridge - Jason has developed his hitting really well this year. Jason has shown an enormous amount of flexibility and on field maturity, playing most of his games as an inside forward and full back, with some super shots on goals. Jason never stops running. Well done mate.

Bryn De Bes - Bryn is certainly one of the most improved. He played most of the season in the left fullback role and is one of the hardest tacklers and running players every week. Bryn has really developed his thinking game! Thanks for a great year Bryn.

Shaun Gibbins - Shaun found a niche role on right wing and provided the team with speed and hard hitting on goals. Shaun has the ability to trap the ball at all angles and still get a decent pass or shot away. Shaun is another player who always does what is asked and never stops running for his team.

Cahill Hunt - Cahill found himself on left wing and left half back most of the season. A very determined running player with a great drag that fooled many defenders. Cahill is our designated short corner expert (hitting out). There are not many players who consistently hit straight and hard like Cahill. Thanks for a great year Cahill.

Ben Joseph - Ben has become a very valuable team member. Playing centre forward and half back, he manages to set up some great passes. Ben is a friendly team member and loves playing in goals - although I am not sure why! Well done mate some great position play and team support. When Ben hits hard it flies, just has to watch that dropped shoulder - a few opposition will agree. Keep it up Benjo!

Daniel MacPhail - Daniel plays his best hockey when you least expect it. Hit early in the season by a high ball, Daniel has shown a huge amount of resilience and determination. Daniel is one of the quieter team members, however one of the easiest to coach. Thanks Daniel for always putting in 100% of what is asked of you. Daniel's nick name is DOT after one ball left some on his leg early on in the year. Great work!

Bryn Mathews - Bryn is our second quietest player. Certainly one of the most placid players on the team, often getting a mouthful from the coach to get in there and "fight hard for the ball". It has been a pleasure to coach Bryn and thank you for all your hard work up forward. Remember the ball is yours - aaarrggghhhh!

Harry Mayer - Harry showed his true colours late in the season, saving some of the best saves I have ever seen as keeper. However Harry is also an extremely hard running forward who has a happy personality which has made him a liked team member. Harry is renowned for his in-close stick skills, winning the ball most times. Thanks Harry see you next year!

Jake Nelson - Jake is organised and dedicated. A top guy and makes coaching fun. He puts in 110% especially when push-ups are offered as incentive. Jake plays with passion, often finding himself placed in key roles across the half back line. Just need to remember that those hard hits are not related to the size of your back swing. Keep smiling dude and enjoying your hockey like you are.

David Oliver - David is a sleeping giant. When he gets into it nothing can stop him. Later in the year David found himself at L-inside and I must say his work rate was impressive with some excellent ball skills and some extremely powerful shots on goals. Thanks David – a pleasure to coach, good luck next year.

Kai Png - Kai is new to the game although you wouldn't believe it. Kai plays on L-wing and centre forward and has some of the best ball skills in close. Kai had an injury-riddled second half of the season but always puts in 100%. Remember to focus on what the coach is saying and keep giving it your best. Well done mate, you have really come long way.

Mathew Taylor - Mathew has shone in the tough games which is testimony to his character. Mathew has scored some super goals and provided some excellent leads. Mathew played a few games as half back in the second half of the season and has provided the team with some extra depth in those tough times. You only ever have to ask Mathew to do something once! Thank you mate and good luck next year.

Ryan Vickery - Ryan is one of our hardest hitters in the team, one of the hardest runners and certainly tacklers. Ryan is a crazy guy - he likes to play in goals and throw himself around! Ryan's hockey brain has really developed. He has an excellent understanding of position play. Ryan was our designated long corner hitter. Thanks Ryan keep laughing, have FUN and you will go a long way. Keep aiming for the top right corner.

Zac Vinci - Our specialist half back. Zac was an essential element in our success. Zac plays the half back role to perfection. It's not often you see his man getting much of the ball down the left wing. Zac is a pleasure to coach and although he supports the Dockers (passionately) has no other problems. Zac's tackles have improved 100% and he is now concentrating at becoming an extra player when we move forward. Thanks mate and have a great off season.

Thanks you to all the players who put in 100% over the entire season and put up with the coach's ranting and raving - I think all players are going to push the ball when under pressure rather than lift the stick to hit! The whole team has done an exceptional job the entire year. Special thanks go to the Mums, Dads and Grandparents who came down and supported their children on those wet and windy days. Special thanks to Brett who helped coach every week and Tracey our manager who organised rosters, photos, team reports etc. Thanks must also go to those dedicated umpires who stood ALONE on the sideline. Good luck next year kids as your skills develop and become hard core hockey enthusiasts.

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Girls Under 11A

Rarely would an Under 11 team have undergone such a searching pre-season selection process, such was the talent to choose from. Melville City is fortunate to have a wealth of playing depth and these girls will be fighting for top honours for years to come. This internal competition will extend their development and it will be a delight to see them progress through the junior ranks into the seniors.

As coach, I have enjoyed my time with this wonderful group of girls. I've found it exciting seeing all the potential in this group and rewarding to see their development over the season. They are a very coachable bunch and a treasure that the club must nurture. Thanks go to Wayne Hudson for his wholehearted support and also to Sue Clark and Deanne Rule. To Scott, as manager, and all the proud parents, my warmest thanks.

Keith Harper
coach

Aimee Clark mostly played as an inner and became our strongest forward. Able to hold the ball, her greatest asset was her vision in her passing. She was our first forward to grasp the idea of putting pressure on to opposition defences with tenacious tackling. She has leadership potential written all over her.

Ashleigh McNess was a bit of a maverick when playing upfield. '*Smash*' found her niche at left fullback where she and Maddie formed one of the best defensive pairs in the competition. A magnificent striker of the ball, she showed her class by using this ability to set up our forwards time and time again. It was particularly pleasing to see her pass with confidence from the left to the right. Watch out when she becomes fitter.

India Nelson was a bit of a gamble by the selectors with her being so young. However, she quickly repaid their faith with her ability to penetrate defensive lines with her powerful, intelligent passing from right half. She still has a lot to learn about positioning and marking closely but she's going to be a 'ripper' of a player.

Grace Bowyer has pace to burn, a great competitive attitude and good skills, yet it was not until she played out on the left wing that the team really benefited from her influence. She dominated defenders with her flair and gave our team the luxury of having strong avenues into attack through both flanks. When she develops her shot on goal she's going to become a scoring machine.

Kathryn Rule put the wind up the coach with her tenacious tackling, let alone the poor girls on the opposition. She started at left half and made it her own but she also played in attack when the team needed some aggression and drive. It was pleasing to see how much her hitting improved over the season. Needs to work on her spelling: she's got no idea how to spell 'fear' or 'give up'. Kath is the team barometer – when she's firing, watch out!!

Madeleine Harper was the coach's pet. Blessed with speed, endurance and the ability to read the play, '*Maddy*' was the best back tackling fullback in the comp. Formed a great partnership with '*Smash*' and, like her, set up many attacks with her strong, well placed hitting. Her tackling was a lesson to many of her team-mates. She just needs to make better choices with her short push passes.

Madeleine Brockman '*Beat-All*' was our gem in the crown. At centre half she was well positioned to mark out damaging forwards and intercept their attacking forays. At times, her cover defensive work was breathtaking in its timing. With confidence, *Beat-All* will develop an attacking aspect to her game and then watch opposition teams tremble. An intelligent player, Madeleine is very, very coachable.

Paige Hudson played in goals all season which had a tremendous settling influence on the team and allowed our field players to grow into their positions. Paige herself rose to the occasion when we needed her most – against the top teams. Her positioning on her line was excellent and with confidence and aggression, she's going to be the bane of any opposition attack.

Rachel Clark was our major avenue into attack for the whole season. At right wing, she powered around, through and over her opponents with a strength that was unmatched by anyone else in the grade. Rachel was our most prolific scorer and, with her passing, set up more goals than anyone else. All this and we've only woken up a quarter of her potential. She's going to be a force in the future.

Rebecca Moore became our most versatile player and could slip into any role given to her. She's able to read the play well from half back and her passing has come on in leaps and bounds. In attack she needs to finish off her hard work with a bit more aggression in the circle. Once she tastes the adrenalin rush of goal scoring there's going to be a rampage: *Rampaging Rebecca*.

Rhianna Clay played across our forward line and half line but was at her most damaging best when she broke through and carried the ball deep into attack with great pace. With the strength that comes with maturity, Rhianna will be able to finish off the attacks that she sets up. Her hitting, too, will improve as she gets stronger. Rhianna's tackling has remained first rate all year.

Tayla Martin gained more confidence this year than any other player. She started the season a little tentatively but midway through it her competitive streak broke through and her attack on the ball was second to none. Playing in attack, she put great pressure on our opponents. As she gains more control she's going to realise that she's got the time to put away the opportunities that she creates for herself. Another goal scoring machine in the making.

Boys Under 11B South (White)

A scary introduction for the first-time coach when faced with twelve very loud, very energetic, very enthusiastic and ultimately, very talented young boys. As the season progressed, the boys gelled together to become a very competitive junior hockey side that played all games with good spirit. Their basic skills of passing, trapping, leading and dribbling all improved during the season and their excellent results reflected their improved understanding of hockey. The boys were a pleasure to coach and we all learnt as the season went on. Great fun guys. And remember, 'If in doubt – hit it out'.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Jack Hallam – Always in the engine room working hard and always willing to fight to the end. His hitting is improving all the time and he will be a leader of the future. Willing to use his voice to get the team going.

Rhys Hussey – A surprise packet on the left wing and in the goals. Big, fit and fast. With more work on his ball skills this boy will be very hard to beat. He loves to attack and it was great to watch Rhys beat oncoming defenders as he headed up the field.

Harry Love – Came into his own when pushed forward where he caused many problems for the opposition with his determined style of play. On occasion Harry displayed an above average ability to make a difficult pass look easy.

Josh Clements – Asked to play in a number of positions and always rose to the challenge. An uncanny knack to trap the hard ball and lay solid tackles. A very popular team member.

Connor Noone – A natural runner who used his speed and endurance in every game to always cause problems for the opposition. Connor could never be kept out of the play for long. The more work he got, the better he got. A good trainer and listener.

Keiran Smythe – The unsung hero. Keiran played the role of team link-man all season between the defence and the attack. He can trap any ball and always gave a second effort. A very steady player who makes the game look easy. Never under pressure.

Christopher Evans - Mr Reliable! Chris really improved as the season went on and was one of our most consistent players, beating his man every week and always sticking to team rules. Chris also trained with purpose and could be relied on to give 110%.

Matthew Owen – Would always find the ball, whether on the wing or drifting into the middle. A pleasure to coach and we all look forward to watching this guy develop into a top player for MCHC. Loves hockey!

Julian Bocking – Smaller in size but one of the biggest in ability. Julian made the left inner position his own and his work to create opportunities for others around him resulted in some great team goals. A committed trainer and always willing to listen. Can really control the ball.

Ben Girling – An excitement machine, Ben became known for his long runs, turning defence into attack and his hard running throughout the entire game. For a first year player Ben really showed a love and aptitude for the game and will continue to improve his hockey.

Alex Kidd - Always came to play his best. Alex did not play a bad game all year and his consistency made him a very valuable part of the team. His speed and ability to run with the ball always gave the supporters something to cheer. Our *Mr. Fixit*.

Brent Gauci – When Brent played well, the team scored goals. Brent is lightning fast and really worked hard to get to many contests on the field. He will continue to improve and excite the sideline.



Boys U11B

Boys Under 11B South (Maroon)

We started the year with some fundamental skills that needed to be sorted out, which took a while. Positional play was also a key area for development. Early on, confidence was the key. Our boys had the skill and the ability to match and beat the opposition but needed to believe they could achieve this themselves.

Once this came about and these issues were resolved, the boys started to play a brand of hockey that was not only pleasing to watch but very mature and team oriented. The boys were very close to winning more games than they did and they should feel proud of the way they finished their season. I know the coaches are very proud to have been involved with them.

Ali Ammar – Great listener. Always tries hard. Unfortunately didn't get a go in goals this year as he was too tall for the gear.

Jake Coleman – The boys who knows how to be cheeky at training but is always a valuable centre half on game day.

Lachlan Dymond – At the start, a hard task to remedy his hitting and positional play but evolved into a very talented left inner.

Hayden Gibney – The boy who can talk under water has a very good eye for tackling and, when he wants, gives a very positive result to the game.

Bill Golding – Took a while to get used to the big field and the space on offer but soon found his feet and the goals.

Jordan Golding – The youngest in the team also searched for his footing in the game but soon started running down everything and set up many great plays.

Adam Hudson – A truly talented player who gave his best in any position he was put in. A great defender at right half.

Taigh MacDonald – A running machine. For such a young player, Taigh has great pace and skill to offer. Keep working on that hitting.

David Melling – David found his niche in centre forward. Has great skill and understanding of the game. Well done.

Justin Pierluigi – The master of the slap stick. We tried to get Justin to hit the ball but ... hey! Handy in both defence and attack. Also scored some great goals.

Joel Scott – Mister long handle. Trying to get Joel to shorten his grip is a mission. Nevertheless, a very competent defender who got us out of many tight spots.

Michael Vass – Just the opposite of Joel, Michael likes to choke his stick but he will work it out eventually. A great running player, also with good control and skill. Always willing to do the work.



Boys U11A team 2006

Girls Under 11B Gold

Being my first year with Melville hockey and a first time Mum, coaching is probably the last thing I should have taken on. However, I couldn't have hand picked a better group of girls or more supportive parents. All of the girls are naturals, some find it easier than others and not one of them ever gives up or ever stops trying.

As a result, the group of individuals that met back in April are now a very talented hockey team, with a very proud coach.

Natalie Johnson
Coach

LEILA – Full back or half back. Leila is a good defender. She enjoys the defensive positions and is also good in goals. When coached, she does well as she is a good listener.

BRIGID – Brig only just started this season, so we haven't found a position for her yet. She is making great progress. So far she's played inner and wing, needs lots of encouragement and chances to prove herself.

TANEESHA – Is a great wing or half back, with a great hit that she has developed throughout the season. She is very passionate and full of beans. Concentrate on pushing and hitting on the run.

ELENI – Chatterbox, good fullback or half back. She's a great team player and is a good player when she asserts herself. Eleni would be great in a leadership role.

CHANTAL – Centre forward or half back. Great learner and will be a great player. She's good at carrying the ball and has great skills. Needs to follow through and keep going. Chantal has passion for hockey, it's very admirable.

ANNIE – Excellent defender, no matter where you put her. Will always follow through. Needs direction when hitting out of defense. Annie will be a great hockey player and I actually wouldn't mind playing alongside her in the future.

SABRINA – Inner/ Centre Forward. Only just started this season, very keen to learn, and has already shown some promising talent. Stick with it, sweetie, I believe in you.

AMANDA – Started out as a half back and has become our star goal scorer. It's Amanda's first season and she is my most improved player. She has the aggression and tenacity of a striker and knows how to lead. Easy on the tackling kiddo, you can be scary.

FALLON – Great winger, potential inner. Very good at following direction, and tackling for the ball, won't give up. I'm just waiting for Fallon to score her first goal and it will all flow from there. Keep going sweetie.

CHIARA – Good half back, especially centre. We will concentrate on coaching Chiara in one position, centre half. Focus on switching. Gets nervous on free hits, needs to believe in herself and want that ball. Has never missed a game or training, good commitment, good girl.

BRITTANY – Excellent player knows basics, very strong, a great right half back and forward. Brit always listens which makes her easy to coach. She thinks about her game and tries new skills. Brittany will be a great player, strong and consistent.

EMMA – Good winger or inner, needs to learn how to run with the ball, and pass. Lacks confidence, has the potential to be great. Like Fallon, once Emma scores that first goal, her confidence will lift and she'll get stronger. Keep going Em.



Girls U11A

Girls Under 11B Black

Most of the team this year had not played Juniors before. Some had not played hockey at all but you would never have known. After a strong and enthusiastic start, the girls fell into a lull mid season but returned in term 3 with a vengeance. Every team member played their very hardest. They consistently stayed in position (with only the occasional sideline reminder) and demonstrated that they had, in fact, been listening to Coach Jeff. Their ball and passing skills have improved dramatically and they are an all round fabulous team who should be proud of their hockey skills. We hope they can stay together. Many thanks to Jeff who tirelessly turned up for every training session and game ... rain, hail or shine.

Player Notes :

Gina plays wing and defence. For her first year of hockey she has done a wonderful job. Throughout the season she has gone from strength to strength. Her determination to get the ball was evident in every game. Great job Gina.

Kate has had a great year on the forward line, often with speedy breaks down the wing. She is a hard tackler, never gives up and gets the ball on to her teammates with lovely passes. A very important member of the team – the half time lolly girl! Well done this year, Kate.

Rebecca has come a long way this year, becoming a very strong forward player with plenty of goals this season. She works hard and is always very determined to get the ball. Hope to see you back next year. Well done Rebecca!

Erin started the season happily, skipping across the hockey field twirling her hockey stick. Over the weeks she has progressed into a competitive player who puts in a gutsy performance. It's been a pleasure to see her skills and attitude grow. Go Erin!



Girls U11A

Cara joined the team with some experience, having played Under 11's last year. She plays consistently well and is a strong team member. A quiet achiever who always concentrates on the game and stays in position (with occasional verbal assistance from her Mum).

Serena is an experienced player who the team relies on. She always seems to be in the action and is very focussed and determined. She demonstrates strong ball skills and is a great hitter with a great hat! Go Serena.

This was **Emma's** (one plait) first year of playing hockey, coming from a background of playing cricket. Emma improved her skills as the season progressed and focussed well on the game learning her position (left inner, left wing) really well. Emma has come to every training and game and it was a delight to have her in the team.

This was also **Arielle's** (two plaits) first season of hockey following on from cricket. From the first game you would never have guessed she hadn't played hockey before. She demonstrates determination, tenacity and has also attended every training and game. Hope to see you back next year Arielle.

Nina is a speedy, alert player who is always ready for action. She keeps her eye on the ball and is quick to steal it from an opponent, skillfully dribbling or hitting it down to Melville's goal. A great season Nina, well done!

Janie is the height of our team. She performs best at the front and is great to see in open play. Janie is another quiet achiever who played well and consistently throughout the season. Hope to see you back Janie.

Ebony also joined the team with some experience in Under 11's. A determined player and the star goal scorer of the team, Ebony is focussed, fast and demonstrates good technical skills. We hope to see you back next year.

Brooke is an attentive player who is always amongst the action. She is a strong team player who passes well and easily and remains focussed under pressure, never letting the opposition scare her. Go Brooke.

Boys Under 11 Regional Gold Maroon

This team can be described in two ways. From a Coach's perspective, an undisciplined rebellious, noisy rabble. Their parents may see an enthusiastic young and energetic team which conceded very few goals and won every match by a significant margin. It has been an absolute pleasure being Coach of this group as they are great fun. They have worked very hard on improving their skills and teammanship generally. They have deserved the success that their Hockey has given them this season.

Coach: Kurt Gebauer

Assistant Coaches: Steve Metcalfe and Les Faulds

Umpire: Dieter Gebauer

AIDAN BEDFORD

Quiet achiever with a wry smile. Never ruffled, with nerves of steel. A persistent hard hitting full back who trains just as hard as he plays. Enjoys a challenge.

BRODIE CLEMENTS

He stated at the first training session he was only going to train and not play. However, after a few games seeing how much fun his brothers had, he became an essential member of our team. The Super Sub with a number of "Best Player" nominations.

DECLAN CLEMENTS

A rocket and tenacious fighter. He always gives his best chasing in defence and storming in attack. His hits at goal have improved a lot and he has scored several goals as a result

TOBEN CLEMENTS

A fast streak down the right wing. Enthusiastic, aggressive, a real warrior. Big heart and never gives less than 100%. He has managed to increase his hitting, giving good passes and scoring goals.

AIDAN FAULDS

One of our top goal scorers. Considerable skill and energy. Huge work rate and always keen to go forward. He is a great asset to our team. He has worked on improving his teammanship and around the field skills.

MANON GEBAUER

A goal shark hovering on the post turning scraps into goals. Has learnt to carry the ball, drag and pass opposition. Gives her best to the team. Always makes herself available and keen to pass to set up others for a shot on goal.

MATHIAS GEBAUER

Lopes in midfield. Manages to look effortless most of the time. Carries the ball well through a crowd to distribute. Gives great passes to the forward pack, setting up many scoring opportunities.

SAMUEL LEE

Quiet and enthusiastic. New to hockey. The coach's dream! Solid, reliable and a great asset to any team. Trains and plays to the same high personal standard.

ANDREW METCALFE

Has come on significantly as the season progresses. Confident to take on defenders. His hitting and passing has improved enormously. Enthusiastic in his teammanship. Great attitude and effort at training sessions.

THOMAS MEYER

Dependable midfielder. His hit has become one of the hardest in the team. He has scored and gives very good passes. Always runs and supports in attack and defence.

DANIEL PRITCHARD

Tall and solid in defence. He has a strong and accurate hit. His long reach and poke tackles have stopped many an opposition attack. Unflappable, appears unworried and confident at all times.

RAJ SEMBI

Plays in many positions at an equally competent level. Can carry the ball around several defenders and passes very well to set up goals. He has made very good progress this year. Enthusiastic and keen. Scores the most spectacular goals.



Boys Under 11 Regional Gold White

This was the first year in U11's for most of the team, with some players new to hockey and some having come straight from Minkey. The players' skills improved steadily through the season and that showed in the results. At the time of writing, the team was sitting in 4th position on the ladder, having moved 4 places up the ladder in 5 weeks. A feather in their cap is the way they stayed positive and fought back when they were a goal or two down.

Aidan Glen

Aidan was a reliable right halfback with his high work rate and desire for the ball. At right wing he showed his ability to break away with the ball and that he is also able to score goals

Alex Drane

Alex started playing this year and became one of the team's best defenders. He is always ready to tackle and clears the ball well from free hits.

Ashley Ranford

Ashley has a good eye for the ball and is able to hit well. He plays full-back better than most and also plays well in the halfback and forward lines.

Chris Loffell

Chris is a good tackler with a high work rate and a willingness to get back to cover in defence. It was a big step up from Minkey but Chris handled himself well.

Connor Nagle

Connor has good positional play and impresses with his determination to get back in cover-defence when beaten.

Dylan Jones

Dylan started the season hesitantly but became more focused on getting to the ball and passing to his team-mates. Great to see him improving through the season.

Frank Reynolds

Frank has a real hunger for the ball and is able to get the ball out of the pack. Great determination this season.

Jacob Cerff

Jacob has good leg-speed and can carry the ball well when he has space. He contributed well by picking up the ball around the half-line and helped set up goals.

James McCooey

James is quick and hardly stops running. He is determined to get the ball and makes good use of his skills.

Lachlan Burling

Lachlan had his best games playing inner, where he was able to carry the ball forward and link with team mates. He had some great games where he got stuck in and was able to win us the ball

Liam Nicolas

Liam has to get the team's "Untied Shoe-lace Award". He showed a big improvement in the season, especially in his hitting. Well done for all the practicing at home.

Rhys Tucker

Rhys is enthusiastic and has great energy. He did well in most positions and was best suited to wing where he could break away with the ball. Some great cross passes and good following up.

Sam Toole

Sam works hard on the field and is quick to pounce in attack. His hitting improved in leaps and bounds, resulting in several goals this season.

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