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Back Mark Brodie, Tristan Clemons, Patrick Welsh, Patrick Lawther

Middle Ross Hall, Jordan Hunt, Daniel White, Nick Tate, Tim Geers

Front Jake Coleman, Kathryn Rule, Grace Bowyer, Aimee Clark, Frank Reynolds

Absent Ashleigh McNess, Caitlyn Ogden, Bill Golding

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Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

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
D. Porter	2005
H. Geers	2006
S. McEntee	2006
P. Meacock	2007

Women

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

Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

Club Administration 2008

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President's Report

It's amazing to think that the 2008 hockey season has all but come to an end. As a 1st year President, the year has gone quickly, partly because of all of the activity that has gone on and partly because of the amount of time I have been away.

But all in all, it has been a great year for me at the helm of a magnificent club that has been so well managed over many years. I must thank Hans Geers for leaving the club in such a strong position, making it relatively easy for me to take over. The club is fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers managing the intricacies of so many facets of the club operations. From our Hook In2 Hockey program, through our juniors and into our seniors we are blessed with well organised and dedicated volunteers. I want to thank Theresa Rayfield and family, Graeme Coleman and family, Lee Jarvis, Dan White, Matt Geers, Roger Bell and Neil Ashley for their management of teams and personnel.

A special thank you must go to those involved in the management of the Bar and the Kitchen. Thank you to all the volunteers that have offered time on Saturdays and Sundays as part of the team roster system. Our sincere thanks go to Maureen, Leo, Conor, Linda and Steve for all their efforts in ensuring a high quality of food and service, and to Rhys and Bob and team for their many hours given behind the bar.

I would like to especially thank the committee for its support, dedication and enthusiasm throughout this year. To fit this sort of volunteer work in with your busy lives is a credit to you, and I and the members appreciate your efforts.

Many people are involved at the coaching level, too many to name, but my thanks go to all who have been involved with the teams at training and games from week to week. Without your input and commitment it would be very difficult to field 40 or more teams each week. I would like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our senior coaches this year, Russell Lee and Paul Meacock, and realise that they are extremely grateful for the team of helpers they have had with them all year.

The club continues to go from strength to strength both on and off the field. At the time of writing this report, 16 teams appear that they are on their way to finals games with 4 Under 11 teams finishing in the top four. This is a marvelous achievement and should be recognized as significant. The club can again boast a large number of State Representatives this year with representation in the U21 Men, U18 Men and Women, Under 15 Men and the 2008 Pacific School Games. We can also boast having the Assistant coach for the Thundersticks for 2008 in Russell Lee, with Hans assisting the team in a Managerial role. The club's profile at Hockey WA has been maintained with club people being represented on numerous committees. We hope, through this sort of involvement, that we will be able to assist Hockey WA in some of its more pressing issues over time.

Our turf has again attracted wide spread acclaim from within the hockey community with many clubs admitting it is their turf of choice for games. The proposed grandstand will be a wonderful asset and provide many people with the viewing they expect at a world class facility such as ours. At the time of writing, the order for the grandstand has been placed and may well have been erected by now. Many thanks to Dave Timmel and his committee for their efforts in presenting the turf week after week for our matches.

Our club has been fortunate over the years with the support it has received from its sponsors. Their financial contribution has allowed us to manage our fees and operating costs at realistic levels. A special mention must go to Steve McEntee who has again provided support in personal and financial ways. Steve, through Duracraft, and Brian Spitteler of Fiesta Travel through Jetset contributed financially to the uniforms worn by our Men and Women senior

President's Report (contd)

teams this year, while Andy Reynolds' creative designs made our players the best looking teams on the park.

Significant work went into our second strategic plan late last year and this year, and as we reflect on our efforts we are reminded of our vision - **To be a professional, top-level hockey club that provides positive experiences for all individuals, families and friends.** I believe our strategies are heading us in this direction and we will work through the next few years to realize our goals and maintain our vision.

As our mighty Hockey Club goes from strength to strength let us keep focus on what makes it a great club to be a part of. The 'family culture', the blending of young with 'old' and the fun of being involved in a great game makes Melville City the club of choice for so many.

Thanks again to everyone for the support you have given me as President this year. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you around the club.

Greg Hunt
(MCHC – President)



Finance & Sponsorship Report

2008 was a year of consolidation for the club with only minor outlays on buildings and facilities. In the previous two seasons, the club has invested significantly in upgrading infrastructure surrounding the Turf which has resulted in the excellent facility we see today. I would like to give a special thanks to Allison Hall for taking on the demanding role of Treasurer. This role is often underestimated in a club of our size and Allison's efforts are very much appreciated.

In 2008, the clubs top men's and women's teams upgraded their uniforms to a much more modern look and I'm sure everyone would agree they look fantastic. A special thanks must go to the following for making the uniforms possible: Steve McEntee's Duracraft Panel and Paint for sponsoring the men's uniform; Fiesta Holidays for sponsoring the women's uniform; and veterans player Andy Reynolds for the excellent design. Thanks to this generous assistance, our teams would now boast one of the best playing strips in the grades.

Revenue from the Club Kitchen has been down this season due to difficulties in staffing the facility on a regular basis. Thanks must again go to Conor, Maureen, Leo, Lynda and Steve for providing as much time as they could and more. The club is currently investigating new arrangements for 2009 which should see significant changes to the kitchen facility. The Bar has again performed strongly and thanks must go to Rhys, Jimmy, Bob, Hans and the many others for their tireless work. Expenditure has generally been within budgets, with significant items being Turf Hire Fees and Hockey WA costs.

The continued support of our loyal band of sponsors has been critical to the successful running of the club with a special thanks to our major sponsor, Steve McEntee's Duracraft Panel and Paint. We welcomed back Network Packaging and were appreciative of a number of our existing sponsors who increased their contributions this season.

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Senior Administration Report - Men's Turf Teams

There was something special about 2008, or to Top Squad Coach Russell Lee, the Chinese Year of the "Rat". The Chinese Zodiac Rat is associated with the qualities of patience, thoughtfulness, practicality, hard work and stability. Other attributes include ambition, responsibility and long-term goal setting.

The vision, planning and coaching provided to the State Men's teams in 2008 was all of that. Special thanks to coaches Russell Lee (WC), Rob McKenzie (2A), Ben & Ryan Rushton (3A) and Chris Geers (4A) for their efforts this year. Managers Johnno Orr (WC & 2A), Hamish Burton (3A) and Michael Ashley (4A) are all to be thanked for their administrative and organisational roles that were conducted superbly.

There were many highlights in 2008 for the State Men's teams. There was a record selection of ten (10) State Junior Men Representatives comprising Daniel White, Tristan Clemons, Jordan Hunt (WA U/21); Mark Brodie, Pat Welsh, Jordan Hunt (WA U/18); and Tim Geers, Pat Lawther, Ross Hall, Nick Tate (WA U/15). Congratulations to Tristan Clemons who was also selected in the Australian U/21 Junior World Cup Squad.

We introduced a fourth State Men's turf team (Provisional 2 Gold or "4As"). With an influx of over eight (8) new players aged between 18-21 from the South West this year alone, and an ever increasing number of U/17s entering seniors now and into the future, a decision was made to expand our turf capacity in the State Men's program. This not only provides more opportunities for talented juniors to continue playing turf hockey, but fosters greater competition within the State Men's program by creating upward pressure on performance and raising standards generally in grades above. This no doubt puts us in good stead for the future.

The State Men's Strategic Plan 2008 was drafted by all coaches with input provided by High Performance Consultant Wayne Goldsmith. This aimed at fostering junior development and establishing a winning culture within our top four men's and junior (17A, 15A, 13A) teams. Throughout the year we were able to introduce 15 junior players aged from 14-18 into Senior Men's competition. The 3As and 4As are set for finals this year with the 2As having to win some crucial games towards the latter half of the season to secure a spot in the five.

The Wizard Cup Men's team continued to improve and build the foundations for success. After confidently securing Wizard Cup grade for 2009 in round 18, there were opportunities and responsibilities given to younger players to succeed at top level. This resulted in the average age of the Wizard Cup team for rounds 16-22 being 20 (the oldest being Ben Meacock at 23!). Congratulations to Pat Welsh, Karl Tulloch, Sam Geers and Matt Bowater in playing their first Wizard Cup game for the Club. Encouraging signs throughout the year were shown through performances such as drawing to top sides UWA and WASPS, convincingly defeating Wolves and YMCC and scoring record 7-2 win over NCR.

I am very pleased to announce that Russell Lee will be committing to coaching the Top Squad men for a third year in 2009. The 2009 Chinese Year of the Ox will no doubt yield even greater rewards for the State Men's program through passion, persistence and pride in performance.

Daniel White
Vice President | State Men

Senior Administration Report - Men's Metros

Well, time for a report from the 'Metros co-ordinator' who this year did very little co-ordinating (except via email) due to work commitments. Therefore first and foremost, my thanks go to the team captains and managers who have had to carry the extra workload associated with ensuring we put three full teams on the field each week and that everyone got the most game time possible. This was sometimes a struggle with the loss of the Metro 4's this year - who combined with the 3's – but for once I don't think we had many games where teams had to play short. A big improvement on previous years. Thanks again here is due to John Harmsen, Dylan Hadley and Matt Willis who have played an important role in ensuring our newly combined Metro 3's side ran well, despite the early loss of Scott Sparkes who had organised this team previously.

Additionally, a new State Provisional 2's team (our 4th Men's side) was entered, and this generated new opportunities to give a run on the turf to some of the guys who had craved it for years. This team helped to bridge the gap between Metros and State teams and will surely be a great proving ground for some of our juniors coming up in years to come. It is great to see this team performing well, with a no doubt solid finals campaign looming.

Our Metro 1's have also had a fairly successful season following the previous one which we would rather forget. They are currently pushing for a spot in the finals, and with any luck will make it in. Thanks to Cookie for tolerating my many (many) emails sent out this season. Our Metro 2's continue to be solid performers, clearly top of the table (again), despite taking on several new faces and losing a few others. This could be because HWA, in all their wisdom, chose to put the team that should have won the grand final last year, into the 'bottom' Metro 2's division this year. They also should rightfully own a challenge cup pennant – they were top of the table and HWA did the dirty and cancelled the challenge cup for highly ambiguous reasons. Thanks are due here to the seasoned campaigners that stepped up (down?) to veterans to make room for a congested line up. Finally the mighty, mighty Metro 3's. With a packed line up that previously accommodated two full teams (well just about), they were challenged right from the start to give everyone a decent run on the field. What was probably the most organised Metros team this year did well to ride the bumps from the loss of the Metro 4s and hopefully next season we will see this transform into on field performance. The only way is up and we can't wait to see it!

Thanks finally to all the players, you guys make this club the place to be on a Saturday afternoon.

Matthew Geers
Vice President Mens Metro



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Senior Administration Report - Women

Season 2008 is drawing to an end with finals left to play. It has been another year of the Senior women making their mark amongst the competition within the grades. We celebrate that 4 teams out of 6 have made finals. Congratulations again ladies.

This year it was wonderful to see the increase in the new members to the club. Most of them having played before and wanting to get back into the game again after a few years break.

Next year we are looking at increasing our membership in the top squad to help develop us towards that major goal of first division. By being successful on the field, this will help outside players wanting to become a part of this playing group.

We had some achievements this year with starting the professional development in the top squad. We introduced a new Top squad playing strip. This was achieved by our amazing sponsors Fiesta Holidays and Jetset Applecross. These two companies are recognized in the travel industry as a very professional outfit, and they were confident that the players at Melville City would continue this role, both on and off the playing field in representing their companies. Our walk out shirts were sponsored by our wonderful friend Steve McEntee from Durcraft Panel and Paint, who again was proud to support our goal. If it wasn't for these sponsors, our goals would not be met and that is why as a playing group we must support all sponsors of the club.

This year we introduced a new team in the Premier 2 grade. This was a HUGE ask of the players as this is a competition our girls are not accustomed to. But if we are to achieve our goal heading to first division, we need to take on this challenge and gain from the experience. Our players can walk away holding their heads high, as every week we took it up to all the teams and made them take notice of the Melville City players. I would like to thank the players for your excellent attitude and achievement, we are all very proud of you.

Our Metro team again held up the flag for winning the Challenge Cup and minor premiership. It is always a pleasure watching these ladies play on and off the field. If you are ever hungry you know which table to head for, best cheese and biscuits in town!

This brings us to our Provisional 3 Gold team (5's). This team has had an amazing year with excellent turn ups to training weekly, on field performances with specky goals and Sambucca shots! They started the year with fill in players and by the end of the year you couldn't buy a ticket to get into this team. A special thanks to Peta and Claire for the top notch running of the team. Special thanks also to Mark, Ted and Chippee from the Metro men. You said you like a challenge, so I thought 13 women would be a good one.

Our Provisional 3 Black team (4's) made finals this year and just missed out finishing on top. I think the secret of this team is the less you train the more successful you are. So why change something if it works! We had a new addition to this team and that was Eddy our super coach. Once the girls got into the swing of a Singapore international coach's way, success rolled on. Many thanks Eddy, your time and effort over the season was very much appreciated and we look forward to your ongoing contributions in 2009.

This brings us to our Provisional 1 team (3's). This was a new grade again in our ranks. The 3's had a wonderful year even though they just came short of finishing on top. They were used as a stepping stone in developing our juniors. It was wonderful seeing these great juniors come through (without thinking of the 20 year age gap). Nearly all players at some stage played in the top squad, which showed that the development within the team was working. This team was extremely lucky to be able to have such a dedicated coach in Stuart Henessy. Stuart's enthusiasm and excellent training sessions made for a wonderfully enjoyable season. By next year we will have Stuart's instruction down pat with an expert translator. Hopefully by then my abs will have recovered!

Our Willow Bridge team has finished in the top four again and made finals. This is the team which we are hoping in 2009 will make that next step and be a real contender in challenging for a first division spot, not just finals. If we can add a mix of the other Melville teams' successful recipes in uniting, the goal will be reachable. It was special seeing the young juniors mixing with the experienced players and participating in some fantastic hockey. It was also great to see top squad players putting up their hand and becoming involved in the running of the team.

The top squad coaching staff was made up of Paul Meacock (Whip) and assistant coach Dee Plaister. Thank you for all

Senior Administration Report - Women (contd)

your effort through out the year. Running two teams was a huge ask, as was being at both games throughout the season. It was meant to be a quieter year for Dee but again she has stepped up when required. Thank you to Whip for bringing in new ideas and coaching this year. It was a big commitment with his new work assignment.

I would like to thank Mark Watton (Watto) for helping out the Top squad. Even though Watto couldn't make a regular appearance, it was appreciated when he could. Too bad he is a Hawks supporter though.

Thank you to Angie Kaaks and Nigel Atkinson for your support through out the season within the teams. Last of all, thank you to all the team managers. To Sue (Sibby) Read who did a wonderful job in organizing the top squad and being ready for those band aid moments. Also to all the other team managers and captains, we could not have done it without you.

I mention this every year, but the work that Maureen, Conor and the girls do in the kitchen is simply outstanding. I have to say the "Burgers are better at Melville". Well done to Claire Hadley for putting up her hand and running the kitchen on Saturdays.

Congratulations to Kimberley Wilson making the Australian Vets over 50's team.

Also congratulations to Maris Margetts and Kimberley for making the Western Australian vets. Nicola Ogden who has taken a break!!!! Well she's running the Australian Indoor team, well done Nic.

I wish you all well during the off season, I look forward to the 2009 showdown with the metro boys in a touch rugby play off. Stay safe and see you all back ready for a successful 2009 season.

Lee Jarvis
Senior Women's Vice President



Veterans Report - Men

Melville Mens Vets in 2008 – a roller coast ride!!?? For some, hold on to your hats, what will the next game bring, for other it's been a long hard season. Congratulations to all Vets for putting your time in to make the season successful at all levels. We struggled for numbers in some teams, we had new player come in and others retire, doctors failing to fix players, not a good show.

Teams, we had seven in total, came out fighting and during the season they continued the fight, not always with that killer smile, just a grimace. The Vets Midweek have a long list of players, a few wins and a few more losses, just could not keep the playing team members available. It was a similar story for the 40s Div 1, the greyhounds of the Vets. Unfortunately they get older! Whilst you are a teenager this is good, not so good in the Vets. A few pups injected from the Seniors' would put them back in touch.

The 40 Div 3 were again disappointed. A strong effort put in by the team, but the results were not encouraging. A comment passed by one after a win – we won the game, I did not know what to do!

On the other hand the Over 40 Div 4. The 40/4s started with six players and nothing, a cry for help and new players came, enough for a team. They got through the season and rattled the finals gates. A good effort from nothing.

A change of pace as we step up to the Over 50 Div 1 – first game, step into a horror movie, but things got better and they also rattled the finals gates. A good reply after a disappointing 2007. The 50 Div 3 is another one of these teams that slide in and out of success, well this year has been successful and congratulations, well placed in the finals.

The Over 55s: this year did not have too many positives, except the team was there to play. They played and played strongly. Guys, well done! You keep the Melville spirit going over a tough period.

Where does that leave the Vets – ON TOP – we may not have seven out of seven in the finals, but we do have a fantastic attitude within the club. Next year there will be changes to combat areas that have caught up with various teams. My fingers are crossed for some Seniors to come up to the Over 40s Div 1, boosting the numbers in both Mid-week and Saturday.

I am looking forward to 2009 and fellow Vets, I hope you are too. Congratulations to all.

Veterans Report - Women

The women started the season with a reduced squad from last year. There were only enough players for 1.5 teams so only one Melville team was entered into the competition this year. Due to injuries, holidays etc., numbers were variable from game to game, and at times it was hard to find even 1 sub. Hopefully there will be a few more players available next year and we will be able to return to having 2 teams in the comp.

Ladies, well done in 2008! We look forward to an enjoyable and successful season in 2009.

Junior Administration Report

Once again our junior division experienced an increase in numbers this year, growing from 21 teams last year to 24 teams this year. With around 300 Junior players, and 230 in our Minkey and Graduates programme, we are in great shape for the future. With the large number of teams, we are now able to achieve our goal of the 2007 Strategic Plan of catering for all levels of ability throughout the age groups.

This year we introduced a grading day for all junior team selections. We were presented with weather fit for any winter sport. Despite the skies bucketing down, we were able to complete the task as well as providing enjoyment for the players. Many thanks must go out to all the coaches, selectors and umpires who braved the chilly and wet conditions enabling the day to run smoothly.

Of the 17 teams in the 13's 15's and 17's, 9 are on track to make the finals. I expect many of these teams to either make the grand final or go very close to being there on the big day. There were no finals for the 7 teams in 11's however many of these teams have had a very successful season.

On a state level we experienced the most successful year in the history of the club with 12 state representatives from our junior division.

State Under 18 Boys - Pat Welsh, Mark Brodie

State Under 15 Boys - Pat Lawther, Ross Hall, Nick Tate, Tim Geers

State Under 12 Schoolboys - Jake Coleman, Bill Golding

State Under 12 Schoolgirls - Aimee Clark, Kathryn Rule, Grace Bowyer, Ashleigh McNess.

Special thanks should go to Whip, Paul Meacock, for his help in providing the coaching courses prior to the season commencing. He conducted a whiteboard session, followed up by a practical skills session on the turf. Coaches received many invaluable tips to assist them in preparing for the season. Special thanks also to Neil Ashley for providing the umpiring course for all our budding junior umpires and parents. Our goal is to assist our aspiring junior players to become competent umpires.

Enormous thanks must go out to all the Coaches, Managers and Umpires who made this season enjoyable for all of our players. Without your excellent efforts our junior division would not survive. I would also like to thank those players who filled in for teams, which were short of numbers during the season.

Special mention must go to Jamie Bowyer, who took on the newly created role of Manager's Co-ordinator this year. Jamie spent many hours trouble shooting problems associated with entering team results. Due to his help, we were able to dramatically decrease the number of fines, saving the club hundreds of dollars. Jamie was also responsible for delivering all necessary information from the committee level to individual teams.

A new initiative introduced this year is the Melville Talent Identification Squad. There will be 15 – 20 junior boys, plus 2 – 3 goal keepers, predominately from the 17's and 15's with the possible consideration of some of the 13's. The squad will be selected on the basis of the best interest of MCHC which will involve some members of the Melville Hockey Club in the selection process. Russell Lee will be the over arching co-ordinating coach of the program.

As the growth of our club continues, it becomes increasingly difficult to fill the roles of coaches, managers and umpires. Prior to the commencement of next season we will be conducting coaching and umpiring training sessions for all interested parties. Please consider participating in these sessions if you think you will be able to assist us in filling one of these positions next year. Please contact me if you feel that you may be able to offer some assistance.

It is difficult to nominate the correct team numbers and levels in each year group due to the lack of registration forms being returned on time. We are required to nominate our teams to Hockey WA in February usually with little knowledge of who is playing the season. Please ensure that your registration form is returned promptly next year.

Thanks for a great season, see you all next year.

Graeme Coleman
Junior Co-ordinator

Hook in2 Hockey Report

Another season ends successfully for Minkey and Grads, or as it was renamed this year, "Hook in 2 Hockey". This year we fielded 28 teams from year 1 to grads which was great. Fortunately we were blessed with more sunny days than rainy ones, though when it rained it rained! There was one particularly foggy morning when it was hard to see the oppositions' goal.

In the spirit of this being an Olympic year, I have a few gold medals to hand out.

- To all the 31 coaches. The efforts of these coaches helps to build the future of the club and who knows they may have helped in the career of a future Olympian. It was fantastic to see many of the senior members of the club helping out with their children's team. Special thanks to Ken Moncrieff for coaching his granddaughter's team and to Matthew Page who coached both his younger brothers' teams.
- To the kids themselves. There is nothing more satisfying than seeing them all running around having fun on a beautiful morning.
- To the "Unsung heroes" – mum, dad, granny, grandpa etc. who get up at an unearthly hour to stand and cheer the kids on and who did their BBQ duty with a smile on their faces.
- To Deb & Benjamin – who manned the BBQ every weekend and also to Maureen and Conor (& their trusty helpers) who took control of the food on the Friday nights.

Saturday mornings really have to be seen to be believed, so if you are ever passing, feel free to stop and watch.

Theresa Rayfield

Melville City Hockey Club

Games Played Awards 2008

400 Games

Chris Avent

300 Games

Peter Stewert-Dawkins

200 Games

Andrew Reynolds

100 Games

Maree Ainsworth
Mai Barnes
Sarah Billingham
Sam Geers
Pat Hall
Ross Hall
Kylie Hankinson
Vanessa Martin
Kylie Mishra
Ellen Oosterbaan
Dan Scott
Claire Timmel
Mark Timmel
Kimberley Welten

50 Games

Ali Ammar
Lisa Anderson
Mhairi Angus
Aiden Bedford
Julian Bocking
Sarah Bowyer
Grace Bowyer
Mark Brodie
James Butcher
Nick Christie
Aimee Clark
Rhianna Clay
Tim Deacon
Sam Dennis
Stephanie Dixon
Lachlan Dymond
Kate Eaton
Chris Evans
Mathais Gerbauer
Tim Geers
Shaun Gibbins
Jack Hallam
Madeleine Harper
Paige Hudson
Cahill Hunt

Kristy Jasper
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Matthew Pashley
Ashley Ranford
Theresa Rayfield
Joel Scott
Donelle Smith
Kate Sarkes
Ashleigh Sperinick
Kelly St-Clair
Denver Stove
Ebony Stove
Matthew Taylor
Blake Thompson
Stacey Tweedle
Ryan Vickery
Bryce Wilson

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 2008

Division

Fairest & Best

Coach's Award

U17A Boys:

U17A Reserve Girls:

U17A Reserve Boys:

U15A Girls:

I15A Boys:

U15A Reserve Boys:

U15B Black Girls:

U15B Gold Boys:

U15C Gold Girls:

U13A Girls:

U13A Boys:

U13A Reserve Boys:

U13B Black Maroon Girls:

U13B Black White Girls:

U13B Gold Boys:

U13C Girls:

U13C Black Boys:

Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy:

Most promising junior progressing to seniors

Life Members' Trophy:

Junior player displaying most commitment to Club

David Porter Trophy:

Most improved goalkeeper

Ian Halliday Trophy:

Highest junior goal scorer

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Seniors Awards 2008

Founder's Shield:

Fairest and best - men's top side James Gurbiel

Wiffen Trophy:

Most improved younger player - women Erin Hall

Catherine Bayens Trophy:

Player displaying most commitment to club - women Dearne Plaister

Premier 2 Men: Jon Rutgers

Premier Alliance Men: Ben Rushton

Willow Bridge League Women: Elizabeth Stratton

Premier 2 Women: Demelza Dravnieks

Provisional 1 Women: Briony Clark

Provisional 2 Gold Men: Chris Geers

Provisional 3 Black Women: Erica Remedois

Provisional 3 Gold Women: Debbie Crompton

Metro 1 Women: Gillian Forbes

Metro 1 Men: Andrew Scanlon

Metro 2 Gold Men: Alex Wragg

Metro 3 White Men: Rick Francis

Midweek Veterans Men: Shaun Robless

Veterans 1 Women: Ali Menegola

Over 40 Div 1 Men: Geoff Ranford

Over 40 Div 3 Men: Bill Morrison

Over 40 Div 4 Men: Scott Girling

Over 50 Division 1 Men: Keith Harper

Over 50 Division 3 Men: Bruce Porter

Over 55 Div 1 Men: Rod Wake

The Maple Leaf Cup

Presented by Kip Hladky - Inaugurated 1982



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
Rhys Spedding & James Welten	2007
Wayne Hudson	2008

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
Lynda Forbes & Maureen Welten	2007
Daniel White	2008

Wizard Cup - Men

The 2008 season has come and gone.... and again it's seen the Men's top squad take us on another roller coaster ride through the year.

In a topsy-turvy season during which we were able to clean up some big teams, but disappointingly lose to sides that we should beat, frustrates at best.

Still - we've outlined a plan which we're sticking too and I have no doubt success is just around the corner. Talk is cheap though and it's up to our hard work as a collective group to achieve what we've set out to do.

Firstly to achieve... you must believe, and if we are able to face the challenges head on and push through them, coming out stronger mentally and physically, we'll succeed.

For us to reach the top we have to continue to develop, push each other and maintain high standards - with this and hopefully some carefully recruited players - we will become more of a force. Next step is to build into the top 5.

With safely being out of the relegation zone, we had the luxury of giving some of young guns vital time in the 1's with around 6 games to go. Hopefully this will speed their developments and come 2009 they'll be expected to earn their positions.

Thanks to the club, sponsors and our supporters - we look forward to providing you with much more to cheer about in the coming seasons.. 'if you want the rainbow.. you've gotta put up with the rain'.

I look forward to 2009 !

Congratulations to:

Tristan Clemons (Thundersticks squad, Aust JWC & WA 21's)

Daniel White (WA 21's)

Jordan Hunt (WA 21's & WA 18's)

Pat Welsh (WA 18's)

Mark Brodie (WA 18's)

Johnson 'Jono' Orr (Manager)

A wise old Scotsman and for me a top bloke.. His bad jokes, love of a Guinness or two and that poxy sounding Subaru makes up part of the man known as Johnson. He is one of the most organised and well respected managers I've been involved with. A man who rarely says much about the game but when he provides his thoughts, they're worth listening too. Thanks again Jono for this year and we'll see you next year.

Maddie Dawe (Physio)

With the loss of Ben 'Pretty boy but I'm angry' Rushton from the off-field team, we required someone to step in and fill the good looks department. Maddie has been fantastic all year and fitted in extremely well. Not only does Maddie repair and fix our boys so they can get out on the park, she also fulfils her playing duties as well. Thanks for all your help and services with the boys this year Maddie.

Rob 'The Cougar' McKenzie (A/Coach)

Stepped into the Men's coaching ranks this year and has added much "weight" to the off-field team since taking on the role of assistant coach in the 1's and coach of the 2's. Also co-coach of the 15 boys with Dan White - Rob's passion and like others - his eagerness to see Melville rise with on-field success fuels the drive to continually push. My good mate has added much comedy to the rooms, while his support, different thoughts and ideas have been much appreciated through out the year.

Evan 'Chief' Kelly (capt)

Taking on the role of captain this year - the Chief is slowly coming out of that shell of his. His leadership will no doubt continue to develop and hopefully this years experience can take him into next year with a lot more confidence to lead from the front consistently. His hockey may have suffered a touch with the responsibility of captain, but he has still shown some of the sweetest control and skills I've seen in some of his games this year. Needs to want the ball a lot more. I'm sure over the off-season, the Chief with his lovely girlfriend Emer, can develop their hockey further to kick-start 2009.

Ben Meacock (v-capt)

With another new face in the leadership group, Benno has taken to his role and shown excellent leadership qualities. With Matt Bruce - they both took on the hard job of organising and running pre-season which is never easy. Benno has had a solid year but has yet to reach or realise his full potential. Whip carries some great weapons in his armoury with his body shape, slap hit, overhead, long reach and drag flick, but he still needs to learn the finer art of when to use these weapons during games. With improvements in his technique and decision making, we'll see Ben possibly reach his potential. I'm sure the soon to be married man.. or is he already married.. will work hard to reach his potential !

Wizard Cup (contd)

Dave 'Dirty' Orr (leadership group)

Again with the changing of the guard, Dirty has accepted his role in the leadership group with a lot more voice and responsibility. Injury has taken a fair toll on Dirty this year with his knee and a serious ankle injury forcing him to miss most part of the first round. His comeback was greeted with a great first round win against YM in which he finished off in style with the winning goal. On his comeback, he worked hard on his fitness and probably not seeing the results that he would've liked on field he started to become a tad frustrated. Gaining more minutes each game since his injury, we've seen a steady improvement to go with his touch coming back as well. Playing more of a striker/midfield role this year which will hopefully make Dirty a more rounded player, I'd like to see him become more creative and damaging.. much like on the dance floor at Metro's - obviously there he hasn't much luck !

Daniel White (leadership group)

Whitey stepped down as the captain this year to focus and concentrate on becoming more of a contributor on-field. Moving to fullback and with his selection in the WA 21's, Whitey has worked hard on refining his tackling technique and positioning around the field in general play. With further work on ball control and decision making, he'll show a continued improvement on top of his solid year in 2008. Leading Melville's goal scoring tally with his 'smarter' short corner flicking has seen the return of one of his major weapons which had faded slightly in 2007. Hopefully with his natural leadership qualities, his attitude and determination - he can pass this off to our young guns coming through.

Jordan Hunt

Built like a kid who's been on an African world vision diet, he like the Africans, has the running capacity much like the great Kenyans. A great year for Jordi in being selected in both the WA U/18's & 21's side this year, for showing marked improvements through out the year. This could be the reason for excusing Jordi for looking a little exhausted both mentally and physically come the end of the year. A massive learning curve, and if Jordi's been able to take most of this in his stride and can build on it, he'll be seen as great player for many years to come. A specific weights and training program for this skinny jockey will see him develop a lot quicker so he's not easily pushed around on field. Look forward to watching his years ahead.

James 'Gurbs' Gurbiel

Another skinny little punk. Gurbs was unsure if he was going to play this year but after a couple of weeks off during pre-season, he's come back and had a top year. Still only a young buck, he's had a great year playing at right half. Gurbs is working hard to improve his tackling as well as working on becoming stronger in 'one on one' contests. Gurbs is another who has silky skills who just needs to back himself a lot more, start to break lines and get on the front foot early. He shows a great attitude and with leadership qualities - if he continues he'll be a possible leader in years to come.

Nick Christie

One of the fitter members of the team and like Jonboy a crows supporter. Nick played the majority of the year at Centre half. A versatile player who can slot into a number of positions. His pressure to force turnovers, and ability to press the opposition into quarters of the field where they don't want to be, are his strengths. To go with his pressure and being one of the fittest members of the team, is his work ethic around the park. Like a few other players in the team, needs to want the ball more to become more involved when we're in possession.

John 'Hooksy' McKnight

This pale, little yapper who hails from Scotland has returned this year after previously spending a year down under with Melville. Has been a great addition to the team and hopefully Hooksy can get his visa sorted out so he can spend another year building this young side. Has been an integral part of our midfield, one of the few who have really shown a 'want' for the ball. Has been one of our most consistent players this season, his creative play and skills have seen him be our most attack minded player. Has been great around the club, had an itchy neck on the band night which his mate Whitey was willing to scratch for him... Not a hard man to find - just look for the rosy red cheeks.

Steve 'Scuba' McKnight (played 5 games)

The younger brother of Hooksy. Came over with the Parents on a family holiday and was granted permission to play while he was in Perth. The bigger of the 2 brothers, Scuba was able to slot in well while a few players were away. Playing in the backline, his strength and delivery skills were on show right from the start. Although the big girl had a love for his 'strongbow original' drinks, he fitted in well with all the players and the club much like his brother. Would welcome him back if he was ever to stumble down this way again.

Wizard Cup (contd)

Brett 'Marto' Martyn

One of, if not, the oldest member of the team. Marto has always prided himself on his fitness and preparation for games. Marto slotted into left half for most of the season, where his tenacious, toughness and determination suited well. His experience and hardiness provided some much needed 'grit' to the backline. A solid contributor in the 1's, you know what your going to get week in week out.

Tristan Clemons (GK)

A new addition to Melville this year saw this cow pusher arrive to the club from South West Strikers. This highly talented, young goalkeeper is very professional in the way he goes about his preparation. His attitude, hard work and commitment to be the best, and his drive for the team to succeed can hopefully rub off to the rest of the playing group in our quest to reach the top. Selected in the Thundersticks squad, injury at the wrong time didn't help and set him back for the start of the season. Has worked his way back into good form with pulling out some brilliant saves along the way. Selected in the WA 21's, and from all reports the best GK there by far - this culminated in being selected in the Aust junior world cup squad. Another future leader of this team.

Mark 'Brodos or Gadget' Brodie

An exciting young talent. Another one of the young breed coming through the junior ranks to be selected in the WA U18's. With his 'go go gadget' arms, Brodes is one of the best young forwards going around that I've seen who creates the number of steals that he does. His pressure on defenders is outstanding, the improvements he's shown in his goal scoring ability has really impressed all. Has this uncanny almost uncoordinated knack when dribbling the ball to beat defenders with his arms and legs all over the shop. Needs to improve on his awareness and short, sharp leads but will be a great forward over the coming years.

Pat Welsh

Has played the majority in the 2's with coming off the bench in the 1's. Like Brodes, Pat's still playing U/17's, and along with Jordi and Brodes was also selected in WA 18's. Has been given the opportunity in the last 6 weeks of the season to step up and play 1's and has done a fantastic job. His skills and ability to engage the opposition to create opportunities for the team is outstanding for a developing kid. Needing to continue his hard work into next year and fine tuning his skills and attitude in the off season, there is no doubt he is part of the new wave.

Anthony Ricciardone

The Italian Stallion who has showed a few moves on and off the field this year ! Started in the 1's but ended playing in the 2's. Ricca on his day and if he's switched on can turn a game in your favour. Just needs to be more consistent and more confident in his abilities. Copping a broken thumb around the half way mark of the season set him back a bit. Has played well in the 2's and has done the job as an impact player coming off the bench in the 1's. He's a smooth dog and good bloke off the field, he just needs to show a bit more mongrel on the field. A dirty cheat on the ping pong table... and loves to cuddle when dancing at Clubba !

Jon 'Jonboy' Rutgers

Back this year after his return from a stint teaching in the country. A bloody good bloke and playing mostly in the 2's, Jonboy has been a solid contributor in the 2's and when asked and required in the 1's. Has great passing abilities and just needs to show more confidence in getting forward to be more of an attacking option at right half. Has been great around the club for our younger members of the team. A crows supporter and a ladies man - who in his armoury has some of the worst pick up lines ever heard !

Karl Tulloch

Another who we've given the opportunity to play in the seniors this year while combining the 17's as well. Has played the majority in the 2's with coming off the bench in the 1's. Like Pat we've given Karl the opportunity to have a taste of 1's action in the starting 11. His running capacity and pressure he creates up front is amazing. Needs to learn to run smarter so he's not knackered within 10 minutes. Has been one of the 2's best players and hopefully this experience with the 1's and 2's will push him to work hard and push for a 1's spot next year.

Rusty Ford

Selected in the Australian Olympic Squad. We didn't expect to see much of Rusty but we were lucky enough to get a handful of games with him in the side. Not much to be said about Rusty's abilities. He's a fantastic player with great all-round skills. I had the great opportunity to see Rusty close up at this years AHL and he was one of the outstanding players of the tournament. A fairly bad ankle injury late in the tournament forced him to miss the finals (thank god..) and set him back a bit but he was a class act to watch in Canberra. I'm sure London 2012 is on the radar.

Willow Bridge League - Women

In mid January over thirty players met with coaching staff to focus the top squad for the 2008 season. The squad had three aims:

- [1] To enjoy their hockey
- [2] To develop the players' knowledge and skills and bring on our younger players
- [3] To continue a serious push for Melville to become a first division club.

Since January the squad has worked extremely hard to achieve those aims. The Willow Bridge team finished the season clearly in third place and very competitive against the two sides above them. The Premier 2 side took on an enormous challenge of moving to the top 2's division this year and came through in an outstanding way.

The players have been a highly positive and dedicated group to work with and have displayed a strong desire to learn and develop. I thank them for their great attitude and effort and for their personal support and dedication.

The squad has had a group of people who have given them outstanding support. I wish to acknowledge and thank:

- Lee Jarvis, Scott Girling and Steve Silvey who contributed so much in the pre-season programme and Lee for her ongoing support and leadership as Vice President Women.
- Angie Kaaks, who played an important assistant coaching role during pre-season and during the year, and Stewie Hennessey who coached the 3's and assisted the top squad.
- Sue Read who joined the group as Manager and did a huge job in coordinating so much off the field during the season and provided significant support to me and the coaches. Sue has had a very positive impact on the squad this year
- The player leadership group, made up of the teams' captains and vice captains along with key players, whose significant on and off the field contribution provided enormous direction and leadership to the squad. I particularly highlight the on field role played by Captains Liz Stratton and Gaye Glaskin who led the two sides so well and Jess McGregor and Elise Heal who coordinated the fitness programme throughout the season.
- Mark Watton who agreed to join the squad as an Assistant Coach, initially for pre-season, then in an ongoing focus with the Premier 2 side and the squad in general. Watto's training sessions, hockey knowledge, positive attitude and top interpersonal skills have made him a key reason for the squad's success this year.
- Dee Plaister who has been a tower of strength to me and to the squad. Dee was Head Coach over the past two seasons and remained as Assistant Coach this year. Dee played a key off field coordinating role throughout the season and brought strong hockey expertise to the coaching and selection areas. Dee stepped up to assist me in so many ways that have impacted significantly on the success of the squad this year.

This squad, and its support people, have provided Melville with a strong base to continue the push for the Club to become a future force in First Division hockey in WA. I wish them every success in achieving that.

Whip
Head Coach 2008
Melville Women

Paul Meacock (Whip)

Whip came across from the men to undertake the role of coaching the women's top squad this year and he soon learned that dealing with women is a completely different story! After getting used to our constant chatter Whip very quickly had a positive impact on the squad. While he couldn't always comprehend our behaviour, Whip certainly learnt how to get the best out of every player on the field. He developed a great style of play in both the 1's and the 2's with his never-ending mantra of triangles, 2 on 1's, width and 'control what you can control'. Whip's efforts and words of wisdom were really appreciated by all the girls. Thanks for a great year Whip!

Dee Plaister

One of the most passionate hockey persons in MCHC. Her knowledge and understanding of the game has helped the women's team have a top season. Dee is a dedicated die hard person – who MCHC is lucky to have.

Mark Watton (Watto)

This season we have been lucky to have some quality coaching, from a group of people who have devoted their spare time to helping us build a strong future for the womens squad. Watto, in particular, has always had something positive to add to our game, and although he has mostly been involved with coaching Premier 2, his opinions and advice has been greatly appreciated and respected throughout the whole squad. Thanks Watto.

Willow Bridge League (contd)

Angie Kaaks

Angie has been a great assistant coach this year. Her advice to the goalies is always beneficial and has definitely shown with their improvement this year. Angie is also a great club person and is always ready to have a beer. Thanks for helping out this season Angie.

Sue Read

What a delight to have around! Sue has gone above and beyond her job as Manager this year and is much appreciated. She's always smiling and will give anyone a helping hand when needed. Thanks for your efforts and your support his year.

Lizzie Stratton

What a fantastic season our captain has had. Her inspiring, upbeat pre-match talks have helped us to focus on our team game plan and our support for each other. Lizzie has dazzling stick work and her outstanding work rate makes her one of the best inners in the competition. She is a pleasure to play alongside!

Sue Clark

What can you say about Sue - an oldie but a goodie! Sue is such a valuable player to have in the team and plays good consistent hockey every week. Her contribution to the Club in general, the Leadership Group and assistance with organising of umpiring duties has been outstanding. Thanks for a great season.

Kristie Jasper

The sex kitten of the team regularly heads down south to maintain her fitness which helps her contribute with some excellent running in the press. Knowing the tight spots has helped her pull off some brilliant deflections this year. A firecracker both on and off the field, Kristie is a great team member and an asset to our club.

Demelza Dravnieks

Dee has had a great season as an integral part of the defence. She has played her heart out - often playing 2 games over a weekend - and her tenacity, strength and fitness have made the opposition forwards work hard for every ball. Dee has also been a valued member of the 2008 leadership group and contributed both on and off the field in many areas. Fantastic to have around!

Danah Dunkeld

Through her fierce determination, strong hockey skills and knowledge and highly competitive nature Danah has impacted strongly on the Willow Bridge grade this year. She has played a key mid field role during the year and has set up and converted many of the team's scoring opportunities. Her key role of closing down the opposition Centre Half has stopped a number of opposition teams in their tracks and has nullified one of the opposition's best players each game whilst allowing her to set up a lot of our team play.

Sally Meacock

THE SUPER SAL. A terrific person on and off the field, very reliable and always ready to dig deep when needed. Although mainly plays as a Half Back, she has been known to have a run on the wing. She plays a hard consistent game (when it's not too sunny). On the weekend she enjoys a couple of beverages after a game and loves a girls night out.

Jess McGregor

Jess is a solid defender; she clears the ball out of defence firmly and onto a team member's stick who presents to receive the best opportunity. A team member who participates in the involvement of Melville Hockey Club.

Vickie Calton

Vickie Calton is a committed and dependable player who always gives 100% both at games and during training. She often comes out with one liner comments that keep us amused, showing her dry sense of humour. Vickie really has bonded well with the team and is a crucial member of the squad.

Claire Timmel (Doose)

One of our up and coming juniors with loads of potential. It was great to see Doose make the top squad and be a regular player. Unfortunately due to injury she hasn't been able to play the season out. This is just a small hic up, because all great players have set backs. But we know with Doose's dedication, commitment and love for the game, she will be a wonderful asset to the top squad next year. Congratulations and well done.

Stacey Tweddle

Some of the opposition may think she looks like a princess but she plays like a tiger. Stacey is an aggressive player with a lot of pace who is always working hard to support her team in attack. Stacey also likes to get involved in off field team activities and has become one of our fines masters. She is a happy bubbly girl with a good sense of humour.

Erin Hall

Erin has worked hard throughout the season and has become a key player in the Willow Bridge team. Her constant feedback, direction and confidence from defence have played a major part in our successes this year. Erin's 'take no prisoners' approach on the field is balanced by her off field humor which was clearly evident in her role as one of the fines masters. Congrats on a great season!

Elise Heal

Elise has been a very solid and consistent player for the Willow Bridge League this season and always gives 100% both on and off the field. Elise also assisted in organising the running program prior to training on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thanks so much for your contribution to the Club Elise.

Womens Premier 2

Caitlyn Ogden

Caitlyn is a motivated and reliable goalkeeper, when playing she is a strong voice of our back line and almost never lets us down. Caitlyn has had a great year of hockey with a selection in the State Under 18 women's team. Congratulations from us all.

Gaye Glaskin

The backbone of the team, Gaye has been a wonderful captain this year bringing us to great strengths as a team. With her upbeat warm ups, pre-game talks and leadership on and off the field, she has walked us through a challenging season. We are better hockey players with strong self belief and determination thanks to Gaye.

Alice Walsh

Alice played a solid season at centre-half, always giving 100% effort at every game. Her great skill and strength make her a key defender, and armed with her well timed disposals she often sent our team into attack. Great voice on the field, she was always calling the press encouraging the team. Alice is a great leader both on and off the field. Well done on an excellent season Alice, you are a great asset to this team!

Nat Johnson

Where would we have been without Nat this season! Ever reliable, always audible, forever making fantastic saves in our last line of defence and with incredible stick work that even Trini Powell would be impressed at, she made an awesome contribution to the team. But not only was her contribution on the field great (did I mention her spectacular one on ones?!) whether at training or at the games, she never stopped being encouraging and driving the girls to give it their hardest and their best against the superb competition we faced week in week out. This clearly made a huge difference to everybody's morale. Great season Nat, hope there are many more to come!

Sarah Bowyer

Sarah has consolidated her position in the Seniors this season and has developed into a very valuable team player. She is very tenacious and skilful and has taken on every challenge given to her. Sarah always gives a 100% commitment at training and in game day and is the 'cobra' specialist.

Kate Fennessy

Kate is a quiet yet highly valuable member of the team. Her wonderful stick skills and control of the ball has been seen all over the field this season as she is a versatile player. Unfortunately Kate has been hampered by injury late in the season and so hope to see her back next year fit and well.

Caitlyn Surman

Chooky is a tenacious player who leads well to take possession of the ball. She can suddenly pluck the ball from within a pack and drive us forward. Her strength and determination can always be relied on. Chooky's initiative and skill have been well sustained this season by her continued fruit loop obsession.

Jaime Greenacre

Jaime is the quiet achiever of our team, her tackles are fantastic and she does some great runs at the right half. Her awareness, passing and talking have all improved throughout the season and we are sure this will continue rapidly in her hockey 'career'. Keep smiling Jamie!

Janine Barrow

Janine brings to this team an awesome spirit! Every week her good humour and determination to win helped fire up the players around her. She is a good team player who has skill at reading the play, controlling the ball and passing on the run. Janine's fitness was evident right from the onset when she ran the rest of us into the ground during pre-season, and she maintained this fitness throughout the season. Her enthusiastic presence and sense of fun was sorely missed during the games she was away.

Katherine Hall

Katherine has become an integral part of the 2A team this year playing mostly as an inner. She is tall, athletic and with her long reach and strong hit, has become one of our young players to step up and match it in this grade. Katherine has a mountain of talent and a bright hockey future. Great season!

Lauren Ferguson

First impressions of Lauren indicate a quiet gentle soul who you could easily imagine would not so much kill an insect. Cross that white line of the hockey pitch and a completely different persona reveals itself. Lauren has been an integral part of the 2's team which was handed a number of challenges this season and like the rest of the team her improvement has been outstanding. She has developed into an uncompromising defender giving her opponents little space to work with and foiling many in attack. Work on adding an attacking edge to your game in the seasons to come. Well done Lauren.

Womens Premier 2 (contd)

The following players have played an important role with the squad throughout the season by playing up from 3's or juniors at various times, or HAVE had their season significantly affected by injury. Our squad thanks and acknowledges the contribution of:

Allison Hall: Ali has played a significant number of games in the 2's off the bench and has given her best on all occasions. Ali's ability to carry out a specific role in the 2's has been positive and her support for the squad has been very important. If determination and willingness to develop her skills are determiners, Ali will be a key contributor to Melville hockey for many years

Megan Silvey: One of the four U/15's who have played with the squad this year; Meg has done so well in playing a number of Willow Bridge games this year. Throughout the season she has trained very hard with the squad and in games has developed her strength on the ball and her position play as a striker. If this year is any indication Meg has a bright future with Melville hockey.

Sarah Billingham: Billie's comeback to hockey this season after the birth of her child last year was a credit to her. She took 'small steps' in preseason and worked up to being ready to go for game one of the season. She built up her fitness to an amazing level considering last year and was a key player in the 2's midfield. A broken foot mid season ended Billie's hockey for the year but we hope she comes back stronger and keen in 2009.

Clare Ward: Clare was a newcomer to Melville this year and immediately impressed with her positive attitude and manner. Clare played most of the year in 3's, but when selected in the 2's, gave everything she had to impact on the side. Her skills and strength on the ball developed well during the year and there is every reason to believe that Clare can develop into a regular with the squad in future years.

Maddie Dawe: Through her very strong form in 3's. Maddie was a late inclusion in the squad and contributed very well to the 2's last third of the season. She impressed with her fitness, positiveness and improving skills. We look forward to Maddie having a strong impact on the squad next year.

Briony Clark: As the youngest player we used in our squad this year, we recognise the enormous potential Briony has in hockey. She has been a dominant player in many 3's games and has contributed very strongly in her games in 2's and 1's. Her maturity, strength and skills for someone so young are most impressive.

Fiona Diprose: Fi put in a great preseason and pushed herself to improve her fitness levels. She played the first handful of games of the season very strongly as part of the early rotation decision with three very strong goalkeepers in the squad. For most of the season Fi decided to 'change direction' in her hockey and has played successfully down the grades on the field.

Kathryn Abbott: The 'hard luck' story of the year for this squad; Kathryn did not miss a session in preseason and worked so hard to get herself fit for the season. She was to play a key part in the 2's defence, but in the first five minutes of the first game of the year ruptured a ligament in her knee that ended her season. We look forward to her return in 2009.



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Mens Premier 2

Matty Bowater (Wombat)

After a very busy year hockey wise, I'm sure Matty is looking forward to having a couple of months off. He made his 1's debut this year and helped us have our biggest win in that grade. He cemented his place in the 2's and also kept very well for the 17's & 3's teams. We are all very excited for him to get a good pre-season under his belt so he can get fit and take his game to the next level. Another big year ahead. Don't have too many shandies over the break.

Jimmy Welton (Jimmy)

A very capable GK who prides himself on his fitness. Unfortunately he was hit by the injury bug and broke his thumb midway through the season leaving the door open for Matty. A great club man, who gets involved and is always willing to help out. Jimmy's highlight of the year was at the Tight n Bright night when he held off many challenges to claim the prize of best dancer (as the rumour goes)

Michael Deveson (Junior)

Another strong year from the old horse. Always good to have Junior at the back to settle things in a crisis. We didn't see as many coast to coast runs this year as previously, maybe he is saving his energy for home life now that he is married. Hope to see you again next season as there are still some scores to settle with other teams that will happen sooner rather than later and would be great to see you slot the winning goal (off a short corner that is).

Craig Orr (Cactus)

Cactus really helped settle the back line this year after playing the first couple of games in the 3's. Our winning streak in the middle of the year was largely due to his consistent hockey, and the highlight was his game against OGHG where he really stepped up. Cactus is now a key member of the 2's and will be expected to perform well next year.

Jon Rutgers (Crowboy Maggot)

Jonboy has returned to the club after chasing skimpies in the Leonora/Boulder area for the previous 3 years. After supply had dried up, he has come back to Perth to be a valuable member of the top squad. Jonboy has been one the most consistent players this year and his drive through the half-line resulted in many goal scoring opportunities. Well done on a great season!

Stephen Gibson (Gibbo)

Gibbo or Dirty Kaffir is the 2's Mr Fix It. He is capable of playing many different roles and did so throughout the season. Finally he found a home at C/H which helped the team get more drive through the midfield. With more work on basic skills, Gibbo is definitely capable of playing 1's hockey in the near future. He is also a mad keen Wallabies fan, just ask him.

Brett Martin (Marto/Tomato)

After playing the majority of the season with the 1's, Marto was a welcome edition to the 2's line up. His knowledge of the game, strength on the ball and work rate is something that all the younger guys coming through should aspire to. I hope Marto continues on again next year as we push towards a 2's premiership.

Daniel McEntee (Macca)

A quieter year for the goals this season for the Big Mac, but still contributed well enough to be one of our higher goal scorers. Macca was added to the leadership group for the 2's this year and he is known around the club as someone who loves his hockey and his club. Confidence plays a big part in his game and Macca must continue to be in the right spot more often and the goals will return for next season.

Nick Christie (Nicko)

Nick played the majority in the 1's side this year and was a valuable addition when he came to the 2's. His knowledge of the game was a huge help to the younger guys coming through. Nick was given the role of inside forward and was able to create at the attacking end and control the opposition in defence which was mainly due to his high level of fitness and work rate.

Andrew Ricciardonne (Luigi)

Luigi is the nicer one of the Ricciardonne brothers at the club. A quietly spoken guy off the field but deadly around the circle if given half a yard, especially on the reverse. His pace up front and through the midfield when we had a break, was always very effective and resulted in many goal scoring opportunities.

Karl Tulloch (fatboy)

Another one of the young bucks coming through and will be a player to watch in the future. Karl made his 1's debut this year and improved with every game he played in that grade. Karl was an important player for the 2's, and helped set up many goals by pressuring the oppositions defence and creating turnovers. His work rate is excellent, but he does need to control that so he can play longer periods and not get burnt out. Well done on a great year. Say 'hi' to your sister for me. Only joking Mr Tulloch.

Mens Premier 2 (contd)

Anthony Ricciardonne (Ricca)

Where did your parents go wrong? A nice guy but a dirty cheat when it comes to ping pong. How can it go from 7-1 to 6-6? I won't forget that. Ricca was another guy who played the majority of the season with the 1's and then had a real impact on the 2's. He added that little bit of composure and fine touch around the circle that was much needed, and given a full season in this grade will score many goals in the future.

Sam Geers (Geers son # 3 or 4 I've lost count)

A small guy with huge potential. Sam was a real find this year coming from 17a's then 2's and making his 1's debut. Sam has silky skills to match the best and can eliminate the opposition with ease. With a few more years and a few more decent feeds, Sam will bulk up and have the confidence to get more body on body and find himself in more damaging areas on field. Well done on a great season. Enjoy the coming months off and we will see you at pre-season.

Jason De Wind (Jas)

Another dodgy bastard on the ping pong scene. Jas seems to have trouble keeping score when he ran out of fingers and wasn't quick enough to get his shoes off to use his toes. Jas broke into the 2's side midway through the season and was able to play consistent hockey by doing the simple things well and working hard. Jas is also a key member of the 3's side. Keep working hard and more opportunities for the 2's will be on offer.

Adam Halliday (Ads)

Another frustrating year for Ads in regards to injury and fitness. Adam was able to string a few strong games together before injuring his foot and wasn't able to overcome it before the end of the season, resulting in him missing the last 6 games. With a solid pre-season and an injury free run Adam is capable of playing consistent hockey at higher levels.



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Mens Premier Alliance

Mark 'Watto' Watton

An old head in the scheme of things, Watto was a welcome addition to the side when he was available. A good father, Mark would often have to miss out on key games such as those against his brother who plays for Hale. He played in key positions such as Striker and Inside Forward giving all his effort to help the side win. However this year was a quiet year for Watto as he didn't need to make the regular trip to the hospital to fix his face from an injury. The clubs insurance policy will be less next year!!

Todd 'TB' Barrett

Todd has been a big part of the top squad at Melville for many years and this was the first year he has taken a step back. Another proud father, Todd was responsible for helping to provide for his lovely wife and lucky child. Lucky the baby doesn't have Todd's looks or likeness for the odd skivvy (we still can't let this go). He was a very important player for the 3's, playing at Fullback, with a solid tackle often resulting in pain for the opposition. It was the 2's loss for letting him go, but the 3's good fortune for adding him to the side

Stuart Finlay

Stuart has been a part of Melville for many a year but only returned to play this year after many hours of persuasion from fellow players during the off season. Would you believe another father in the side, Stu was often called on to look after his little daughter at late notice usually on a cold and wet rainy night. Funny about that. He was a utility player that started playing striker at the beginning of the year and ended up as one of the solid defenders that each team requires down back. Welcome back to the club Stu, let's hope you are back next year!

Brendan 'Bear' Joss

Bear, the quiet oracle, was a true leader in the 3s this year. He started the season off at full back, and after a mid season shuffle, moved into right half where his true potential showed. Bear is one of the few/only senior players who actually stayed out of the umpiring after preaching to the rest of the team pre-game, that it's not our job. Hopeful we will have Bear in defence, and a member of the 3's team for seasons to come, as he is a true leader and skilled player.

Michael 'Howie, H-Doag, Wild Man from Borneo' Howe

H-Doag is one crazy character! He turns up to the game each week with a wet uniform, claiming that it had been left in the rain (We all know it just hadn't been washed from the week before), but still he manages to calve it up down the left wing. With machine like speed, Howie can play a full 70 mins on a stomach full of chips and gravy anytime, and at any chance he'll execute his trademark slide to keep the ball in play. Howie was a key wing man this year, and in 2009 he promises to come back being able to drag onto his flat stick. Good-luck for the off season, sounds like you've got a lot of work to do!

Ben 'Bennie Mac' McArthur

After leading the pre-season running, and finishing first in the beep test, Ben has continued to build momentum (in fact he can't stop.....really he can't). Starting the season just standing in the circle, getting pushed around by fullbacks and dribbling the ball past some very average goal keepers, he lead the goal scoring list, until a mid season slump (when Dom at centre half scored 4 goals, and Ben walked away with a whopping ZERO). Fortunately for the team, Ben realized he can also hit the ball hard towards goal, which lead the team to a 10 nil thrashing over YMCC. As we move into the finals, let's hope Ben's fitness and pace can get us across the line.

Ben 'Angry' Rushton

They don't call him Angry for nothing: Umpires fear him, spectators love him, and we're just happy he's on our side. Benny Rushton is the ultimate clubman, always at training (though mysteriously absent from running) and a great motivator for the team. Angry leads by example and is a key player, whether it be tearing up the middle with his skills or controlling the play from centre half. Hopefully this senior player has a few more years in him before stepping into retirement.

Courtney 'Chip' Clemons

Courtney joined Melville this year along with older brother, Tristan and slotted in very nicely, both on the field and in the social antics with the boys. Brilliantly nicknamed "Chip" because of his initials and not his efforts to wear out the netting behind the goals by repeatedly putting balls over the cross-bar, Courtney has been a fantastic addition to the 3's and is capable of playing multiple positions. His work ethic and eagerness to learn and improve has seen him become an important member of the team and he has been rewarded with several opportunities in the 2's where he has also performed strongly. With continued hard work, I'm confident that it won't be too long before we see the "Clemo Brothers" representing Melville at the highest level.

Matt 'Brucie' Bruce

The Energizer Bunny just got a new name because Brucie just keeps going and going and going. Brucie, being a man of many talents, could run anyone under the table (well maybe not his man-friend, Whip), sell another bottle of the famous Willow Bridge wine to any unsuspecting victim, and create new short corners, which didn't involve hitting the ball, instead throwing your stick to the other side of the D. Good season Brucie, and we look forward to another intense pre-season of Jacob's, boxercising, and super sets in 2009.

Sean 'Ramma' Ranford

Little Ramma was a fantastic young talent when added to the side, being a part of some of our key games during the year. From a solid background in hockey, Sean provided the team with drive and skill at the front, playing in key striker roles that would result in many attacking plays. Next year will be a good year for the young fella considering his solid exposure to senior hockey in 2008.

Mens Premier Alliance (contd)

Kyle 'Jammo' Jamison

The elusive Jammo, is a man of very few words, but when he shows up on the weekend he means business. He's a highly skilled right half who uses his skills to cut many teams apart down their left side. Defence would break down without him, so we look forward to another stellar season from him in 2009.

Andrew 'Hoops' Hooper

Times are tough for this man from 'The Golden Triangle', every time he crosses the Fremantle Bridge to come south he gets head spins and nose bleeds. I guess that is his excuse for his not-so-solid commitment to training. But still, Hoops was a crucial element for any team, be it 2s or 3s. The uncoordinated, yet fluid, control that he exerts over the hockey ball often saw him doing solo runs from half back right into the attacking 25. Then followed the priceless look when he realised that he had to run back to where he had come from. We all hope Hoops comes back for another season in 3s, as he is great entertainment, an unbelievable player, and he still has to donate his "Andrew Hooper Action Replay Board" to the club. I have it under good authority to say that this board will be in operation by winter 2009.

Dom 'Angry II' Reay

Every team has to have their token footy jock, and Dom is ours. From the full length skins at training to the finely sculpture metro-Mohawk, anyone would think Dom stopped at MCHC by accident. Being a close friend of Ben Rushton, Dom also has a rather volatile game persona. Most would think that you were safe with him on your team, think again. Dom would often turn on team mates, even when we were 3-1 up with 10 mins on the clock. Having said this, Dom was a force to be reckoned with in 2008. He was a crucial link in the half and forward line, and was the reason for 90% of our short corner goals. Dom, in 2009 I hope you don't realize that the footy club is only 30m East of MCHC because it would be good to have you back for another season.

Hamish 'Hammer Time' Burton

This young stallion is kind of a big deal from where he's from, and he has taken team management to a whole new level in 2008. From a state of the first aid box to a PwC sponsored manager's bag, Hammer time knows all the tricks of the trade...apart from submitting match reports to MCHC. Now to his hockey prowess, Hammer turns up to each game looking like an elite athlete out of the Beijing Games, however towards the end of the season he proved to have the fitness of an accountant, and the injuries to match. If it wasn't his shoulder, it was his foot. But still, he remained in contention to take out the Fairest & Best Award.

Hammer also hit the social scene in 2008. As a result of the Busselton trip, Hammer now has wanted posters down the Bussell Hwy, and the Tight & Bright night went down as a party that people will remember/try to remember for many seasons to come.

Jason 'Jase' De Wind

In 2008 Jason has found his little place at MCHC (which is quite often in the corner of the bar after a hockey game barracking for the ever failing Port Adelaide). His experience from playing some 2s matches has been paramount in his new found composure on the hockey field. In 2008 Jason's goal scoring curse was lifted and now you will find Jason scoring goals during matches and not only during training on Tuesday and Thursday. Jase, we'll fight to keep you in 3s but hope for the best in a more permanent selection in the 2s squad.

James 'Jimi' Welten

Goalies...they're all the same, they stink, and Jimi's no exception. With his little designated spot in the change rooms, everyone knows when Jimi has arrived. With his 'co-goalie' duties with Matty Bowater, Jimi started the season with a real fire, this was until the injury curse hit him again (literally). It wasn't the hamstring this season it was a broken thumb which was the end to the second half of his season. None-the-less Jimi still put his heart into the club, and regularly showed up for training, and never missed a social function. It will be good to have you in flying form again in 2009.

Matt 'Wombat' Bowater

Goalies...they're all the same, they stink, and Matty's no exception. With his little designated spot in the change rooms, everyone knows when Matty has arrived. With his 'co-gaolie' duties with Jimi Welten, Matt's games excelled from strength to strength. Often selected for the 2s squad, Matt's potential was really unlocked, and he could often be heard bragging "I've played 3 games this weekend, and I haven't let in any goals." It will be good to have you in goals in 2009.

Ryan 'Rhino' Rushton

Although he could only spend half the season with us, Rhino was a key member of our fullback line. Like other senior members in the team, Rhino would religiously turn up to the running before training. However, he would have us all into shape when we were ready to hit the turf. Not only is Rhino a great hockey player, but he is also a talented umpire, and he can often be heard giving a running commentary to each call made by the umpires. We hope to see him back in 2009, however we understand if work commitments get in his way (working on boats on the Northern Coast of Australia rubbing tanning lotion onto millionaires.)

Further Note:

A big thanks has to go out to all the guys who filled in for us on odd occasions during the season. An even bigger thanks goes to all the guys that stepped up to umpire one of our ridiculously timed games.

Womens Provisional 1

The Provisional 1s (or Women's 3s as they are better known), was a healthy mix of youth and experience who merged together to make a very strong team. With a healthy rotation of younger under 15s and under 17s through the team this year, it was also very easy to see this is where the future of the club is. Well done on a fantastic season girls, and thank you for making it a lot of fun. Stuart Hennessey, Coach.

Briony Clark

Throughout the season, Briony has juggled a number of games each weekend. This however, has not hampered her performance one bit. Briony is always so full of energy and fighting spirit that she will run forever to try to win the ball. A very skilful player, she has played an important role in our attacking front this year.

Madeleine Dawe

Madeleine returned to the club after numerous years away from hockey. And what an impression she made. The obvious choice for first runner in our defensive short corners, Maddie's speed often stunned the opposition into submission, allowing her to easily run away with the ball.

Stephanie Dixon (Pixie)

A very strong defensive player, Pixie provides a great link between the forwards and the fullbacks. She is always there to provide back up when required, and happy to move forward when the opportunity presents itself.

Allison Hall

Allison has shown great commitment this season. Being one of the older players in the team has not slowed Allison one bit... With her speed, skill and motivation, Allison often puts the rest of us to shame. Always looking for ways in which she can improve, Alison is a great team player, who also provides much needed encouragement and support.

Leanne Jarvis

Once again, Lee has had a very busy season both on and off the field. Always reliable in defence, she provides much needed support and direction in the backline. Despite playing in the fullback role, Lee has still had the opportunity to score a couple of goals for us.

Conor Keating

Conor didn't have a very good run of luck with ankle injuries occurring at hockey training this year. Injuries aside, she had a great season. Her leading and calling enabled her to be in the right positions to score some fairly impressive goals. Conor's speed and stick skills have also enabled her to beat many an opposition player and set up further goal opportunities.

Britt MacDonald

Britt has been a very entertaining player to have on our team. She is known for her high pitched squeals, and possibly the most amusing goal of the season. Britt is a very determined player and is always trying to improve her skills. Always trying to use new skills learnt at training, Britt is a great team player who is always willing to share the ball around.

Stephanie MacDonald

Steph is likely to run all day on the hockey field. She always seems to be running, and didn't even seem to slow down when she was injured. Always looking to provide great leads, she has set up and assisted with setting up many great goal opportunities.

Meghan McGregor

Megsie is one of the quiet achievers of the team. She is always there to providing leads. Megsie has been unlucky not to score more goals this season – if only we had managed to get the ball through to her a little more often as she always seems to be in the right position to be able to sneak a goal in.

Kylie Mishra

Our always dependable goalie, Kylie has made some spectacular saves this season. Always keen to try new things and learn new skills, she is always happy to take out an opposition player (or two) if absolutely necessary. This aside, Kylie is regularly a calming influence to the team and the voice of reason in the backline.

Kelly Ryan

Kelly is very reliable in the halfback or fullback line, and is always ready for whatever happens to be thrown her way. Her channelling, tackling and distribution skills are often an instrumental part of our defence. Kelly also provides plenty of direction and support to players in defence.

Alana Wake

Alana has this year fulfilled her lifelong ambition of getting into the half back line – and much to her credit has been a driving force going forwards and a defensive rock at the back. In fact, she almost scored a goal this year (we won't talk too much about the one that got away though, the season is not yet over...), not bad for a fullback eh?! Alana has also very efficiently managed our team this year – so many thanks from all of us for getting all the behind the scenes work done this year.

Womens Provisional 1 (contd)

Clare Ward

Clare has played in many different positions throughout this season, and has made the most of every opportunity. She regularly uses her skill and speed to breeze past the opposition players. Clare has been a delight to have in the team with her big smile and constant encouragement of other players.

Sarah Pumphrey

A late inclusion in the team, Sarah joined us from the UK. Having been described as like a “spider woman”, Sarah’s incredible reach has led to her stopping many an offensive play. Despite being moved out of her comfort zone (playing in a fullback role), Sarah slotted into the centre halfback role with ease.

Caitlyn Surman

Caitlyn’s introduction to the team late in the season has added a little extra spark. Always bright and cheerful, Caitlyn is always there to offer support and encouragement. She never stops running and uses her skill to beat many an opposition player.

A big thank you must go to the many players who have filled in for us throughout the season. Your contribution was greatly appreciated: Amy Banasik, Janine Barrow, India Brockman, Fiona Diprose, Gillian Forbes, Sheridan Gore, Jamie Greenacre, Katherine Hall, Natalie Johnson, Vanessa Martin, Holly Menegola, Kaitlin Passmore, Yvette Rutherford, Donelle Smith and Kymberley Wilson. Thank you also to the various supporters who came to our games throughout the season. It was always nice to have people on the sidelines cheering us on!

And last, but definitely by no means least, thank you to our coach Stuart Hennessey. Stu’s odd workings hours made coaching our team a little tricky - especially when our phone calls and messages about training or games (during the day) would wake him from his usual sleep time. We know that coaching us has been stressful at times – probably not a good thing when stress is a trigger for eating, and there are packets of lollies in the dugout! It’s hard to think of a game that Stu came out of unscathed – although this was mainly self-inflicted. Thank you from all of us for your help, support and dedication throughout the season!



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Mens Provisional 2 Gold

The mighty Melville 4's were created on the eve of the season, after an influx of boys from the country coming to study in Perth. The team was designed as a development grade, with a large focus on "bleeding" juniors into senior ranks. Our first game of the season produced our worst result, a 3-0 loss, but since then we have improved dramatically to be on a 7 game unbeaten streak heading into the finals. We are almost certain to finish the regular season in 3rd position, and if we play well in the finals anything could happen! We have fostered a reputation as an entertaining team, scoring the most goals in the competition, and most goals for the club at this point of the season. Thanks to everyone for the effort in making this a successful first year for this new team, and hope to see you all back next year. A BIG thanks also to people who umpired during the year for us- mainly Neil Ashley, supported by Steve McEntee, Matt Geers, Hans Geers, Pat Hall and Greg Hunt.

Michael Ashley (Fullback)

Sticky decided to jump on the Geersie bandwagon at the beginning of the year and help him out in the coaching department. Despite having some form of authority, still found himself playing fullback for most of the year, even after repeated attempts to move up the field. Still the only thing he is good at is having long arms and a mega hit, which is all that is needed to play fullback.

Matthew Bruce (Midfielder)

Brucey was recruited in the second half of the year, and showed us all a whole new level of fitness. Where people like Geersie can run for 2 minutes, this man could run for hours. Brucey ran around at inside forward and helped set up many goals. Brucey has the distinction as the only player in our team to get sent off throughout the year – bad man!

Neil Ferguson (Halfback)

Fergy was another late season import. Not much was known about Fergy, but he walked in and showed he could play at the level required and had a great hockey brain. It was good to see him telling Aki that he wasn't playing with the Metro 2s anymore, with 4s glory in mind. Fergy will be an important part of the team in finals.

Andrew Fry (Halfback)

Unfortunately Fry didn't resemble the Futurama character at all – the cartoon was a lot smarter. Our uncompromising left half excelled in playing defensive roles, and was only ever brought undone when trying the world's most magical drag, only to lose the ball every time (generally over that nasty sideline).

Christopher Geers (Midfielder)

Geersie stood up to be head coach at the start of the year, as he was suffering a case of "Small-Man Syndrome" and needed a power trip. The coaching style was definitely "do as I say, not as I do". The trademark of the Geers coaching was to refer to the bench as the "pine", even writing this on the whiteboard before games. Had a good year playing a centre-half and inside forward, however was considered to be the slowest player in the team, and never quite grasped the concept of defending.

Nicholas Geers (Midfielder)

Nick was our main junior, still playing 17s. Had the tough job of being a Geers in a team run by another Geers. Has great stick skills and will learn lots from playing against the big unskilful thugs that we often came up against.

Stuart Hennessey (Midfielder)

Stuey said at the start he wasn't going to play this year.... but was easily convinced to join the 4s megastars. For the first time in his life, Stuey was NOT the token redhead in the team, which instead went to Skeggs, however this did not stop him running around like a mad man at inside forward at every opportunity. Stuey will definitely need the summer to recover after seemingly managing to injure every part of his body at some point during the year. Probably the highlight of Stu's year was putting on a huge BBQ and bar tab for his birthday which went down a treat.

Patrick Lawther (Midfield/Fullback)

Pat was our other star U15 import, also with a great future ahead. Made the WA U15 team this year, congrats!

Jayben Lister (Midfielder)

The next of our country scrubbers and possibly the quietest bloke in the team and gets a nomination for having the most confusing name ever invented. Whoever thought to put "Jay" and "Ben" together??? Jayben ran around the midfield all year, developing strength on the ball to go with his good stick skills. If only he changed his name he would be the complete player.

Alex MacLeay (Forward)

The first problem with Alex was working out what his nickname was all about – then it became obvious that "Zander" was in fact the last part of "Alexander". Big tall Zander loped around mainly on the wings causing headaches to opposition defences. Improved a lot throughout the year and hopefully can score a few goals in the finals.

Mens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Dale Meyer (Fullback)

Our preseason recruitment scheme saw us scour the planet in search for international stars, but instead we ended up with this South African import. Dale had several names throughout the year, but ended up being known as Hansie. Playing at fullback, Hansie had a ridiculously hard hit, but unfortunately it was always shin high off the ground and curved, so nobody could ever trap one of his bullets. Had a very solid year at fullback, and always liked to provide some entertainment for the boys when trying to eliminate an opponent with his stick skills.

David Ogden (Utility)

The skunk!! Oggy consistently turned up with the worst haircuts and bright clothing, including the skunk-mohawk look towards the end of the year. Oggy was another one of our juniors who played all over the park, ranging from scoring four goals in one game, to playing a game at fullback.

Jonathon Palmer (Forward)

Jono should be known as "Mr Windy" - never before has one player completed so many windys in one season. Despite this, Jono became our top seagull, err – goalscorer, with moments of brilliance throughout the year. Jono was one of our country scrubbers, and this was easily noticed whenever a tackle was attempted – the axe definitely was an essential part of the Jono package.

Marcus Radunivich (Halfback)

Marcus was our country enforcer and at times reminds us of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde – either on song or still on the skate park. Playing primarily at right half, Marco's strength on the ball and stick skills were of great importance to the team. Unfortunately after the uni break Marco lost all credibility for returning with possibly the worst bowl hair cut ever...but thankfully this didn't affect his hockey game.

Tom Skeggs (Forward)

Our token redhead! Skeggs was considered to be the most laid back man in the world, and probably had the best reverse stick drag in our team. Skeggs laconically waltzed around the forward line, and consistently tried to pull out the upright backstick magic goal, only to shank it over the baseline. Finally in one of our last games, Skeggs pulled off one of these backstick goals and all was forgiven. Improved a lot throughout the year and managed a few goals.

Denver Stove (Midfielder/Fullback)

Denver was our star import from the U15s. Very strong for his age and has a bright future at Melville.

Steve Walsh (Forward)

Walshy decided to front the selection committee at the start of the year for a place in the team, presumably as a player on the Veteran list. If not for Walshy, we would have had an average age in the teens. Despite this obvious flaw, Walshy defied his age by being one of the fittest, and probably the quickest bloke in the team. His playing style either resulted in absolute magic hockey, or absolutely terrible hockey, but luckily for us we got the good stuff most of the time. Scored plenty of goals to be a vital member of our forward line.

Daniel Wilkinson (Goalkeeper)

What can you say about this man? Our goalie was often referred to as the stupidest man on the planet, and his pre game routine included sneaking into the rooms before a game and covering the whiteboard with sledging towards our coach. It's lucky it's not in the rules to put a green wheelie bin as goalie, otherwise Wilko would have been out of a job. Wilko's specialty became leaving the ball when an opponent had touched it inside the "D", to cost us several goals throughout the year. When we played the better teams in the comp however, Wilko stood up and played his best games of the season, keeping clean sheets against the top two teams. However Wilko should be advised never to play hungover.

Throughout the year we had several people play a couple of games to help us with numbers. Thanks to the following: Josh Cleary (U15), Matt Geers, Lucas Koch (U17), Evan Bowater, Chris Inglis, Sam Geers (U17), Kyle Jamieson, Michael Howe, Jason De Wind, Duncan Parnis (Pom import). See you all next year!

Womens Provisional 3 Black

Kathryn Atkinson (Kat)

Kat's our big hitter who's proven her strength with her massive clearances from defence. Played most of the season as fullback, but visited other parts of the field to see what half backs and inners did. An asset with her hockey brain, she generally keeps a calm head and is good at directing others on the field. This has been a good year for Kat, who still has plenty more hockey to play for many, many years ahead.

Barbara Duggan

Our sneaky little Canadian seagull (although we must emphasize that in WA hockey terms, "seagull" is a compliment!). Barbara has done very well to transfer her ice hockey skills to the field and is never shy when it comes to running into the "D" and having a go at the goalie. Strong left wing with plenty of goals still left.

Tania Ebert

Another new addition, Tania joined the team this year and when she heard of our coaching shortage at the club, coerced her dad to fill the gap! Tania is a natural forward, has a good eye for the ball and does really well as inner, although is strong in any of the front line possies. Unfortunately injured not long after a work "do" (suspicious???), Tania missed quite a few of the games towards the end of the season and we missed her presence in attack. Hopefully the back will be all healed by next season and we'll see more of her skill and grace on the field next season.

Audrey Emmett

Audrey loves to play left half but we love to play her as our inner. I know there's a little frustration that we don't pass to the left as much as we should, but the more agitated she gets, the better she seems to play. Audrey has a good understanding of the game, is great at marking and is always in the right position. Always a great player and very much appreciated by her full backs.

Kim Ireland

Whenever Kim was not suffering from injury or poor work rosters, she rocked up for a game and a run. Great in the mid field, she is always a pleasure to play with. Great eye as centre forward and got the legs to run all day as an inner as well. She's strong on the ball and a very good team member.

Elizabeth Mason (Beth)

Beth's our other U17's recruit, dragged along when mum joined the team but has turned out to be "quite a find" in her own right. Strong in the forward line, she's got good skills, can carry the ball into attack and put it where it's most needed. Beth can run too – always an asset when the average age of the rest of the team is 30+. Another one who's pretty quiet, Beth lets her skills make her presence felt on the field and we certainly know when she's there! Missed her a few times when other commitments saw her unable to make a game, but we are always glad to have her back. Good luck for next year!

Frances Mason (Frankie)

Our jack of all positions. Frankie came into the team mid season and fitted in perfectly. She always came with a smile and willing to give any position a go. Frankie has some good skills which she used for the benefit of the team on many occasions. Frankie also plays in our women's vets team – as if she didn't do enough with us!

Nicola Ogden (Nic - Captain)

Captain Nicola. She is our captain and our mighty fullback. A force to be reckoned with, though many an opposition player tried and failed to get past her. Always the first to give praise to all the girls. A great leader for a great team.

Erica Remedios

One of our sneaky wingers. Does great runs down the line with the ball and then cracks it into the "D" – hopefully one of our players is there! Erica has some good skills and a great burst of speed, which is very valuable in the forward line. I think that if Erica showed a little more aggression she will become a great player – she's just too nice for the game of hockey!

Nicole Robustellini (Nikki)

Nikki has been a new import that started the year as a wing and slotted quite nicely into half back towards the end of the season. Nikki has increased her strength as she's added a few more skills to her repertoire this season. She has a good turn of speed, which makes her hard to catch when she takes off with the ball! A nice flat hit into the D from the right hand side of the field is one of her major assets, with budding seagull tendencies as she swoops in on the ball to tuck away the scraps. We're looking forward to seeing more of Nikki next year.

Womens Provisional 3 Black (contd)

Kate Sparkes (Sparkesy - Vice Captain)

Our captain of vice, Sparkesy has been a great leader for the team. Playing mostly in the centre half position (although capable of playing anywhere!) she is great at directing the play, holding together the attack and directing our short corners. She scuttled off to England mid-season and we really missed her – but she came back stronger than ever and finished the season off as manager as well after Susie went on hols. A great year for Kate's first year back after having baby Brendan – looking forward to seeing her again in 09!

Ashleigh Sperinck (Ash)

Young Ash (an U17's recruit) has been bouncing around in her box at the back of the field for us for most of the season. Thanks to some extra effort with guru goalie coach Stuey, Ash has been getting stronger all season. She has a great slide tackle, is always ready to chase the ball/player/random small children and keep them out of her net. Ash hasn't had the biggest workout with us this year as we selfishly keep winning, but she's been guarding our backs and keeping us from defeat on the odd occasion when we let her see the ball. A solid season from Ash - I'm sure she hopes she'll get a bigger work-out next year.

Kimberley Welten (Kimmi)

She may not have liked it, but Kimmi is our great right half/fullback. She can't complain too much as we did let her have a few runs in the forward line and she did score a goal or two. Plus all the running she did going up and back for our short corner push outs. Kim worked in well with the players around her, setting up some great short passes as well as scaring the pants off the opposition with her well-aimed free hits. A good season Kimmi!

Kymberley Wilson

We borrowed Kymberley from the 3's and refused to let her go back. Having an Australian player on the team will always be an asset! Kym has a massive hit and a wicked backstick knock that has seen her score a hat trick or two throughout the season. She also has a good turn of speed once she gets the ball and it's not a good idea to get in the way when she's firing off a shot on goal (ask Sue Wilson!). A few trips away for work (Thailand, the USA – how do you do it?) left us with a Kymberley sized gap in our attack, but we look forward to having her on the deck when she's in town.

Susan Wilson

Sue started the season managing the team, organising the umpiring and running the off-field guff that needs to be done to keep the team on track. However, with coaching her daughter's team as well, she took a well earned break late in the season and after her break in Bali, we thought we'd let her enjoy the rest of the season as a player, without the extra responsibilities. Sue is a strong player, who is very good at calling for the ball in the forward line and taking it into the danger zone. Sue's moved around the forward line and had a few sessions in the half back role, but her heart is on the centre forward position. Confident and capable, Sue would be an asset to any team.



Womens Provisional 3 Gold

This year we started the season with less than a full team, and many of the girls lacked game experience. The first half the season allowed the Vets to lend their years of experience to help the girls find their place on the field and training developed their skill. By mid season we had established ourselves as a team that played together and had fun, as well as picking up some more players who contributed to the game in their own way. With a full team, our games became quicker with short passing around the opposition, increased aggression and more frequent goal scoring. The skill of the girls was mostly reflected in the stats, with our team conceding the least number of goals in our grade. We had help from many people including Ted and Mark (who came to our training and helped us on the field during games), and the Vet and Metro ladies that filled in for our team when we needed it. Also thanks to our team manager Claire, who arranged the monies and helped to make sure we had a full team every week. This team wouldn't have functioned without you. It was a lot of fun playing with you girls and hope to see you again next year.

Robyn Balfe (The Hard Hitter)

Robyn started this season with little experience in club hockey, but was quick to adapt to the game. She started on the wing, but was soon shifted to half back because of her knack for hitting and making the tackles. It was a great first season for her and as her confidence grows, she's sure to become a solid defender in the years to come.

Debra Crompton (The Determined Dribbler)

Deb joined our team early this season as one of our more experienced players. She added stability to the halfbacks, but soon moved up to inner, because she just couldn't help running. Deb became a great forward and an integral part of our shorts.

Fiona Diprose (The Bad Ass)

Fiona played her first season as a forward and found her calling. She played a hard game and gave the forwards some much needed aggression and strength. Determined in the D to score, a great supporting player, and always having a positive attitude, it was great having her on the team.

Helen Doyle (The Backup)

Helen played a few games with us this season, and was important / imperative when we were lacking fullbacks. She always played a good, hard game, and we loved having her, Thank you for the help Helen.

Jane Finlay (The Great Defender)

Jane played this season as our permanent fullback. She was reliable in stopping any breakaway forwards, and used her awesome hit to put it back up our attacking end. She played hard in the game and would even go for a run every now and then. I think we would have conceded more goals without you.

Claire Hadley (The Stable Centre)

Claire had her first season as a centre half and settled into the position nicely. She was always there to stop ball or player, when there was a break away, and learnt the art of pushing out on a short. Claire you grew as a player this year and it was great to see.

Jaimee Hadley (The Sneaky Tackler)

Jaimee started playing about a quarter way through the season. Although she had not played for a few years, she adapted quickly to the game like she never left. With improving stick skills and knack for making a tackle, Jaimee made a great half back.

Kylie Hankinson (The Crazy Keeper)

Kylie played her first season with the seniors this year as our keeper, and we were more than happy to have her. She played well, controlling the D and ensuring that the opposition was constantly marked. She made some great saves and was always enthusiastic on and off the field. It was great having you as our keeper Kylie.

Shannan Keating (The Breakaway)

Shannon played this season as our right half. She was quick to run onto the ball and make the necessary tackles. She was nice and vocal, so you always knew where she was, and proved a solid support for the right half of the field.

Peta Lock (Our Illustrious Leader)

Peta was our hard-working, enthusiastic captain, and one of our stable forwards. Starting as an inner, she helped out at centre-forward when Mel left us. Rarely coming off the field until the end of the game, she helped keep us together and was there for every game this season.

Melissa Lowe (The tall, high centre-forward)

Mel started this season as our centre-forward and as a key player in our short-corners. She led our attack for the early part of the season and she was missed when pulled out of hockey due to other commitments. We hope to see her back again next season.

Womens Provisional 3 Gold (contd)

Annette Scholten (The Experienced Defender)

Annette was a vet who played probably over half the season with us as a full back. She was the much needed extra support we needed in the defence, so thanks Annette.

Annette Schwarz (The Vocal Winger)

Annette played her second season with the club this year, and has come a long way as a player. She developed a hard hit, some good stick skills and tackled well. Annette contributed to the team by scoring some great goals this season.

Jasmine Vico (The Willing Winger)

Jasmine came to our team as our least experienced player, but was always willing to listen and learn from her team mates. As the season progressed, so did Jasmine's skills, and she managed to find herself increasingly in the right spot at the right time, becoming an important member of the team.

Allison Wheatley (The Furious Fighter)

Ally was another of our players who had not played in a while, but took to the game well. She proved good at stealing the ball away and working her way across the field. She worked well with her team members and always played her best.

Michelle Regan

The runaway winger Michelle started with us half way through the season, and slotted in nicely as a winger. She could receive the ball and take it up the wing with ease, and push it into the D. Working well with the other forwards, Michelle became an integral part of the forward line.

Hayley Lyons

The young runner Hayley started to play with us late in the season, but she trained with us for months beforehand. She has little experience with the game, but she became a willing winger, with great running, and was able to receive passes easily.

Thanks also to everyone who filled in for us during the year, we frequently wouldn't have been able to play without you: Ali Ammar, Mhairi Angus, Celia Bavcevich, Marie Farrow, Gillian Forbes, Conor Keating, Maris Margetts, Athlene Marshall, Fleur Mason, Frances Mason, Ashleigh Sperinick, Marion Vince, Krystal Walker and Kimberley Wilson.



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Womens Metro 1

Well another successful season has come to an end with Metro 1 taking the Challenge Cup and Minor Premiers flags. Now for the hard stuff. THE FINALS.

A couple of games after the Challenge Cup the wheels started to fall off, as the season took its toll with injury and flu keeping players on the sideline or playing under duress and so the games reaped less impressive rewards. We also lost Athlene and Danni for the rest of the season. However, we are still on top and now need to find that game plan for the finals.

The team is made up of:

Danni

who played at her best when the opposition upset her and has proved as good up the back as on the forward line.

Fleur

who has played every position on the field with flair and without complaint.

Dee

who works incredibly hard on the left wing and contributes nicely to the goal tally.

Gillian

who had run of the field in the centre and what a play maker and goal scorer she proved to be.

Ali

who played right inner with heaps of energy and some days overheated trying to do it all.

Carolyn (CC)

whose surname we have only just learnt to pronounce correctly and who never settles for the one tackle.

Lynda

who is an absolute work horse at left inner, getting the job done without fuss.

Maree (Pic),

our right half, who swapped her stick for a broom to continually sweep up at the back and then carry the ball forward.

Athlene

who held the team together from the centre half.
Maris whose talent we wish was multiplied by ten.
Celia who has improved heaps this year.

Maris

whose talent we wish was multiplied by ten.

Celia

who has improved heaps this year.

Lindy

from out of goals to anywhere in the backline or all of them at once.

Jan

the glue that keeps us together even though she has retired twice, still suffers from last year's broken elbow and is walking a bit like an 'old sea captain' (and who is too modest to mention herself, so that other team members had to add this).

Goalies -

From Kylie to myself, Ashleigh, Jessica and finally Tearne.

Thank you to all those goalies and to our part timers, Lisa, Theresa, Helen and Mhairi for being there, always at short notice.

Thanks to Maris for doing all the official stuff with the score cards and reports. To Linda for the organisation of umpires and to Debbie, Kat, Lee and Helen for umpiring.

A pretty good year girls, lets now try to prove how good we can be and bring home the third and final flag. Good hockey and lots of fun. A good year.

Jan Davis
Manager

Mens Metro 1

Some say we are a bunch of over the hill hacks trying to re-live our glory days; to them I say nay, we never had any glory days, and some of the lads, whilst admittedly hacks, are still quite young. We are nothing more than an homage to the physical comedy skills of Buster Keaton, combined with the existential angst of Nietzsche, with a small dash of the Argument scene from Monty Python thrown in. Who else would write their match report before the game and then play to it?

Todd Barrett

Came to fill in and counselled us that we needed to stretch and warm up! Needless to say was banished immediately and will need to shed these unwholesome views before his return.

David Beckwith

Unkind people have mentioned mutton dressed as lamb, but I applaud his stance - but remember, just wearing a clean t-shirt makes you stand out in our crowd. Was welcomed to the team on account of his age, and appropriate level of pace.

John Cooke

The boss, loved by all, especially those he has made do things, which would be all of us. Our very own Lord Voldemort, continues his exploration of the dark side of hockey from his new favourite position of flank half. Favourite moment - yelling at the blokes to switch on and focus when we were 8-0 up with 5 minutes to go. Priceless.

Bruce Hancock

A beacon of kindness shining out over troubled waters, our new age Bruce radiates calm and brings light and warmth to all those he comes into contact with. Rumours swirl of a new book deal involving Deepak Chopra and Oprah Winfrey, as he attempts to spread the latest new-age cure-all - 'Bruciness' - across the globe. I, for one, am right on board.

Christopher Inglis

Interesting one, Chris. Concentrates very intently, especially after training at the club, and I was worried about him when I saw how much he was sweating during a game - I was then reminded that that was what happened when you run, which is of course why I couldn't remember it. Doesn't have many bad habits, but time is on his side.

Mark Lyons

Still has the drag, just not the trap afterwards. Is struggling to come to terms with being the second best player in his family now that Hayley has started playing, and looks very much at home at left half. Is still older than Gav. Still looks younger than Watto. No wonder he is always confused.

Cameron Porter

For many years, the psychological world has been gripped by one overriding question - nature or nurture? Is breeding more important than the environment in which you are raised? With Cameron, we have fundamental proof that breeding is the key - not only have the ...shall we say, aggressive tendencies of the earlier generation (yes, I'm looking at you two Bruce and Dave) bred true, he has also inherited the questionable facial hair that is emblematic of the family.

Matthew Read

If he was any more laid back he'd be horizontal. Never really suited the higher grades where people yell and take things seriously; he was destined to play with this group where his lackadaisical approach doesn't stand out. Still an immense danger to the left hand corner post.

Nathan Rowden

I'm sure it was him who turned up for a little while, wasn't it?

Gavin Scally

Older, slower, less grumpy although Cookie may put up an argument based on one game. Not about the older and slower though - the only thing as ample as the proof is the frame.

Andrew Scanlon

Lost his Captain Grumpy title this year, but played several games in a row and didn't miss any through injury, which made us wonder whether he had undergone a full body transplant over the summer. It was then pointed out that if you had gone to that trouble, then surely you would have gone in for a better model, or at least one that could run out of sight on a dark night.

Rhys Spedding

Grumpiest man in the team - in a team that contains Cookie, Stef, Scans, it is quite an achievement. Allegedly smiled at some point in May, but I for one am waiting for photographic proof. I am sure we will forgive him for Vic Park eventually...well, most of us will...maybe...

Mens Metro 1 (contd)

Mark Watton

Looks older, has formed a devastating comedic partnership with Willett this year, a sort of Lano and Woodley style fusion of physical comedy, biting satire and incompetence. Inspirational.

Roh Weddikkara (Tricky)

I have in the past written this particular piece in a specific style, and as a result Roh has never shown it to his parents. So...he is a wonderful, thoughtful person, always looking after people, works hard, exceptionally well raised..and Murali is a chucker ..damn, almost made it.

Stefan Willett

Oh dear, a rich vein of comedy here. Claims to have turned the season around by getting himself sent off at Wasps, which worked so successfully - he...not me, not Scans - did a hamstring so badly he missed the last 5 games of the season and the finals. Had a weird Michael Flatley thing going this year, where he lost the ball between his feet and then starting Riverdancing in an apparent attempt at either finding the ball, scaring the opposition into leaving him alone or alternatively making them laugh so hard no-one could tackle him. At least I assume that is what he was doing, I have not seen the like of it before.



Thanks to everyone who played for us, especially those who umpired us - special mention to Chippy and Stick, who did most of our games - and to our families for letting us play. See you next year.



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Mens Metro 2 Gold

METRO 2 "GOLD" MEN - Another year of hockey over – Oooohh! The 2's had another good start to the year as usual, but finished the year off with some mixed results. Now it's time to start priming ourselves for the finals.

Old Man

Aki missing the first eight weeks of the season saw the team undefeated - until the return of the big man in defence. Until week 16 he has been in the ugly place rather than the happy place which the team would prefer. Even the spectators ran scared this season – not able to break his resolve with their usual cutting remarks, when he made a critical mistake or two.

Chris Criddle

Now a married man, his on field antics have been a little sluggish. He has been rarely seen over this season and often pulls up lame, just so the umpire calls time so he can have a rest.

Andrew Criddle

Have you been "Criddilized" lately, get out of the way I am coming through? Likes to run up forward but needs to learn how to pass, selfish bastard. Cargo shorts have long gone and with it, Andy's pace and agility.

AJ – Alex Wragg

A nice pick up for us old folk. With Mum and Dad in tow he ran all day and delivered three goals on his birthday. Next year get your mum to make your cake.

Neil Ferguson

Danger by name and Danger by nature. Jumping ship for team Geers and big Stick does not cut it with us. We thought just playing with such a quality team should have kept him wanting to play in our side.

Matt Bell

One armed Bandit; with the festering sulphur streaks in his hair, big in stature and slow in pace, has the ability to annoy both opposition and team members alike. He snuck into the team under the radar, but of late has shown signs of improvement, but that could be the wine talking!

Chris Scott

The wandering travel agent made another comeback this year and is quick with an opinion. Has done well in the half back line, however sometimes keen to push forward.

Andrew King

Kingy, with his quick banter, his mouth became a good home for a wayward ball or two. We are starting to wonder if there is some female attraction at the outpatient counter at St John's Murdoch. On a serious note he always gave 110% and is a valued member of the team.

Lloyd King

His spasmodic pace made up for his lack of skills and erratic passes. For someone so young, why does he need so much dencorub? A married man and father of two future medical cases waiting to happen.

Evan Bowater

The Man child - nothing more to be said!

Brad Potter

What a lovely man is our chippy. Forever graceful and light on his feet and never strays too far from the 5 yard line. One good thing about him is you will always know where he is. May need to be traded, but lucky for him we have nothing to trade with. Scored the odd goal this season, with many handy assists going begging by the attacking forwards.

Chris James

CJ and his imaginary friend came out to play again this season. He runs all day, fires up often and scored many a handy goal. His slide tackles have been a feature all year, not to mention the umpire abuse which was rewarded with a 10 minute rest behind the goals.

Daniel Pickering

Picko, good along the half line, when he bothered to rock up between work, babysitting and the odd crisis! Finally found the back of the net mid-season for a handy few goals.

Mitch Welten

Not what you would call a team player, trains with the 3's and plays with the old guys on a Saturday. His youth gets him a run in the forward line, however is best suited at halfback. Scored the odd charity goal and lucky his mum makes a mean nachos (or wedges on a Saturday).

James Welten

Jimbo, always keen to have a run on the paddock, his softness saw him with an injured hand for part of the year. His impact came when we needed some run through the middle of the field and in forward defence when we lost the ball in attack.

Ted Neesham

On a whim and prayer his season was rubbish, pulled up lame with no heart muscle (raisin). Always keen to hide behind the opposition defence and many a defender trying hard to find him. His half time address has been boring as, not that anyone listened anyway.

Dylan Hadley

Thank you Dylan for filling in as goalie for two games this year with a clean sheet at both games.

Michael Girdlestone, Matt Geers, Roger Mellor, Nick Geers, Mark Timmel

This motley bunch comprised our super sub bench for the season. Recruited from the 17A's and Vet's it was a chance for the young ones to strengthen their game playing seniors and a chance for us to get some fresh blood and young legs into the team. The oldies just helped to make up the numbers and enjoy the banter. Matt Geers scored on many, many occasions. I hope you all enjoyed the journey!

Mens Metro 3 Gold

Firstly a HUGE thanks must go to Barry who has umpired almost all of our games this season- and although Justin assures us that we are doing Barry's wife a favour by helping keep him fit, our team would not have been able to function without him. So, once again, thank you Barry for being our "best performing player" for the season! It has been an eventful year for the 3's who merged with the Scrubbers (though rumor has it that the Scrubbers don't merge- they infest!!). Both teams have seriously struggled for numbers in the last few years, but the core of each group has been fairly stable, so it has taken a bit of time for the 3's to get used to the Scrubbers infestation. We started the season with a list of 19 players and for round 1 we had 5 players on the bench, however by round two we were only just able to start the game with 11 players. It took until round 8 before we finally got the concept of using subs, and the team have realised the benefit of having 3 to 4 players on the bench and actually being able to walk on the Sunday and Monday after a hard game. Our numbers have slowly dropped over the season with plenty of injuries, holidays, and people taking extended holidays interstate and overseas. The wins this season have been few and far between, but it has been a positive season in that we have been attacking well and matching it with some quality opposition - our only problem is that we have struggled to pop the ball into the back of the net. As they say in footy - it has been a "rebuilding" season.

James Butcher (Full Back)

James has being part of a solid defence unit has saved numerous goals and flattened the opposition at times (especially when playing Lakers in South Geraldton). He is the only Grandfather in the team, and apart from needing a break every now and then, he is a long way off retiring (or going grey). Our enforcer.

Mario Coelho (Anything but Goalie)

Mario returned to the fold this season from places unknown and played in almost every position in every match (bar goalie). He has played the length of the field and shaken a number of opposition players and being a consistent force throughout the season. A welcomed return to a great drinking buddy.

Rick Francis (Half Back and Utility Forward)

Ricky has played a blinding second half of the season (not that the first half was bad) and has featured in our best players list a number of times. Ricky often won't say a word during the game but is always there and has a crack at it. Tough in defence and threatening in the forward line. A true team player.

Ian Haddock (Inner)

Probably the oldest rookie ever in the history of the 3's/ Scrubbers, this was Ian's first season and he took to it like a duck to water... until injury struck. Ian fractured his foot a few games into the season and was off for 3 weeks, only to then smash his toe up by kicking a door (he still hasn't properly explained why he kicked the door). He returned in round 15 and displayed the skills he has picked up in the games he has played for us. We look forward to playing with Ian again next year.

Dylan Hadley (Centre Forward / Backup Goalie)

Our captain. Dylan had big plans for the 2008 season including training, motivational speeches, game plans, and strategy - however he didn't realize that a) Scrubbers don't train, and b) Scrubbers can't read. Anyway, by about round 3, Dylan adopted the "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" attitude, and learned how Scrubbers operate. Dylan has let the team from the front and always puts in a big effort in every game. He has also relieved Deano of goalie duty and every now and has shown considerable talent in this position. The 2's even stole him to cover their goals at one stage, though rumor has it the umpire had to ask the observing Scrubbers to stop providing him with beer when he was on the field. The heart of this team.

John Harmsen (Sub)

John has enjoyed having the opportunity to be a sub this season and avoid taking the field where possible - he was EXTREMELY vocal in trying to stop a de-merger attempt by the 2's as it would upset his chance to sit on the side lines.

Darren Kidd (Centre Half Back)

Darren has been the motor of our team generating plenty of run from the half back line and from centre forward. He always seems to follow the action and get involved in most plays. Darren has being obsessed with the facts under the beer bottle lids during the post match drinks at the club. A top bloke.

Stephen King (Half Back)

Kingy has been a rock solid half back all season and seems to always rock up to the game, except when he gets lost. A key player in defence, and all round nice guy.

Mens Metro 3 Gold (contd)

Christopher Lees (All over)

Chris is always 5 mins late to every game and can be relied upon to always rock up and get on with the job at hand. Chris has played in almost every position this season and generates plays the length of the field. Chris took off half way through the season for a few weeks to drive across Australia with the boys and was able to give a full run down of his adventure in 4 words "yeah, it was great..." A true Scrubber and a gentleman.

Timothy McEntee (Yellow Card Mc)

Tim returned from his attempt to turn Japanese and immediately set about getting yellow carded in every game (according to our newsletter entries). Tim pleaded with the team manager to stop writing that he had being yellow carded in the club news letter as his "old man keeps clipping (him) over the back of the head for getting carded". In truth, the only time Tim came close to being carded was when he was plying another Melville team's goalie with beer when he was spectating. A great return from one of the true Scrubbers of the team.

Joshua Smales (Wing)

Josh claims that he scores 1 hat-trick of goals each season, but at the time of writing this, is yet to score his hat-trick for 2008. Josh has being able to return to his favorite position on the wing this year after playing as the entire forward line for much of 2007. A great performer and top bloke.

David Wake (Inner)

One of 3 Wakes in our team, he is a quiet player who just gets on and does the job. David provides some stability in the forward line and always seems to be in the right place at the right time. Always calm and collected, he never questions an umpires decision and gets on with the game. A very handy player to have around.

Justin Wake (Full Back)

Another one of those Wake boys, Justin has been our full back who just happened to score a hat trick in the first game of the season. He has one hell of a hit which can travel the length of the field- very handy when the team is struggling and unable to get clear of the opposition.

Matthew Wake (Half Back / Forward)

The 3rd Wake in the team, Matt has been a key driver in the half back and forward lines, busting through defences and scoring a goal every now and then. Matt takes a serious wind up for every hit that makes opposition players run for cover. Always consistent and able to run out an entire game.



Dean Walker (Goalie / Wing)

Deano is our rock solid goalie who provided the backbone of the severely undermanned Scrubbers last year, and continued to play a pivotal role in making sure the score card didn't look too bad - without Deano our 5-1 losses would have been more like 73-1 losses. he is the sort of goal keeper who can bounce a shot of his chest one second, swat it with his glove in the next and kick it clear 0.5 seconds after that, all while making a toasted cheese sandwich.

Matthew Willis (Winger / Half Back)

Matt was only available for the first half of the season and took on the role of vice captain in the merged Scrubbers/ Metro 3's team. Matt thinks he is a winger but showed great promise as a half back in his last few games for the team.

Thanks again to Barry for all of the umpiring! Thanks also to all of our supporters who watched and cheered at our games - it was great to have you there. On the scoreboard and ladder the season looked to be far from a success for the combined 3's/Scrubbers team, however it was positive in that it gave us all a chance to play for a team that actually had a full list of players for once instead of trying to find a few under 11's to help us make up the numbers to take to the field, and get the most out of our hockey season. We are all looking forward to sticking together next year and having a full team again for only the second season in most of our careers. Roll on summer 7's and season 2009!

Mens Over 40 Midweek Veterans

What a year!

The season started well with several pre-season training runs and 22 players who put their name down for a game. We were looking good and had high expectations for the forthcoming season.

Alas, the pre-season training had an adverse effect and what with injuries and a host of other feeble excuses we played the first game with 9 gallant players and the second with 10.

Then some of the 'young vets', (those who are too old and too slow but won't admit it) heard of our plight and turned up to lend a hand. When we could put a full team on the field we were very competitive and even beat a couple of the more fancied teams in the competition.

Things were looking good for the second round and then injuries struck again. But it was not the seasoned campaigners who suffered. It was the young vets who fell by the wayside and found that playing midweek vets was not the doddle they thought it would be, and that the rigours of playing hard games on turf does take its toll on aging bodies.

We finished the season with a late run but the early set backs had taken their toll and we finished in the middle of the table again, not disgraced but not reaching our full potential.

We look forward to next year and if we can get our full compliment to play most of the games then we will be very competitive.

Thanks to Crowey for running the team again and to all the players who ventured out on some very cold Monday nights.

Finally, the traditional curry nights with WASPS are a fixture not to be missed, especially since we always seem to win the game that night. It makes the meal just that little bit sweeter sitting there a winner.



Womens Veterans Div 2

Season Review:

Not the most successful of seasons for the vets team. We started the season with enough players for 1.5 teams but numbers were variable as people took holidays, got injured and rostered between vets and other seniors teams. By the time we got to the end of the season we were struggling to find 1 player to put on the bench (which didn't bother Steve too much - juggling subs is a pain!). Steve's patience was definitely tested a few times as we didn't always follow his instructions (how he still has hair, we're not quite certain!) but a break in the middle of the year for him to go off and play state vets brought him back in a more relaxed frame of mind. Hopefully a more successful season next year - we have a few more players hopefully joining the vets ranks next year, so we should go back to having 2 teams in the comp.

Helen Doyle

Once again Helen has made a strong contribution to the team with her gutsy performance in the heart of defence. She has gained in confidence and determination and has proven herself as a valuable team member.

Nic Ogden

A leaner, meaner Nic took to the park at the start of the season. Which was fortunate as she had to be versatile and play a wide range of positions from fullback, through the midfield to centre forward.

Practice your shooting, there may be a position for you up front next season!

Lynda Forbes

Lynda had a quiet start to the season after injuring her back in the warm up of the first game - she told us it was pre-season but we want to know what she & Steve had been up to. Once again she's done a great job as team manager but you'll have to take shorter showers after the game if you don't want to miss the gossip.

Mhairi Angus

There was a hole in our team as Mhairi our gun striker was away for a few games this year. Her cracking pace and her twisting turns were missed whilst she was swanning herself on numerous holidays. But she made up for it and we appreciate her all the more when she was home.

Natalie Johnson

Nat is one of our intrepid goalkeepers. She has no fear of throwing herself all over the goal circle and has got us out of many sticky situations. Does a great job directing the back line. If she has one weakness it's that she is too hard on herself. Thanks Nat for all your hard work.

Kymerley Wilson

Kymerley had a great (although somewhat interrupted by being overseas) season with the Womens Vets team this year. Kymerley has been a driving force in the forward line and had many fullbacks and goalies trembling with her powerful hit and stunning runs on goal. Thanks Kymerley for all your efforts this year.

Lisa Anderson

Lisa is our Polly Pocket of the forward line. Small and quick, she races around the field as right inner and sets up heaps of goals. She has a good eye for the ball and links well with the halfbacks and other forwards. Comes with interchangeable accessories (small children, husband....)

Kylie Mishra - Goalie

I feel very confident going into a game knowing Kylie Mishra is in goals. Talking, encouraging and supporting her team mates especially the backs is such an important role for a goalie and Kylie does this extremely well. Kylie has saved some amazing goals which has been the saving grace of the team at times.

Keep kicking Kylie

Jane Manning

Jane only plays half the games but makes up for it by working twice as hard when she does play. A very steady defensive player, she will run all night. She is very skillful and a lovely person as well. You owe me a drink Jane !!!

Alison Menengola

Now here's a girl who can hit a ball and more What a great addition to our team this year. A very strong, encouraging and supportive player who is tireless in defending our backline. Always reliable and has saved our bacon on many occasions. A great season Alison, see you next year.

Deb Crompton

Debbie should really be referred to as the flash. Just when you think she has the ball on one part of the field she appears with the ball somewhere else. She never gives up. She's obsessed with the ball and has the energy that would be the envy of all. A great season Debbie.

Womens Veterans Div 2 (contd)

Carolyn Caydamar

Carolyn is a great asset to the team with her versatility – this year she has played almost every position on the field !!! Carolyn always has a smile on her face and is good for a laugh.

Annette Scholten

Due to a foot injury for Annette she missed out on a few games, however she is back and when she is switched on look out. Annette is a very consistent player and a pleasure to play alongside, she has a great attitude and takes everything in her stride

Marie Farrow

Marie is a joy to play with, she is our little terrier who chases down the ball, and the opposition with a ferocity to be proud of. Marie has had a terrific season and we look forward to playing many more with her. Well done Marie !!!

Donelle Smith

Donelle was conspicuous by her absence towards the end of the season and her strong, reliable presence was sorely missed. Although her V8 engine hasn't been firing on all cylinders, Donelle is always a classy player who adds a great deal of depth to the side. Her cheerful and encouraging presence is always appreciated by her fellow team members and we are keen to see her fire up over the summer competition.

Theresa Rayfield

Our ever reliable right wing, Theresa never lets us down with her great leads, and runs down the side line and terrific passes, always the team player she has assisted in as many goals as she has scored. thanks for a great season Theresa.

Francis Mason

Who can organize a group
Frankie that's who
Who can tell us what to do
Frankie that's who
Who gives support and encouragement to the crew
Frankie that's who
Who do I appreciate
Frankie Frankie Frankie
That's who.

Steve McEntee

Wonder coach (we think he's wonderful and he wonders why he shows up each week...) Steve has been the glue that keeps us together despite the somewhat fragmented nature of the team. His pre-season training sessions are always great - unfortunately not all the team makes it there, so there are usually a few questions during the first few games. Despite the lack of training, Steve pushes on and encourages the girls to do their best (he needs to learn that we always play much better when he gets really cranky at us!). Steve has been an inspiration to the team - we'd be lost without him. Keep up the great work - I'm sure the day will come when ALL of the team listens to you for ALL of the game...

Mens Veterans Over 40-1

A season where the team struggled to field a full side on a regular basis. To the credit of the guys who took the field each week, we were competitive in almost every game and usually only lost in the end due to weight of numbers. Not too many hi-lights for the season but the 4 all mid season draw with North Coast Raiders has to be right up there. Special thanks to all the 50's players and others who helped us out, usually at the last minute.

John Crowe (Crowey)

Deserves a well earned rest after making about 1000 more saves than any other goalkeeper in the grade. Rallied the defence well in every game and may have even got Big Lind's to cover back on one occasion. Like a true defender, always happy to blame the forwards first. Had the unenviable task of trying to drag a team together for each game but did it with his usual efficiency. Thanks mate for your efforts this season.

Greg Ross

A key member of our besieged defence who was frequently called upon to be the last man with a stopping tackle. Used his good reach to great effect, especially when reaching to pick up the ball from the back of our net. Was a team regular except when called on for box duties at the Dockers.

David Ross

Dave started the season in defence but relished the chance to move up into the forward line, probably due to the mistaken belief that forwards never make mistakes only defenders. Provided an avenue into attack but was starved of opportunities when the team was low on players. Always remained confident when the team was well down at half time. Probably comes from being a Dockers supporter.

Rob Thorn

A great season in defence where Rob used his guile and cunning to outwit often faster forwards. Actually they were all faster. His form slumped during the season when he found out that his white super shoes were not allowed at the Olympic Games and therefore may affect his selection chances.

Lewis Bint (Lewy)

Lew started the season with his usual drive and determination but when the going got a bit tough, decided to take an extended holiday mid season. The team missed his defensive skills in the half line although opposition wingers were very happy. Lew's consistency is amazing in that he retains a smile on his face whether he makes a good tackle or a really bad tackle.

Derek Doak (Doaky)

Undoubtedly our hardest working player all season. Someone forgot to tell Doaky some of the Vets grade unwritten rules like no unnecessary running, let the ball do all the work and no back tackling. Was able to drive his opponents mad with his inspector gadget tackles from any direction.

Lindsay Borthwick (Big Linds)

What more can be said about this pillar of strength in defence. Probably, stop acting like a pillar and move a bit more!! (just joking). Lindsay's deceptive tackles fooled many an opposition forward and his fancy footwork was able to get him out of tricky situations. As his confidence grew, Linds would venture further and further up the field and was only occasionally found out with his larger than usual turning circle. Thanks for another fun season Linds.

Glen Templeman (Temps)

Temps was our shock value player as he was only available about every 3 weeks due to work commitments. Unfortunately when he was available, his hamstrings had trouble keeping up with his body and tended to give up about 10 minutes into a game. Shifted him into the back line later in the season and successfully got him through some matches. A handy player and a welcome addition to our side any time.

Geoff Ranford (Rammer)

An absolute superstar. Well, I am writing these pen pictures. Special thanks to son Ashley who came to every game, learnt a whole lot more swear words and had to endure watching all the classy hockey, and all for a can of Fanta. Thanks blokes, for although the results were disappointing, we still had fun.

Wayne Harries

Wayne joined us from the senior mens grades and quickly settled in to the faster form of the game. Proved to be a great asset in the forward line where he was usually required to play two positions (at the same time). His pace and reach proved to be a handful for opposition defences, only problem was the rest of us couldn't keep up with him.

Mens Veterans Over 40-1 (contd)

Dennis Loffell

Dennis was finally coaxed from the lower divisions and boy were we glad to see him. Another great worker on the field who can play in defence or attack. As we started the season with nine defenders and zero forwards he was quickly rushed into a key attacking role where he proved more than handy. Has the lowest tackle in the competition, in fact any lower and he would be underground.

Roger Mellor

Another of the junior Vet's who joined us early in the season from the men's senior grades. Roger gave us some legs up front and put himself in scoring opportunities on many occasions. Knocked a couple of good goals in, which put him towards the top of the goal scorers' table. Just ahead of the elderly chap we grabbed from the sidelines for the YMCA game who scored our only goal.

Michael Watson (Apples)

Unfortunately Apples was only available for a few invitational appearances when the missus allowed it. He did his usual boring things like run all day, look good and make the rest of us look bad. Starting to slow down a little and in another 10 years will probably be down to Veterans pace. Thanks for your help mate.

Michael Girdlestone

Another player we were rapt to see join us in our hour of need. Gird's played in both the half line and forward line and was equally solid at both. Seemed to adapt easily to the pace of the Vet's game which will hopefully see him become more of a permanent fixture.

Thanks to the following players for helping out:

Jim Moncrieff, Leo Welten, Tony Patton, Gurmeet Singh, Brad Potter, Aki Etelaaho, Andrew Criddle, Greg Hunt, Andy Reynolds and any others I've missed.



Mens Veterans Over 40-3

Every year it gets a little harder but it is about how you play the game right! It's not about winning obviously because that was pretty hard this year. Great bunch of blokes and we certainly can't say we were robbed. We even hired the best umpire in the competition to help out but it turned out he couldn't be bought (Nice work Ross). See you all next year - if we survive Busselton.

Robert Arts (Mr Angry)

A stunning addition to the squad and evidence that the transfer fees from Hawthorn didn't really put pressure on our salary cap. With more power than a Bugatti and as subtle as a Massey Ferguson "Artsy" slotted straight back into the crew as if he had never been away. Good to see the huge wind up hit back. It just goes to show you can take the full back out of the back line but you can't take the backline out of the fullback.

Chris Avent (Grandpa - Bench)

The legend lives on (a little bit like Keith Richards and the same physique) a true backman with aspirations of scoring a goal had a once in a decade opportunity with a hand engraved scoring chance. Clearly too simple for a forehand Grandpa and under no pressure whatsoever decided it would be better to drag it to the backstick and missed by an olympic pool width. They say that opportunity only knocks once, but in this case, it not only hammered the door down, but went around the back to do a break and enter. Meanwhile, on the hockey field, Grandpa was adjusting his surgical supports trying to get his aim right. Straight back to defence, do not pass go... Living proof that you don't have to have a long neck to be a goose.

Graeme Coleman (Borat)

While we may not be good at scoring goals, a recognised area of excellence is sledging. Graeme, while the victim of some world class sledging from his own team mates, played hard this year. However, speculation about the G string bathers continues unabated from Stephen. He certainly carried a team a couple of times but unfortunately it was usually the opposition riding on his back. Graham collected a few "man of match" titles this year and the only thing keeping him from securing the annual title is the fact that he has attended the last couple of games.

Scott Fitzgerald (Forwardish)

Scotty clocked up the most kilometers of the forward line. Not happy with this, and always glad to support his errant team mates, Scotty also entered and won the little know Busselton solo ultra walking marathon, which is only conducted in the dead of night. Turning circle is still a problem but not speed. Another couple of training sessions with "Pitch" and he may even have a few more grey hairs to complete his transformation to a real scrubber. More scar tissue in his head than head.

Pat Hall (Forwardish)

Nice to have someone on the team who actually knows the rules and the difference between 5 metres and 5 centimetres. Pat was seen running this season - an awesome sight, hasn't worked out how to stop. Pat even scored this season. Great skills, although managed to get himself cautioned by the youngest umpire around (his own son) for rough play. Nice work Ross. Best moment - Ross telling the old man to pull his head in and threatened him with "I will tell Mum!"

Michael Jolliffe (Goalie - Mikey or Adrian)

Another great season in goals from Mikey, along with a return to form on the sledging front. Mind you, a dummy spit of historic proportions after another merciless flogging had us worried we might not see Adrian again. After some successful counselling (hypnosis) he returned back to the old machine we know and love and kept the fullbacks entertained in what was a hard year for the defence. Still living proof that to be a goaly you have to have a few screws loose.

Brian Knyn (Left Half - the Cobra)

Talk about the most improved this season after returning from a long absence from the game. Brian has slotted perfectly into the thinning red line of defence. We can't count how many attacks Brian cut off with his lightning fast dabb tackles. The opposition (and his co defenders) were often surprised by the clean tackles and cool disposals. His efforts early in the season of looking up girls dresses resulted in him being taken to hospital - nice work Cobra. He was drafted as part of a job lot with his talented brother but has proven his worth.

Robert Knyn (Forward and backward)

Rob loved the opportunity to show off his skills this season and great to have him onboard offering helpful suggestions to the befuddled defence. When running with ball (no he really did run) it was more his knees that slowed him up rather than those pesky defenders. Should read the instruction on the back of the shin pads in preparation for next year Rob. Hopefully one year Rob will learn that it is not illegal to pass the ball.

Mens Veterans Over 40-3 (contd)

Stephen Llanwarne (Wing - when here.)

Deeply scarred by an incident with a Labrador at Harlies several years ago, Stephen is still being counselled by his team mates, however he is our resident noisy scrub bird who seems to get very confused when told he's playing on the wing. Made numerous migratory trips to Africa and the Americas this year seeking divine intervention regarding the art of goal scoring. A great team man ... who excels at sledging! Renowned for his prematch stretching and rituals (seems he gets a bit nervous) it really didn't effect his sparkling wit and ... err ... well ... flexibility on the field. Doesn't want to score because he is paranoid about peaking too early.

Alan Marshall (Oh What a feeling - Brad Pitt)

There was speculation that Scotty would steal his goal scoring crown this year, mainly through Al missing many games by jetsetting around the world (in pursuit of the perfect performance enhancing drugs). Normally a trip around the world would cost a lot of money but Al did it for zip. Rumour had it that Al had once again sneaked off for cosmetic surgery so his face matched his school bus pass, but this was not the case. Scoring twice in one game put him level pegging but not enough of the Toyota leap this year Al (maybe he's waiting for the hybrid). Of course it is Al's unconventional style which throws the opposition and they are often lured into marking him.

Bill Morrison (Backward)

Known for his dribbling both on and off the field, Billy felt the hopes and aspirations of the whole team on his shoulders this year. Thank goodness he didn't mind all that defending and attacking not to mention the running, tackling, coaching and helpful suggestions regarding umpiring decisions. Top work Billy, especially the attempt at a header this season which resulted in some nice stitch work. One day a wide parting hair style will be in fashion and Billy will look modern.

Mike Pitcher (Statue)

The man who put the "lack" back in "Lustre". Pitch has all the skills in the world but a man does have to know his limitations and in Pitch's case it is his body, and the fact that it defies carbon dating. He doesn't mind how hard you hit the ball to him, just as long as he only has to reach for it and not actually move. You could say that Pitch is the team's spiritual leader and spent the entire season planning the Busselton Campaign. When we grow up we want to be just like Pitch, but without that Roman nose!

Colin Slattery (Fullback - Slats)

The man who took Metro Vets literally. Yes it is true he irons his underpants and is very caring. Rumour has it Slats is generally late to games as he can't decide which outfits go together. Mind you when Slats has one of his 'white line fever' moments and dashes out from fullback in full fury ... look out! When Slats wears white socks you can't see where the sock ends and the leg starts.

Gary Thomas (Mudguard)

True gentleman of the game (he paid us to say that) spent a lot of time in Melbourne this year dealing with shady underworld figures we think. His cover story was a hairline fracture but this is medically impossible when you don't have a hairline (goes to the same barber as Billy). His time on field may have been limited but not his passion for the game. One of his best efforts in defence for a long time and was even seen running to cut off attacks. Amazing. Everyone is amazed if he cuts off an attack, has he?

As mentioned, the scrubbers really enjoyed the umpiring efforts of young Ross Hall this season. He grew in confidence and managed to put some crusty old characters back in their box with a few cutting remarks. Great work!

Mens Veterans Over 40-4

This was a new team since a large proportion of the team had moved up to 50's Div 1. Many of our players are new to the club this year. We struggled a little with injuries but overall we achieved far more than expected. Consistently in the top four. Great feedback from everyone and we all really enjoyed the competitiveness and camaraderie of the team. Shows great potential for next year. Many thanks to the many players who filled in for us throughout the season.

Dale Brown

Dale's first season with the Div 4's. Played in a variety of positions from half back to wing. A gritty and determined player. Improving with each game. Shows great potential for next year

Brett Gibbins

Brett missed a number of games through injury. Has plenty of pace and leaves most defenders standing when he goes for a run. Showed a lot of potential when he filled in as goalie.

Scott Girling

Scott is the engine room of the team. He is ultra competitive and never gives up. He was our main conduit to get the ball forward and creates many scoring opportunities.

Gus Ingenluyff

Gus had an excellent season. Missed a few games due to injury. Performed solidly at left back. Teamed up well with Tony in the back line.

Tim Jobson

Tim's first season with Div 4. Good ball skills and vision. Partnered well with Scotty and Bob. Valuable contributor to the team.

Greg Kent

Blistering pace and ability to fire passes across the goal line from deep on the right wing. Always vocal and very competitive. Lots of ability.

Terence King

Usually played at right half but always happy to play up front. Solid contributor who looks dangerous when he has the ball.

Matthew Knuiman

Matthew joined the team half way through the season. In spite of not playing for some years he showed a lot of talent and helped create many scoring opportunities. Hopefully will become a regular next year.

Duncan MacPhail

Duncan's first season in goal. Performed well and kept our hopes alive on a number of occasions.

Paul Paino

First season of hockey and has done remarkably well. He is fit, tackles well and is improving with every game that he plays. Bound to have a big impact next year.

Tony Patton

Good season by Tony. Moved from his usual right half position to right back and developed a good partnership with Gus to form a strong back line. His unorthodox tackles caught a number of forwards by surprise.

Robert Preedy

Bob's first season with the Div 4's. Struggled with injury at the start of the season. Great team player with good individual skills but always happy to lay off a pass to someone in a better position. One of the most versatile players who has played everywhere from back line to centre forward. Proved himself to be a capable goal scorer.

Jaspal Sembi

Jaspal played well in the forward line creating many opportunities for us. Teamed up well with the forwards and always shows potential when he has the ball.

Michael White

Michael joined us with only 2 games left in the season. Has a lot of potential and is sure to make a big impact next year

Mens Veterans Over 50-1

Thankyou once again boys for our weekly comedy/laugh therapy. We're impressed with your passion and commitment every week. We also appreciate your sense of fun. We've missed you Scotty and thanks for umpiring the old fellas and putting up with the whinging. Special thanks to any other umpires we have begged to come and keep the boys under control. Once again a great job by Wayne, Tash and Paige for a team effort in keeping this team managed so well. Welcome to little Dylan as the youngest supporter.

Ron Chesny (Mr Stitches)

Still whinging, still late paying fees, still the highest injury rate of the whole club. Some great goals attributed to Paul.

Peter Dawkins (Mr Tall)

Tall, thin, bald. A great attribute to the team. Always reliable with some stunning runs through the centre.

Hans Geers (Mr Small)

Small in stature, big in voice. Can be heard all over the field directing traffic, encouraging, abusing, whinging and calling "Get out of my way!" as he rushes up the field.

Keith Harper (Mr Short Shorts)

Goal conversion rate not quite as high as his shorts. Has seagulled a few goals from team members. Always full of energy, dashing around the field. Tracy has made a booking for you in the uniform shop for next season so you can stop wearing junior shorts.

Wayne Hudson (Mr Nice Guy)

Has had a busy year on the home front with a new baby and a fiftieth birthday. He has one more goal to achieve – The Wedding.

Greg Hunt (Mr Hop a Long)

Can only run in a straight line. The half time president (only here for half the season and never to be seen when a speech is needed to be made.) Also took half the season to get on the score board and now nothing will get in his way, not even goalies on the ground.

Patrick Matthews (Mr Wizard)

Still as skilful as ever with the stick. Often leaves the opposition in awe. Has lowered some of his standards to attempt to fit in with the grumpy old men by getting his first card ever.

Steve McEntee (Mr Quick)

He's here, he's there, he's everywhere. Mr Short Shorts partner in crime. Age hasn't slowed him down with some great goals and flashes of brilliance in the forward line.

Paul Meacock (Mr Quip)

Has been absent for a few games due to coaching commitments but when he is on the ground he lashes the opposition with his whip like tongue. Is finding the pace harder as he has turned 50 but feel he will be refreshed with an enrolment in "Scathing Retorts 101."

Andrew Reynolds (Mr Racy)

Racy car, racy on the field. Suave, debonair, ripped (shorts), dashing moustache - our very own 007. Always acknowledges the crowd as he saunters around the field. Undercover designer for Melville City Hockey Club.

Victor Rypp (Mr Serious)

Versatile, committed, puts his body on the line, fast and skilful. What are you doing with this lot? Thank goodness someone is showing some consistency every week.

Russell Scanlon (Mr Reliable)

Good to have him on the team with Mr Serious as they are both great team players. Sets up some great passages of play and distributes the ball well to his team mates allowing them all the glory.

David Timmel (Mr Big)

Tall, not bald, not so thin. Has taken some time out to umpire some of their games so he can view the game from a different perspective. Hasn't made any difference to his attitude on the field. Looking very trim with his cycling regime.

Leo Welten (Mr Happy)

Very slick on the wing. Has shown the slightly younger members of the team how to score goals, chat with the lovely young ladies on the sideline and remain calm, cool and collected.

Frank Williams (Mr Absent)

Only played a handful of games but was a great asset when he was on the ground.

Mens Veterans Over 50-3

This year has been a stellar one for the O50 Div3 team. At the time of writing, the team remains undefeated on the top of the ladder, has already secured the Challenge Cup and Guth Ardagh trophies for 2008, and is preparing for a finals campaign for the second year running. We've had a few new faces that have slotted into the team well and added some extra oomph where it was needed.

Neil Ashley

The master of defence. Frequently turned opposition attack into counter attack. Very committed Melville Hockey man who combined his umpiring and playing commitments to everyone's advantage. Neil has good ball skills and still dreams of a run in the forward line.

Roger Bell

Our Custodian, Vets coordinator and fill in Manager when the real one isn't here (some might say that is most of the time). Roger is like a vintage red wine, he just keeps getting better and better. The stats speak volumes, after 13 games we had conceded a miserly 11 goals. Roger always has positive things to say to the team before the game and at half time and maybe one day, they might listen.

Gary Bowater

Great to have Gary back in the side. He runs all day and never gives up. One of the fittest guys in the team who has given the opposition sides a heap of grief. Has great skills and reads the game better than most.

Ray Domingo

Always there when goals are to be scored, Ray has troubled every defence this year. Also traveled to Darwin for the Australian Masters Games after being selected in the State team.

Tony Ganzer

Tony has an incredible work rate, one of the fittest guys in the team, and has been a great asset to the forward line this year. Great to have Tony playing in front of the mid field; he always listens to the calls and acts. Great season capped off by some great goals.

Matthew Hudson

Matt joined us from Mods and it's fair to say we needed to re-program him to the Melville way of playing and behaving. To his credit, he adapted well and has become a valuable member of the team. Matt runs all day and is potent in the forward line.

Roger Kent

Roger's season was interrupted by injury, but he's bounced back with some great form. Another player who never gives up and is always dangerous around the goals.

Eric Nell

Eric is a very versatile player who never gives up for the whole game. This year he played predominantly at right half. He has combined with Bruce at centre half to be the platform of the majority of our forward attacks. He does live his dream of being a forward by being a very important part of the short corner attack and scoring some great goals for the team.

Johnson Orr

Johnno has settled at left half where he has had a great season. His tackling, running and disposals have been a feature of many of the team's wins. He has also focused more on the game than in the past which has improved his game.

Bruce Porter

"The Skipper". The MAN in charge of the engine room. As our new centre half for this year, Bruce has taken charge and instilled method and discipline into the team. A tough and skilled competitor, Bruce has been the difference between a win or a loss in numerous games. With his half time pep talks and on-field work, Bruce has steered the team through a successful year. "Go Skip".

David Porter

Most players start in the forward line and drift backwards over their career. Dave started in goals and now runs around the forward line causing all sorts of grief to opposition sides. We all appreciate Dave's input although sometimes that's not obvious.

Tom Rushton

Another stellar year from Tom. Some great goals and really solid play up front. He rarely misses a training run either, well done again Tom.

Geoff Widdicombe

Always handy to have a lawyer on your team, especially in Vets, Geoff can play any position but excels in the midfield and up front where he's slotted some timely goals.

Robert Wood

The tall good looking one in the team with a full head of hair, it may be grey, but there is plenty there. Oh yeah, he is our resident right wing with the marvellous deft touch and fantastic cross into the circle. Regularly in the goal scorers.

Kelvin Woodward

Kelvin, the scale named after our full back for the heat he puts into the clearing hockey ball. He always has an impact on each game, developing the full back position into a running full back with clearing runs down the wing. Unfortunately, with one of these runs, he did a hamstring and was out for a number of weeks in the middle of the year. Kelvin is one of our reliable full backs, and with his confidence, is prepared to lob and experiment with the game. Well done Kelvin on your team contributions for another great season of hockey.

Mens Veterans Over 55

Not one of our best years, with only 3 draws and no wins for the season. Lack of a regular goalie and players on several occasions didn't help. A move to Over 60s next year may see us improve our team results. Even though some players are suffering a slowdown due to age and injury, we are still enjoying our hockey. So, here's to 2009 and Over 60s.

Robin Bailey (Half Back)

Good solid defender, always trying and reads the play well. Passes well to give the wings a chance to go forward. Always there to back up, enjoys the game and always talking to his forwards. Went away for a few games to the Vets carnival in Darwin.

Bruce Cadd (Left Wing/Half Back)

Tenacious, silver-haired left wing, able to find space in deep attack when least expected, and give opposition full backs plenty to think about. One of the mainstays of the team, Bruce also played good hockey at half back when we were short in that department, and gave great service as team manager throughout the year. Not one to take a backward step, Bruce makes sure no one, especially an umpire, takes himself or his team for granted. Looking forward to new challenges in the over 60s next year.

Michael Goodman (Forward)

Showed some dash in the forward line and scored several goals. Went missing in the last part of the season due to work commitments and attendance at Dockers home games. Maybe the Dockers and our team will both have better seasons in 2009.

Tony Illman (Inside Forward)

Tony was one of the mainstays of the forward line who never stops running or trying. Albeit a little slower than last year, but hey, aren't we all like that? We look forward to seeing him next year in his familiar role. Thanks Tony for all the hard work and putting some of us to shame by turning up to training most nights.

Keith Jackaman ((Skinta) Half Back)

A good team member who missed a few games due to work duties. Has the ability to find the opposition's drinking facilities before anyone else. Lacked a bit of time management during the season, but I suppose that goes with our age. Suffered from injuries this year which slowed him down a bit, but made up for that with his ability to outreach opposing forwards when they thought they had escaped, and throw them right off their game. A good club man who can always be relied upon to tidy up around the Club after games and functions.

Kingsley McGuire (Full Back)

One part of the fullback line who directed traffic in this area of the field. A good hitter of the ball who plays hard to win. Not backward in offering advice to players, opposition etc., and on most occasions was correct. Enjoys a drink with both his payers and opposition after the game. Kingsley is one of the longest playing members of our side. He got a bit frustrated with our efforts this year. Having only drawn 3 games with no wins so far, I can understand his feelings. Well, there's always next year.

Dave Pandher (Inside Forward)

Played several games with us until injured. He showed us his skill and created many opportunities for the other forwards to run onto. Didn't play the last part of the season due to travel commitments and injury. Maybe a returning player for next year.

Murray Parker (Goalie/Forward)

Due to circumstances, Murray was not able to play many games with us this year. However, when we desperately needed a solid dependable person in goals, and he was available, he gladly volunteered. He carried out his responsibilities with calmness, skill and good humour. We would have liked to have his services more often as he plays well in most positions. He also brought Pat to the games, who supported from the side lines and was always able to give encouragement (and solace) to us.

Keith Platel (Right Wing)

He goes like hell; one of the fittest players on the field (you see him here, you see him there). From right wing he will sprint over to the left wing to receive a ball while the opposition is not looking. Keith always puts maximum effort into his game and always positions himself well to receive a ball (except when he has done a hammie).

Geoffrey Riley (Forward/Occasional Goalie)

Geoff was promoted to our side mid-season to help out due to our lack of players. He filled in as goalie for a few weeks before moving to the forward line where he felt more at home. He gave us much needed pace and skill and used it to set up many goal scoring opportunities as well as slotting a few himself. Geoff and the team were always strongly supported by his wife Mary, regardless of the weather. A great team member and a pleasure to play with. Thanks for your contribution. See you next year.

Mens Veterans Over 55 (contd)

John Smith (Inside Forward/Centre Forward)

John was one of the "junior" members recruited to the team this year. His run, ball skills and goal scoring abilities made him a welcome addition and valuable team member. It wasn't an easy year for forwards and he had to work hard for all his goals. All in all a good year for John as shown by the fact he was in the best player list most weeks.

Graham Southgate (Centre Half)

A reliable centre half who fed the ball well and tried hard all day. Graham missed the last part of the season due to an operation. Another player who took part in the Vets carnival in Darwin. Hope to see you front up next season for another go; perhaps we will be in Over 60s by then.

Ron Thomas (Full Back/Relief Goalie)

A regular fullback who uses his knowledge and skills to fuse other players to work as a team towards our common goal (how to try and win a game). Ron also volunteered to put on the pads due to the prolonged absence of Geoff Corlett. Even with limited experience he capably performed his duties against stronger opposition sides. Although, Ron is now complaining of back soreness after retrieving the ball from the back of the net. Thanks for your efforts in 2008 and we promise to try for a regular goalie for 2009.

Rodney Wake (Half Back/Full Back)

The quiet achiever of the team. Always put in 100% effort each week. Rarely beaten by opposing forwards, and frustrated them on many occasions. Willing to play at either halfback or fullback, and rarely complained. Off the field Rod was helpful as backup to the Manager in providing voting slips and reminders about ringing in results etc, when we forgot to. So, thanks from the Managers and Captain for your help in 2008.

Colin Willis (Forward/Half Back/Full Back)

Colin is certainly one of the better players in the team. During the season he played in many positions and always acquitted himself well. He also tried hard to bring other players into the game. He rarely complained and was always positive. He suffered some injuries to his back during the year, which didn't help his play. Scored several good field goals plus some good hard short corner goals. Filled the role of half time critic and sometimes Captain. Job well done Colin.

Geoff Corlett (Mystery Man)

Geoff is our legendary WA and Australian Vets goalkeeper who has gone missing in action this year. Due to work commitments, injuries and other matters he has not been able to play one single game in 2008. He has come to some of our games though and provided his professional opinion on our state of play. This has been greatly appreciated as we are yet to win a game in 2008 and need plenty of advice from outside observers. We hope you are available in 2009 Geoff as you have been greatly missed this year, particularly by Ronnie who has gallantly filled the goalkeepers role in most of our games.

Alan Draper (Wing/Half Back)

A visiting player from the UK who played the last part of the season with us whilst on holiday. A handy player who reads the play well and creates opportunities for other players. May become a regular if he decides to settle here in the future. Would be a welcome addition to our ranks. Thanks for your efforts Alan.

Rob Walker

They seek him here, they seek him there. Where the hell is he?? (Who is he?) You thought I was referring to the Scarlet Pimpernel...Wrong!! It's Rob Walker. No games this year, but he was there for us. In the past couple of years Rob was our rudder, but something went wrong this year - lost a couple of pins, and (to date) we haven't won a game. Anyway, Rob has had a couple of new implanted pins into the old legs so maybe this is the turnaround for Rob and the team. We wish him a miraculous recovery and return.

Tim Geers (Umpire)

Thanks Tim for being our team umpire on many occasions. Being able to put up with Zimmie and Skinta on the way to and from games shows great tolerance. Sometimes tuned out with his Ipod or had a sleep during the trip. All the best for your trip with the State side to Canberra. Thanks for your umpiring in 2008.

Guest Players

Thanks to the following players from other teams who made guest appearances with our team at various times through the season: Roger Bell, John Crowe, Ray Domingo, Wayne Hudson, Steve McEntee, Tom Rushton, Leo Welten. You ensured that we fielded a full side and enhanced our play with the skills you brought to us. Your efforts for us were greatly appreciated.

Boys Under 17A

Sam Geers

Sam, what can we say about you. You have improved out of sight over this season. While playing in the 17s team, playing in the top squad and also having school hockey you have been one very busy kid, but your performance over the season and your attitude have been top class. Start eating lots of steak and you will be a talent for the future.

Nick Geers

One player that doesn't really mind playing fullback. Although the constant nagging to be put in the forward line does make up for it. However you managed to have a great season in defence.

Mark Brodie (great value)

The gazelle. Playing in the top squad and 17s whilst playing in the most unorthodox style. Somehow consistently manages to beat player after player, make impossible tackles and is one of the most annoying players to try and beat with the ball due to his freakish tackling ability.

Liam Woodward

The only player of the 17s team who has legally been to a nightclub with the coaches. Although we had no idea you worked there! Liam is one of those players that you can use for nearly any purpose in a game, which is always a good thing for coaches to have.

Sean Ranford

Ramma. The man that has a new story to tell us all every training. Bout his weekend, a girl or a car that he wants to buy. Besides this, Sean is another player that we have used for a variety of roles over the season without one complaint. Always willing to learn and first in to do the team thing.

Matt Bowater

Goal keeper. That sums him up. One of those types of people that often forgets to bring things or leaves something behind constantly. Had a few games this season where he had very quiet games, but when required, was more than up to the task. His improvement and his attitude now reflected in his top squad inclusion with games in the ones team.

Mark Timmel

You are now used to push ups. So we are going to give you laps now. When he needs to be, Stik can be a very important part of this team. Creating opportunities for team mates in midfield and a solid back line player under pressure.

Blake Simms

One kid that will do anything that his coaches tell him. It is a very good trait to have especially for coaches. Blake is one of the hardest workers in the team and is very underrated. Under pressure Blake will step up to the challenge and can turn games with pieces of brilliance.

Matt Jensen

A pocket forward who will do the unorthodox more often than not, to make his contribution to the team. Jenno does replicate some of the extravagance that professional soccer players display with dramatic tumbles and remarkable recoveries from injury.

Oliver Mills

Despite having to almost learn how to run properly again because of a sore groin, Olly was someone that was welcomed into the team. I think this season has seen a change in his attitude and performance for the better. Hard honest worker on the field, he provides the control and talent to hold structures around him together.

Dave Ogden

Making up for the lack of crazy hair styles in the team, David decided to take this upon him self and set the standard. Unique colours and styles reflects his playing style which can be unexpected, which is refreshing for the game. Using his body size and head to be a quality defender for the team, when he isn't injured!

Karl Tulloch

Mr Tomma. Few tommas we have seen this year but his skills aren't confined just to the one shot. One of our leading goal scorers, Karl is someone that will be the spark in the team to pick everyone up. His performance has been rewarded with games in the ones and twos teams. Keep improving Karl and you can go far. Good timing for the injury as well.

Pat Welsh

Given the ultimate in sweatbands at the start of the season to mark him as the captain of the team. Pat shows leadership and willingness. Pat, on his game, is almost impossible to stop. Creating play and finishing are just a few of his many attributes that he shows. A player that is always on the lookout to learn and improve.

Thanks to:

Allan Tulloch for managing the team: without a manager we would probably manage to stuff something up every week. Really appreciate your work Allan. Cheers.

The under 15's boys who filled in: thanks to these guys who filled in for us on more than one occasion, who also gave the boys in the 17A's a real run for their spots! No doubt you will be pushing for spots in 1's and 2's in the near future.

Girls Under 17A Reserve

The U17A Res girls has been a new mix and from the first training session they have built on friendships and good team spirit. They have had a great season so far, currently sitting in second place with 10 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. The girls have always showed great team work and look great when applying the short game. I hope the girls can continue their winning form in their run to the finals and bring the flag home. The girls have learnt new skills and improved their knowledge of the game and hope you enjoyed enjoyed your hockey and look forward to see you all either in seniors or juniors next season.

A special thank you to both Denby and Holly Menengola who have assisted us during the season, it is much appreciated and also to our many volunteer umpires that have also helped us.

Mai Barnes (Half back/ forward)

A versatile player who is always trying to do her best for the team. She dazzles many an opposition with her pace and skills, never gives up trying and is continually working well with all her team mates. Mai is always dependable to be there with a smile and supportive word.

Stephanie Dixon (Fullback)

Is a good reliable player who manages to keep a cool head in any situation consistently in control even under pressure. Steph plays hard, with passion and to win, feeds the ball through to put our team straight back into attack. Always smiling and keeps the group focussed and together.

Georgia Gibson (Fullback)

A happy bubbly personality who is always entertaining and brings good spirit to the team. Georgia is a reliable defender who consistently clears many forward attacks and feeds our wing down the line and always tries to give her best for the team.

Sheridan Gore (Halfback)

A strong defender but also reliable in attack who you can always depend on. Sheridan is a good team player who is determined to do her best at both training and the games. She is our quiet achiever who always has a smile and word of advice for her team mates.

Erin Hall (Halfback)

A solid player who uses her strength and experience from seniors to take charge and help her team mates out. She is the glue that holds us together; calm under pressure and never gives up. Erin is another entertainer never short of a quirky one liner or a tune.

Sarah King (Wing)

A good season with some quick runs down the wing then cutting across the "D" resulting in some great goals. With 50/50 grass and turf games Sarah is consistent and tenacious and enjoys the grass game and works well with Beth to set up goals too.

Britt MacDonald (Forward)

A solid player when going into attack and has scored some really nice hard hitting goals this year. She is a positive player who is always willing to learn, improve her game and put this knowledge into practice. Britt's positive approach is encouraging to all her team mates.

Vanessa Martin (Halfback)

Is a positive person who tries her best to help her team mates. Vanessa takes on board advice and applies it in her game and knows how to keep composure in any pressure situation. In this seemingly quiet persona there is someone with a good sense of humor that helps lift team morale.

Elizabeth Mason (Forward)

A versatile forward who is always happy to play where she is needed and is consistent although at times an unpredictable goal sneak. She always finds the right position and with her determination works well with Sarah on the wing.

Kate Miller (Forward/ Halfback)

A tenacious player who puts up a good fight to get the ball off the opposition and helps drive the team forward into the "D". Kate is a strong, positive team player who is always looking for the best opportunities for the team.

Ellen Oosterbaan (Defender/Wing)

Ellen has taken the challenge late in the season of moving forward up to right wing. Although a little reluctant at first, she has realized her potential in this position and is starting to enjoy it with some good runs down the line. She also happily entertains us also with an impromptu tune.

Denby Russell

Our little saviour fill in player who has fitted into the team and immediately built rapport with the other girls. Denby is keen to help where ever she is needed on the field and listens to the advice of her team mates. It was good to see her score her first goals for the season with us and look forward to her support in the finals run.

Ashleigh Sperinck (Goalkeeper)

Our trusty goalie, a position not many people want to play, has much potential. Ashleigh has made some great saves to help the team maintain the lead and go home with a win. It is great to hear her voice booming from the back with her guidance, although forwards beware just don't get in her way.

Jessica Sperinck (Wing)

Jess is a quiet but determined player who is always playing at her best ability for the team and ever reluctant to leave the field for a break. She has enjoyed this position with some good tenacious runs down the wing and is respected by all her team mates.

Boys Under 17A Reserve

Alex Biggins

One of the reserves members of the team. Played in the forward line and has shown progression in his understanding of the game. Great stuff Alex.

Tim Deacon

The speedster of the team. Tim's fast pace and strong tackling set up many goal scoring opportunities. Played in both attack and defence and was comfortable in both roles, although less comfortable in travelling in crowded cars.

Gabriel Godson

One of the team leaders and a pleasure to coach. He embraced all concepts use them effectively. Hard runner who gave his all.

Joshua Kent

Settled well into the position of half back at the start of the season and made left half his position. Could be depended on to provide a solid contest and should be proud on his efforts.

Nic Mathwin

Came down to the 17 Reserves during the season and strengthened our defence. He showed great leadership skills and with his strong hit and solid tackle repelled many attacking efforts throughout the 2nd half of the season.

Jack Oliver

One of the boys who was keen to listen and develop his hockey ability. Developed into a key forward and found his place on the scorer's sheet a number of time this season. Scored one of the goals of the year.

Matthew Page

Played in the forward line this year and was a good contributor to the team. Could always be relied on to provide a contest and give second and third efforts.

Wikus Von Wielligh

A pivotal role in the midfield. His enthusiasm made him a pleasure to coach as he was always willing to learn and improve his game. Congratulations on a great year.

Blake Walsh

A very solid and dependable full back. Teamed well with Bryce at full back and gave the team good drive out of defence into the midfield.

Bryce Wilson

Has natural leadership qualities and is a commanding presence in the back line. With refining to his decision making skills, Bryce will be a good contributor for years to come.

Alexander Wragg (AJ)

The clown of the team. Was our lynch pin at centre half throughout the year. Can produce a great display of skill when he puts his mind to it. Congratulation on a great year.

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Girls Under 15A

As coaches, it was a privilege and honour to be involved with this team. All girls were outstanding in their approach to their hockey. As a team we set our goal to play finals, however this group were very competitive and perhaps without injuries (we had not played the same line up two weeks in a row) our results may have been different. Overall the girls achieved all other goals for the season and most importantly, the enjoyment of playing for Melville City Hockey Club. Special thanks to all the players and parents for their commitment. All parents should be extremely proud of their daughters as they are young women of the highest quality. We apparently had a manager and we must thank Jamie Bowyer for all his help. Also thanks to Wayne and Dave for umpiring.

Coaches - Steve Silvey and Daymon Joseph

Amy Banasik (Borat)

Amy (now known as Borat) is an incredibly courageous full back who broke down many defensive short corners with her great speed on the push out. The fastest player on two legs! She has the ability to appear out of position then suddenly without effort be in position and defending strongly. The only area we would like her to work on is she is too nice! Let them get the ball!!! Amy was always at training early with a smile on her face. This year we worked on hard hitting and in the second half of the season she put fear into defending forwards. Thanks for your energy and enthusiasm.

Sarah Bowyer (Sar Bear)

Sarah is another member of our leadership group who does not know how to give in. Our most consistent player with a sensational work rate. Creating goal scoring opportunities and converting will take Sarah to the next level. Sarah has carried a big workload this year and we look forward to seeing you in action next year. 2008 South Metro Regional Team.

India Brockman (Indi)

Indi has had a great season despite being hampered with a few injuries (foot, knee, hair). She has put a lot of effort into improving her game and has improved heaps as a result. She reads the play very well and saved us at the last minute time and time again under lots of pressure. A force to be reckoned with in our back line. A great sense of humour. Excellent response to instructions. Well done Indy.

Briony Clark (Bri)

Briony has had a superb season this year under a very heavy workload. Resilient player who has the ability to push herself and run games out when the team needed it. Elected into the leadership group, Briony has excellent ball control and a sensational work rate. Trained well (in between watching the U15 Boys). Briony has a bright future in the game. Keep working on distribution skills. 2008 South Metro Regional Team.

Brianna Coleman (The Smiling Assassin)

A huge unselfish effort from Brianna playing for two U15 teams. A very intelligent player who reads the game well and uses this to break down attacks by the opposition. She has improved her strength on the ball and passing skills and can strike the ball with beautiful timing. Wins our vote for best club person. Keep working on foot speed and thank you for your understanding of what we were trying to achieve this year.

Rachel Harries (Rach)

Rachel is a very intelligent player who is able to play half-back and full-back and reads the game very well. A little younger than some of the players she was defending against, she was able to position herself in just the right spot to intercept. When Rachel develops her turning speed, she will be able to capitalize on her great understanding of the game. Thanks Rachel for a great year, well done and good luck next year!

Elyce Joseph (Oops)

Elyce was a wolf in disguise and would nonchalantly pick up the ball and proceed to shred opposition defences with her extraordinary skills. Possesses best ball control skills in our team. Scored some excellent goals and always looked dangerous when in possession of the ball. An increased work rate and fitness level will allow Oops to be involved in games for longer periods. Watch out opposition when this happens! A very special thanks for your support and approach to our coaching staff.

Jessica McCaskie (Jess)

Jess was new to our Club this year and has had an outstanding season considering she has only played the game for two years. A quickly developing goalie who has a huge appetite to learn - a key ingredient to success and an attribute that all coaches love to see in players. A welcome addition to our goal keeping ranks and we look forward to seeing you next year. 2008 South Metro Regional Team.

Girls Under 15A (contd)

Holly Menegola (Smiley)

Holly is a versatile all rounder, able to play as an attacking forward and as a resolute half-back. She was a pleasure to coach, always had a smile on her face and a desire to do her very best. Holly's strength is applying pressure on defenders with the ball. She has contributed hugely to our team success with amazing runs down the left wing and super goals. Never afraid to put her body on the line.

Annalise Miller (Annie)

We thought Annie was a little quiet as she met many team mates for the first time. Well what a mistake. She was always smiling and greeted us with a "how are you coach" at training and was always 100% committed. Annie's hitting has improved greatly and she is developing into a determined half-back specialist. Keep working on running with your stick down. Annie has been a valuable team member and is a lovely person too. Thanks from the coach's. Good luck next year.

Kaitlin Passmore (Nice nails Jess)

Kaitlin (the grooming and department specialist) is a very pleasant, quiet, unassuming player until she gets the ball! She has explosive speed and fantastic collect, turn and elimination skills. Her asset is definitely her hard hitting and exceptional dribbling skills. This year Kaitlin has worked on releasing the ball to a player in the open. She has been a valuable team member and well liked by her peers.

Denby Russell

Denby played a few games at the start of the season to help out while other players were injured. She regularly stopped much fancier opponents with her no-nonsense approach to the game. Thanks for helping out Denby.

Megan Silvey (Megs)

Megan is a dedicated attacking forward who was one of the hardest running players on the team. Selected by her peers as part of the leadership group she has shown a great deal of "on the ball maturity". A great leader who was always encouraging team mates throughout the season. Known on the field as Megs she reads the play exceptionally well and has played most of the season as our attacking right wing. Good luck with seniors and thanks for a great year.

Claire Timmel (Doos)

Claire was one of the driving forces of our team through the centre. Unfortunately she was struck down with injury early in the season. The team missed her strong tackles and the hardest hitting in the competition. Claire expects enormous amounts from herself and puts in the effort to match. When she has played, she distributed the ball with confidence from centre half. Thanks Claire for all your support as a team leader even when you weren't able to train or play...your hockey knowledge and enthusiasm brought energy and confidence to the team.

Louise Watson (Rowdy)

Louise showed a steady improvement throughout the season. Very skilful at retaining possession and distributing to a player. Will become a very dangerous player when she develops a more aggressive approach to the game. Without a doubt one of the noisiest girls on the team who now earns the new nickname of "Rowdy". 2008 South Metro Regional Team.

We were very lucky to have a couple of highly experienced and decorated ex hockey players as coaches of this team. Steve (Silver Fox) Silvey and Daymon (White Line Fever) Joseph put an enormous amount of time and effort into developing the hockey skills and abilities of the girls in the team. On behalf of the girls and their parents thank you very much fellas - fair dinkum!

Boys Under 15A

Jake Gorman

Jake is developing into a very capable GK. He is keen to learn and improve and has done so this season. With the move up to 17's next year it is important that he continues to work on fitness and communication on the field. I look forward to seeing these improvements in the future. Well done on a solid season.

Tom Mathwin

Tom is a very talented young man. Not only is he a handy hockey player but he also represents the state in Polo. As Tom moves up the grades he will need to improve on fitness and general strength on the ball. Tom has been a pleasure to coach for the past 2 seasons and we look forward to him being part of the seniors in a few years time.

Denver Stove

Denver has been very solid this year. He is capable of playing many positions and did so throughout the season. Denver played mainly as a fullback but did turn a number of games for us when he was moved into centre half. His speed and drive through the middle is exciting to watch and we encourage him to back himself and take the opposition on and continue to play creative hockey.

Luke Antonowich

Luke is a very mature player for his age. He has great basic skills and understands general field play very well for someone who hasn't played the game for that long. We can see Luke playing at high levels in the future and will keep an eye on his development over the years. Well done on a great season and it has been a pleasure having you in the team.

Mike Halliday

Mike showed great improvements this year compared to last. He continually found himself in the right positions and scored a number of important goals by being in the "cheese zone". His defensive pressure created many turnovers in our attacking half which also resulted in goals or short corners. One area to improve on would be dragging left-right and right-left at pace going forward. With 17's next year you will need to work on your fitness and keep in that "cheese zone" and you will score plenty more goals.

Pat Lawther

Pat has taken his game to the next level this season. We gave him the role of centre half and expected him to perform and he didn't let us down. His ability to pressure and create turnovers then move forward was one area that he improved this year. To be the top level player that he is capable of being, Pat must improve his basic skills and concentrate on strength on the ball for longer periods. Well done on making the state 15's and well done on a great year.

Sam Mazza

After starting the season with the A reserves, Sam was given a chance in the A's and cemented his place by playing solid consistent hockey. Over the years Sam needs to work on his tackling and disposal to take his game to the next level. Sam's highlight was his game against Hale in the second round when he was best on ground. Keep up your fitness and work on your basics and the rest will take care of itself.

Josh Cleary

Josh is a hard working midfielder/striker who loves his hockey. Josh is capable of playing many roles but is at his best in the midfield carrying the ball and creating scoring opportunities. Josh works very hard on his fitness and his work rate is something all younger players should model. The main area of his game which needs improving is his drag especially going forward at pace. Keep up the work rate and the results will come.

Inti Mason

Inti has plenty of potential that is just waiting to come out. Inti has fantastic basic skills and rarely loses the ball. He is great at 2 on 1's and linking up in attack, but can go missing in games. This is mainly due to lack of confidence. It is has never been a problem what Inti does on the field, we just want him to do more of it to go to that next level. With work on his fitness and speed, Inti will become a very good running midfielder capable of giving any opposition trouble.

Nick Tate

A young guy with a lot of talent and potential. Nick was given a licence to "Have a crack" if given space in the attacking 25 and scored some very good goals. A couple of areas that need improvement are his defensive pressure on opposition and his work rate at training. Remember "Hard work will beat talent if the talent won't do the hard work". Congrats on making your first state team and good luck in Canberra. Well done on a great season.

Ross Hall

Ross really impressed us this year with his attitude, work rate and eagerness to learn and improve. Ross is a great team player and works very hard to link up and create for his team mates. Ross also made the state 15's for the first time and looks to have a big future on the state scene. Remember Ross, watch guys like Russell Ford and Nathan Eglington and copy their good habits but still try to be your own player. Well done see you around the club.

Boys Under 15A (contd)

Tim Geers

Although Tim is a small guy he is not afraid to get in there and have a go. Tim always trained hard and gave 100% on game day. One area to improve is body language on the field when things aren't going your way. This is mainly due to his desire to play well for the team and not let them down. Remember to perfect your basic techniques now so when you get bigger and stronger they will come naturally to you during games. Well done on making your first state team and good luck in Canberra.

Nick Emmett

Nick showed he had good potential to become a dangerous and consistent striker by scoring some important goals when desperately needed. Nick is becoming more familiar with the "cheese zone" and continued to be in the right spot at the right time. One area that Nick needs to improve on is receiving the ball in the circle, turning on the defender and creating a shot on goal. Nick also needs to work on fitness and continue to push himself in that area.



Bunbury carnival winners

Boys Under 15A Reserve

Team work and sportsmanship are the embodiment of junior sport. These qualities have been embraced by the boys and they have had a wonderful season, consistently producing a very high quality of hockey in a very competitive manner. From Matt the smiling assassin in goals, the silk skills of Sam, the die hard defence of Stephen, Graham and Steven, the mesmerising midfield of Kenric and Raj, the stunning running of MJ and Will, the power plays of the forwards Liam and Kieren through to the dynamic duo of Conor and Callum, the team was packed with talent and have been a credit to their parents and the club.

Callum Ashby (Cashby)

Our courageous forward who never stops.

Graeme Baxter

One half of the best full back combination at the club.

William Beddoes (Will)

A coach's delight you can play any position.

Matthew Bruiners (MJ)

The lean mean running machine.

Sam Dennis

Mr reliable at right half.

Conor MacDonald (Muscles)

Dynamic forward who runs all day.

Kieran Ogilvy

The quiet achiever who loves to score a goal.

Steven Oosterbaan (Ooster)

Great defender, great attacker, great player.

Matthew Pashley (Matt)

Mr smiley in goal, who doesn't know the meaning of beaten.

Stephen Ranford (Poomba)

The other half of the best full back combination at the club.

Raj Sidhu

The go to player at centre half or centre forward.

Liam Smart

Great finishing forward who can also play defence.

Kenric Wiltshire

Forward, centre or back, he never gives up.

Gurmeet has been tireless in his efforts as coach, and our managers Roseanna and Jim, along with umpires Geoff Ranford and Keith Baxter have played important roles for the team. Thanks also to those boys who rotated between the A's and A res at the start of the season, your efforts were appreciated.

Girls Under 15B Black

With a great group of girls, great coaching and great commitment our U15B Girls team achieved great results this season. Coaches Bill Morison and Jess McGregor, who were always calm and encouraging no matter the situation, used a wealth of experience to develop each and every player. The girls responded appropriately and by being open to the coaching were able to develop existing skills and learn new tactics and strategies. We appreciated the efforts of Jessica McCasky, Holly Menegols and Kelly St Clair who slotted easily into our team when required. A Big thank you to our umpires Glen Duffield, Tom Rushton, Frances Mason, Ryan Rushton and Tom Hall.

Brianna Coleman (“Marathon Girl”)

Brianna is a versatile player who slotted into our team wherever she was needed. With her ability to carry the ball strongly and take on the opposition, Brianna often found herself starring as a right wing or right half. Brianna showed she has the makings of a very good hockey player with great ability on the field along with excellent leadership qualities.

Emily Duffield (“Kung Fu Goalie”)

Emily has shown a lot of potential in goals this season. She has improved many areas of her game including clearing the ball from the ‘D’ and calling her teammates. Emily pulled off a number of great saves this year and could always be relied upon when the games got close.

Remy Finlayson

Remy’s versatility was a great asset to the team where she played all the forward line positions through out the year. Even had a game at fullback when numbers were tight and played extremely well. Has good skills and vision coupled with the ability to read the play well. Look forward to seeing her back with us next year.

Siobhan Inglis (“Goal Sneak”)

Siobhan played a majority of the time on the left wing. She worked hard at this position and developed continually to where she was able to drive down the left and provide options in the D. Her skills here resulted in her being our second highest goal-scorer for the team. Her work rate lifted to where she was able to also apply great defensive pressure.

Josephine Mark (“Goal Scoring Machine”)

What a year of goal scoring for Josie! Leads the competition and scored in nearly all the games. When not scoring goals, she was working back to support the defence. Developed her vision and awareness as the year progressed and this enabled her to bring other players into the game.

Georgia Mason (“Defender extraordinaire”)

Often confused with Shailey, Georgia is the other half of our dynamic duo at the back. Georgia had a sensational season. Her powerful hit, excellent tackle and ability to read the play made her a formidable defender. With her terrific skills all round and tenacious, never-say-die attitude Georgia was a stand out performer this season.

Sarah Morrison (“All Elegance”)

Sarah is a player who can always be counted on to give her best effort and engage in team-play. Sarah played the season as a left half who always worked hard to shut down the opponents attack up the right. She is very strong defensively with great tackling skills and an excellent hit and she also showed a lot of improvement in her positioning and strength over the ball.

Shailey Rushton (“The Cupcake Queen”)

Shailey continued her improvement this year as a reliable fullback. She teamed up well with her partner in crime Georgia, with the two of them often repelling the opposition and setting up the counter-attack. Shailey had a consistent season showing great tackling skills, good calling and also excellent cup-cake baking skills.

Denby Russell (“No Fear”)

Denby was given the challenge of holding the centre half role this season. She achieved this very well, showing great strength over the ball and distributing the ball early and effectively. Denby continually improved throughout the year and always gave 100% effort.

Amelia Scalise (“Determinator”)

Our ever reliable right half! Amelia had a terrific year. Her defensive skills were excellent along with her ability to push forward into attack and provide extra firepower down the right. Amelia has a beautiful hit and reads the play well. She definitely has a big future ahead of her at the club.

Girls Under 15B Black (contd)

Ashleigh Scarr (“The Entertainer”)

Ash gave us a lot of drive playing at right inner. Not familiar with the position at first, but worked hard at understanding and performing her role. She has a good turn of speed, which coupled with her improved skills, enabled us to penetrate many defences. We are still trying to figure out how she cut her toe whilst trying to turn the off the light switch!

Zali Smith-Colombini (“Quiet achiever”)

Zali was our quiet achiever who had a very consistent year at right wing. She worked very hard throughout the year and took on board advise and instructions on how best to play the position. Zali was always an option on the right to attack. Found confidence in her skills which enabled us to work in behind the defence.

Miriam Williams (“The Terrier”)

Mims great skills enable her to set up many of our attacking moves throughout the year. Her passing and vision coupled with her work rate made it difficult for the opposition to counter her. Worked very well with Denby and provided a lot of opportunities for Josie. Entertained us with her observations and assessments throughout the year.



Boys Under 15B Gold

The Under 15B boys team have had a tough season in 2008. Plagued by injuries, ill-health and a couple of drop-outs, several boys were unavailable to play for a number of games during the first half of the season. This meant the remainder of the team had to rely on fill-ins and spares from other teams making it difficult for the team to gel as a unit until well into the second round. Despite this, it was admirable to see the boys stick with it. Although we only won one game during the season, the boys proved to themselves that they could play good hockey when they applied themselves. Many thanks to Marc Kabay for his assistance as manager and the many fill-ins we called upon to do the right thing for the club and the regular boys in the team. In particular, I'd like to thank Julian who was never asked, just told to play in his brother's team! Finally, I'd like to thank the boys for putting up with a cantankerous coach!

Matthew Armstrong

A late season recruit to the team, Matthew played some good hockey for someone new to the game. With some basic skill development, Matthew will be a handy member of the team next year.

Shaquille Blackley

This was his second year of playing hockey and his skills and commitment improved during the course of the season. After playing in several positions on the left side of field, Shaquille found his niche at left inner and showed he could be dangerous in attack.

Aden Bocking

Always solid in defence, opposition players had great difficulty getting past him to get a shot on goal. We've just got to work on your speed!

Rory Gibbs

Unfortunately, Rory broke his wrist early in the first round and ended up only playing two games for the entire season. This was a cruel blow to the team because Rory displayed some good talent as centre half in the games he played which the team missed as the season progressed.

Aaron Kabay

Found his niche at right half and put in some good performances there. Aaron began to understand the need to work back in defence as well as support the right wing and inner in attack.

Harry Kerrigan

Our other solid defender who always displayed good commitment. His penalty flick against Rangers was a highlight of the season.

Alex Lynch

Our tireless and dependable goalie. Alex had his work cut out for him this year and always put in a solid effort. Unfortunately, Alex didn't always get the defensive support he needed in the "hot zone" close to goal. However, he displayed many good saves and with specialist coaching will develop further into a reliable goalie.

Christopher Ross

After a few games in defence, Chris found his niche at left wing. Chris should be recognised for "doing the team thing" by donning the goalie gear for one game when Alex was unavailable.

Kieran Smyth

Kieran played both right half and centre half during the season. It has been pleasing to see him improve and develop his overall skills in the game.

Blake Thompson

Really made right wing his own position. Blake developed a good understanding of how to play this position well and proved on many occasions to be dangerous in attack when the ball was fed wide to him.

Brodie Wilkinson

Our team terrier! Very seldom did Brodie give less than 100% to the game and set the standard for work rate for the whole team. His speed on the forward line made him very dangerous in attack.

Girls Under 15C Gold

Despite starting the year without a coach or permanent goalie, we quickly became a cohesive team and had immediate impact on the opposition on the field despite playing short in the early weeks. Sabrina, Kelly and Nicola combined well in the attack each week supported by Shannon and Natalie, whilst Claudia, Laura Walkemeyer and Laura Haddock were fantastic in defence. Several weeks in, we found our first class goalie in Tearne, whose skills were evident from her first game. She was soon joined by her younger Sister, Renae, whose defensive skills were also immediately apparent. Our recently acquired coach was lost to us through work commitments, but we were again very fortunate to enlist the Goalie's mum Sharon as our coach mid season. The wings in Stephanie, Tahnee and Dionne performed fabulously throughout the season with Steph becoming the principal scorer for the team, pouncing on any loose ball on the opposition post. All of the girls deserve a pat on the back for a very enjoyable season. Well done to all.

Nicola Cook (Centre Half)

2008 has seen Nicola take on the responsibility of center half. Her stick skills have improved greatly. She has developed confidence in her role and is a stalwart in the backline, either defending or attacking and setting up goals. The team relies upon Nicola for her steadfastness and creative play. Nicola is a team player who draws others into the action. A great years hockey.

Shannon De Melo (Wing, Inner)

Shannon started out with Minkey hockey and played for a few seasons progressing to the U11s before taking a break. After a 3 year break, Shannon announced that she would like to play hockey again. She lacked confidence in her skills at the start but with each game she improves in leaps and bounds. She looks forward to every game and practice session with genuine enthusiasm and will not miss a game (or practice) if she can help it. Well done.

Dionne Flanders (Wing)

Dionne started off being completely new to the game this year. She has learnt her position quite well on the Wing and has had some near misses at goal on several occasions. Her understanding of the game is coming on and with all the great support and help from all her team mates she is improving each week. Dionne (and her parents) have enjoyed their first season with Melville and look forward to next year.

Sabrina Guest (Centre Forward)

Sabrina began the year on wing, then moved to inner and ended in her favourite position – centre forward. It has been a joy watching her run enthusiastically from the forefield to midfield, often succeeding at grappling the ball from her opponents and dribbling all the way to the goal, where she scored 3 times this season. Sabrina has enjoyed her hockey immensely and has made some very good progress!! Well done Sabrina keep up the good work

Laura Haddock (Half Back, Full Back)

During Laura's second season playing she has learnt many things, including a new position (full back). She has also formed some strong friendships within her team. She would like to thank her Coach(s), Team Manager and of course her team mates, for making this such an enjoyable season. GO SUPER JELLYFISHES!

Natalie Hall (Wing, Inner)

While still eligible for the U13s and in only her second season of hockey, Natalie continues to improve on her skills and has become a valuable team contributor. Natalie's reading of the play has improved, and she managed to score a couple of goals (including the team's first goal this season!) by putting herself in good position. Natalie is a team player and always looks to pass to a team mate in a better position. Well done Natalie on a solid season.

Renae Latham (Fullback)

Renae followed her big sister to Melville half way through the season. Renae was initiated into the team with a ball to the head at her first training. She plays a very energetic and aggressive fullback, occasionally switching to the forward line when needed. Despite being eligible for U13s, her previous experience when playing against boy teams shines out with the absolute commitment she has to the ball. Renae is not the least bit phased when taking on bigger, older opposition players. Renae has a bright future in the game.

Tearne Latham (Goalie)

Tearne came to Melville after much begging from Stephanie, 5 games into the season. She has slotted into the team well. She brought her sister with her, and became the singing, skipping, pink goalie in the under 15C comp. But wow! The amazing skills she has acquired as a goalie and with a great ability in where to direct the backs when in pressure defence. Hopefully she can move with Steph into the same side in 17s next year.

Girls Under 15C Gold (contd)

Stephanie Lynch (Wing)

Steph came back to U15s after being pushed into U17s the year before and before she was ready, but the plays she acquired in U17s helped her to become one of the leaders of this team from the first game. Steph has her wing positioning down perfectly and glues herself to the opposition post when in attack waiting to pick up a loose ball to slam in a goal. Opposition goalies can do nothing to avoid it. Steph is the top scorer for the team this season and one of the top scorers in the U15C league. She looks forward to moving up to U17s next year as a wiser and much more capable player. Well done Steph.

Tahnee McGinniss (Wing, Inner)

Tahnee has come along way through the season, developing well in the positions of wing or inner. Her attacking ability is becoming evident when she partners Steph on the opposite wing. She has also learnt to position herself well near the post in attack and make the most of any loose balls to score, recently scoring 2 quick goals in a game. Well done Tahnee.

Claudia Morgan (Half Back)

Claudia is one of our ever reliable defenders. She owns her position in half back and look out any opposition player that has the temerity to attempt to get past her. Her determination shines through when she fights to regain possession of the ball and pass it off to another team member. It has been an enjoyable year for Claudia. Well done.

Kelly St-Clair (Right Inner)

Kelly is always in the mix whether it be in attack or defence, partnering very well with Sabrina and Nicola. She has fantastic stick and ball skills and is often able to win the ball over the opposition players. Kelly is one of the players of the team who leads from the front. Well done Kelly.

Laura Walkemeyer (Fullback, Wing)

Laura has enjoyed the challenge of learning a very different area of the game, by playing fullback for most of this season. Prior to this she played wing, but she has taken to the challenge, and used her competitive and "want for the ball" personality to become a reliable defence player. Her strong hit has also been an asset. Unfortunately she fractured her arm mid season and missed a number of games, but returned full of energy and enthusiasm. She has enjoyed playing back in her familiar wing role on a couple of occasions. She has loved her hockey season once again, and looks forward to moving to U17s next year.

A special thankyou to Sharon for taking over the coaching role mid season. Sharon has considerable experiece in the game, specialising in defence and goalie positions. Those skills are evident, having passed them down, and are demonstrated in the way her daughters Tearne and Renae play. Thanks also go to Julio for umpiring when he could, and to Mark and Lisa for organising the team behind the scenes. Come on finals.



Girls Under 13A

It's been a very successful year for the girls to date: a finals berth assured, four girls gaining State representation honours, terrific efforts by our first year players and the team led wonderfully by captain, Kirsten Silvey who stepped up two or three levels from last year. It's been a pleasure to coach this talented group. There's a love of hockey amongst them that has revitalised an old bloke like me. Equally, the parents' support of their own girls and for me has been fantastic with Deanne Rule's efforts at training sessions during the year being most appreciated. Likewise, Sue Clark, Simone Brockman, Kyle McNess for your advice, managerial skills and umpiring, a big thank you.

Grace Bowyer

State rep at P.S.G. One of the most versatile players in the team, able to play all half back and all forward positions. Blessed with pace, Grace is well on the way to a terrific future in hockey.

Gina Boylan

The big improver amongst the girls. Gina's skills and team play helped the team establish a reputation as a very tight defensive unit. It was rewarding to see Gina gain self confidence as the season progressed.

Madelaine Brockman

As composed as ever, Beatall's ability to read the play and intercept passes or make telling tackles saw her become a reliable defender. Her hockey intelligence also ensured that her passing set up our forwards time and time again. Wonderful year.

Aimee Clark

State rep at P.S.G. Easily our most dynamic and strongest forward. The icing on the cake for Aimee is going to come when she finds her goal scoring instincts. She's more than a forward, though, and has the hockey smarts to play any half back position and even full back. Fabulous year.

Rachel Clark

What a right winger. Rachel took up where she left off last year and would have to be rated in the top three wingers in the competition. She, Kirsten and Aimee formed our most potent attacking option. A strong hit, Rachel is going to terrorise defences for years to come.

Rhianna Clay

Showed strong elimination skills throughout the year and improved her passing game as well. Rhianna needs to develop the aggression that a forward needs in order to score the chances and half chances that come her way.

Tiarna Eaton

Really set herself up as our left half. Fantastic to see Tiarna come back from a very serious leg injury at the start of the season. She has the knack of never being beaten by a forward. Tiarna needs to strengthen her hitting so that she can become an attacking asset as well.

Madeleine Harper

A very good tackler, Maddy has established herself as a quality defender. She reads the play well and gets into the right position to defend and, just as importantly, knows where to pass the ball to set up forward play. She played some cameos as a left winger that impressed as well.

Tayla Martin

Tayla plays her best hockey in the midfield and established herself as our strongest centre forward. She's learnt how to lead behind defences and her strength over the ball has seen her score opportunistic goals during goal-mouth scraps. She needs to take care with her passes and set up goals for her fellow forwards.

Ashleigh McNess

State rep at P.S.G. A tenacious competitor, Smash moved between full-back and centre-half and became a more dynamic player as the season progressed. She has a good feel for hockey and her passing helped steer the team towards a more mature style of play. A player to watch in the future.

Chiara Purcell

Had several games where she had little to do, but like all good keepers, Chiara did the job when called upon. She'd have to be rated in the top two keepers in the 13A competition. Set the standard for talking to team-mates on the field.

Kathryn Rule

State rep at P.S.G. As an attacker in a previous life, I thank my stars that I never had to play against Kathryn. She has the tackling traits of a bulldog: once she has you, she never lets go. She played mostly on the left hand side with cameos in attack as well as defence.

Kirsten Silvey

Really pleasing to see Kirsten take hold of a position and make it her own. The best right half in the competition by a country mile. She grasped the elements of defence and attack and became one of our most effective players. Led by example as captain. Fantastic year.

Ebony Stove

Our smallest player but one of our biggest contributors. Why? Because Ebony scores goals. On either wing, Eb

Boys Under 13A

After agreeing to take over the coaching of this group, a number of very senior and wise heads at Melville Hockey contacted me to wish me good luck!! This message was given with a knowing smile and chuckle, a little similar to that an expectant father would receive from someone with many children. The group and I have undergone a long learning curve. Originally when canvassed as to potential playing positions, 90% of them wanted to be right wing as well as 85% listing centre half. One person wanted to be Goalie, but also would like to play centre forward. I then appreciated that I would be in for an interesting time.

Bryn De Bes (Mr. Enthusiasm)

He is keen to take anything on, try any position and is extremely confident of doing a good job. Always to be found in the middle of the field and keen to go forward. A valued member of our short corner team that has spent a lot of time practising.

Christopher Evans (Mr Dependable)

Very reliable. I have never seen him flustered. The chemistry between him and his other back man has been one of the highlights of the defence. Strong, capable, very brave with a good eye for tackling.

Mathias Gebauer

The season was almost at an end when one of the team members said "I have never seen Mathias get knocked over, it is usually the other way round". He throws his body into most tackles and is swift to cover any opposition attacks. Long piercing free hits give the forwards a lot to work with.

Shaun Gibbins

Our secret weapon. He anchors himself in right half on the side line providing the key link in our attacking system. Will hold the ball, shrug tackles and give very good passes to the attacking pack. Very reliable at eliminating his wing. He has had an excellent season.

Ben Girling (The Greyhound)

He has bad knees and has been told to slow down but will only do so if chemically sedated. Plays and trains at one speed which is maximum velocity. Is continually in attack mode and creates havoc for the opposition on our left wing.

Jack Hallam

Jack is our principal runner in our defensive short corners. Fearless and tough putting his body on the line for the team every time. He is happy and competent to play in any position and is very keen on going forward.

Adam Hudson

He has played in a number of positions but settled in the left half area. Quiet, dependable, sticks to his man and runs himself into the ground. Gets on with what is asked of him. Always does his very best.

Cahill Hunt (The Gypsie)

He started at right wing, moved to left wing but seems to be most comfortable and best placed as a half. Possesses very good ball skills but like a Jack Russell sometimes never lets it go. Contributed some absolutely vital team games this season.

Ben Joseph

An extremely accomplished Goal Keeper for his age. Calm, confident and extremely brave. He doesn't make mistakes and has made some amazing saves at critical times.

Conor Noone

Central mid fielder who has learnt to be a key link for the defence and is principal in carrying the ball forward to the attacking group. He has amazing stamina and speed. Excellent ball controlling skills and ferocious back tackler.

Raj Sembi

Our super Sub. Raj has played in a bewildering number of positions but is most comfortable as an inner. When roused, has supreme ball skills and gives a piercing pass. Is passionate about his hockey.

Matthew Taylor

One of the better participants at training. He gave his right arm for the team very early in the pre-season practice rounds. Consequently he couldn't play until the plaster came off. He has great speed and developed his attacking game as the season progressed. Completed the season with a number of goals.

Ryan Vickery (Mr. Confident)

He does more training around the Club and grounds at other times than he does at training. Can be found any day or night hitting and flicking balls into the goals. An able carrier of the ball and a vital part of our attacking group. He is a key member of the short corner battery as well as scoring a number of crucial goals this season. Is frequently found assisting the defence.

Boys Under 13A Reserve

If we look back over the season, the commitment from all the boys has been outstanding. We have had narrow losses and drawn games, our wins were hard fought spending 80% of our time in the offensive circle and unfortunately not finishing off, something to work on next year. At this stage in the season we are in fourth position and need to win our last two games to ensure we finish in the top four to qualify for finals. Thanks boys for a great year, well done and keep on hockeying. I would like to thank Corelle for her exceptional organisation skills, a lot of work is done behind the scenes which often goes unnoticed. Also a big thank you to all the parents and kids for their regular attendance to training and games.

Rob Golding - Coach

A huge thanks to Rob for his brilliant coaching throughout the season. The kids have learnt an enormous amount under Rob's guidance and the team is playing some excellent team hockey as the season is drawing to a close. I would also like to thank all the parents for their continued support throughout the season. You all willingly gave up your money when asked, no one could escape. You gladly supplied the oranges and umpiring was a breeze to organise. The boys are a wonderful group and I have enjoyed my time as Manager and listening to Rob during his coaching sessions with "yous guys".

Corelle Coleman, Manager

Aiden Bedford

Played a consistent fullback role, tackled well all year and has no trouble playing at this level, has a great hit when he watches the ball. Well done Aiden.

Julian Bocking

Is our No 1 goal keeper who is not afraid of the ball which is a huge advantage as a goal keeper. Julian made some great saves which were the difference between us winning and losing. Well done Julian.

Jake Coleman

Utility player, Jake can be played almost anywhere with no complaints, but is a very solid centre half and the team's back bone. Take the summer off and get those feet right for next year. Jake will be representing Western Australia in the Pacific School Games in Canberra in early December. Well done Jake.

Bill Golding

When I sit back and watch Bill's game and not criticise it, I have realised he is a very capable player. He played most of the year at right wing with great speed and skill, catching the opposition unaware and scoring goals when they counted. Bill will be representing Western Australia in the Pacific School Games in Canberra in early December. Well done Bill on a solid year.

Jordan Golding

Playing out of his age group which didn't bother him at all, Jordan has been consistent at half back and on the wings, he just needs to have Macca's ever Friday night to put some meat on those bones for next year. Good work Jordan.

Joshua Knuiman

Played up front only a couple of times this year as he was too valuable at fullback with his tackling and excellent awareness. Hopefully he can continue to play both basketball and hockey again next year. Well done Josh.

Chris Miller

For his second year of hockey, Chris has done extremely well, mostly at left inner which involved a lot of running, marking and tackling which was no trouble for him at all. Keep improving Chris.

Scott Nelson

Dynamic around the goals, has great pace as a forward and is always practicing and willing to learn. Hope to see you next year Scott, well done.

Justin Pierluigi

Always has something to say, must be his sister's influence. Justin played up front for us and scored some good goals, but also played very strong at the back. A very consistent year Justin, well done.

Frank Reynolds

Has great awareness and versatility on and off the ball, always gives 110% and provided great drive through the midfield. Well done Frank.

Perry Scott

Every time the coach would show the team their positions there would be a sigh of complaint. Perry played a very solid and consistent left half which was valuable to his team with great tackling and passing he is only getting better each year. Well done Perry.

Manveer Sidhu

A newcomer to the club and has all the tricks, played in the midfield, he is not afraid to get in there and mix it up with the opposition. Keep at it Sidhu.

Girls Under 13B Black (Maroon)

2008 saw all girls experience their first year in Under 13's against bigger and stronger opposition and with faster and tougher games.

Well, they rose to the challenge and displayed a wonderful standard of hockey which saw them win many games and were only ever beaten by the occasional goal. They gave an excellent account of themselves all year, on and off the field, and should be very proud of their efforts. Players became more settled in their positions and each developed an understanding of their role and the importance of good team play. Individual skills continued to improve and some stand out performances indicated the depth of talent in this team.

What was also pleasing was the girls' keenness to train hard and develop their knowledge of good team play which particularly came through in their games towards the end of the season. As always the girls provided much excitement for the parents and many nerve racking moments.

A big thank you to the parents for all your support this year. A big thank you also to Carol Eaton who again took on the important role of team manager, and also to Miles Rowe and Warren Rigelsford for taking on umpiring duties when called upon. Thanks gents. Great effort.

Wayne Hudson, a club stalwart, provided excellent balance to the coaching role and his team rev ups at training and on game day provided great inspiration to the girls. Thanks Wayne for all your help. Well done girls on another great year. You are a credit to yourselves. See you next year for more fun, and of course, more snakes.

Patrick Matthews,
Co Coach

Kate Eaton

Much like Emma with left wing, Kate could not be prised out of the right wing position and to our fortune, gave the team great drive with those regular runs which out paced many opposition defenders. Kate runs hard with ball on stick and linked up with other forwards to beat defenders and create many scoring chances. You showed great determination this year. Well done Kate. Nice one.

Rebecca Hall

Rebecca filled a number of positions this year with great success, but as a right half saw her display her many strengths. Very strong on her right side saw Rebecca stop many an opposition attack before rebounding an attack of her own. A very consistent player who has an all round solid game. Great year Bec.

Jessica Hicks

Quiet as a mouse but don't let that deceive you. Jessica, in her quiet way, is a smooth operator who played the difficult role of left inner with great success. She showed greater confidence as weeks past and her strengths on the ball improved significantly. Her on ball skills continue to develop and Jessica will become more dominant as she gets stronger. Sneaked in a few great goals as well. Great season Jessica.

Paige Hudson

One of the devoted juniors to the club is Paige who is often seen at the club most of the weekends helping out when asked. Great to have Paige in our team this year as our permanent goalie and she thanks her dad Wayne (also a goalie) for all his good coaching. Paige has a good eye and possesses a strong clearing kick. She saved our bacon on many occasions this year when opposing forwards should have scored. Great attitude to the game and had a magnificent year. Well done Paige.

Erin King

Erin is now an experienced campaigner who displayed grit and determination in a number of positions this year. Her application to her close in skills and team play show that Erin thinks carefully about her game. She is not backwards in coming forward with advice, and was recently heard telling the coach on more than one occasion, "Coach I am really pumped to play centre forward today". Great year Erin.

Serena Matthews

All round seasoned player who possesses very good close in skills, dash, tackle and hit. Played centre half and inner with great confidence and was often seen developing attacking moves that resulted in goals being scored. Always pushes herself hard during games. Consistent performer all year and is developing her game nicely. Well done Serena.

Girls Under 13B Black (Maroon) (contd)

Amanda Mitchell

Amanda has wonderful commitment to her team and is a joy to coach. Her abilities to tackle hard, hit well and read the game were regularly on display in her role as full back and these qualities also saw Amanda play the important role of centre half when required. Great defender. Well done!

Fallon Ogilvy

Fallon takes her game seriously, which shows in her application at training and during games. Has developed a strong defence at the difficult left half position and continually applied her reverse stick tackle to dispossess many opposing right wingers. A solid defender with a never say die attitude who always worked her butt off. A much stronger game this year. You are a star Fallon.

Arielle Rigelsford

Arielle is an exciting little dynamo who gives no quarter but plenty of opposition headaches. Her dash, tackle and her reading of the game are trademarks of her game, as is her strong clearing hit. Has improved her game to a new level this year and is a most important team member. When all seemed lost and an opposition goal was for the taking, Arielle could be depended on to clean up and turn defence into attack. Excellent year!!

Emma Rigelsford

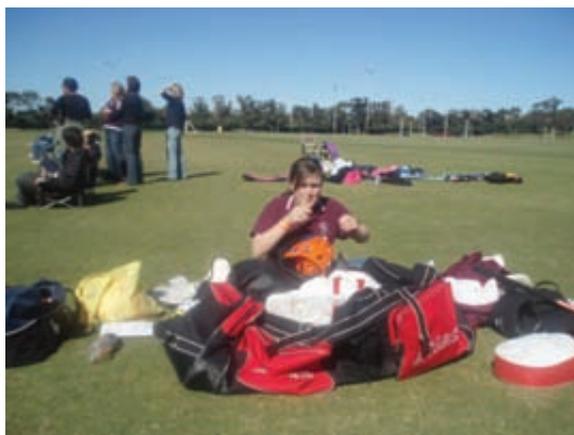
Emma grabbed the left wing position and called it hers from then on. A tough position is left wing but Emma has developed her left side play that shows great control, dash and attacking moves whenever possible. Never put off by larger opposition players, Emma does not hold back and never gives up on a tackle. Emma your skills continue to develop. Well done on a great year!

Nina Rowe

Tall and fast is Nina, who was very hard to stop once she ran into clear space. Always looking for the break away opportunity and her good stick work allowed her to turn many defenders and score a number of good goals. Developing nicely as a very damaging striker. Well done Nina. Keep those goals coming.

Brittany Sims

Brittany is a very strong player who possesses good pushing and hitting skills and a good tackle. Excellent defender who was given the important role of centre half to give extra drive down the middle. Steady with a good eye and never flustered. Great season Brittany.



Girls Under 13B Black (White)

We have a very young group of girls this year, all playing for the first time in the U/13's, and some in fact have courageously come up from the U/11's to help fill a void in our team. We have had a tough season, but the girls are pulling together and working hard, the last half of the season has shown that they can do it, with working together, a lot more talking, looking for players on the run, and their tackling ability has improved dramatically. The girls are starting to make themselves accountable on the field which is terrific to see, and developing their own individual skills, and because it is all coming together nicely as a team effort, the girls are enjoying their experience on and off the field.

It has been a great season with many parents putting their hands up to help out from time to time. We as parents would all like to put our hands together for a great bunch of girls, it has been very rewarding watching you all grow and wish you all every success with your hockey in the future.

Andrea Chellew - Coach

Leila Ammar (Little Miss Awesome)

Leila has been dubbed right fullback for the team. She is strong on the ball, never giving up. Her tackles are brilliant and when she connects the ball, her hit is very powerful, no-body will stand in her way. We had a strong back line this season, and Leila certainly helped contribute to that.

Savannah Blackley (Little Miss Chatterbox)

A very resourceful player, especially as she is pretty new to the game. Certainly gets in and gives it a good o'l go, from goals to the forward line, Savannah is very dependable, with her skill and determination she is fast tracking to becoming a player to recon with.

Tanisha Chellew (Little Miss Bouncy)

As much as she loves to run around a hockey field, I think that it is safe to say that you are a natural goalie, a lot of our play this year has been in defence and you've proven to be very valuable in the goals. It would be good to see you make a go of it next year...

Sarah Gerrard (Little Miss Smiley)

What a little dynamite. We started the season with only 8 players, so Sarah was snapped up to help us out, well that she certainly has done. It is Sarah's first year of hockey and one would never have known, very quick to learn and got in and got the job done, pushes to get a tackle in and normally comes out smiling.

Annie Gleave (Little Miss Unstoppable)

Annie has been rather unstoppable in the defence. Playing both as a half back and fullback. She has a great ability to stop an attacker in their tracks and then disposes of the ball. Both fullbacks work together well, backing each other up which is great to see.

Maddy Harwood (Little Miss Tinkerbell)

Maddy came up from the U11's this season to help bridge the gap. She may be quiet but is starting to stamp her authority. Has the ability to draw a player before disposing the ball. Keep it up Maddy because I can see those goals coming your way.

Taylah Holsgrove (Little Miss Cheeky)

It is Taylah's first season at Melville, and it has been great having you on the team! Taylah tried her skill and determination on a few position during the year, I think it is safe to say that she has stamped her authority on right inner, playing with a lot more confidence, with some great forward passages.

Brittany Lawrence (Little Miss Tigger)

She is a very adaptable player and has come up from the U11's this year. There was never an issue when asked to play in another position, and worked hard to perform the allotted task. Brit is performing consistently throughout and is gaining more confidence within herself.

Avie Lewington (Little Miss New Boots)

She might only play every second game, but is hot to trot and willing to get in and make her mark. She gives it her all, and will certainly make her opponent work hard to get it past her. Thanks for coming down and helping us out Avie, we hope that you enjoyed it.



Girls Under 13B Black (White) (contd)

Demy Stroobach (Little Miss Orange)

Our ever so reliable centre forward, always there to help the ball forward and create a passage, Demy is very cool and calculating even when under pressure.

Christina Whiley (Little Miss Hurry)

I'm late, I'm late for a very important date!!! ... Christina is our famous right wing, she gets in and retrieves the ball sending it forward, and even resulting in the odd sneaky goal, go get'm Christina!

Eleanor Wilson (Little Miss Blondie)

Played both left fullback and halfback for most of the season, but when she was asked to play centre half, she became unstoppable. She made herself accountable in both attacking and defending roles. Her best ability is her tackling, she manages to pull a ball in and take it from a player with ease, leaving an opponent confused and flustered.

Thank you's!!!

U/13As

All of the 13B White team would like to say thank you not just to those of you who did come down and play for us during the season, but for the whole of the 13As, as we know how hard it is to adapt.



Graeme Lewington

A huge appreciation for taking over the umpiring duties for the season, it certainly made it easier when planning for the game.

Gill Gleave and Lorraine Ammar

Excellent efforts on both accounts, for sharing the managers job, it is hard being in 2 or even 3 places at the same time, I definitely can relate to that, so sharing the role was fantastic. Doing what you did and much much more was truly great – Cheers!

Georgia from U17s

It was terrific that you could give up some of your time to come down and help us out at training, it was a great inspiration and I certainly appreciated having you there.

Parents

I would like to extend a big thankyou from myself and all the girls for getting them to training twice a week and to the games, it was a terrific support network and because of it the girls enjoyed their season.

Boys Under 13B Gold

This team started the season disadvantaged by several boys not having played together before, and some hadn't even trained together before the first game. In fact, we only had a couple of games where the whole team played. When we were able to play the whole team, the boys performed brilliantly. Despite the inconsistency with the team line up, the boys quickly found their niche in the team and learned to play as a team. They also improved their intensity and realised they could take the game up to any team. Many opposition teams were shocked when they played us a second time, as I'm sure they did not realise how much we had improved.

Our goalie, Andrew Metcalfe, left half way through the season, so we had to rotate two other "volunteers" through this role. Andrew's father, Steve, was also a great loss as his experience and advice was invaluable in the development of the boys' skills and understanding of the game. He also generously offered to umpire for us too. On behalf of the boys, I would like to sincerely thank Steve for his tremendous support.

A change to our line up saw Alex Hackett's talents utilized by another team. Up to that point, his father, John, managed the team. I would like to also acknowledge John's willingness to take on this role and thank him for the great support behind the scenes.

The positive feeling surrounding this team was enhanced by the high degree of parental support from half-time goodies to sideline cheering. This support was also evident by my wife, Terri Dival and later by Lisa Mayer taking on the manager's role. I thank them both as this allowed me to concentrate my energies on barking orders from the sideline.

It has been great seeing all players developing their individual and team skills throughout the season. They are a great bunch of boys and I wish them every success with their hockey in the future.

Ali Ammar (Full Back)

Ali's hard hitting style as a fullback was missed for the first half of the season until he was promoted from the "C" team. He quickly adapted to the faster pace of the "B" division and was a welcome addition to the team. He often put his body on the line to save a goal and his on-field talk to other fullbacks was invaluable.

Aidan Cowasjee (Full Back)

Aiden also played fullback, providing steady defence with Ali. Aiden is also a hard hitter of the ball and he always remained calm under pressure. He has good skills and has the ability to read the play well. Aiden will be a player to watch over the next few years.

Chris Deacon (Left Wing)

This was Chris' first year in U/13's and he immediately made left wing his position. He quickly realised that his speed combined with determination offered him numerous opportunities to beat the opposition and deliver the ball into attack. He was always ready to pick the crumbs off the goalies pads. Chris will develop into a scoring player.

Lucas Dival - Young (Right Half/Right Wing/Goalie)

Lucas often showed great speed as a right half and a right wing. He had many blistering runs that the opposition found hard to stop, allowing effective delivery to our forwards. He has continued to develop his skills and the ability to read the play well. Lucas generously offered to take on the goalie role for half of many games. Here too, he fearlessly kept out many goals. He is always a hard worker at training and this is reflected in his skill development.

Lachlan Dymond (Centre Forward)

Lachie has worked extremely hard this year to develop his skills. Consequently he moved from left wing to take on our centre forward role. He demonstrated great finesse when he got the ball and set up many attacking moves. It's great to see him develop the confidence to take on any player. Unfortunately, a fractured clavicle prematurely ended his season. I look forward to seeing what next season will bring for Lachie.

Boys Under 13B Gold (contd)

Alex Hackett (Full Back)

Alex played half a season with us as a fullback. Even though he moved to another team, he continued to train with us. He always worked hard at training and this was evident in his improving skills and foot work.

Sam Lee (Right Half / Goalie)

Sam has great skills and a fierce determination not to let other players beat him. Sam has the flexibility to play any position as he defends doggedly and reads the play very well. Sam also offered to fill in as goalie for half of many games. Here, he also defended well, saving many shots on goal.

Callum MacPherson (Full Back)

Callum has been one of the biggest improvers this season. He has realised his ability to trap strongly and run the ball out of defence. He also knows that he can run with opposition players and continue to menace them, often forcing errors. I look forward to seeing Callum continue to develop as a player.

Sean Mansfield (Left Half)

Sean has continued to work very hard this season and has developed good stick skills and an understanding of team play. Sean likes to run and he covers a huge amount of ground as a half back. He trains hard and plays hard. His second and third efforts were often rewarded with gaining possession from the opposition.

Harry Mayer (Centre Half)

Harry almost didn't get to play with us as the "C" team tried to grab him. Fortunately, his talents were obvious to me and I knew he would be an asset to the team. Harry directs players and controls the flow of the game with his on field talk and his ability to be everywhere on the field. Harry has great skill and is devastating in any position.

Andrew Metcalfe (Goalie / Right Inner)

Andrew is a very talented young player. He is an agile goalie who reads the play well and positions himself to cut down the attacker's angles. In the field, he has a large repertoire of skills and I'm sure he will be a player to watch in the future. Unfortunately, we lost Andrew's talents half way through the season as he went overseas. He was greatly missed by the others.

Thomas Meyer (Right Inner / Right Wing)

Thomas came to us partway through the season and he was welcomed with open arms. Several of the boys played with him last year and were well aware of his speed and skills. As right inner, Thomas set up many attacks which he often finished off with a devastating hit. From the side lines, you could often hear his on-field talk as he helped to direct play.

Niall Morrow (Left Inner)

Although this was Niall's first year in the U/13's, he quickly adapted to the speed of the game to become our left inner. Niall was a very reliable player who often combined well with the other forwards. He worked hard at training and this was reflected in his skills on the field. Unfortunately, other sporting commitments took Niall from us for a few games and he was hard to replace.

Joel Scott (Right Wing)

Joel has developed very well throughout the season. He has moved from being a fairly timid player to one of confidence and tenacity. He realises the benefit of second efforts in gaining possession of the ball or in putting pressure on the opposition to force errors. I look forward to seeing Joel continue to develop next season.

Steve Young (coach)

Girls Under 13C

This team, the under 13 Girls C, blossomed over the season. Many of our players had not played competitive hockey before but they always gave their best, tried their hardest and most importantly enjoyed their sport. Each game was a team effort. While we didn't win lots of games, neither were we significantly beaten by opposition teams and many teams we held to a draw. It was very rewarding to see how much the team improved over the season. Well done!

Rhianna Brims

Rhianna is a fast player who never gives up and always chases the ball. Her tackling skills and ability to get the ball from the opposition were an asset to the team. She played very well in the forward line and always gave her best.

Rosie Brown

Over the year, Rosie has shown remarkable improvement in her hockey skills and grown in confidence. She has displayed sound tackling skills playing on the wing. This was her first year of playing hockey and we hope to see her playing for many more years to come.

Dallas Campbell

Dallas is another fast player who always attacked the ball and never gave up until it was in her possession. Dallas was fantastic in the forward line and also played some great games in defence. She was our fill in goalie and saved many goals for the team.

Jacob Campbell

Jacob bravely guarded the goals for the season and stopped many opposition teams from scoring. His ability to judge the incoming balls and then kick them a considerable distance from the goals helped keep the opposition score to a minimum.

Ee-Faye Chong

Ee-Faye was our star goal scorer for the year. In our highest score for the year, Ee-Faye was able to shoot two goals to lead us to our best result for the season. Ee-Faye's hard hitting skills benefitted the team.

Alanna Filippin

Alanna displayed many skills in both the forward and back line. Her solid, hard hitting was one of many positive features of her game. She always attacked the ball, tackled well and would always keep chasing.

Aoife Goggin

Aoife played some great games as inner, never scared to get in there, attack and tackle. She also displayed great defensive skills playing as full back and her long hits were invaluable. Aoife was a valuable team player always encouraging those around her.

Frieda Scholten-Laidler

Frieda is a great fast, running player who always tackled opposition players and never gave up until she won the ball for the team. Frieda displayed many skills playing in the forward line and is a great team player, accurately passing the ball to her team mates.

Julien Teuren

Julien showed amazing improvement in her game, and as the year progressed, so did her confidence and ability. This was Julien's first year and she played many great games on the wing. She always tried her hardest to get the ball from the opposition and kept persisting.

Ellen Tormay

Ellen played some great games in defence showing tremendous improvement in her tackling and hitting skills. Her confidence grew throughout the season and as full back she competently helped defend the goals. She was always willing to try new positions.

Rebecca Vester

Rebecca has a remarkable running ability, always chasing the ball up and down the wing. She tackled well and could weave in and around opposing players. Rebecca is not afraid to dive onto the ground to prevent the opposition going forward.

Elyse Wilson

This was Elyse's first year playing competitive hockey and her ability was obvious. She always chased the ball and never gave up until the ball was hers. She likes to attack the ball which served her very well in the forward line.

Very special thanks go to our wonderful coach Susan Wilson for her tips and advice, her patience and most of all her enthusiasm. Thank you to Audrey Emmet who ably assisted Susan and was there to help us at training and at the games on a Saturday. We also thank Pearl who was an extremely efficient umpire and also gave the team many handy and helpful hints. Thankyou to Nick Menegola, Trent Potter, Kyle Potter and Kevin Goggin who came to the teams' rescue when we were short. And lastly a very big thank you to the parents and family members who enthusiastically cheered for the team each and every Saturday.

Boys Under 13C Black

What a season! We just could not break through and start scoring goals. I have seen some remarkable improvements in individual skills and play. From game one we had many team player changes and took a long time to settle down as a team, with no regular goalie. We had a lot of injuries and illness but played very well despite being short of players. I think we have really picked up our game and there is much potential talent in the team. Well Done! This is what some of the players said about other team players.

Ali Ammar (Half Back)

Left the team for the B's. A great contributor. Thanks Ali.

Austin Green (Left Inner / Wing)

He's a funny. Coach says - good positional and team player.

Alex Hackett (Left / Right Full back)

Need defence? He's the man! Coach says - A welcome addition to our defensive group late in the season smart defensive thinking player.

Luke Hobley (Left / Centre Half Back)

He's really good! Coach says - excellent all round team player, reads the game well.

Dylan Jones (Left Full back)

He's awesome! Coach says - great gritty defensive team player.

Andrew McArthur (Left / Right Inner)

He's funny and a good player. Coach says - talented forward.

Aaron Musgrave (Right Full Back / Goalie)

Very funny! Coach says - smart positional player and part-time goalie.

Riley Norton-Wood (Right / Centre Half Back)

Funny, fast and likes pizza! Coach says - skillful and determined team player.

Jai Price (Left Wing)

Awesome! Coach says - improving purposeful positional player.

Declan Sinnott (Right Wing)

'Wicked as' hockey player. Coach says - solid positional team player.

Jared Sourdin (Left Inner / Half back)

He's always called me Michael for some reason. Painful oww! Coach says - talented skills player.

Austin Toogood (Right Inner / Half back)

Funny and crazy – good player! Coach says - excellent all round experienced team player.

Ben Waite (Centre Forward / Inner)

He's funny and a good team player. Coach says - good skills and plays hard.

Joel Elliot (Right Wing/Left Full back)

Is 'supercool'. Coach says - good keen starting player.

I would like to thank Mr. Sinnott and Annette for umpiring, Karen Hobley as Manager and the great group of players' parents for their words of encouragement and advice.

Andrew Toogood, Coach

Girls Under 11A

The majority of this team consisted of girls that last year played in U11B teams, plus a few new faces. Just four girls remained from the all-conquering U11a's of 2007. This team developed into a very strong and determined outfit early on in the season. Their teamwork and communication skills have improved with every game, and at the time of writing they are sitting on the top of the ladder. This is a great testament to the strength and depth of the club. Many thanks to Gareth Widger (Coach) and Bruce Emslie (Assist Coach) for passing on your wealth of experience, and to the proud parents for their positive and encouraging support. A great effort by everyone!
David Harrup - Manager

Bronwen Anderson

Bronwen has developed into a strong player with a big hit. She is a very determined and dependable tackler and has one of the loudest voices on the field. When playing forward she put these skills to good use and scored several goals. We hope you recover from your shoulder injury very soon.

Holly Bolton

Holly is a quick player who seems to zip around the whole match harassing the opposing players. With the ball, she is just as enthusiastic with great ability and accurate passing. She links well with other team members and never seems to stop smiling.

Natasha Clay

Natasha enjoys her role as an attacker and using some great stick skills is never fazed by the opposition defence. Natasha is able to sneak past less nimble players and has made some long runs with the ball. She is always in the right position at the right time.

Chelsea Emslie

Chelsie's first ever season of hockey has been very successful. She volunteered to be goalkeeper on many occasions and has excelled in the role. During some of the tighter matches, she has kept the team 'in the game' with her athleticism (despite all those cumbersome pads). She is able to clear the ball out to the side away from the main attack.

Manon Gebauer

One of the 'old hands' from last year, Manon continued to work well out on the left wing and with the support of the rest of the team became one of the season's top scorers. She showed great determination and courage in many a heated battle in and out of the circle and was always dangerous on the left post.

Rachel Harrup

Rachel played the majority of the season out on the right wing. Just like last year, she made impressive runs and showed great dribbling skills. She was able to coordinate the attack play by carrying and/or passing the ball deep into the circle. With the support and help from the rest of the team, Rachel is to date the top scorer for the league.

India Nelson

India continues to read the game very well with well-timed tackles and regularly puts the team into attack with some amazing long passes to the wings and centre. She has utilised her powerful flat hit in short corners to notch up a few goals for herself.

Monique Sader

A third of the way into the season Monique really got the 'bit between her teeth' and became a very strong and direct player. She fights well for the ball and like India is able to turn a defensive period of play into an attack. A valuable player who is probably the most improved for this season.

Olivia Silvey

Another dependable tackler, Olivia played her heart out in every game. She was a nuisance to the opposition and regularly created space for her team. A strong player who has a good awareness of her surroundings, a powerful hit and some brilliant 'one hand' on the stick skills.

Alison Watson

Ali is a very versatile and dangerous player. She is fearless and catches many of her opponents off guard. In fact, she was often seen taking on numerous players at the same time. She is able to win the ball in these situations and feed the ball quickly out to the wings.

Avril Widger

Avril slipped into the defensive line up for the season. She regularly intercepted and disposed of long probing passes by the opposition. She is a very strong tackler who hates to be beaten. A big hit allows her to link up with the forwards and send them on their way.

Kimberley Wynhorst

Kimberley has the ability to lose her marker and create space for herself. She is dangerous with the ball an

Boys Under 11A

The boys have had a great season developing as a team and are presently third on the ladder, and are hoping to maintain or change that for the better in the last few weeks of the season. Losses in the first couple of rounds didn't phase the team as they found working together produced a better result and recorded wins in the next two games. A great win against Riverside Lions followed by a draw against Uni on the Melville turf produced some of the best hockey to date for the season. It has been fantastic to watch each of the boys develop individually and as a team over the season, challenging at times for them to all listen at the one time, but I think even that may have improved over the year. Many thanks to all of you boys for working hard at training and playing some fantastic hockey, you all have great potential in the game and I sincerely hope you continue playing hockey well into the future. Thanks to the parents who assisted at training and umpiring on the weekends. To those that filled in for me whilst I was absent and a special thanks to our Team Manager, Tara Jonas, for all her work during the season.

Joshua Antoncich

Josh has had a fine season playing mostly as centre half. With great stamina, Josh worked well forward to assist in attack but always ran back to be dependable in defence. With a great ability to read the play and a fantastic back stick, Joshua was a great controller of the mid field for the team. Well done Joshua, a great season.

Joel Barnden

Joel has had a fine season, playing either as inside forward or his favourite role on the right wing. During the year Joel has become much stronger over the ball resulting in an increase to his ability to break through the defensive lines and create some fine attacking hockey. With an excellent work rate, we could always rely on Joel working hard all game. Great season of hockey Joel.

Nicholas Ireland

Nick has played most of his hockey this year from full back and has developed well to read the play as the opposition arrive. With a fine hit, Nick has helped clear the danger zone many times and will continue to develop. A fine season of hockey Nick well done.

Jake Jonas

Working most of the year in defence with the occasional run in the forward line, Jake has given the team a strong drive from defence and pushing forward to support the attacking moves. With a fantastic hit from the defensive zone Jake has on several occasions caught the opposition off guard and driven the team into attack. Well played Jake, and good luck with the scholarship.

James Leigh

Your energy and desire for the ball has made you an exceptional challenge for the opposition. The never give up attitude you bring to your game has won you the ball on many occasions when all looked lost. Great stick work, speed and your efforts to run back and help out in defence, have made for a great season of hockey.

Ashley Ranford

Ash is a fine defender, and although he played in the forward line once or twice during the season, he played most of the games as right half or full back. As right half Ash carried the ball forward on several occasions to give the team scoring opportunities up front and when at full back he has a cracking hit to clear the defence. A great year of hockey Ash well done.

James Ross

Jamie has spent most of his year in the forward line playing inner or centre forward. Sometimes not working back quite hard enough I could often hear his father bellowing from the side lines. With 5 goals to date, Jamie has a great desire for the ball and to carry it forward, rarely giving up in attack, he has the ability to trouble the opposition defence and break the team into the circle. Well done Jamie a really good year of hockey.

William Ross

William played both wing and half back during the year and settled into left half as a defender for the later part of season. As a versatile player being able to attack or defend, Will's hitting and reading of the play has improved greatly over the season. Well done Will, a very good effort and season of hockey.

Boys Under 11A (contd)



Matthew Tate

Matthew played the majority of the season as centre forward and sometimes dropping into the centre half positions. As a forward Matt troubles the opposition in break away situations with a great turn of speed, stick work and a fine shot for goal. Always with the best of intentions and a helpful comment for the coach, Matt has been a very effective part of the team.

Jordan Templeman

Playing mostly on the wing or half back position Jordan has developed well over the season and now carries the ball forward with greater strength and confidence. With a well developed hit, Jordan has the ability to drive the team forward from the sideline or field hits and will continue to improve. Well done Jordan, a great effort and season of hockey.



Jonathon Thorn

Jonathon (Jono) Thorn has spent most of the year in the half back or full back lines. The ever dependable defender, Jono can always be counted on to be there when you need him. This year Jonathon has developed a great tackling style and has regularly taken the ball off opponents during their attacks. A fantastic season Jonathon, well done.

Toby Waite

Toby has developed exceptionally well over the year for his first year in U11s and has had a great desire to not only get the ball, but his increase in strength over the ball now makes it hard for the opposition to get it off him. Playing most of the year on the wing, and scoring a well deserved goal, Toby's skills continue to improve and he has become a fine member of the team.

To all the players who played as goalie this year, thank you, some of you loved it whilst others just tolerated it. For those moving up to U13's good luck and for the rest staying in U11's, perhaps I will see you again next year? Either way, I hope to see you around the club, enjoy your hockey!

Girls Under 11B Gold (Maroon)

This season was the first for the majority of our team so the focus has been on stronger passing, improving our skills and developing our style of play. It has been fantastic to see the girls improve and become good little hockey players. Below is a brief summary of their contribution to the team. Many thanks to Phillip Brown and Nathan Fitzgerald for being our umpires this season. Our star line up for 2008 was . . .

Paige Brickhill

Likes: Attacking and getting in the play.
Strength: Positional play. Paige has developed into a very good winger where she uses the width to press forward. Paige never stops running.

Melanie Brown

Likes: Stopping goals.
Strength: Tackling and stopping goals. Melanie is always reliable and can play Half, Full Back or goals. A key defender who throws herself into every tackle.

Coco Ferris Rodocker

Likes: Attacking and scoring goals.
Strength: Speed and stick skills. Her outstanding game was when she played goalie in the first half saving goals and then scoring in the second half.

Amy Fitzgerald

Likes: Playing full back.
Strength: Great stick skills. Amy plays very well in defence and adds hitting power and skill to our back line. Always cool under pressure.

Brittany Fuller

Likes: The slap shot.
Strength: Hitting and strength. Brittany can cover a lot of ground in a game and has improved greatly with her hitting. Plays well as either a forward or half back.

Amy Harries

Likes: Taking free hits.
Strength: Hitting and tackling. Amy loves playing full back and is a natural.

Alexandra McKenzie

Likes: Playing hockey.
Strength: Passing and attacking. Alex is our top utility player. She plays very well at inner and half back and is able to build our attack as well as stop the opposition.

Maddison Moulin

Likes: Full back.
Strength: Tackling and passing. Maddy can stop almost any attack and then casually distribute the ball to our forwards. Silky smooth.

Hannah Robson

Likes: Scoring goals.
Strength: Attacking. Hannah has played well in the forward line and works well with the other forwards.

Tamalee Sawyer

Likes: Hitting.
Strength: Passing and hitting. Tamalee has been one of our most improved players and was one of our goal scorers.

Sophie Somerville

Likes: Getting the ball.
Strength: Tenacity. Sophie never stops running or trying to win the ball and get into attack. She is a great asset to the forward line.

Davina Png

Likes: Defending.
Strength: Passing and trapping. Davina has been an important part of our defence being a strong half back.

Boys Under 11B Gold (Maroon)

This U11 team has shown how a group of boys who (except for one) were all playing grads last year, can combine to match it with any of the more experienced teams. On many occasions, the team was just centimetres away from turning its many draws into solid wins. Most pleasing was the effort and enthusiasm that developed over the season for training drills, and the great character shown to tough it out in some really rotten conditions, cold early morning starts - and for putting up with the coach. Over the season individual talents developed noticeably and the guys responded well when introduced to basic tactics and positional discipline. The intelligent use of width in both defence and attack was especially pleasing and, rather than focussing play up and down the centre of the field, the boys utilised every square centimetre of the hockey field. What was more and more obvious, as the season progressed, was the boys developing maturity as a hockey TEAM. This noticeable development drew comments, not just from loyal parents and supporters, but objective spectators as well. This is the most rewarding coaching outcome. Many thanks must go to Vanessa Smith-Colombini, our tireless manager, and to assistant coach Rohan "needs glasses" Swan and his father Phil for much appreciated umpiring duties. This year we have all built a sound platform on which to build great hockey futures. Andy Reynolds

Cameron Addison

A reliable utility player, Cameron has the size and build to develop into a very good hockey player. With dependable skills, Cameron's concentration on hitting and dribbling was sound - in seasons to come he should look forward to consolidating a more defined positional role, and making that position his own.

Sean Bentley

A surprising improvement in skill and effort toward the middle and latter half of the season saw Sean cement a position at half back. Always conscious of position, Sean thwarted many opposition attacks, as well as being keen to attack. A very bright future is assured as Sean showed real discipline and effort in basic skill training.

Nicholas Camer Pesci

Reliable and hard working with quick and sensible decision making demonstrated to me that Nick has all the ingredients of a top class hockey junior. As a link-up player at centre-half he was consistently providing options to other defenders and proved to be a tireless chaser and tackler. An outstanding season.

Fraser Hayward

Fraser has made every effort to improve his hockey this season. Always enthusiastic and attentive, his future can only see him continue to become a valuable striker. Able ball control and natural hard hitting style always made Fraser a forward to be marked, as well as watchful opposition marking and cover defence.

Tom Hodgson

during this year, Tom has made noticeable improvement in his hockey. This season has seen intelligent ball use, a great hitting style and growing ability over the ball. Confident leading and ball receipt indicates that Tom will develop well as either a halback or forward. Well done.

Michael Matthews

Steady and reliable, Mike has had a terrific season at full back. His ability to always be able to read the play and effect saving tackles was one of the main reasons why our team had so few goals against. Safe clearances with dependable solid hits and a capacity to stay cool under pressure was evident in Mike's game.

Jack Paterson

The team's steady left full back, Jack worked well with the right full back and developed a sound understanding of a well balanced defence. With a mighty hit and stout tackle, Jack also showed great maturity when facing some powerful opposition right side attacks. A very good season.



Boys Under 11B Gold (Maroon) (contd)

Alex Rayfield

The team would've liked to see more of Alex as he had a real talent for penetrating attacks and putting the ball into the net. Alex proved to be naturally strong over the ball and good at reading the play. Back tackling and cover defence made him a valuable inside forward.

Jonathan Rayfield

Many thanks to Jon for acting as goalie for much of the season. His ability in this position was evident in the low tally of goals against us this season. Jon also proved to be a capable left wing, staying wide in position and working hard down the line in attack.

Will Reynolds

Will had a very workmanlike season playing mostly at right wing. A coaches delight, he always played wide to provide an option for either defence clearances or high attacks and always using the ball to advantage. Will showed a real talent for reading the weather and, most importantly, scoring goals.



Sean Robertson

A great improvement in skills and understanding saw Sean become a capable right half. A canny ability to pick off the ball from opposition forwards and move momentum from defence into attack was very pleasing to see. Sean will undoubtedly improve further.

Dion Smith-Colombini

Always very individual in style, Dion proved to be a useful and focussed forward in high attack and contributed to many of our goals. Dion's assets include his social nature, determined stickwork and, although unorthodox, a powerful and accurate hit.

Eddie Swan

As a centre forward and high forward, Eddie has the ideal combination of tenacious leading and high back tackling, and a great work rate in front of goals. Eddie was unlucky not to have bagged many goals this season, with a bit of luck and attention to hitting and skills practise, this will change.

Girls Under 11B Gold (White)

It has been a brilliant season. We started with a very keen and enthusiastic group of players (not quite a full team). There was some juggling and sorting as we finally got our full tally of players. Skill levels were varied, some emerging, some evolving, some developing, and some mastering. We lost games at the start of the season, had draws in the middle, and are now winning. The girls have blossomed and have established themselves as a fabulous team. They're a hoot!!

Ciara Browne (Wing)

is like a red Ferrari sprinting down our right wing. She is very fast and is steadily gaining more skills. She makes great position and moves the ball quickly into our deep attack before passing it across. As her skills continue to improve, she will become a dangerous and exciting player to watch. Great work!!

Jordan Dowie (Centre Forward)

is a very feisty and unstoppable young player. Jordan is steadily gaining more skills, and fast becoming a fabulous centre forward who builds up our attacks and tackles back hard. She is very hungry to get goals, and will soon be rewarded for her efforts. Well done Jordan!!

Rebecca Dymond (Centre Half Back)

is a very reliable and dependable defender. She puts on solid tackles, and dispossesses with ease. She is distributing the ball effectively to her team-mates in our attacking moves. You have grown tremendously in your skills. Well done Bec - star!!

Eliza Girling (Inner)

is a very enthusiastic and committed young player. Her skills have developed at a rapid rate (being her first season), and she is shining as our left inner. She works solidly in attack, has a powerful hit and is becoming one of our best goal scorers. You're a star Eliza!!

Sarah Hicks (Full Back)

is one of our younger players in the team. She is a great defensive player who tackles well and is deceptively fast at tackling back. Her skills continue to grow and with a little more aggression, she will be a player to watch in the future. Fabulous work!!

Emily Hopkinson (Goalie)

is our very committed and hard working goalkeeper who makes a real difference to our team. She is very determined and committed at training. There are many goals that she has prevented being scored against us. As she takes more risks and attacks more, she is becoming stronger. Well done Emily!!

Zoe Hopkinson (Wing)

is our great little left winger. Zoe is growing in confidence and becoming quite a talented hockey player. She creates great position, is controlling the ball and making a real contribution to our left sided attacks. Fabulous work Zoe!!

Taylor Kahlenberg (Half Back)

is a tenacious, determined and exuberant player. She is a very reliable half-back who works hard, tackles hard, and gives her opposition a run for their money. You make a huge difference to our defence Taylor!!

Siobhan Kenny (Full Back)

is very cool in defence. She tackles with precision and effortlessly dispossesses the opposition time and time again. She often remarks "why don't the opposition try and tackle me when I've got the ball", to which I can only remark "you are too cool". A great season Siobhan!!

Alice Marler

is a very determined little player, who joins our side every second week. We have played her in many different positions, and she always puts in her best effort. Her enthusiasm has really made a difference to our team. Keep it up Alice!!

Natalie Matthews (Inner)

is a tenacious, skilful and ever-reliable player. As an inner, she works extremely hard both in attack and defence. I am often amazed to see her chasing back deep in our defence and putting on solid tackles. She is also very skilled at moving the ball in attack around the opposition. You're a star Nat, and you just keep getting better!!

Sushmita Tantry (Half Back)

is a brilliant little half-back who reads the play extremely well, dispossesses with finesse and skill, and distributes the ball well. Sushmita works hard on her skill level and applies them in the game. A player to watch in the future!!

Brinkley Tessa

missed most of our season due to an injury. She was fabulous in the pre-season and is still a very tenacious and hard-working player. It is great to have you back!!

Boys Under 11B Gold (White)

This newly formed team was made up of grads players from last season. The team took a while to settle into their positions and then started to play some patches of good team hockey with lots of passing and great running. It was interesting to see individuals develop and gravitate to various positions. The team put together a few solid games and came away with a win on occasions. Next seasons training will be a lot tougher so be prepared. Thank you to the parents for your support and assistance throughout the season.

Patric Beaven (Inner / Wing)

Patric was put into various positions throughout the season and adapted well to all. A very important player in the team, who reads the play well and ran hard every game. Patric's skills improved week by week and he was a solid contributor to the team.

Alex Brown (Right Wing)

Alex put in some good efforts in both the half-back and forward lines throughout the season. He was prepared to play in different positions and was a good attacker of the ball. His sense of position play developed well over the season and he always gave 100%.

Joel Dowdall (Full Back)

Joel's position in fullback was securely planted after week one. Week two we put him in the forward line only to find him in the back line once again. Born a natural defender, Joel defended well and stopped many attacking players. A great season effort.

Henry Edwards (Left Inner)

Clearly the smallest player in the team by stature. However, what Henry lacked in height, he certainly made up for it in his hockey ability, running hard every game and always giving 110%. Henry always attacked the ball and was a true asset to the team. Well done - the future looks bright for you.

Ryan Hare (Right Inner)

Ryan played most of the season at right inner. He was never afraid to tackle opposition players and gave his best at all times. Many of our attacking moves were a result of Ryan chasing down the opposition and pushing us forward. Great effort Ryan.

Christopher Kidd (Full Back)

Although wanting to show his qualities on the forward line, Chris has proved to be a pillar of strength as a Fullback along side Joel. Chris was one of our natural defenders and tried hard all season. Stay positive Chris and I am sure you will enjoy the game even more.

Mason Mellor (Left Half)

The quiet achiever in the team, Mason always gave his best and scored a cracker goal from the top of the circle. Mason's skills improved week by week and was a valued member of the team.

Kyle Potter (Centre Forward)

Our youngest player in the team and a key part of our forward line. Kyle has developed a really good sense of the game and was instrumental in some very good goals and was often seen assisting his brother Trent. Kyle's skills improved over the season and he was a valued member of the team.

Trent Potter (Left Wing)

No-one wanted the ball more than Trent! He was always prepared to go to the ball and move quickly into the attacking zone. Congratulations on being the teams highest goal scorer and it was nice to see you were often assisted by your younger brother Kyle when scoring goals.

Lachlan Sims (Centre Half)

Lachlan is a hard worker with heaps of potential who gives everything he has to the game. He follows the play well and easily drops back to defend when required. The first aid kit / Ice pack came in handy this year with the ball often finding Lachlan's knee, week after week.

Liam Sinnott (Right Half)

Liam played a steady season at half back and was a good disposer of the ball. He was another quite achiever who has come a long way with his hockey this year. We look forward to seeing you again next season.

Matthew Stidolph (Goal Keeper)

What can one say. Matthew put the pads on game one and he made the goalies position his own for the whole season. He must be commended on his enthusiasm and effort at every game. His skills improved week by week, and I am confident that, over time, he will make a great Goal keeper.

Boys Under 11C Gold

As the season progressed our team has shown great resilience, with the boys showing unity, individual skills and on field discipline. The forward line has displayed their run and attack style of play to result in numerous goal opportunities. In contrast, our defensive players have persisted in making tackles and supporting each other to repel attacks. This has all contributed to our top position on the ladder.

Ben Bradshaw

Ben has been showing a high level of concentration each week with his increasing determination leading to excellent improvement. He had some great defensive plays over the past few weeks.

Mason Cocliff

He is an excellent example to the forward line, showing his skills in being able to carry the ball from mid field deep into attack. Mason has great ability in being able to pass on the run and this has resulted in many goals this season.

Mathew Dixon

Mathew joined part way through the season, and he would be hard to beat for the most improved player. He is keen to play any position and shows valuable defensive skills.

Nicholas Dumas

Nicky is having a great season, he is well suited to a half back defensive role, with strong tackling and good positional play. Nicky enjoys his role as a key defensive player.

Kevin Goggin

Kevin is a competitive player that is raising his skill level week to week. He is well adapted to be a defender or attacker, Kevin has been a tenacious tackler for our team.

Jordan Harris

Jordan is a solid member of the forward line. Throughout the season he has been our key goal scorer. Jordan runs hard for the ball and relishes spearheading the forward attack.

Lachlan Jones

Lachlan is a solid member of the forward line, often playing an inner position. He is a big hitting mid field player that supplies the forward line with many penetrating passes. Lachlan has also been an important goal scorer.

Ethan MacPherson

Ethan is another player that has had a variety of positions, and could be well suited to an attacking wing location. In the match against Dale, Ethan demonstrated his ferocious approach to the ball being knocked down, but able to bounce back to repel an attack.

Hamish MacPherson

Hamish is another player that has great speed and uses that to good effect around the mid field area. He has shown excellent teamwork supporting the defensive area over the past weeks.

Rohan Musgrave

Rohan has played a variety of positions, he shows great ball control and is adept at stopping attacking opposition. Rohan has shown over the last few weeks, many accurate passes to our wing positions.

Eduardo Olivares-Mason

Whilst not being the largest player, Eddie shows great speed and is prepared to position himself ahead of play to result in some great goal scoring opportunities.

Peter Smits

Peter is an enthusiastic tall defensive player who has had great success as a goal keeper. Peter is an excellent team player and has been one of our key free hit takers in the back line.

Many thanks go to our Manager, Cheree Harris and our frequent assistant coach Jennifer Musgrove and to the many parents who come along each week to support the boys.