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Life Members

Men

V. Dalton (Dec'd)	1959
D. Spitteler	1969
P. Noad (Dec'd)	1971
R. Halliday	1972
B. Spitteler	1975
M. Currell	1978
W. Meacock	1979
K. Timmel	1980
W. Forward	1982
J. Cole	1984
M. Reynolds (Dec'd)	1985
B. Hancock	1987
I. Deveson	1988
J. Pickering	1991
N. Kidd	1992
W. Atkinson	1993
G. Napier	1994
C. Willis	1994
K. Jackaman	1997
K. McGuire	2000
R. Walker	2001
J. Rate (Dec'd)	2002
M. & B. Bennetts	2002
C. West	2002
K. Harper	2003
D. Porter	2005
H. Geers	2006
S. McEntee	2006
P. Meacock	2007
J. Orr	2008

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 2009

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President's Report

Another year has come to an end! It always surprises me how quickly the season goes – no sooner have we settled our teams than we are aiming for finals and then it's all over. And what a season we have had this year! With 26 teams out of 41 playing in finals – it has been a magnificent year overall for the club. At the time of writing the grand finals have not been played but I wish everyone all the success for these finals.

The summer saw us searching high and low for 2 new senior coaches to take over from Paul Meacock (Whip) and Russell Lee. Our 'luck' came late - but what a coup! We were the envy of every other club when we announced we had Troy Kelly and Peter Freer for the 2009 season. Our on-field success was mixed in our two senior sides with the AHG Men showing that a goal here and there could have made all the difference. If the 7 games lost by 1 goal had been in our favour, plus one more win, then we would have been in the finals. Our Willow Bridge Women fell just short of having the opportunity to playoff for promotion. The exciting thing for 2010 is that both Peter and Troy have committed to coaching again and with a strong preseason we can expect great things from both teams.

The club is fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers managing the intricacies of so many facets of the club operations. From our Minkey 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 big thank you goes to all the committee for their tireless efforts this year and especially to Roger and Deb Bell, Allison Hall and Theresa Rayfield (and Mark) who are stepping down this year from their committee roles.

This year our kitchen and bar was managed in the most professional manner by Ben and Kelly DePinto, Tara Wood and Kate Deane. My congratulations and sincere thanks go to you for the way in which you have managed your roles this year. We have had nothing but positive feedback from club members and visitors alike and look forward to your contributions again next year.

This year Melville officially became the biggest club in the state with 52 teams and there are many people who 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 52 teams each week.

The club continues to go from strength to strength both on and off the field. The club can again boast a large number of State Representatives this year with representation in the U21 Men, U18 Men and Women, Under 16 Schoolboys and Schoolgirls, Under 15 Men and Women. The club's profile at Hockey WA has been maintained with club people being represented in 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. This year we were able to achieve our goal of constructing 2 grandstands to enhance our viewing and we have received huge praise for this. The tireless Steve McEntee built a video stand on the north west corner of the turf and we expect a lot of use out of this next year with the appointment of a video technician. Again many thanks to Dave Timmel and his committee for their efforts in presenting the turf week after week for our matches.

President's Report (contd)

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 of Duracraft who has again provided support in personal and financial ways. We had fantastic financial support from Sportreat Physiotherapy and Gage Roads this year and look forward to their continuing support next year. Our club is indebted to all of our sponsors and the membership thanks you all. Melville Council has again been supportive in our activities and we look forward to discussions we will have with council over the next year as we start to look at some of the bigger issues associated with a club of our size.

As our club continues to grow I would ask everyone to consider what they can offer. Many hands can make the workload lighter and if you feel you can spare the time and offer some service to the club, please step forward and talk to me or someone on the committee.

We are indeed fortunate to be associated with a club that offers so much. 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)



Photo by Eron Clarey



Finance & Sponsorship Report

From a finance point of view 2009 was a year of brainstorming. With the Duracraft synthetic turf now running like a well oiled machine, the committee set out to investigate a number of projects that would assist to maintain the strong community spirit at the club and assist with continual increase in the quality of players at MCHC. To ensure continued spectator support for the game MCHC erected two tiered seating platforms which provide spectators an uninterrupted view of the turf, whilst plastic blinds help to reduce the harshness of the winter elements. Lighting has been a topic that has been thoroughly addressed during 2009. To ensure the Duracraft synthetic turf remains at an international standard, half of the lights have been replaced this season at a considerable cost to the club, with the remainder scheduled to be replaced in 2010. The committee has also looked at the feasibility of erecting further lighting on the grass fields to ensure that MCHC can continue to accommodate the increased number of teams. This is a project that will be investigated further, and finalised by 2010.

2009 has seen MCHC make a large investment in increasing the club's profile on both a national and international level. Both the men's and women's top squads have new highly respected coaches who have shown promising signs in 2009 and as a result have signed up for another season at the club in 2010. The club has also subsidised a number of inter-state and international players to play at the club in 2009. Not only has this increased the calibre of the player group in 2009, it also creates ties to our club should any further international players wish to join for the season, or should any MCHC member wish to travel overseas whilst playing hockey.

From a budgeting point of view, 2009 has seen predominantly favourable variances to budgets. Canteen trading has been down this season however this has been primarily due to the outsourcing of the canteen duties. As a result MCHC will continue to have provided quality food without the arduous task of finding volunteers to staff the kitchen. Uniform sales have been considerably higher than expected which was driven by the change in the junior uniforms in 2009, as addition we have also seen a sharp increase in uniform expenses however this is due to the large amount of stock we have on hand ready for 2010.

The bar continues to exceed our expectations in 2009. Due to increased personal commitments of our past volunteers MCHC have again outsourced the entire bar management for the current season, and due to its great success this arrangement will continue into the future seasons. Driving this increased bar trading profit was not only due to the friendly service of the bar staff but more importantly due to the valued club sponsor, Gage Roads, coming on board in 2009. As a result of their contributions, MCHC were able to gain more economies with bar purchases, and due to club members supporting our Gage Roads Sponsorship this ultimately led to increased margins. These increased margins have been used to nurture the development of our younger players with initiatives such as the MTI.

The continued support of our loyal band of sponsors has been critical to the successful running of the club. 2009 has seen our respected Turf Naming Rights Sponsor, McEntee's Duracraft Panel & Paint, support the club for another season, along with many valued sponsors detailed below. In addition to Gage Roads becoming a Premium Sponsor in 2009, MCHC were also fortunate to have Sportreat join the club as one of our Premium Sponsors. As well as the financial support received, MCHC has been fortunate enough to receive seminars from experienced Sportreat physiotherapists on specific sporting injuries and performance nutrition. To all our sponsors, your contributions play a critical role in the club's success and its presence in the hockey community. We thank you and look forward to your continued support in the seasons ahead.

A special mention must be made to Allison Hall. 2009 saw her tackle the role of club treasurer...yet again. This role is extremely demanding and underestimated in a club of our size, and once again Allison volunteered to get the job done. Your work doesn't go unnoticed and you have been a great support to the committee in 2009.

Hamish Burton
Vice President – Finance & Development

Finance & Sponsorship Report (contd)

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Gateway Printing

Moncrieff Realty

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Spearwood Wool Handlers

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Senior Administration Report - Turf Men's Program

The 2009 season has been tremendously successful for the Melville Turf Men's Program (TMP). Comprising this year of the First Division (AHG League), Premier 2A, Premier Alliance and Provisional 2A Gold - we are going from strength to strength from year to year asserting our mark on Hockey WA as the most successful TMP.

The acquisition of Peter Freer as Head Coach is the key to Melville winning a First Division Premiership. Peter is a highly qualified coach who has previously taken two (2) other mid-performing WA Clubs to a First Division Premiership within a three (3) year time frame. I am proud to announce the commitment of Peter Freer in 2010 and beyond. A passion, persistence and pride in performance drives Melville's relentless pursuit of a First Division Premiership. Congratulations to Courtney Clemons, Matt Ilsley and Craig Orr for playing their first AHG League game for the Club.

The development of our talented juniors has been and will continue to be the hallmark of Melville's TMP successes. The ability to take our juniors from "good" to "excellent" is the future focus of the TMP guided by the MTIS Program. Congratulations to the 10 Melville players who represented Western Australia in 2009: Tristan Clemons (Thundersticks); Jordan Hunt (U/21); Mark Brodie, Pat Welsh, Karl Tullock, Sam Geers (U/18); Pat Lawther (U/16 Schoolboys) and Ross Hall, Nick Tate, Tim Geers (U/15). The future is bright.

The TMP recruited two international players in 2009 in order to fill identified voids in the First Division team. These players bolstered the TMP playing strengths and also proved to be role models to our aspiring juniors by demonstrating to them the required skills in order to perform at the highest level. Our approach to recruitment of players has, and always will, remain one of responsible recruitment that delicately balances the production of a highly competitive First Division Team and the promotion of our junior talent to participate at the highest level. The 2009 Competitions Review 'Point Capping' Paper by Hockey WA depicts Melville as the 'model' club in this regard.

The Premier 2A team, coached by Rob McKenzie and Tristan Clemons, comfortably made finals this year. The most exciting element to this side is no doubt the youth, the structured play but also the amount of goals that were scored during the season. Congratulations to Rob and wife Brooke on their first child, Lachlan.

The Premier Alliance team performed sensationally in 2009, already collecting silverware in the Challenge Cup and Minor Premiership (by three games clear). I wish Ben Rushton and his team all the best for the finals as they push for a hat-trick of premierships in 2009.

The Provisional 2A Gold team was set a very specific direction in 2009 – get promoted to Provisional 1s. The team lead by Chris Geers must be congratulated on their efforts as they finished the season minor premiers with no losses. This has secured the promotion of the team – further enhancing the TMP to have effectively 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th division teams.

Sincere thanks to our managers: Johnno Orr (AHG and Premier 2A) – the First Division Team Icon, Hamish Burton (Premier Alliance) and Michael Ashley (Provisional 2A Gold) who have managed the teams superbly again. A special thanks to the many TMP assistants. These include Maddie Dawe who has been our committed physio for the 2009 season - thank you for the professional assistance you have provided to ensure that our players can step onto the pitch trusting their bodies. Karen Bond also devoted a number of hours to the First Division Team, often at very short notice. Thank you very much Karen. And finally, thank you to a new (and hopefully continued) member of the Top Squad, Sprint Coach John de Bes. John ran sprint sessions every Thursday evening with the squad no matter the weather.

As Western Australia's largest hockey club there is no doubt ever increasing pressure on us to achieve a First Division Premiership. With 75% of the TMP making finals in 2009, we are building the level of player depth required in order to fulfil this dream. 2010 presents the TMP even greater challenges and potential rewards. I encourage all of Melville's 780 strong membership to continue their high level of support to the TMP as a First Division Premiership is closer than ever.

Daniel White | Vice President (Men)

Senior Administration Report - Men's Metros

Another big year for Melville City Hockey Club. This year saw us expand yet again with a large influx of players early in the season. This resulted in the addition of another team and unfortunately caused issues throughout the season as injury and desertions (as well as a distinct lack of keepers) took their toll. Very luckily for us we had a dedicated new player and manager/captain/organiser extraordinaire by the name of Matthew Jeffries who took responsibility for our new team's organisation – without him the rough run this team had would have been much harder. Thank you Matt and your whole team for your patience, hopefully next season we can drop a team and play a whole season with every team in surplus! Thanks also to the remaining captains who took all the responsibility for team selections, training etc etc this year in my absence.

Apart from our woes there were also highlights. The Metro 1's, who have had the best team in the grade (on paper) for years, made the finals due to some luck and some determination late in the season. The Metro 2's are, as is becoming the norm, the stalwarts of the men's grass grades, yet again waltzing into the finals in a strong position. One of our Metro 3's teams also made it in and hopefully all 3 teams will place strongly and perhaps even bring home a flag or three. Our faded flags on the wall from yesteryear are looking tired boys.

Next year will see me take a year off from MCHC as I pursue work interests in Kalgoorlie (look out Kalgoorlie hockey...). Hopefully someone will step up to take the reins next year. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank primarily the Metro men, but also the committee and the many people around the club that make The Maroon Zone the place that it is. Continue to support each other, strive to play a good standard of hockey, have a beer after the game, celebrate the skill and company of the players around you (including the opposition!) and overall continue to build MCHC into what has become the most desired place to play hockey in Western Australia. We've all made this happen and only through everyone's continuing support will it continue. Cheers.

Matthew Geers
Men's Co-ordinator
MCHC.

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Senior Administration Report - Women

At the beginning of the year we knew we were in for a successful year amongst the women, on and off the field. With the joining of Murdoch University to our club our numbers increased, which helped Melville have a strong presence throughout the grades.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jess Lin from Murdoch University with all her organizing in rallying the players together and supporting Melville City. We look forward to working together next year in continuing this relationship.

Out of our 9 women's teams, we had 6 teams make finals, which is a fantastic effort, while the teams that did not make the finals were successful in holding a new grade or allowing players to get out and enjoy the great game of hockey. Congratulations to our Willow Bridge, Provisional 2 (4's), Provisional 3 Gold (5's), Metro 1's (just expected!) and our two vets teams.

Thank you to all our Team Captains and Team Managers that just made things run so smoothly and made the season a pleasure.

Each year we have been working through our strategic plan, which includes increasing the grades so all players get to play in a grade that fulfils their playing ability. The last couple of years have also been working towards that ultimate goal for the Willow Bridge women to become a first division team. Over the summer we were fortunate enough to sign up Troy Kelly as our head coach. Troy came from Curtain Pirates with a wonderful record with coaching and playing career. Troy has brought a freshness of new ideas into the playing group and will be continuing with this group next year to taking the players to that next level which is required of them. Troy, thank you for your belief in us and that you want to be part of this exciting group at Melville.

I talk about the goals of the Melville club and for me it is about Melville City making that next step into becoming an "Elite" club. We are now told that we are the largest club in WA (not association) and this is a wonderful achievement and that we still have that passion presence around Melville. The next plan for Melville is keeping the passion BUT now having a strong Performance presence to make us that "Elite" club. I say this as this can only be done by all members taking responsibility in helping us become that way. Changing our attitudes and mind set so we keep moving forward and not sitting back at just being comfortable.

Next year is going to be an exciting year for the club, with the signing of Pete Freer to continue with our top squad men and the team of Troy Kelly and Dee Plaister for the women. With the wonderful relationship between the head/assistant coaches they just bring a wealth of experience to the club that is only going to take us to new grounds. Having Pete's full support for the women is a great strength and benefit towards the women's journey.

It is wonderful to see that a group of our membership has taken this on board and working hard towards next year. So I say to all the members lets all work together and just by putting a small part of your input, it will go a long way!

I can't thank enough to all the coaches for the season, your time and effort is just beyond value. Troy and Dee at the helm for the top squad. Stuart Hennessy for the 3's and his enthusiasm and passion for the game keeps us all going. Eddy the strategic planner for the 4's. David Ogden, Mr Colourful, taking the 5's to a final. Mr Wonderful, Mark Lyons who is just a god-send to the girls. Gavin Scully, Mr I think I can squeeze one more thing into my busy agenda. You have just been outstanding. I would also like to thank Ross Hall and Norm Morrison as our step in coaches. We have just loved having you around and look forward to seeing you next season.

With our increasing numbers in juniors it was fantastic to see our senior players step up and take on a team. This is a very important role as the juniors are our future.

Thank you to Vikki Calton, Leisa Poole, Erin Hall, Jess McGregor, Sue Clark and Steph Dixon.

Over the last couple of years our vets have been re-structuring as well. With bottom finishes over a few years both teams have turned it around to have the Vets 2's finish 3rd and the Vets 3's finish out Minor Premiers. Numbers are continuing to be strong and many more finals are going to be ahead. We need to thank Steve McEntee, the super coach for the Vets 3's, who just has the girls running like a Rolls Royce. The Vets 2's were also running beautifully with Mark Rayfield at the helm. Well done ladies!

Senior Administration Report - Women (contd)

With the closing of the 2009 season, I have one more person to thank and that is Kylie Mishra, the women's Assistant Vice President. By having Kylie on board this year has just made the year a pleasure to be a part of, as the work load has minimized due to Kylies organization. The newsletter was part of keeping the women in touch throughout the season and we only look forward to seeing Kylie back on board.

So until next year I wish you all a safe and happy off season with 2010 bringing a new and exciting Melville City

Leanne Jarvis
Senior Women's Vice President

Senior Women's Head Coach Report

Well the season seems to have flown by and I would like to congratulate both the 1's and the 2's on a great year.

Thanks girls for all your hard work and efforts this season. I have enjoyed the year and a particular thanks to our captains Elise, Lizzee, Gaysee and Janine- you have all been tremendous support.

I would like also to thank Greg and Lee for all the work they have done at the club in supporting the top 2 teams and listening to me.

Also to other club members such as Sue, Linda, Steve, Alison and Hans who have made me feel so welcome here, thanks.

Back to hockey thanks "Doona" for all you support, phone calls, drinking sessions and help at training. You are a "Good Thing".

Sandra - you're simply the best manageress that I know, love your work girl and thanks for you support also.

The girls learnt a new system this year and did this with gutso! I think they have learnt a lot about what it takes to win and we nearly got there, the one thing I love about Melville is that all the girls have a passion for the club and we will turn this into a winning team very soon. We probably let ourselves down by not playing our best against Vic Park, but I feel we have the right plan to move forward. Thanks !'s for all your efforts this year.

The 2's really did improve this year and won more games than last year. We were very competitive against the tops teams. Very unlucky to miss out on the top 4. Well done girls.

Thanks so much for allowing me to coach you all. It has been an absolute pleasure and really I could go on and on about you all individually but you all know I think your great.

Last word for "my Dee" - thanks for all the support

Troy

And see you next year.

Veterans Report - Men

Another fantastic season for the Vets in 2009. What a great bunch of guys that came to the arena each week to butt chests with foe. Some matches we did very well and some not so good. Again we had some guys retire, Neil Ashley in particular, who broke both wrists whilst diving in goals to save the game 'amazing, a true hero' – not really, but it sounds better than he tripped on a root whilst heading for an ale. Team numbers gave us grief in all teams, particularly the 44, who were looking for any spares. Near the second half of the season it started to ease. Just hang on Tony, I still have two possibles, just waiting for them to arrive, I think they lost their way.

Again we had seven teams take the field. Six we admired on the weekend and the Vets Midweek, not a peep, not sighted, but in the finals. This year there was a players waiting list, no calls for help, we were all excited for them. Meanwhile back to the weekend. The 2008 41s took a step down and played with the 42s. Matches were more in their league and with the assistance of a few extra bodies gave them success. But hey, these guys are getting older, in a couple of years they will be stepping into the 50s. Bringing up the rear is the 44s, normally all the new guys start here, a sad story this year, not too many new guys, but a team grew out of nothing. The first match was disastrous, could it get worse? 'Yes it could', but it did not, there are a number of players that gave it all. They kept up and proudly wore the Melville shirt.

We move up to the 50 boys. The success story reads similar for 51s, 52s & 53s, all finished in the finals, with a nemesis team to go shoulder to shoulder with. The play numbers changed as the season went on, but the wins continued. For the 52s it was a change from last year, where a loss was normal, it was good to see a smile on the team's faces. For the 51s & 53s, a similar story to last year. Well done 50s.

The 55s followed on from last year. There were some positives and some negatives. Numbers were short at times, but the effort was put in 150%. Next year maybe they will step up to the 60s as most guys can play at that level. Again I take my hat off to these guys, they toughed it out.

To bring the results together, we have over 50% in finals, with a good chance of resulting in Grand final action or three.

Where to from here, we have a strong VETs group, that should continue into 2010. Next year we will shuffle the team players around to meet the needs of teams, like last year. Teams will again meet the foe on the battle grounds and finish back at the club either drinking a cold beer to ease the wounds or celebrating the victory. This really means we will do it all again, hmmm.

I am looking forward to 2010 and fellow Vets, I hope you are too. Congratulations to all.

Cheers

Roger Bell
Veterans Coordinator

Photos by Justin Wake



Junior Administration Report

This year our Junior division grew to 27 teams, making us one of the biggest Junior clubs. We had 350 players in years 5 to 12 and 250 in our Minkey and Graduates program. We have about 60 grads entering the 5/6 age group next season and only 5 players moving from 11/12's to seniors. We will exceed 400 players in our junior division next year. Please register early next year to avoid missing out in being a part of this exciting club.

Our grading day this year was held under much more favourable weather conditions than last year. With 27 teams to trial, it was a huge task to complete in one day. A huge thankyou must go out to all the coaches, selectors and umpires who volunteered their services, enabling the day to run smoothly.

Of the 17 teams in the 7/8 to 11/12 year groups, 10 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 10 teams in 5/6 year group however many of these teams have had a very successful season.

On a state level we experienced another successful year for the club with 10 state representatives from our junior division.

State under 16 Schoolgirls - Megan Silvey

State under 16 Schoolboys - Pat Lawther

State under 15 Girls - Briony Clark, Kaitlin Passmore, Chiara Purcell

State under 15 Boys - Tim Geers, Ross Hall, Nick Tate

State under 12 Schoolgirls - India Nelson

State under 12 Schoolboys - Matt Tate

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 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.

Special mention must go to Janine Tate, who took on the role of Manager's Co-ordinator this year. Janine spent many hours trouble shooting problems associated with entering team results. Due to her help, we were able to dramatically decrease the number of fines, saving the club hundreds of dollars.

Our Melville Talent Identification Squad will be running again during the summer break, with specialised coaching given to a selected group of boys and girls. The squad will be selected on the basis of the best interest of MCHC which will involve senior members of the Melville Hockey Club in the selection process. The squad will be announced at the junior windup.

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

Graeme Coleman
Junior Co-ordinator



Photo by Eron Clarey

Hook in2 Hockey Report

This season saw 240+ girls & boys running around the field early on a Saturday morning. It makes all the hard work worth it.

Thanks once again to all the parents and juniors who volunteered to coach and also to those who were coerced into it. Once again we had some juniors come down to help coach. Thanks to Claire Timmell , Sarah Bowyer and Anna Miller for your help.

This year we were lucky enough to have the older kids coached by the men's top squad one morning and then they joined in the games – my daughter is still talking about what skills they taught her. Then at one of our Friday nights they came back again with the top women's squad to play a demo game for the kids to watch – we certainly gave the grandstands a good test – they were packed out. Thanks to Tristan Clemons for coordinating that.

We were also lucky enough to be asked to supply some kids to run out with the German team at the Hockeyroos warm up games for the Champions Trophy. Fifteen girls and boys represented the clubs for this very special occasion, and I got to go down to the dugout and take photos, which was fantastic. The kids and one parent were given free tickets to watch the match though I think the kids enjoyed the blow up marketing toys best!

Thanks to Kate in the Canteen for taking the stress out of the sausage sizzle.

Lastly thanks to the parents & kids themselves – hopefully we'll see you all back again next year.

Theresa Rayfield



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Melville City Hockey Club

Games Played Awards 2009

500 Games

Colin Willis

400 Games

Todd Barrett
Graeme Coleman
Gaye Glaskin
Mark Watton

300 Games

Michael Ashley
Michael Jensen
Alan Marshall
Daniel McEntee
Craig Orr
Frank Williams

200 Games

Evan Bowater
Allison Hall
Tim McEntee
Dom Reay
Robert Thorn
Matt Willis

100 Games

Briony Clark
Nicola Cook
Rick Francis
Stephen Gibson
Kim Ireland
Holly Menegola
Stephen Ranford
Greg Ross
Laurence Rushton
Tom Rushton
Jon Rutgers
Megan Silvey
Nicholas Tate

50 Games

Robin Bailey
Janine Barrow
Gina Boylan
Vickie Calton
Joshua Clarey
Debbie Compton
Bryn de Bes
Ray Domingo
Marie Farrow
Gillian Forbes
Russell Ford
Brent Gauci
Manon Gebauer
James Gurbiel
Elise Heal
Stuart Hennessey
Adam Hudson
Kyle Jamieson
Matthew Jensen
Natalie Johnson
Elyce Joseph
Erin King
Cara Lawther
Peta Lock

Alex Lynch
Britt MacDonald
Conor MacDonald
Serena Matthews
Samuel Mazzer
Jessica McGregor
Thomas Meyer
Amanda Mitchell
Matthew Page
Justin Pierluigi
Mike Pitcher
Chiara Purcell
Frank Reynolds
Andrew Ricciardone
Arielle Rigelsford
Emma Rigelsford
Kathryn Rule
Annette Scholten
Keiran Smyth
Jessica Sperinick
Verity Swift
Blake Thompson
Ron Thomas
Geoff Widdicombe

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.

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Junior Awards 2009

Division	Fairest & Best	Coach's Award
Girls 11/12A Reserve:	Sarah Bowyer	Megan Silvey
Girls 11/12B Gold:	Brianna Coleman	Tearne Latham
Boys 11/12A:	David Ogden	Josh Clarey
Boys 11/12B Black:	Mark Shepherd	Jack Oliver
Girls 9/10A:	Briony Clark	Louise Watson
Girls 9/10A Reserve:	Madelaine Brockman & Rhianna Clay	
Girls 9/10C:	Dallas Campbell	Fallon Ogilvy
Boys 9/10A:	Nick Tate	Ross Hall
Boys 9/10B:	Chris Evans	Adam Hudson
Boys 9/10C Black:	Joshua Knuiman	Sam Lee
Boys 9/10C Gold:	Campbell Love	Jake Nelson
Girls 7/8A:	Aimee Clark	Kathryn Rule
Girls 7/8A Reserve:	Paige Hudson	Natasha Clay
Girls 7/8B:	Brittany Lawrence	Ee-Faye Chong
Boys 7/8A:	Bryn de Bes	Josh Antoncich
Boys 7/8B Black:	Mark English	Chris Deacon
Boys 7/8B White:	Chris McHugh & Jayden Mills	Thomas Mansfield

Melville City Hockey Club Inc. Junior Awards 2009 (Contd)

Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy:
Most promising junior progressing to seniors

David Ogden

Life Members' Trophy:
Junior player displaying most commitment to Club

Stephanie Dixon

David Porter Trophy:
Most improved goalkeeper

Chiara Purcell

Ian Halliday Trophy:
Highest junior goal scorer

Nick Tate



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Seniors Awards 2009

Founder's Shield:

Fairest and best - men's top side

David Orr

Wiffen Trophy:

Most improved younger player - women

Briony Clark

Catherine Bayens Trophy:

Player displaying most commitment to club - women

Susan Clark

Premier 2 Men:

Ryan Hyder

Premier Alliance Men:

Andrew Ricciardone

Willow Bridge League Women:

Elise Heal

Premier 2 Women:

Zeta Lancaster

Promotion 2 Women:

Leanne Jarvis

Provisional 2 Gold Men:

Kyle Jamieson

Provisional 2 Gold Women:

Rebecca Oakey

Provisional 3 Gold Women:

Debra Crompton

Provisional 3 White Women:

Kim Ireland

Krystle Biffin

Metro 1 Men:

Mark Lyons

Metro 1 Women:

Athlene Marshall

Maris Margetts

Metro 2 Gold Men:

Aki Etelaaho

Tim Smith

Metro 3 Gold Men:

Sam Green

Metro 3 White 1 Men:

Gav Tweedie

Metro 3 White 2 Men:

Josh Smales

Midweek Veterans Men:

Dennis Loffell

Veterans Div 2 Women:

Carolyn Jones

Veterans Div 3 Women:

Maris Margetts

Over 40 Div 2 Men:

Geoff Ranford

Wayne Harries

Over 40 Div 4 Men:

Tony Patton

Over 50 Div 1 Men:

Patrick Matthews

Over 50 Div 2 Men:

John Maher

Over 50 Div 3 Men:

Bruce Porter

Over 55 Men:

John Smith

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
Leanne Jarvis	2009

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
Theresa Rayfield	2009

AHG League - Men

2009 was meant to be a season off for me, after coaching every year since my first coaching experience, which was to coach my Year 12 team to a Premiership as a playing coach. However, when Russel Lee decided to further develop his coaching career in Japan and with a little chat from Steve McEntee, I decided to take on the job of coaching the Senior Men. Obviously, I had developed close links with members of the Club over previous years. I have been a good friend of Dee Plaister since she was 16 years old, and more recent friendships with the Geers family etc, and as Chairman of Selectors for the Thundersticks for the past 2 years, I had developed a close affinity with many members at Melville. I knew the job was going to be a challenge, but what a challenge it has been. We lost 7 games by the one goal, and this has been exceptionally frustrating. If 5 of these games had been wins we would have been in the finals, so we are not far off, but there is work to do to ensure that we realise the potential in 2010.

So, what have I seen and what needs to be done. If you don't want to get the blunt truth then don't read on.

There is a saying that "winners don't blame anyone and its only losers that complain and look for excuses"! I have certainly found this at Melville, and it has taken a season to eradicate this. Blaming others and not taking responsibility is a habit that can creep in, especially when teams are not successful, and this can take a while to rid but once this has gone then the team is giving itself the best chance of being winners. It is a hard thing to do, but once every member takes responsibility a big part of the battle is over.

For the latter part of the season "real intent" has been talked about. Many in sport go out there and go through the motions, but it is not until techniques and tactics of the game are executed with "real intent" that the chance of winning is increased dramatically. For example, "real intent" is having sticks on the ground with eyes bulging out of heads by every team member in anticipation that one of them is going to get the ball from the opposition given the effort made by the whole group, etc.

I have also found that the team struggled to implement simple tactics, and to consistently follow a game plan for 70 minutes of the game, we can think back to the first round Vic Park loss, and the second round Subs loss, where this fact was significant. To the credit of the team, the players have realised that if they execute the game plan as a complete group, they will win, think of the Raiders and Wasps wins in the second round in particular.

And finally, it has been emphasised how important being positive and honest with each other can be. If you bag a team mate, the team mate can subconsciously not run as hard for his team next time, maybe even subconsciously not give a pass to his team mate next time, which can cause damaging effect on the team winning. This also is true for the general Club membership, everyone needs to be positive.

One aspect that I have found as being poor is the lack of honesty, players feel they need to say what they feel is the correct thing to say; this often is not the honest thing to say. If you are honest about your performance and honest about what you say about the team and the Club, you also give yourself the best chance of winning. It is so important to "respect each other" at all times. This is something worth heeding by all in the Club.

I feel the First Men's Team has come a long way as a group, with the above mental aspects of winning in life, that their team can have marvellous success in the future.

For me, I have met a great group of people within the First Team squad, I hope that I have had an effect on everyone as we go forward. All these players I have cajoled, badgered, given criticism and given positive feedback to; I hope they respect what has been done as we develop this team.

"Jono" (Manager)

Passionate, brilliant, an amazing supporter for his Club's top two teams. He has been undying in his support for me. Thank you. I don't know what he would have done in the days before internet!!

Maddie Dawe (Physio)

Always does a professional job, and done with a willing smile. Maddie took on the team's motto of becoming tougher by wearing a ball to a head before our second match against Raiders. Raiders were so fearful when they saw Maddie, that we won 6 to 2.

Rob "Dad" McKenzie (Assistant Coach)

Rob is a mine of information re the players at Melville, and has very good knowledge of other teams. Whilst parenting duties became a priority this year, Rob provided me with much valued insight into how our players will perform. I sincerely hope Rob continues as we drive our teams to great heights in 2010.

John de Bas (Speed Coach)

We have been really lucky to have someone with great expertise as a speed coach this year. The guys have learnt lots through John in a very enjoyable atmosphere. Thanks John, we look forward to working closely with you as we develop the team further next year.

AHG League - Men (contd)

Clemo (Captain)

A born leader, Clemo is very committed to his Melville team, ever encouraging the players to aspire to greater heights. I have watched Clemo develop over the past few years. He had his first major hamstring this year; he bounced back after a 10 week lay-off to play what I would consider some of his best hockey ever. Clemo is in a very exciting phase for his personal ambitions, hopefully National Team selection is not too far off.

Whitey (Acting Captain in Clemos absence)

Always gives 100% on the field. I hope that Whitey can commit to hard training in the future so as to be a damaging player in his Melville team as we pursue finals. Whitey likes to inspire others by his organisational capabilities; I would like to see Whitey inspire others by being inspirational on the pitch, by playing at a classy level that he has shown in the past. At 22 this is certainly a possibility. I truly believe that actions speak louder than words. Some work needs to be done both on fitness and PC flicking for this to happen.

Matt Bowater (Goalie in Clemo's absence)

Matt, during a sulking stage, nearly chucked the game in at the beginning of the season; however, in a 10 game stint in the 1's, he pulled off some brilliant saves, especially against 2 of the best PC flickers in the competition. Matt has a great eye for the ball and his line saves are brilliant, Matt needs to work on his mobility to dive and meet forwards in the circle. A great future as a goalie.

Whip

A player I had some concerns about earlier in the season, but half way through the season became a real stalwart of the defence. Tough, strong and aggressiveness now marks his game. A player that can take his team to the next step.

Dirty

Has played a great season and combines very skilfully with his right side, he has the ability to turn a game in his Club's favour. A bit of a goal sneak. Dirty is learning to go through the pain barrier to be an integral part of the team. This season is going to give him great confidence for the future.

Hooksy

Hooksy was moved to fullback this year, and whilst not relishing the position, took it on in a very positive manner. Hooksy has great knowledge of the game and is a very good player, and I look forward to a real impact from him in 2010. Unfortunately, he only played 1 game with his brother at full back before getting an injury to his shoulder which sidelined him for the last 10 weeks.

Steve McKnight

Hooksy's brother who played 7 games for us this year. He is a very mobile, astute defender and check the results out whilst Stevo was here, we picked up most of our points during this time.

Gurbs

What a talent Gurbs is, and with the mobility to play full back, half back, midfield and striker – yes he played in all lines. If Gurbs really dedicates himself to improving the positional and tactical aspects of his game, he could become one of the best players ever seen at Melville.

Johnboy

A most dedicated team member who has spent most of the time on the bench. We all know how hard that can be, but late in the season, Johnboy got opportunity to show his game, and his efforts and performance in those games were outstanding.

Swanny

Three players wrapped up in one small body. Wow, can this boy play the game; I believe 16+ on the beep test! If you saw him play you would believe that he is everywhere, with skills to take on anyone, and a tiger in the tank that never gives in, and a big stat in second and third efforts to get the ball off the opposition. His presence at Melville has been a big boost and I love players who inspire others not by what they say, but what they do.... "Swanny is inspirational"

James Triay (Gibs)

James came to us from Gibraltar. James loves his hockey and has been a colourful personality amongst the group. James played a few good games and caught the umpire's eye, and even one umpires ear, on occasions. James has lots of flair, and we saw this come to the fore with his 2 goals against Raiders in the second round. We wish James all the best in whatever he decides to do in the future.

Ev

From a slow start to the season, Ev played some brilliant hockey in the latter months; his combination with Swanny and Dirty on the right side is something that is worth watching. Yes, a quiet man, but he has a desperate desire to win the ball and have influence on his team becoming very successful. A wonderful contributor.

Rusty

What a beautiful hockey player to watch, everything is smooth, great receiving skills, can run like the wind with the ball and scores some delightful goals. Rusty has really adopted his Melville Club and in my communications with him, he expresses great desire to be part of a successful Melville team. We really back Rusty as he pursues his dream of representing Australia at the next Olympics.

AHG League - Men (contd)

Jordy

Jordan took a while to get going this season after a very promising U 21 tournament prior to the season. Jordan has great receiving skills and has the ability to take players on, but needs to develop greater confidence to back his ability by remaining positive about his and the team's performance. Once Jordan develops sound tactical and game day knowledge, he will have all the facets to lead his Club to great heights.

Brodes

Brodes has great natural ability, and has been brilliant this year in the pressure that his long reach and desperation puts on opposition. He is extremely dedicated and consequently his general field play has improved. Brodes will be spending the summer months working on the last pass (his goal shooting) to make sure that area will give opposition something more to worry about in 2010.

Pat

I have put Pat amongst the forwards as that is where he tells me he wants to play. I am not taking that away from Pat, but with Pat's defensive skills, there can be a permanent spot in the team in the back four. Melville seems to have a lot of promising forwards and not as many defenders, so anyone who shines in this area will have a good chance of selection in the first team. Pat took this opportunity late in the year and played some very good games at left half. Keep your game simple Pat and you will be an extremely effective player.

Matt Eastham

Matt came to us late in pre-season and certainly has made an impact on the Club both on and off the field. A very quick striker, Matt has assisted the team in doubling the goals scored for this year. He also has a very good knowledge of the game, and is a good coach in his own right. I am hoping that Matt will be able to give a lot more in both areas in 2010.

Jeremy Muylaert (J)

We have been very lucky to pick up Jeremy. After winning the finals with his Club in Belgium, J joined Melville and has impacted extremely positively on our team. He has averaged nearly a goal a game since being here, which is hard to do in such a competition. A modest but great man who has loved life on and off the field in WA.

In, summing up I have got to know a great group of people that make up this first team. All show the depth of character that we can build on to become winners for Melville. To our supporters, I have appreciated your support so much, I know it is difficult when the team is not winning consistently, but I want you to continue the faith you have shown because regular wins are not far around the corner. You know your team has improved markedly in the way they played this year, I believe we have doubled the number of goals scored for, and reduced the goals scored against. We still need to work on making our defence even tighter and meaner, but we have strategies in place for this. 2010 makes me excited!!

Peter Freer (First Men's Coach)

Rys (Ryan Hyder)

An extremely skilful midfielder/striker who has some Don Smart uncanniness about his stick work, some of his stick feints are right out of the text book. Rys needs to develop his passing skills but he is a player that always gives as much as he possibly can for his team. Maybe a couple of extra goals scored would have helped to top off a good season. Rys is definitely a player to watch for the future at Melville.

Ricca

Another who has warmed the bench for a major part of the season. Ricca is a talented player who is very quick. I would love to see Ricca pick up a few more goals as this would make him an extremely dangerous player at First Division level.

Sam Geers

This boy is talented, and I think he may have learnt the lesson this year of keeping his mouth shut and letting his stick do the talking. If he listens, learns and does on the field, the confidence will develop so as to not only be an integral player at Melville, but realise ambitions far beyond Melville.

Karl Tulloch

Another extremely promising player who had injury during the year. Karl has pace that really catches defences out, but also has uncanny abilities to do different things with his stick that opposition don't expect. In this way, Karl offers a different dimension to his team that is very positive.

Dan McEntee, Courtney Clemons and Matt Ilsley

These three got limited opportunity during the season, but highlights were Courtney's near miss against Wolves, Matt Ilsley's chance to mix it in the big time, and Dan McEntee showing that he is capable of doing in the 1s what he does very well for the 2s.

Ladies Top Squad

Demelza is a valuable and reliable team player who is recognized for her unconventional style of tackle and stealing the ball from the opposition. She surprises her team mates with her extended arm and a turn that wins the ball many times so imagine how the opposition feel! Demelza is always consistent and works hard.

Chookie is one of the more “special” players in the squad. She has proved to be one of the most popular players on and off the field and with a combination of lucky unco-ordination and well developed skills she has been one of our best strikers in the Willow Bridge team. Chookie’s defensive game has developed further and her pressure has seen many opportunities created in our attack.

This was **Ashton**’s first year at MCHC and she’s fitted right into the club lifestyle. Ashton is a rock in the back defence line and rarely misses a tackle. Ashton has been an integral addition to our Willow Bridge team and we hope she continues her hockey at this club. She’s always keen for a laugh and a chat and we’re very glad to have her as part of the squad.

Erin has played more games than anyone this season, regularly playing in both teams of the squad. Erin is often the receiver of constructive criticism, which to her credit she has taken on board and developed into a strong and consistent defender. Erin has developed all aspects of her game and produced some fine hockey this season. This princess off the field takes no prisoners so don’t get in her way - many oppositions have come off second best!

Elise is the staunch defender; the hit the target midfielder! She has saved many sure goals this season due to her fitness and speed. Size is deceiving, this shorty is a gun! She’s the player you want on your team; her talk has been a crucial part of the success of the Willow Bridge team. Elise has also managed to be a committed (sometimes bossy) and supportive Captain! Off the field, Elise is a strong supporter of the Melville bar and social events! Elise is a key member of our squad and an asset to MCHC.

Vicki is a valuable squad and club member, being involved in umpiring and junior coaching. Vicki is recognized for her strength over the ball and fine stick skills. Vicki brings experience to the Premier 2’s, and can provide even more maturity after celebrating a big birthday this year!

Stacey has a lot of pace and the right amount of aggression on the field. She left us mid season to trip overseas; during that time we missed her pressure and fight for the ball as well as her bubbly personality off the field. Stacey has been known to yell at opponents but has been great fun in the squad!

Maddie always commits 100% and chases hard. She has played a big part in keeping the team fit and healthy as a physio! Maddie is such a speedster which is a great asset, although this may have resulted in the nasty cut in her head mid-season! Maddie is a great club person and has a fantastic attitude on and off the field.

The Pirate Captain that runs the Melville Ship!! **Troy** has bought an absolute wealth of knowledge and experience to the squad and we are lucky to have someone of her calibre at MCHC. Troy has the utmost respect of every member in the squad, and has developed our skills, knowledge of the game and our style of play. Troy has fitted in perfectly and among her long list of credentials she is a great person; we have enjoyed the weekly updates of her own goal scoring and the introduction of the M... word! Troy has an enormous amount to offer MCHC and we are super-excited to have her for another season to steer this ship into higher waters!

Dee was made a life member of MCHC in 2008 and has continued to prove that she is an invaluable member in the top squad. Her tireless efforts to support Troy and ensure each member of the squad is looked after are very much appreciated! Dee’s heart and soul and dedication make her a popular member of the squad who can be relied upon for anything. She has been told off for talking many times, but can always be found for a Corona and a chat!

Jess is an essential player in our midfield; her skill, strength and understanding of the game has resulted in her being one of our key players. Jess also has a mean hit and has scored a number of goals off short corners. Jess has played some exceptional games this season and has provided many laughs at social functions this year!

The super **Sal** has a serious case of white line fever; she is a friendly well rounded person, but when she crosses that line onto the field you better watch out. Sally’s determination and skill make her an essential player on the field. Sal has run rings around the best in Willow Bridge League and can be relied upon whether it be on the field or attending club functions.

Sue is one of the most enthusiastic, tenacious and aggressive players on the squad. Sue always gives 110% and doesn’t let any opposition push her around. Sue can always be counted on to try her hardest and although her recovery after games takes a little longer than most, she performs week in week out.

Ladies Top Squad (contd)

Briony is the only known person in top squad this year to ask to come off during a game, run to the toilets, have a 'power spew', and then go back on to play the rest of the game! Briony is a valuable member of Willow Bridge who has a great team spirit and works hard to create opportunities up forward. Briony scored some fantastic goals this year and we are excited to watch her develop as the future of the club.

Gaye has been reliable in defence, and creative in attack making her one of the most consistent and valuable members in the squad. Gaye always puts in 110% and has shown heart and soul as a leader and Captain of Premier 2's. Gaye has been known to get away with unethical tackles this season, but does so with a smile as she does with everything!

Billie once again showed her amazing stick skills in Premier 2's this season. She is a positive influence to all players around her, and can be relied upon week in week out. Billie is a key member of the squad and a pleasure to play and train with; her knowledge of the game and attitude are invaluable.

The Smooth operator – **Deanne Smith (Dee)** has kept us up with the stats and warmed the bench with her good sense of humour and encouragement. The MCHC bar has enjoyed her keeping them on their toes with their wine and we have enjoyed her ongoing support.

This was **Kelly's** first season at Melville and she has quickly established herself as a vital member of the squad. She's had a great season in Willow Bridge proving to be a strong and reliable defensive player with her precision-timed tackles. Off the field Kelly's quick-wit and sense of fun always manages to boost team morale. Hopefully plenty more seasons in Melville colours to come!

Kat is a strong player who always works hard to get the ball out of defence. It was unfortunate that she missed so much of the season due to injury; we definitely felt it on the field! With her long reach and great tackle, as well as fantastic elimination skills, Kat often ran the ball out of defence and attacked up the right. Well done Kat, hope to see you injury free next season!

Nat has improved immensely and has had a great season! The tenacity and determination she shows are second to none; her calling from the back and spectacular dives have made her an integral part of the top squad and one of the most consistent, quality performers of the season. Congratulations on a fantastic year!

Bridget came to the club this year and luckily for us, she and Karina have been able to complement each other's working schedules! Bridget may be small, but her quick moves have allowed her to become a valuable player when she is here. Hopefully Bridget will be able to play and train more next year, but we have enjoyed your efforts for the season.

Meghan has made the huge leap from last season to become a consistent performer in Premier 2's in 2009. She has played mainly as a midfielder, working and running hard and making significant improvements in many aspects of her game. Meghan has stepped up a lot this year and should be proud of how she has played.

Karina, a former WA state junior goalkeeper, is new to Melville this season. She made her mark early performing well in Premier 2's, keeping Melville in some really tough games, with many spectacular saves against some quality strikers. Karina's work commitments have allowed her to play 10 games and she has always made the effort to get to training as soon as she is back in town. She has fitted in very easily and we are fortunate to have her at Melville.

Kate has had a few troubles with injury this season, but has played very strong hockey being one of the leaders in the forward line in Premier 2's. Her incredible stick skills guarantee to eliminate most defenders and have resulted in many scoring opportunities for the team. Kate has been a valuable squad member and great role model on and off the field.

Our gorgeous manager **Sandra** has done a wonderful job this season. Managing to balance playing her own hockey as well as looking after both top squad teams, she has been a shining light for the squad. Sandra is a friend to everyone and has looked after each and every one of us; we greatly appreciated your effort and commitment this year!

Janine is the biggest fitness freak in the squad! Her running ability allows her to play full games and breeze past opposition players. Janine has great tenacity and leads from the front. Her calling (screeching) is intimidating to any opposition and team mates! Janine's stick skills have improved this season and she has been a great Captain of our Premier 2's.

Our Scottish girl, upon arrival, immediately became not only part of the squad but also a key member of it. **Leisa** is a quick witted, skilled player and has been very influential in our forward line. Leisa is speedy, talented and has been an asset to the Willow Bridge team. Her incredible performances on the 'pitch' have been matched in the bar at social functions this year and she has been a wonderful addition to the club as a team mate and friend!

Ladies Top Squad (contd)

Megs has provided a consistent flare to the squad this year and continues to develop as an enthusiastic and bright young hockey player. Megs is a tenacious and skilful player who has the ability to play among the best. Megs is an exciting prospect for MCHC and we look forward to her playing many more games in the maroon!

Our gun right wing **Lizzie** brings a lot of experience and enthusiasm to the team. Lizzie has both speed and stick skills that make her deadly to opposing teams. Lizzie's leadership on the field as Captain of Willow Bridge has helped the team develop into something special.

Amy is the youngest and newest inclusion in the squad, and has stepped up and matched it with the big girls! Amy has grown up on the sidelines of the field and her own hard work can be seen in her stick skills and her knowledge of the game at such a young age. Amy is admired for her confidence to train and work hard and is already a massive asset to the squad!

Another one of our young guns, **Kaitlin** has come up from the 15s and has fitted in nicely to the top squad. We look forward to Kaitlin playing regularly and working on the great skills she already possesses. Among the other youngens, Kaitlin is an exciting prospect for MCHC.

Indi has also joined our ranks from the 15s this season and has held her own against many oppositions. Indi has provided steadiness in defence, and some great attacking opportunities in the games she has played. We look forward to her playing regularly and developing into a key player of the top squad.

Zeta has been a fantastic addition to MCHC! In her first season, Zeta has been an outstanding player in both teams of the top squad. Her tenacity in defence has brought much success to both sides. Zeta is a genuine team player who puts her heart and soul into every game. Zeta has provided many laughs on the field with multiple tumbles for no reason! This girl sets the standard of effort that every player should aspire to.

Sarah is a player who represents the future of our club. Whilst still playing juniors, she has proved herself to be a vital player in our Premier 2's side. She has progressed a lot this year to improve her game as a forward. Off the field Sarah is very laid-back, sleepy and shy, however put her on a hockey field and she transforms into a dynamite player with great stick-work and passing ability. It will be exciting to see Sarah take her hockey to the next level in years to come.



Mens Premier 2

Matty Bowater - If Matty had played the full season with us, we would have finished much higher up the ladder. His ability to play his best in the big games and make crucial saves at important times has been outstanding and it's a credit to Matty the way he played this season after his disappointment of not making the 18's. I have no doubt with a solid pre-season and with Clemo's guidance Matty will again be back in the mix to make representative teams in the future. Well done on a great season.

Dom Reay - I didn't realise how important Dom was to the team until he was injured and missed a few games. His strong tackling and physical style, along with high energy, has been a great example to the other members of the team and something I wish I had when I played. Thanks for all your help this year with training sessions and selections and hope to see you kick on next year.

Ritchie Williams - Great to see Ritchie return to the club after a few years away. Ritchie added a great deal of toughness along with a calm head to the side, and was given the job as short corner hitter which he failed miserably. Along with Dom, Ritchie's presence at the back wasn't fully appreciated until he missed a few games. Thanks for all your help this year with selections and trainings.

Craig Orr - If there was a most improved award to be given, Cactus would win it hands down. Cactus has gone from a gap filling player to one of the first picked week in week out. His basics were the best in the team, and this gave me great confidence putting him in any position in the back half. Cactus also sported a very trending hair colour during the season, and if there was best hair design award, he would have won this to. Well done on a great season.

Steven Gibson - A difficult year for Gibbo considering he was made captain at the start of the year, then struggled to hold his spot at certain times. To his credit, all of the qualities that we all know Gibbo has, came through, and he became a very solid player towards the end of the season and during the finals for both the 2's and 3's. Cheers Gibbo and see you around the club next year.

James Gurbriel - In a year that I'm sure was a little frustrating for Gurbs considering he was the 1's B & F from last year, Gurbs found himself playing a lot of 2's games as he was unable to lock down a 1's spot week in week out. For what was the 1's loss was certainly the 2's gain, as he gave us great flexibility in the midfield and across the half line. Gurbs was the catalyst in many good scoring opportunities and managed to get on the end of some very good chances himself which he slotted in. I hope you enjoy your time overseas and come back to the club a little wiser in life terms as well as hockey terms as you are highly regarded as a person and a player. Send me a post card.

John Rutgers - Even though Jonboy is a dirty Adelaide Crows wanker he is still a valuable member of the club and contributed very well to both the 1's and the 2's this year. Jonboy chases women like he plays hockey, he never over commits unless there is going to be a good outcome and he is always there to clean up any scraps that his team mates might leave. Good work this year Jonboy, and keep dreaming about those blonde weather reporters.



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Mens Premier 2 (contd)

Pat Welsh - After a slow start to the season, Pat really took off in the second half of the year. He was able to get a start in the 1's due to a few guys being unavailable and took the chance and played very well. Although it has been great having Pat in the 2's, I'd like to see him continue to improve, work hard and cement his place in the 1's for the next 10 years and longer. Well done on making the 18's this year, but think bigger now as 21's and Thundersticks are achievable.

Courtney Clemons - Clemo is a great guy to have at the club and it has been very enjoyable having him in the group for the last 2 years. Clemo has worked hard on fitness, and his game has improved greatly due to this and his desire to improve. One area which does need a little more fine-tuning, is releasing the ball quicker which will compliment all his hard work and the players around him. Well done on a good season in both 2's and 3's.

Anthony Ricciardonna - Ricca is the cool one of the Ricciardonna boys, or so he keeps telling everyone, and he was the main man this year in regards to getting to the circle. His finishing in some games was top class and he was very hard for the opposition to keep down. In the future, Ricca will become even more important for the 2's as more young guys from the juniors start to filter through. Although it has been great having Ricca in the 2's, he still has a lot to offer the 1's coming off the bench. Well done on a great season.

Andrew Ricciardonna - Luigi started the year slowly by his standards and struggled to get a spot in the 2's line up. Mid way through the season he sported a new hair style and head band and things started to work for him again, and the goals started to flow in both 2's and 3's. Luigi's work rate across the forward line is something all young players should aspire to. Well done on a solid season in both grades.

Karl Tulloch - Karl's season has been o.k. without being fantastic. To improve his game and to push for a 1's selection week in week out, Karl needs to mix up his forward motions to include a drag left to right and not right to left all the time. Karl also needs to get better at his initial receiving, which will enable him to get the ball under control quicker and assess each situation better. Karl should be setting higher standards for next year, and years to come, as he is a very talented player with a great work rate, and by fine tuning a few areas of his game will be a very accomplished player. Well done on making the 18's this year.

Ryan Hyder - Well done on a great first season at the club. Ryan's inclusion was a huge boost for the 2's midfield and forward line this year and gave us that extra bit of toughness and class needed to take this group to the next level. Although it was great having Riz in the team, hopefully next year we won't see him as much as he is capable of a 1's spot week in week out. Hopefully a few more goals next year or even 1 goal will help him achieve this. Also the fact that he now drives the same car as the 1's coach might help his chances.

Sam Geers - Sam did well this year with the opportunities he was given. I will be critical though as I felt he didn't fully commit himself all the time and I feel that if he does work harder on fitness, and apply himself more to his hockey, he is capable of having a role in the 1's side and helping them go to the next level. I believe Sam can learn a lot from a guy like Swanny in regards to the way he carries himself on the field, and the way he positions his body over the ball to ride the bumps that come along with playing in the midfield. I do rate Sam very highly as a person and as a player and that is why he needs to decide in which direction he wants to go as a player. He can either be solid 2's player, which is fine, or go to the next level and play 1's for the next 10 - 15 years and give himself the chance to make higher state representative sides.

Daniel McEntee - In between running a business and washing cars, Macca was able to have another fairly solid year. He once again finished in the top 2 or 3 scorers for the team and was able to contribute well in general field play. It's a credit to Macca in regards that he is still keen to learn and improve his game, and he will become even more important to the side as more young guys filter through from the juniors over the next few years. One area that Macca can improve on is his receiving, to get the ball under control quickly, and a drag left to right to enable him to play all 3 striker positions and not just rely on his "Poxy Left Wing".

Jason DeWind - Jas has done well this year to end up playing the second half of the season in the 2's in a very competitive side, especially considering he could barely trap a ball at the start of the year. Jas was able to score some valuable goals in big games even in the limited time he was given, and he was also a very important and influential player for the 3's. Jas has improved with his leading and strength on the ball, but one very basic area that he could improve on, which will no doubt score him more goals, is ball watching around the circle.

Mens Premier Alliance

Todd Barrett (TB)

2009 sees Todd's prowess continue to shine as he yet again forms one half of our impenetrable fullback line. Built like an athlete ready for a 100m sprint, Todd has showed astounding speed in 2009. Clearly getting faster as life goes on, Luigi will have to watch out as Todd will be hot on his heels in 2010. Acting as a mentor to the younger kids in the team, Todd will always be respected and his words listen to by the whole team. In the same vintage stable as Angry, we hope this Shelby Mustang has a few more years left in him.

Evan Bowater

Ev was very keen this year to play 3's hockey and trained well to get the goalie spot cemented. He was very vocal and worked hard to keep the 3's on top of the ladder. However, as a side we often wondered why he continuously chose not to wear arm protection as he got hit on an arm at almost every training. We know he loves to work out, but come on Ev, muscles cannot offer you that sort of protection!! Evan left us towards the end of the season to pursue a bodyguard job protecting the Rich and the Famous in Bris-Vegas!

Hamish Burton (Hammer Time)

This young stallion is kind of a big deal from where he's from, and he has continued to take team management to a whole new level in 2009. 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 or occasionally on time to HockeyWA. Now to his hockey prowess, having put Beijing behind him, Hammer turned is short attention span to hockey and triathlons and as a result has displayed fitness levels that put Steve Monagetti to shame. He would often be heard telling of his 20km run just before the game or training. Age will get you my friend. Like the Grim Reaper sneaking up, your joints will age faster than you know it. Enjoy the mobility while you can. Apart from his off field athletic ability, Hamish was a very important part of the 3's side and spent some time in the 2's this year. A very solid halfback that was like a rock but still has to work on the hitting though. Anyone who has a windy three times in a row at training needs to concentrate a little more!

Courtney Clemons (Chip)

You would think Courtney has been part of MCHC's wood work for years with the way he has slotted into club life for his second year in 2009. Courtney joined Melville last year along with older brother, Tristan. Since then, he has been a ring leader both on the field and in the club social scene. Trying to shake the nickname "Chip" during 2008 was a hard task, however Chip has finally conceded defeat in 2009 and realised that the nickname is staying for good. His work ethic and eagerness to learn and improve has seen him become a key player in the 3s and also have seen him earn a permanent spot in the 2s squad. It will be good to secure him for 3's next year, and we won't give him permanently for 2s without a fight.

Jason De Wind (Jase)

2008 saw Jason find 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)...and in 2009 he hasn't moved. His continued experience from playing 2s matches has been paramount in his new found composure on the hockey field. Jason's 2008 goal scoring curse was nowhere to be seen in 2009, and now you will find Jason to be one of the 3s top goal scorers.

Nicholas Geers

2009 has seen this English Rocker from the South Side earn a permanent position in the 3s team. His skills on the field have caught many opponents on the back foot and before they know it he's already at the attacking 25. Nick's unique 'English Rocker' inspired looks extend to the playing field with the later half of the season seeing him sporting a black 'alla Luigi' headband. A top season Nick, and you better not get any better during the off season because the 3s won't give you up without a fight.

Stephen Gibson (Gibbo/Africa)

Stephen 'Gibbo/Africa' Gibson. 2008 saw Gibbo as the 2's Mr Fix It man, playing any position under the sun. 2009 was a different story as Gibbo settled into his new roll as the 3's dominant centre half. Gibbo has been 'Coaching Grooming School' during 2009, and he on many instances took control of the 3s training sessions. As well as being a reliable player on the field, you could rely on Gibbo for taking care of the balls (hockey balls). The sight of Gibbo at training walking around with his ball bag slung over his shoulder was not uncommon. A stella seacon Gibbo, and we'll look forward to more training drills in 2010.

Mens Premier Alliance (contd)

Stuart Hennessey

A fantastic addition to the 3's this year, Stu kept goals for half of the year. Other time was spent in the 2's when the one of the other keepers was injured, where he held his own. Stu has spent most of his hockey career on the field playing as a forward, however with this unexpected talent as a goal keeper coming to the surface, he made us look a lot better than we played sometimes. With talent like this in the top squad, there is a big future for everyone involved when Stu is keeping.

Matthew Ilsley

Matt's first year with the club saw him play in all of the top three sides. A very fast striker with the ability to put pressure on opposing fullbacks and turn this into goals. Matt also played a very big part in the 2's side getting into the finals. We are all glad Matt finally decided to get hold of a car and not use his bike to get between games and training, especially as the rains started to build through winter!

Brendan Joss (Bear)

Bear, the quiet oracle, was a true leader in the 3s this year. Forming the other half of our impenetrable fullback line, Bear is a defender through-and-through...until he was seen scoring his only goal in the final match for the season from the forward line. 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. A top season Bear, and it will be good to have you back as member of the 3's team for seasons to come.

Sean Ramma (Ramma)

Young Ramma's first full year in seniors saw him struggle to score a goal! A running joke for everyone in the side is his ability to miss open goals. However we finally managed to get him a goal in the last game of the season, after he kicked one in and tried to claim it. Ramma can no longer rely on being the big man in the Under 17's even though he still managed to hang on for this year. He has a great future with the Top Squad as long as he can remain positive!

Andrew Ricciardone (Luigi)

Luigi started the season in the 3's this year after a great season playing 2's the year before. A great example for all young players, Luigi worked really hard with the 3's to earn his starting place back with the 2's. He is a massive part of the 3's side and plays a pivotal role as central striker and primary goal sneak for the team. He was the highest goal scorer in Men's Premier League for the year and deserves his position in the Top Squad.

Ben Rushton (Angry)

Another year on can see a lot of change in a person, and 2009 has seen a perceived mellowing of the man they call 'Angry'. It may not be due to a calming of his inner-self but more the fact that he is often overshadowed by the young firey blood in the team (ie. Dom (young at heart), Jason, Stick and Scotty). Still a crowd pleaser in 2009, Angry has been tearing up the wing with his thoroughbred pace and has been dedicated to retaining the number one spot on the ladder for the entire season. Once again he was in high contention for fairest & best, so lets hope this vintage piece has a few more years in him before stepping into retirement.

Daniel Scott (Scotty)

Looking like Casey Jones, the mask wearing vigilante from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Scotty had all the intimidation tactics figured out in 2009. Having started the season in flying form, Scotty left us for an arduous 5 week training camp (aka. A European Vacation), and returned to the squad for the final games, in nothing but peak physical condition. He still hadn't lost his touch, which is the reason why Scotty is our main "go to" man when trying to penetrate the attacking 25.

Mark Timmel (Stick)

Sticks first full season of senior hockey saw him play almost every game. If he wasn't whining about a sore hip or a tender foot he was off to a party in the Australian Outback. However, when required, he played a massive part of the team at right half. Often heard offering to change positions with guys at inside forward, he was quickly put in his place back at half back. A good talent with probably one of the "goals of the year". Some would say a miss trap but he thinks a deflection.

A big thanks has to go out to all the guys who filled in for us on odd occasions during the season. Such as Cactus and Dan McEntee who were a massive part of the start of our season. Also to the 4's guys, Jammo, Chris Geers, Jim Welton and Ash for their assistance often at late notice.

Womens Promotional 2

It has been a tough year for our 3's, our winning successes last year saw us promoted into a higher grade which has required a step up from all players. We have met that challenge with commendable effort on the part of all players, often giving higher placed teams a real run for their money. Thanks go to Stuart for his coaching this year, and to Norm for filling in for Stuart while he took a European vacation.

Leanne Jarvis (captain, fullback)

Lee has been a tremendous captain this year, providing great direction in defence and in the last few games of the season in the forward line as well (who says that a leopard can't change their spots!). She has combined with Allison to provide great drive up the right of the field, and has been sorely missed when her vets escapades finally caught up with her. Thanks Lee.

Kelly Ryan (fullback)

Kelly has had a year of once again thwarting I would guess about 90% of the runs made at her by opposition players with her solid tackling. That is, when she got the game time right and turned up at the start, rather than the end of the game (no Kel, you are not going to live that one down!). Thanks Kelly, we have loved having you in our defensive line this year.

Sarah Pomphrey (centre half / sweeper)

Sarah has had to take on many roles this year – just when she was becoming a long reached force to be reckoned with in the centre of the field, she found herself holding the back steady in our boat like structure in the role of sweeper, which I think she has done very well. Sarah is one of those players who never gives up, and gives 100% on the field. Your efforts this year have been really appreciated Sarah.

Allison Hall (right half)

Well, I think the highlight of this year for Allison has been her calling and instructiveness on the field. That, and becoming a major goal scorer for Vic Park (twice no less!). But, goals aside, Allison has given us tremendous drive up the right, combining well with Lee to get us out of defence. And she is a great second runner on short corners. Thanks Allison.

Amy de san Miguel (half back)

It was Amy's first year with Melville, and I hope that she has enjoyed playing in our team as much as we have loved having her around. She has taken the late season switch to centre half in her stride and her on field disposals have been a credit to her, never giving up and making sure that last ditch tackle gets put in. See you next year Amy.

Taryn White (left wing)

Taryn has proven to be our little goal sneak this year, mainly sneaking in from left wing to the post and popping them past an unsuspecting goalkeeper on more than one occasion. Sadly (for us!) Taryn missed a few games at the end of the season with tree planting duties and then injuries, but we have really enjoyed having Taryn in our team and hope to see her back again next year.

Rebecca Phipps (forward)

Rebecca played her first season with Melville combining both junior and senior commitments with great endeavour. When on fire Bec is unstoppable coming down that right wing, using her pace and skills to outwit and outrun many defenders. Thanks for all your efforts this year Bec.

Jaime Greenacre (inner)

Jaime has been a real credit to our team, often being the key to our forward drives down the right of the field and always working hard to get herself back into defence (which has been very appreciated by a panicking goalkeeper on more than a few occasions!). She is another player who will run until they drop and give everything they have in a game. And she has also done a great job of getting our team reports in for the Bulletin – thanks for that Jaime.

Gillian Forbes (forward)

We have loved having Gillian in our team this year, her humour, spirit and cracking hit has been great to watch. Her work rate on the field is second to none which, combined with her skills, has driven our play forward countless times.

Maddie Dawe

Maddie had an objective at the start of this season – to not get injured again – and I'm happy to say that she succeeded in that aim! Her fabulous running on short corners, running after the ball, after players and tireless work were a standout feature of her game. We love having Maddie in our team and appreciate her fantastic effort.

Womens Promotional 2 (contd)

Britt MacDonald (forward / halfback)

Another of our junior players who stepped up to play senior hockey this year, playing most of her season on the forward line with a late switch to half back (where she played a great game!) Thanks for all your effort this year Britt.

Katherine Atkinson

Kat had a season that was unfortunately cut short by injury, but we appreciate her commitment that saw her through the first half of the season. We look forward to her return in 2010.

Amy Banasik

Amy is another junior who stepped up to her first year of senior hockey, and it was a pleasure to watch her confidence grow with each game that she played. Well done Amy, you are developing into a great player and have met the challenges faced this year (including never quite knowing what position you were going to be put into!) with great maturity.

Kylie Mishra (goalkeeper)

Kylie had a funny old season, saving some great shots, inadvertently letting some slow wobbly ones in (it's always the miss hits that catch you!). She gives her thanks to all the girls for putting up with her constant yelling from the baseline (even when there was actually no possibility of them hearing - everyone is a gung ho forward from afar!).

Thanks also go to the many players who filled in for us this season, including Marie Farrow (who we think played almost enough games to be considered a regular player!), Kirsten Silvey.



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Mens Provisional 2 Gold

“Dream Team” This year was the second season for the Melville 4’s, with a goal to improve on an impressive first season in 2008 and get promoted in 2010. We had the pleasant headache of around 30 guys keen to play in the team before the first round, which ensured that we would be very competitive in the grade. We were not really sure what the opposition would be like with several new teams in the grade, but this didn’t matter as we tried to introduce a good brand of hockey with a disciplined structure and strong passing game. This style proved to be effective and at this point of the season we have sewn up FIRST position on the ladder, having won every game, with an impressive 66 goals scored and only 4 against, and managed to win the Challenge Cup along the way as well. Hopefully by the time you read this, we have taken out the premiership in a hugely successful year. A special thanks must go out to our loyal supporters club, who often braved freezing/windy/rainy weather to cheer us on!

Michael Ashley (Stick/Angry Pills)

Sticky was phenomenal in defence throughout the season (but what more would you expect with a 17 foot reach). If you were fortunate enough to get by the Angry Man with a drag, rest assured that you would be chopped down by an expertly dealt blow of the axe. Sticky also happens to be one of the top (if not THE top) goal scorer in our side, and he is right up there in the League too. With a hit that strong and precise, it would be hard for him to have scored fewer goals if he tried.

Simon Carnevale (Chilli)

Carne decided to join us at pre season training, and was quickly given the nickname Chilli (Con Carne), and much to our surprise had never heard of that one before. Chilli slotted in at left half for us, providing solid defence with occasional attacking flair. The highlight of his season was when he scored his first goal before Geersie ended up on the scoresheet. Chilli was always good for a disgraceful headband at training and soccer like appeal for a free hit on the pitch and provided much amusement. Unfortunately Chilli went to Canada to chase girls and missed the last few games of the season, but at least AJ helped look after his sister.

Jason Cunningham (Hammy)

Cunners was imported from the cricket club in the off-season to become the oldest man in the team. He lived up to his ancient status by pinging his hammy just before the Challenge Cup, and missed a bit of the season as a result. Did well to adapt to modern hockey – last time Cunners played offside was still a rule!

Ashley Ellis

Ash was part of our newly imported young talent this year. Being an Aquinas boy and living in Rockingham, we didn’t know what to expect from Ash. Unfortunately Ash didn’t get to show off his skills much, with the team only conceding 4 goals all year. Ash’s main claim to fame was hatching a devious plan to play a joke on Geersie and Sticky when they were away for a game. Ash thought it would be amusing for everyone to pay their \$5 game fee in silver coins when Sticky returned, assuming Sticky would have to count it and sort it out. However Sticky was having none of this and gave a sock full of coin to the poor bloke at UWA, and the club received a phone call complaint the next day! Nice one Ash.

Christopher Geers (The-angrier-I-get-the-higher-my-voice-goes)

After getting a taste of coaching last year, Geersie stood up once again to coach. Geersie played a pivotal role in the mid-field calling for passes from all corners of the field and dispersing it with the precision of a surgeon, however it was a pity this precision would let him down in the goal scoring department regularly. Still enjoys sending team mates to the “pine” to think about their game after any minor mistake. There is a rumour that there will be a post-season sprint-off between Geersie, Cunners (with only 1 functioning hammy), Ash (with his goalie gear on) and a green wheelie bin to decide the slowest man in Hockey WA. Geersie should also never be trusted to look after anything after losing the team set of balls TWICE during the season.

Stuart Hennessey (Mumbles)

Stuey decided to make the move from field to goals this year in an incredible display of madness. He started off the season with a little grumble, letting in 2 (out of a total of 4 for the season) goals and then got bumped up into the higher grades. Extremely enthusiastic, Stu would often give us the spray from the bench and remind us that if we kept on playing like we did, we would never make the finals.

Mens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Zane Hill (On-your-bike)

Zane played about half the season for us after being another one to abandon ship to more exciting prospects overseas, like Liam and Chillii. However, Zane was not actually chasing girls, he went to see his girlfriend, so we will let him off. Zane provided spark in our forward line and contributed to several nice goals. Was devastated to miss the Challenge Cup but can hopefully make up for it with a premiership!

Kyle Jamieson (Jamo)

Jamo decided to join the glamour team after playing several years in the 3s. Jamo ran around madly at inside forward most of the time, giving opposition midfields a large amount of trouble. His finest moment was scoring a magical tomla to win the Challenge Cup, however this goal was soured when he was spanked by everyone at Wii MarioKart later on that night.

Matthew Jensen (Jenno/Sasquatch)

Jenno was another of our imports from the U17's last season. We think the only reason he wanted to play with us was to dominate the soccer games that we had before training in his beloved Liverpool shirt. Jenno provided speed and hairiness to our forward line, and scored several goals along the way.

Jayben Lister (JZ/Jib/Jayco)

Jayben was our quiet little achiever, spending most of the year at centre half. Being the second smallest man in our team at 42kg, he worked hard on improving his strength on the ball in the midfield, where he was constantly put under physical pressure. This was Jayben's second season at Melville, and in the second last game managed to score his first goal for the club!! Jayben formed the intelligent half of the "Jayco" partnership.

Dale Meyer (Hansie/Hans)

Hansie was the solid rock at the back. Often forwards would try and take him on, but they rarely got past. Hansie had a massive hit on him, but unfortunately it curves in the air and nobody is capable of trapping his rockets. However, he used this hit to his advantage, scoring many goals off short corners. It was always amusing watching Hansie attempt (and fail) overheads, and attempt (and fail) magic stick skills to eliminate opponents.

Cameron Porter (Shannon (Noll))

Cam missed the first few weeks of the year, and upon his return joined in training in the quest for a game. Playing as a striker, Cam provided the team with strength and running power that complemented our midfield well, and gave an extra dimension in attack. The most impressive part of Cam's game this year was the ability to put away the axe tackle and not fight anyone all year. Rivals only Jenno as the hairiest man in the world.

Marcus Radunivich (Sk8ter Boi/Space Cadet/Jayco)

The sk8ter boi has yet to wash his socks in two seasons at Melville, and now they are now black and maroon instead of white and maroon. Marco played right half most of the year and excelled, and even managed to score a pathetic drag flick goal which barley made the distance. Marco was often seen hanging out with his boy Jayben, so much so that they got the nickname "Jayco".

Steve Walsh (Walshy/All-or-nothing)

Mr Walsh had to relinquish his "Old Man" crown this year to our new import Cunners. Although this was a blow, Mr Walsh was as quick and fit as ever, and scored the most goals of all our forwards with his deceptive pace and skill. Mr Walsh also filled an important role as team spy, giving us inside information on several opposition teams that he worked with!

James Welten (Jim/Jimbo)

Jim started training with us this year after finally working out that being a field player was much smarter than being a goalie (Stu went the other way!!!). We thought a crazy goalie wouldn't have what it takes to be a decent field player, but we were wrong. Jimmy proved to have good skills and a good knowledge of the game after playing many years in Melville's top teams, and found himself being the team rover, playing all over the field. Scored and set up some great goals and was a vital member of the team.

Liam Woodward (Iron Man/ Prettyboy)

Liam decided to gallivant off to Europe as the season started, and upon his return slotted into left half and fullback once Chillii disappeared on his wild adventure. Liam provided the pretty boy image to the team, bringing a level of "fitness" and "muscles" which had never been seen before. Liam kept promising us freebies through his job at the Sapphire Bar to keep his spot in the team, and despite nobody actually going to the bar, his mission was successful.

Mens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Alexander Wragg (AJ/Heavyweight)

After playing a year on the grass with the Metros, young 17 year old AJ decided to step up and try his luck on the turf. Aj was always keen to pick a fight with the boys at training, but considering his 40kg frame he neve stood a chance. Known on the field for being the man with the biggest backswing ever, AJ improved his play dramatically to become an important player in the midfield. Scored a few goals, with every one of them being a miss-hit lollipop that somehow found its way into the back of the net.

Throughout the year we had several people play a couple of games and train with us to help us with numbers.

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Womens Provisional 2 Gold

What a rollercoaster of a year we have had this year. This team is a bunch of girls who have not played before as a team but right from the beginning of the season we gelled and performed. Sure there were some topsy turvy moments when we weren't always performing, but we always come back from then. Eddie Ebert was our coach this year and I must say that the team responded well to him. He was able to show the younger players some neat new skills and also helped the slightly older players to refine more on what they had. I must say, I think he enjoyed moving us around the field to see where we would perform best, and it sure did the trick. We had a squad of 15 this year, though not one week did we actually have everyone there, so people had to get used to playing in different positions to fill the gaps.

Kimberly Birnie

First of many young players I get to write about. Kim is one of our wing players. A bit on the quiet side, but she is always in position for you. Kim takes aboard everything Eddie tells her and never has any objections to anything we throw at her. Always keen for the game, not even a really bad cold that she had for a while could keep her away. Don't think she managed to score any goals, but she was always up there trying.

Ashleigh Boyce (Ash)

Ashleigh is one of our strikers and is getting really good at getting into the "D" with hunger and picking the ball up off the goal keeper's pads. She is South African and does tend to argue just a little bit, but doesn't take it too badly when things don't go her way. During the season she has been practising her tommas and just the other week showed us just how far she has come with them – and I am pretty sure gave the opposition goal keeper a bit of a fright when she sent one to her head.

Rebecca Boyland (RB)

Poor, poor Bec Boyland. What a rotten season she has had with her injuries. If it wasn't her back, then it was her knee, and then a possible stress fracture in her foot. However she did continue through all of this and insisted on playing most games (which in hind sight was probably not the best thing for her body). When she wasn't injured she played as one of our full backs, and with an awesome clearing hit she was missed when she was injured. Hopefully during the off season she will rest up and come back in one piece next year.

Stephanie Dixon (Pixie)

Nickname given to her last year has stuck well and truly. Pixie is another star striker, though sometimes she does come back into the full back line and defend. Pixie has great stick skills and is quite often taking the ball by herself and beating the opposition players with her agility. She is so excitable, and I don't think she has ever missed training or a game (though she came pretty close when her parents went away and she had to get herself to a game. She gave the rest of her team a heart attack when she rocked up only 15 minutes before a game). Steph us just the bubbliest player I have ever had in a team and is always positive and making everyone smile. Even though she is the youngest in our team I see great things in her future.

Tania Ebert

Even though she is the coach's daughter Tania does not get a free ride, she is the one who argues most with Eddie. Tania played our left half back position and was a rock at it. Has a great tackle that can get a bit nasty sometimes if you get her mad, which I think is one of the things that caused her to get sent off in our VERY FIRST GAME!!! Though it was against Fremantle and they probably deserved it. Had a bit of déjà vu at the end of the season because she injured her back again and won't recover for finals. Well, we can only hope she recovers and comes back again next year.

Conor Keating

Another one of our wingers. Conor is one of our main goal scorers and she has great passion on the field. She is a player that adds great strength to the team and tries to keep morale up. Conor came up with the "snake" tradition, which is where at the end of each game we would open up a packet of lolly snakes and then say one good thing about another player for that game. It was a really good idea and sometimes made voting for that week a lot easier.

Vanessa Martin (Ness)

Nester is another one of our young players and quite possibly one of the quietest players on the field. Vanessa started to play in the midfield but then Eddie decided he wanted a bit of speed in the back line, so Vanessa ended up as a full back. Great for the defence line because she can really shut down a player when she wants to, but not too good for the midfield because we can never hear what she is trying to tell us to do, though she is getting better with that. Lovely person on and off the field and I don't think I have ever heard a bad thing come out of her mouth throughout the entire season.

Rebecca McGregor (B-Mac)

Another young player (that line is getting a bit repetitive); B-Mac is one of our midfield players. She gets juggled around from the left to right to centre, so it's always a nice surprise to see where Eddie puts her throughout the game and she does perform great in every position. During training she is always trying new things; however she never puts them to action on the field (maybe she is saving all the specky stuff for the finals). Has been great having her on the team and we will enjoy seeing her back again next year.

Womens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Rebecca Oakey (Oakey)

Oakey was a new player to the club who lives in Mandurah, but decided to come and play for us because her boyfriend did, great win for us. Oakey started out playing inner, but Eddie moved her into the Centre half back position when one of our players went on holidays and then she really began to shine. Am pretty sure she got voted best player in almost every game after that. We have learned though, that you don't give Oakey coffee before a game because it makes her sick, but even then she plays fantastically! You just can't keep her down. Great central point for the team and she really gives them direction during the game.

Sandra Orr

The mouth of the team! Our resident full back who, on the very odd occasion (if she has been a good girl and the strikers aren't performing) will get a run in as a wing. However we can't spare her for too long because she is the voice of our back line and directs the midfield with pin point accuracy. She has a stella hit on her, so we let her have a go in short corners, she doesn't very often get them in, but she sure does scare the pants off the opposition runners. Very glad she decided to come back from the country to work and play here with us.

Kate Sparkes (Sparky)

Kate made Captain this year and also was our jack of all positions. Started out as centre half back, then moved over to right half back with some visits over as an inner, wing, full back, first runner on defensive short corners and also lead hitter on offensive short corners. Even though she can only make half the trainings due to family commitments, she is always keen for a game. Very cool customer on the field with not too much fazing her, she can't really afford to get too pissed off because her skills go out the window when she gets angry.

Ashleigh Spernick (Ash)

Our resident goal keeper. Ash has had a stellar season with not much getting past her in the goals. She does like to give her team a heart attack all the time by showing up only half an hour before the games, though by midyear we all got used to it and stressed a lot less. Eddie does give her a bit of grief because he can't hear her from the sidelines, so maybe she can practice shouting during the off season. Apart from that there is not much we can fault with her, has done some awesome saves during the season and hopefully she can hold out just a few more goals so we can make it to the big GF!!

Cindy Walker

Cindy came to us half way through the year from the 3's and fitted in like she had been there all year. She filled the mid field and striker positions very nicely, and I am not too sure why the 3's let her go, but their loss is our gain. She does seem to have a target on her somewhere though because she has coped a fair few balls during her games with us, some from the opposition and some from her own team mates during training – so sorry about that one Cindy. I think the best one of all though was when she was seagulling on the post during a short corner; the ball popped up off the oppositions stick and hit her in the eye. Cindy was taken off the field with an immediate black eye forming and we had the ball taken off us because the stupid umpire said that it came off her own stick! So that has been a bit of a joke that she gave herself a black eye. All jokes aside she has been great for the team and we wish we had had her all year.

Elizabeth Woodberry (Liz)

New comer to Melville, Liz also fitted into the team structure rather well. Even though due to work commitments she couldn't be there at every game, when she did play she put her heart and soul into it. At first she played full back and half back, but she has now settled into the inner position very nicely. She is great on the field and always has a quick smile for everyone and everything.

Morgan Woodforde (Morgs)

Yet another young player. Morgan comes to the club this year from South Australia and is quite devious on the field of hockey. Morgan is one of our stars from the mid field and comes off as being quite quiet and a bit timid, but that is where the opposition makes their mistake. She is terrific with intercepting the ball, defending the ball, tackling, manning up and all the rest that make a great hockey player. Unlucky for us she deserted us for 8 weeks in the middle of the year to go back home because Uni was on break.

Womens Provisional 3 Gold

The 5's approached the season with enthusiasm and open minds, ready to be moulded into a lean, mean fighting machine. With the first few games played in the traditional 5-3-2-1 style, we had moderate success, but with the advent of a new coach partway through the season, and a different "international" style of play, the team grew in strength and confidence to get to the tail end of the season sitting 4th with a chance at finals. There was a lot of potential in the group, which would have been further enhanced by regular attendance at training and less people disappearing during the playing season. More on field communication would further strengthen the team and set it in good stead for the future. Will be good to see the players continue to grow – good luck for next season!

Anna Belford

Energetic, fit, always running, Anna has great tenacity for the game and a good instinct for positioning. She is a strong player, regularly featuring in the best player stats, with good skills that have consolidated over the year. Always ready with a laugh and some funky acrobatics, our wannabe cheer leader has been a great asset to the team!

Guerlaine Bingua

Murdoch supplied us with several players this year and Guerlaine was one of the first. Confusingly calling herself "G" at the start of the season (try calling "G" or Chi with your mouthguard in and see who answers first.....), we managed to learn her name, and her strength in the midfield and defence was much appreciated. Another "international" who disappeared mid-season, Guerlaine was welcomed back into the fold on her return. Hope to see more of her next year!

Brianna Coleman

One of our junior rope-ins, Brianna was a coach's dream. Would play anywhere, any time without complaint. Could score goals, link through the midfield and even man-up in defence. A lot of potential in this youngster – will go far.... watch this space!

Debra Crompton

Deb is a very focussed player – with determination to do her best at all times. Deb's strength over the ball, a good work ethic and ability to run down players half her age, along with her linking play in the midfield has been a key component of our game this season.

Tsungai Dauya

One of our Murdoch imports, with an interest in hair extensions, Tsue had a successful season playing in the forward line and creating some great leads. Would linger deceptively out wide then swoop on the ball and run it into the "D" to create plenty of opportunities for our attack. Always ready with a big smile and willing to try anything at least once, Tsue proved herself a very useful forward – hope she comes back next year!

Courtney Fleeton

One of our finds this season as we set up with a lot of new faces. Able to run around in the forward line and link with the midfield, Courtney has a good understanding of the game and the positions she was required to play. Will be great to have her at the club next season too!

Georgia Gibson

Another midseason starter became the 4's loss and our gain. Georgia is a strong defender with a massive hit, a deadly slap hit and an ability to read the play well and shut down the opposition's attack. A little forgetful at times about attending training and the odd game, Georgia is a major asset to the team.

Kylie Hankinson

Vice Captain. Our goalkeeper grew from strength to strength this season, finding her voice and gaining confidence in her calling with every game. Some excellent skills saw her lulling the opposition into a false sense of security with her casual stance, but a twist of the wrist or a turn of the foot saw her sending many a ball out of the "D", much to the opposition's surprise. A really good season for Kylie – well done!

Chi Kambarami

Another Murdochian with an interest in hair extensions (maybe because she lives with Tsue....) Chi was a handy forward/midfielder with a good work rate and willingness to give anything a go. Unfortunately lost her contact lenses mid season and had to sit out a few games before the new ones were available, but she proved she "kept her eye in" over her break and continued to be an asset to the team.

Tracey Levitan

Disappeared mid season as one of the international Murdoch students returning home for inter-semester break. This feisty little Kenyan has a great turn of speed and determination which makes her a natural inner/midfielder. Would be great if we could keep her for a whole season!

Womens Provisional 3 Gold (contd)

Tamara Mortimer

Something has to be said for the wealth of talent we found mid season – and Tamara was another one. Midfield and in the forward line, Tamara's eye for the ball and good instinct for the play made her a valuable attacker. Unfortunately missed the end of the season, but hopefully we'll see more of her next year.

Nicola Ogden

Thank God it's the end of the season... no more emails from this lady :p. Nic has exceptional ball reading skills and is a key player in our defence. However her lack of confidence has not allowed her to flourish into the player she could be. With a bit more of this and a few tweaking with her skills at the back and I'm sure that in the next few years, she'll play in a state vets team.

Michelle Regan

Mich, with her dainty run and delicate manner, came as quite a surprise to many an opposition player. Tougher than she looks, Mich played well in both the forward line and the midfield, with many driving runs at the goals. Good to have at training, where she became adept at stirring the coach and earning the team extra shuttles.... onya Mich!

Denby Russell

Dragged in to cope with a mid season loss in numbers, Denby quickly established herself as a permanent team member by becoming our leading goal scorer. A junior with a great instinct for the ball, her never-give-up attitude has been an example to many of the older players. One to watch in the future....

Jessica Sperinck

Our quiet wing player who constantly improved throughout the season. Did everything the coach asked of her without complaint and despite dealing with a few illnesses throughout the year, continued to give 110%. Good positioning and with a bit more confidence in herself (and a clean bill of health!) Jess will continue to grow and develop as a player. Good season!

Zoe Swift

An absolute workhorse, constantly driving herself in the quest to score, Zoe managed to score her first two goals of the season in the same game. Tireless in attack, always keen to improve and push herself harder, Zoe's eagerness to please and improve herself made her a joy to have on the team.

Kimberley Welten

Captain. With a big hit out of defence, Kim saved our bacon on a number of occasions. A key member of our short corners in both attack and defence, Kim's versatility makes her a very handy player to have in any team.

Annette Williams

Started with us this season in the attack. With an instinct for the ball, Annette was a good contributor to our attack. We lost her mid season to an amazing travel experience, but will look forward to having her back at the club next year.

Jo Williams

Another newby to the club, Jo joined our defensive set up and was thrown in the deep end. Challenged to try many new things, Jo grew in strength and confidence throughout the season to become a reliable flank half who always tried her best. Jo has a great work ethic and her happy nature made her a valuable team member.

Other players who have helped us out in our hours of need include Steph Dixon, Helen Doyle, Tearne Latham & Amanda Lea. Many thanks to our supporters and pit crew (especially Denise!!!) for helping out, cheering and generally being there for us. Thanks to Frank Williams for taking on the coaching role at the beginning of the season, and David Ogden for continuing with coaching when Frank went overseas for the holiday of a lifetime. Dave challenged the team with a different style of field play and multiple fitness sessions (which we really needed!) and managed to draw a much improved performance level from every player. Only 17, doing TEE and captaining the 11/12A boys put a lot of demands on his time, but Dave put in a mature and creditable performance as coach. Let's hope we keep him for next year!

Womens Provisional 3 White

We had a great year this year even if the results didn't show it. Quite a few girls only into their first or second year so we had to start at the basics, it was great because everyone was willing to learn. It took a little while but the team started combining as the season progressed and played a good style of hockey, all be it not as consistent as we all would have liked. If we continue in this way individually and as a group we will certainly improve further. If we could have just knocked a few more goals in, results would have gone our way a bit more often. Just need to get a bit of "mongrel" into us in the attacking D. Hope to see you all again next year.

Krystle Biffin

What a Dynamo! A Fantastic addition to the Melville Hockey Club this year, imported from the Eastern States. Krystle has the ability of a great eye (must be the secret contact lenses or her job..) being able to intercept players coming down the wing. Ever composed, she rarely faulted. She repelled many attacks which kept us in the game. A real fighter, who never gives up, copped a few whacks but gave out her share as well. Krystle is a great defender with attacking flair. Can't wait for next season to begin.

Kate Campbell

Due to illness, Kate was only able to play half the season. Even though she was new to the club, she had also volunteered to coach a 17's team.

Claire Hadley

Our erstwhile Captain and centre half, can't remember too many bad games and she is still improving as her confidence continues to grow, has the skills she needs to back herself in. Was heard to mutter on a cold dark winter's day (Sunday game day) that it could be a good idea to play with sunglasses on, is that because you are a trendsetter?? You actually never gave a reason.

Jaimee Hadley

Played most of the year at right half with the occasional cameo in the forward line. This didn't bother Jaimee though. As the fittest player in our side, she could often be seen overlapping our right wing. A fast runner and a great tackler, she was our first runner in defensive shorts and many times won the ball. Her strong push was useful in attacking short corners. Whether making a breakaway with the ball down the right side of the field, or "skipping" back into position (she was prone to outbreaks of skipping which is apparently contagious), it was great having her on the team.

Angela Hornaday

Bringing her native Canada's tenacious ice-hockey attitude and utilizing it in our games. She played mostly thru the forward line, with a few games at the left half. Skill improvement increased as the year progressed, her "hitting" problems went away after her 2-3 week break (not sure what she does for holidays). Angela has been an outstanding asset to the team.

Kim Ireland

Kim was our fantastic goalie this year, keeping us in the game on more than one occasion (when perhaps we had no right to be), keeping her sense of humour often under a constant barrage from the opposition. It was good to have her at our backs and directing the defence. Off the field, Kim was also our hard-working manager, ensuring that fees and umpiring duties were taken care of every week.

Shannan Keating

Shannon is a great team member, playing most of the year at left half or right half. She is always full of energy and willing to put in 110 percent when on the turf. Even has her own hitting routine going (where did that little skip/hop/shimmy come from?) Shannon will run her little heart out until she is literally breathless (caused by her allergy to running exercises during training), and could always be relied on to lock down a winger. Well done on a great season.

Peta Lock

Peta started out the season as a full back, where she did a great job defending the opposition. Later she returned to the position she "prefers" as inner and sometimes rotating to centre forward. She has had some improvement throughout the year, especially in the later months (wonder if it had something to do with wearing piggy tails to the game??) She is probably our No 1 hard hitter when taking short corners (She was very enthusiastic about practising them when the turf was free). Peta is one of our most consistent hardworking players, and is always ready with a word of advice.

Hayley Lyons

Hayley has had a great year of hockey. Expertly assisted by her father as coach. (Or is that just called yelling at your daughter from the sidelines!) Hayley is a good "little" hockey player, her skills improving steadily throughout the year (and once her wrists get thicker than a paperclip they will improve a lot more). She positions herself well by the goals (although this was not always the case, you'd think that after being dragged to hockey games for 17 years, she may have retained something) waiting patiently for the taste of glory! Never shy of giving her 10 cents worth to the coach (payback), she is a great team member on the pitch.

Womens Provisional 3 White (contd)

Jodi Maher

Jodie had a good start to the season (first year at the club), improving with every game, showing some great promise as a strong forward! She had some great improvement in all skills especially hitting (although direction definitely needs some work!). Unfortunately midway through the season, someone told Jodie to "Go break a leg!" She took it a bit too literally, and that was the end of her season. We missed you in the last part of the season Jodie, and look forward to having you next season - fighting fit!

Alecia McCall

One of the rocks of the back-line, after starting the season on the half line. Alecia joined us this year with the enticement of her Auntie, who was playing in the team and also got to play a couple of games with her mum. Alecia has been very solid in defence, foiling many attacks, and worked well with all the players around her. With every game she has continued to improve (this is rather odd after her promotion to the fullback line, she didn't come to training too much). She contributed enormously in many games with her well timed disposals. Looking forward to seeing you play again next year.

Larnie Mirsky

Larnie's first year at the club and first year playing hockey; played mostly at left or right inside. A regular at training and one of the few not averse to the running drills. Started picking up the skills quite well, but sometimes looked a bit lost on her positioning (this will come as an understanding of the game comes). Larnie seems to go on holiday a lot to various exotic locations, come on Larnie a bit of commitment!!

Jasmine Vico

Jazz is an avid sports fan, who enjoys watching sports as much as she enjoys playing them and is into her second year at the club. On the field, she plays a starting forward; most often in the wing position. Jazz is dedicated to improving both her own playing skill as well as that of her team mates. She was never one for many words, even with a hockey ball cannoning into her foot. Overall, Jazz is a dedicated player who only needs to improve in the area of confidence; which needs to be improved across the team.

Allison Wheatley

Allison is the only one in the team with a young family to have to worry about, without juggling hockey into the equation. She played mostly at left or right inside, and briefly did a stint as left fullback (however she looked as lost as Bo Peep's sheep). Her skills have shown steady improvement throughout the year, although she lost her hitting "Mojo" halfway through the year after she had a "windy" at Goal. When Allison plays she gives it her all, a tough competitor.

Susan Wilson

The Loud Forward was often playing a ruck roving role. Throughout the season Sue has been our friendly face, always involved in the game, and really hated coming off (which is great) and was the highest goal scorer. Always positive on the field with encouraging all the team in their positions. Apparently Princesses don't need to harden up!! (whatever that means) You were a great team player.

Kelly McCall

Filled in when she was able. A comment from a fellow team member, "We like it when she plays - she sees the ball and she fetches!" Thanks Kelly for helping out the team, you may think about playing next year?

A special thank you to Gav Scally and David Ogden (thanks Dave for those late Thursdays when there were only a few girls at training allowing me to concentrate on admin matters!!) Many Thanks for all the girls who supported us throughout the year, stepping in sometimes at short notice or even for just one game. A special thanks to Kylie Hankinson for filling in as goalie whilst Kim was away.

Mens Metro 1

A cunning plan has seen us make the finals on the back of two cleverly constructed forfeits. At this point we have three functional hamstrings between us, so the rumoured injection of new blood next year can't come quickly enough. And thanks to Stef for volunteering to do the pen pictures and then bugging off on a surfing holiday to Bali. Never trust a ginga.

John Cooke (bleeding from the forehead)

Goes to extreme lengths to draw attention to himself; first he headbutts a knee (although rumour has it that it was actually his own stick) and gets 16 stitches, not satisfied though, so he dives into a stick the next week for another 5. No wonder Irene doesn't come and watch anymore.

Michael Deveson (lying down on a door with a sore back)

He may be young but large parts of his body don't work anymore. Junior arrived with pretensions to glory in the forward line and was thwarted by a combination of curmudgeons and his own spinal column. Back to full back fella.

Ashley Ellis (Sprawled in disbelief as another one goes in)

Kept us in numerous games this year, played very well, should never be allowed out in public until he gets rid of the noxious green singlet. And perhaps not even then.

Bruce Hancock (Shaking his head at Stef)

New age Brucie with an air of detached calmness came into the team, and we had only occasional visits from the legendary grumpy Bruce. At this point I would normally leap into a vaguely slanderous spray about ... well, I'm turning over a new leaf. He is a settled family man who loves animals, but only every now and again. No, I don't know what that means either.

Mark Lyons (Shaking his head at Cookie)

You'd think by now that he would stop calling for the ball when Cookie has it, but no, displaying the memory of a particularly forgetful goldfish, he continues to display surprise as John looks at him and then runs the other way. Won't hear a bad word said about him though, as I often don't have any money on a Tuesday night.

Matthew Read (Supine)

It's like playing with a mirage in the Gobi Desert - he looks like he's there, you'd swear he was real, but time and time again, he just wasn't there. Probably scored more goals than anyone else, but that wasn't hard this year.

Ryan Rushton (Up North)

The Cameo Kid, came down for regular games from his lucrative position up north and never bought any of us a drink. Ever. Fits in perfectly.

Gavin Scally (late with the pen pictures)

less said the better. At least this is the last time you will have to read any of this drivel.

Andrew Scanlon (Wherever we left him)

Statuesque performer, as always, though not very tall. Contributes to the balance of the side, in that as we all lose our hair (yes, I'm looking at you, Cookie) he continues to gain it, although in some very unattractive places. I'm surprised he can still hear.

Andrew Starling (token scotsman - every side should have one)

Still moves very well for someone who can't actually run. Or walk. He does a good job of leaning though. And occasionally whacking people when they come within reach.

Brad Wake (At the back shaking his head at our antics)

The loudest man at the club continues to put up with us for some unknown reason. Way too dapper and well behaved to associate with any of us, but does it anyway - go figure.

Mark Watton (At the hairdresser getting more grey put in.)

Has officially dodgier hamstrings than Stef, which is saying something. Looks even older than last year, and is now grumpier than Hank and Cookie combined, which means that he wouldn't look out of place in the booth at the Muppet Show between Stadler and Waldorf.

Roh Weddikkara (Defending Murali's bowling action)

He can run. Sadly, he is the only one on the team who can run. He can fall down at high speed as well. He can then get up and run some more, before falling down all over again, at high speed. He can then repeat this for 70 minutes, before poaching a goal off the goal line and making us all look bad. Again.

Stefan Willett - a changed man. Promiser of much but deliverer of little. Can't even be bothered to do pen pictures, or turn up to important games. Funny, but he wasn't like this until he made the State Vets side. Coincidence? Methinks not. Thanks to all who played and aren't mentioned, no thanks to those who are, see you all next year.

Womens Metro 1

Here we are at the end of another season and we have again managed a good spot on the ladder, this year taking out Minor Premiers. Now we just have to keep it together and hopefully bring home the silverware by winning the Grand Final. We have had a pretty pleasant season and probably our only real downer, was losing the Challenge Cup. I don't know what it is about Metro and finals or big games. We get it together all year, but give us the big games and we have cars break down, people get lost, others are sick or get the start time wrong. You name it we save it all for the big events. SO GIRLS, LETS GET OUR ____ TOGETHER AND BE PREPARED FOR THE FINALS THIS YEAR.

This year we have has an abundance of players, so have people to spare on the sideline, which is just as well because there always seems to be someone who has a life outside hockey. We are trying our best to change that.

Now to tell you about our team:

First there is TEARNE, our young goalie who brings the age stats down a bit but her youth is no hindrance to her ability and the shy quiet girl of two seasons ago is no longer visible, as she roars at us from the back. I think we have created a monster.

Next is LINDY who had a delayed start to the season due to appendicitis, but came back better than ever and had to do so much work in her first game back she thought it was punishment for being unavailable. We were just testing that you still had it.

Then of course there is JAN, back for another year. Our general directs the play from the backline between making dashes (fast walks) to trouble spots to make a goal saving play and when is on the sideline is making it known what she expects everyone to do.

A new player to our team this year is JENNY who has added depth and speed to the team and plays any position well and likes to socialise after the game, so she ticks all the boxes. Jenny has filled many roles this year without a whimper and with ease, but has yet to learn that you don't go away during the season. Glad to have you in the team Jenny, and we will knock those moments of life away from hockey out of you sooner or later.

In front of the backs we have the Half backs. In this line-up we have DEB, who has returned to join the oldies after being conned into signing a contract one day at a merry event. But her return has reminded us of how strong she is over the ball and how versatile a player she is. Deb has played several positions, all of them well. Glad to have you back Deb.

Another half back is MAREE (PIC). She has played with us for a couple of years now, but we have changed her diet a little and sent her forward in the latter part of the year to test her as an inner, as we already knew she was a good half back. It has taken a while for her to settle, but I think she has nailed that Inner position. Pic has the best hit across goals while in full flight. Straight, flat and smooth. Beautiful!

Then there is ATHLENE, the General in waiting. Athlene plays our Centre Half and puts in a very solid performance nearly every week, but one of her best know traits, is waving her arms and giving directions while running down the field, carrying the ball, waiting to release it to the person who has best followed instructions. It's a treat to watch. Athlene always has some very good instruction at half time as well.

The next one to get a mention wanted to be a forward and we wanted her to be a back, but we gave her a run at Centre Forward and she kept playing a defensive Forward, so now we are at the business end of the season and we are in it for the real deal, she has conceded that we need her at Left Half more than we need her on the forward line. You guessed it, I am talking about MARIS. She wanted to be a forward but there is no getting away from it, she is the best back in the business. It took me three years to snare Maris and convince her she needed to play Metro with me, and I know that the team will be forever thankful.

Womens Metro 1

The forward line has not been as stable this year as in the past as we have those extra players but the main line up has been:

DEE on the left wing. Dee has played this role for a couple of years now and is great at getting down low over the ball making it difficult for the opposition to steal it from her and is one of the best at switching the play. Dee is also very good at the goal mouth, waiting for the opportunity to score.

Left Inner belongs to LYNDA. No one works harder than this lady and Lynda's talent is often overlooked because she just gets on and gets the job done. She covers a huge amount of ground during the course of a game, defending in the back circle one minute and scoring a goal the next. When everyone else is walking, Lynda is still running.

We have had a couple of Centre Forwards, this year, one of them being FLEUR. This lady is a surprise package. Off the field you would think butter would not melt in her mouth, but I am warning you, when push comes to shove on that field, overstep your mark and Fleur will show you what for. Many an opponent has been caught off guard and has been left looking silly as this girl dusts the floor with them. Nice to watch talent at work!

The other Centre Forward is LEANNE (or TINKERBELL). Leanne is another new one to the team this year. She held Jenny's hand when they came to join our scary bunch, but Leanne has fitted in nicely (not that she is scary), and what a bonus she is. Another fast and tireless worker who we ran at inner for awhile but decided she covered too much ground to restrict her to one side of the field, so we moved her to the centre and it has proved to be a good one. Welcome to the team Leanne. The other clubs loss was twice our gain with you and Jenny joining us.

Right Inner has been shared between Pic, Leanne and Carolyn (CC) but as we have already had a bit to say about Pic and Tinkerbelle, lets pick on CC (Carolyn). Carolyn has been part of the Metro line up for several years, so we know her stuff, but when she went away on holiday to Turkey for 7 weeks (a no-no during the season, CC), we only then realised how much we relied on her ball carrying skills. Sometimes we wonder how she manages to steal that ball from the opposition or keep it from them, but this she does and when she finally came back we said "That's what was missing"! So welcome home for the finals CC.

The only position left to cover is Right Wing and that is exactly what ANNA does. Anna is another young set of legs we contracted along with Deb at a merry event and it took us a while to find her full potential, but we have and she just keeps getting better. Anna is Deb's cousin and the strength over the ball must run in the genes, because Anna is developing it very nicely. Glad to have you along Anna.

Well that about covers the team, except that I have to say thank you to the our wonderful Renae, (Tearne's sister) who has been available to play all and every game if needed even after at least one game, sometimes two, with her own grades. Renae is still playing U/15's but fits in very nicely with our team and I think having her around has been good for all of us, because if she is not playing for us then she is looking after Dee's kids on the sideline. THANK YOU RENAE, WE LOVE YOU TO BITS.

Another thank you is Audrey, who has been our number one supporter for a couple of years now, through rain, hail and shine. It's nice to have someone come every week, who thinks we are worth watching.

And last but not least, the BIGGEST THANK YOU must go to Sharon, who brings her girls (Tearne & Renae) each week, does the score card for us, takes care of the kids on the side line and people's dogs too if they bring them, who provides us with a scrumptious feast after each game, sends her husband Ray to assist the frightened first game umpires we have to endure and is ready with advice at half time about game play. THANK YOU SHARON, where would we be without you?! Hope you have enjoyed sharing our Saturdays as much as we have enjoyed sharing them with you. Also Thanks to Ray for assisting the Umpires.

Finally, thank you to all the girls for such a great year. Icing on the cake would be the Grand Final Flag, so come on girls.

Mens Metro 2 Gold

Joshua Clarey

JC.....the new flesh in the team. A handy pick up for the Metro boys, he is slick around the ground and slick with the skills. Makes the rest of the team look worse than they really are... Good to blood another youngster at the club, he is destined for great things as those who leave us move quickly up the ranks. Just remember where it all began with the mighty Metro 2's, best of luck!

Clint Dymond

Dymo, the "Enforcer", back from Sydney after a year away, he has slotted straight back in on his return and in the best form of his career. Ask the guy from Pirates what he did to upset Dymo! The "Bitch Slap" has been handy this year setting up a few goals.

Aki Etelaaho

I see red, yellow, and red, 'O' that was my forehead! Tells it as it is! Can dreams really come true? Still searching for the happy place, one day it will come! Vets are calling however Aki is resisting the urge, fearing never to return to Metro 2's again. For once Aki has had some support in the back line by country boy Tim.

Neil Ferguson

Furgy! Danger by name, danger by nature. Solid across the half line, he appears to really be enjoying his time with the Mighty Metro 2's. When he teams up with Mitch, the run out of defence is next to none. Good to see he found his senses this season and resisted the urge of joining "Team Geers"..... maybe they did not want him anyway.

Matthew Geers

Fly-in Fly-out mascot! Nice cameo appearance, now how do we get him to stop talking? It's been a bit quiet this year.

Christopher James

CJ and friends! They aren't talking about you; it's just in your mind! A much quieter season this year..... maybe the mouthguard works miracles as well as protecting your teeth. A bag full of goals certainly helped the team out, fighting Chippy to secure the Coleman Medal for the Mighty Metro 2's.

Ted Neesham

Teddy; love him or hate him! Got himself into a bit of trouble this year and produced a lovely bundle of joy, we are all anticipating a bit of a screamer and talker, but so far, she has been a little angle and may miss the whole obsessive talking thing?

Daniel Pickering

Dan Picko, Always a pleasure to have him on the field when available! Just waiting for the finals this year to make his impact. Always welcome, to make an appearance with the 2's.

James Andrew Pickering

Jim Picko! Not available for most of the year due to recovery from injury, he has made an impact at centre half. He's just a Picko! Enjoyed hacking the odd opposition player and delivering some good ball to our attack.

Brad Potter

Chippy / Seagull – Wait, I'll just take this call, still working. This guy never stops (I think?), except when he's out for lunch, golf, tennis, dropping the kids off to school or sport. Has managed to get out of the D on occasions this year, good effort. He has been in a tight battle with CJ for top scorer. Vets are calling, but who will fill out the team sheets every week and submit reports. This could be Chippy's only saving grace.

Laurence Rushton

Laurence (Right half) youngest son of the "Rushton dynasty"! At his best when he has had time to put product in the fro... Has hit some killer cross balls this year, if he sticks with the team next year, he will develop into a handy asset. Watch the hair, lucky for him it did not rain all season, who knows what would have happened. You can tell a Wella Boy by the way he wears his hair..... more product required next season.

Tim Smith

Timmy! "The other full back", always hard at it making stops and tackles, clearly Aki is grooming his replacement. The opposition do not stand much of a chance with Tim cleaning up what Aki does not get... Let's hope Aki's antics have not rubbed off on you. A Great asset to the team leaving many attackers dumb founded.

Rhys Spedding

Rhys'a, such a lovely lad. The Smiling Assassin, always smiling as he takes out another player. When faced with an abusive opponent his only comment is "WHAT!" Who would have thought someone so cute and cuddly could be so cold and calculating – on the field!

Brad Wake

Brad - National Laser Tag champion no more! Forget about that, he has been in fine form all year, saving some monster shots. The talk from the sideline this year has had other teams envious of Brad's ability to stop three or more shots in a row then chase an attacker across the D.

Mens Metro 2 Gold

Mitchell Welten

Being a "Welten", still fancies his chances on turf and trains with the State 4's, but what he doesn't know is that we've already told them he's crap and belongs to the Mighty Mighty Metro 2's. He is a part of the 2's engine room of younger running players; if he could just slow down a yard close to goals he would have a hand full more goals for the year.

R Weddikkars, J Welton, E Bowater, Criddles (x3), AJ, G Scalley, D Bekwith, L Bint, G.Watton, This motley bunch comprised our super-sub bench for the season. Recruited from a rock they may have been hiding under! Very appreciated by all the 2's THANKS.



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Clarey



Mens Metro 3 Gold

After a slow start to the season - being we only had 8 players we recruited a few friends to make up the numbers and started a winning streak that was broken when uni holidays occurred and half the side disappeared for a few weeks, eventually missing the finals by a couple of points.

Thanks to all of our fill ins; Pat Matthews, Hans Geers, Wayne Harries, Tim Smith, Matthew Bell, Clint Dymond, Tim McEntee, Aki Etalaaho, Bradley Potter, Ted Neesham, Paul Morris, Justin Wake, Chris Lees, Peter Shiers, Denis Shiers, Matthew Jeffrey, Jonathon Palmer and anyone else I have missed.

Thanks to the keepers who filled in for various games - Dean Walker, Dylan Hadley, John Crowe, Roger Bell.

Andrew Criddle

The old man of the team who was roped into looking after this motley crew. Slowly moved back to the fullback line during the year so he didn't have to run as much.

Steven Criddle

After seeing us play in the first game of year finally got him to pull on a shirt and stand in the attacking 25 to score goals. Was easily our highest scorer - must have been the perfect delivery, not his skill....

Christopher Criddle

Played all over the field again to help fill in the gaps although finally settled in at Centre half in the second half of the season. Managed to avoid getting injured until the last game of the season for a change.

Andrew Carr

We thought we had found the perfect right half until 3 games into the season he had to disappear for an operation to change his bionic legs, returned for the last few games and took back up from where he had left us.

Sam Green

Super left half who could was far to fit and fast for most of us, had a knack of getting injured when filling in for the 8's after our game.

Roland Belford

Has taken over the mantle as the person most likely to be injured during the game, maybe it's because of his very unique tackling style or the fact he is always in the right(wrong) place all the time.

Alex Macleay

Played a fair bit on the wing, although like most ppl played all over the shop filling in when people were away. Was excellent at delivering to Steve so he could score more goals.

Chris Ollier

Started on a wing but had a promising season curtailed by a couple of bad hamstrings and only managed to play half the season for us.

Tristan Andrews

Another friend recruited to fill in at fullback or anywhere else we need a player, hadn't played for a few years and it showed until he found his feet and started to stop the forwards any way he could.

Michael Gibbings

Turned up to training one night looking for a game and was collared immediately to give us some more run in the forward line.

Daniel Wilkinson

Was supposed to be keeping but a couple of foot injuries prevented him from putting on the pads. Instead, he managed to hobble around the backline and forward line to help out for most of the season.

Ben Wooltorton

Recruited by the South West boys to fill the last spot and although he hadn't played recently was able to go on some searching runs from the right half position.

Andrew Fry

Solid fullback who kept on wanting to play higher up the field but we couldn't afford to let someone as solid as he was to play anywhere else.

Alex Lynch

Our U15 keeper who ended up playing 2-3 games a week. Has shown a huge improvement over the course of the year and will be a great keeper in the 17's next year.

Mens Metro 3 White 1

2009 was a challenging year for the Metro 3W1 team, as we struggled for numbers most weeks. Perhaps the highlight of the year was the victory in the “local derby” against the 3W2 guys. However, unlike the AFL derby, we all had beers together and joked afterwards. There were a few guys who really put in extra to help the team – Nick Emmett from the U17s played whenever he was available, and the other two Metro 3 teams, especially the Metro3G guys, helped to bolster numbers on regular occasions.



Mens Metro 3 White 2

I've been captain of the Scrubbers for two years now and I have learnt two things. Even asking people for a warm up run is too much and any efforts towards this goal will lead to a reputation for being a hockey mad fanatic. For in hockey as in life there are those who are born great, those who have greatness thrust upon them and another whole bunch of other people who have nothing to do with us.

It's been a year of developments in the nature of the Scrubbers. The players who used to be the metro 3s are now well and truly naturalised. We started the season as a cohesive team, we actually became competitive for finals, Barry had to umpire less this season and there was surprisingly little confusion about the new rules. Training has started to become Brains Trust Thursdays which has led to people showing up. WOW! This has in turn led to many Gage Roads shirts being collected (through no change in our drinking habits) and latter in the season they were officially recognised as our alternate colours.

Colin "Gout" Barnden

It remains a mystery as to how Colin injures himself so much, but we have come to the conclusion that the life of a casino blackjack dealer is much more dangerous than once thought. Everyone is wary of making him very mad because he could always call in one of his "favours" and have someone meet with an accident. Colin's strength in the halfback line deceives many opposition strikers, and although we have yet to see him hit a decent ball in the offensive D, he has set up many a counter attack from the other end of the field. Oh and he was the only one to umpire twice.

James "The Baker" Butcher

With an aggressive playing style, James reminds us that we should all put down the iPhones and act like real men once in a while. James is always willing to put his body (or somebody else's) on the line and has stopped attacks more times than we can count through sheer determination and brute force. A staple of the Scrubbers' defensive line.

Mario Coelho

Slowly migrating forwards like a lost European Swallow, Mario's patented one armed elbow tackle has infuriated the opposition for many years. At this rate he will make the forward line by the year 2035 (probably for Vets). One of the Scrubbers faithful. Still several times this year he has been caught shampooing his hair and been unable to play.

Rick "Jekyll" Francis

Ricky is one of those guys who blends into the background within the side...until he has a couple of beers. A reliable force in the half back line, Ricky's game has improved remarkably over the last few seasons, and has even developed an aggressive streak: he even pushed a guy!

Ian "Carmen Sandiago" Haddock

Where on Earth is Ian Haddock? Four games into this season Ian told us that he was going overseas and wouldn't be back for a month or two. He has not been seen since (Dylan's ability to lose people's phone numbers has not helped us find him). Where ever he is he has a good running game and the best endurance of anyone in the team. Since he's the oldest player in the team that should embarrass all those 22 year olds out there.

Dylan Hadley

After inheriting the captaincy through lack of other volunteers, Dylan has grown as a leader and the other players actually listen to him now. Despite being a natural goalkeeper, Dylan has spent the season looking lost in the forward line. He continues to work hard on his game at training, and has had a few moments of brilliance on the field that have shocked both onlookers and himself.

Darren "The" Kidd

As a Scrubber who sometimes shows up to training and makes homebrew, Darren has marked himself as someone to hold onto. The fact that he has a talent for annoying the opposition and plays centrehalf makes him that much more of a marked man. We won't talk about the time when he was umpiring and rewarded the guy who punched someone in the face with a free hit. A good ball carrier, Darren is one of only two players in the team willing and capable of playing centre half. Darren has been promoted to the lofty position of team Brewster, with his own homebrew making several appearances after the game.

Mens Metro 3 White 2 (contd)

Christopher “Dale” Lees

The only other player besides Darren capable and willing to play centre half, Chris can read and control the play well. A continuing mystery within the side is how he always manages to turn up to games five minutes late, regardless of whether we are playing at home or all the way up at Guildford. Maybe it's the stick that's older than he is, or the beard that a 70s pornstar would be envious of, but when he does show up he has a terse and enigmatic quality about him - but once you get past that he's just as bogan as the next man.

Timothy McEntee

A man with an opinion about everything. He tells many stories - most of which are probably not true. Has a particular talent for trash talking the opposition and his teammates...and himself. Has a flexible playing style that lets him play at halfback and forward. A solid team man and member of the brains trust, he specialises in organising team social events. Broke his own record for number of red cards received in a season.

Joshua “Kamikaze” Smales

The leading goalscorer of the side this season (much to Matt's ire), Josh is so protective of his left winger position, that when he does find his way into the backline the defenders are known to mistake him for the opposition. Josh's cool head in pressure situations has seen him score many goals whilst teammates and opponents are scrambling for the ball in front of goals. Amazingly he turned up to his first training session this decade.

David “A” Wake

Is probably the only Wake not to have lost his temper this season. A quiet but consistent member of the team, he needs to stop that and flip out and hurt somebody sometime. Doesn't train, but still covers more ground than most on game day. Fooled us all with his facebook page!

Justin “Live Twitter Update” Wake

A typical full back, the fastest we have seen Justin run all season was when we were running to catch the last train after a night out in Northbridge. Needless to say, he caught the train and the rest of the side was left to wander the streets looking for a taxi (the events of the night were regularly posted on Justin's Facebook page from his phone). Despite coming across as a gentle photographer and Guitar Hero expert, Justin is actually a psychopath who gets his jollies from trying to kill WASPs players with his hockey stick (which he has named “Thor's Hammer”). Justin is also the side's nominated short corner hitter, and unfortunately for the team, likes to remind us of every goal that he has scored for the season. Still has not been seen at training.

Matthew “Millsy” Wake

Another one of the Wakes Matt is a halfback with a windup so big it goes all the way around. A Melville stalwart this year he has developed an aggressive new playing style this season big enough to rival John McEnroe. There was the time he nearly brained an umpire, there was the time he hit a player from Vic Park “just a little bit”, there was the second WASPs game. Like the other Wakes he is one of the few members of the team who hasn't gone to training at all.

Dean “Floyd” Walker

Another member of the Brain's Trust, Dean probably has one of the best records for attending training even though most of the time he doesn't even touch a hockey stick. In his position as team manager Dean decided to buy a whiteboard for us to use. Somehow this was misconstrued as Dylan being overzealous about his position as captain. A solid rock in goals for the team Dean has had a few games out of the goals this year.

Matthew “Dopey” Willis

Following a recent scandal where it was revealed the “pain relief” drugs Matt has been using for his shoulder this year have been banned from ALL official sporting competitions by the WADA, it was found to have no impact what so ever on his playing style, generally throwing himself into obstacles (namely goal posts and back boards). In a nutshell a fast winger with fast running game and a Steven Bradbury goal scoring style (just like off the field). A member of the Brains Trust. He even tried a caught on camera ejector seat inspired rocket super-tackle.....it was unsuccessful.

Other players who filled in

- Mark Myers
- The Three Criddles
- Evan Bowater
- Chris Hunt

Honourable Mentions:

- Colin's musical knowledge
- Matt's life partner Whatshername

Dishonourable Mentions:

- The Criddles for the two Metro derbies (it's all your fault!)
- Dylan for losing everyone's details twice
- Justin bringing along a \$2000 camera lens and taking photos of everybody but his own team
- Matt Willis was the only member of the Brains Trust who missed the pub crawl because of an Air Supply concert (yes, the 70s band).

Mens Over 40 Midweek Veterans

2009 has turned out to be, contrary to all expectations, Melville's best season yet in the toughest competition in Men's vets.

Through some judicious grovelling, err, recruiting, we finally convinced some Melville stalwarts playing Metro 1s that the competition at the Midweek Vets level is actually quite fierce and well worth the effort. This new blood also brought out the best in seasoned midweek campaigners such as Dennis Loffel, Aki, Ramma, Rowdy, Apples, Wildy, Willo & Jenno. And the Starling brothers, Stef, Coockey & Daymon provided us with new found strength up forward.

For the first time in the team's history (and we were a founding team in the competition), we will be playing in the Men's Midweek Vets finals this September. Its been a ground-breaking season for us.

Its the first season we've ever made the four. We did that in week one, and we've never dropped out of it.

Its the first season we've beaten North Coast Raiders, and it was only the second time we've ever come away with some points after playing them.

And, now this, our first finals campaign. Truth be told we'll be lucky to get past the first round (we'll be in an elimination final), but no matter what, it can't/won't detract from our achievements this season.

Cheers Crowey



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Womens Veterans Div 2

The vets 2 teams has had a great year and has made it to the finals at last. Under the guidance of our coach Mark, we have improved our game over the season - playing well against the good teams but struggling against some that we should have beaten. Thanks Mark for coaching - we have all tried to listen.... The last few weeks saw us try out the 1,1,3,3,3 formation to great success. Lets hope it helps us win the final. Thanks also to Mhairi and her great managerial skills - you did a great job sorting us all out. We are sorry about your match ball.

Lisa Anderson

One of our little terriers, our ever reliable right inner. Had us worried at the start of the season, being rushed to hospital with a suspected broken hand. Like the trooper she is, was back next game, courage intact. Very quick on the lead, leaving many an opposition player, no doubt frustrated, easily giving them the slip. We saw a more versatile Lisa this year, occasionally slotting into the unfamiliar positions and still playing as good as always.

Mhairi Angus

Performed to the highest standard throughout the year. Her dedication to the team has to be commended - turning up for her managerial role when injured (you must give up that other sport of yours - much too dangerous). You moved around positions on the forward line this season but remember not to volunteer to be full back again as the coach took you up on your offer and you played so well. Thanks Mhairi.

Debra Crompton (Madam Versatility)

Has starred in practically every position this year and has made that defensive midfield role her own as the year progressed. No doubt she would have donned helmet and pads if we needed her to do that as well (and no doubt "starred"). Debbie had grown in confidence during the year and has been a valuable team member, an absolute pleasure to play with and to top off a great season nearly scored a hattrick!

Marie Farrow

Good ground coverage and an excellent late bloomer. A solid contribution every week and some good goals, tackles hard if sometimes a little early. Makes the coach's job easy each week if a bench warmer is needed by arriving late and looking mentally frazzled until the tribulations of organizing child minders for her small children have receded somewhat.

Marie Intini (Mini)

Dear Mini Me What a great woman is she Not very tall, she is kind, generous and encouraging to us all. She runs and runs all game and her great skills help to keep us in the game To have her in your team can only be a gain. Dearest Mini Mini me, I look forward to playing along side you again.

Carolyn Jones

Our Central Cool Cat Carolyn (also known as Jonesy) contributed with her constant communication; crisp clean passes and a connoisseur of competent tackling, had the capacity to out-shine her competitors constantly.

Jane Manning (Super Jane)

Jane has had a fantastic season - we were so pleased that you were able to play most of the matches this year - the team certainly benefited from having you around. Her skill on the right defence is amazing, and her never give up approach is to be commended. Keep it up! We'll see you again next year.

Athlene Marshall

It has been wonderful to have Athlene on our team this year. Her on field direction and leadership have been an asset, as have her scorching through balls hitting the mark nearly 100% of the time. She has shown her versatility in playing everywhere on the field from fullback to forward, and has the albeit dubious honour of being the only person this year (although I could be wrong.....) to be sent off for the offence of 'stick chucking' (which was a new one to me!). Thank you Athlene, it has been a pleasure to have you play with us.

Frances Mason

Frankie is certainly a team player and most weeks she had a new bruise to show just how committed she was. She has finally been allowed to prove that she can play a forward and has scored a number of great goals this year.

Ali Menegola

Ali has been a star sweeper this year - and has never stopped running to get the ball. She keeps her composure under some very tricky circumstances - thanks - and hits the ball well out of defence. Your positive attitude at all times is admirable - just how do you do it? Well done.

Womens Veterans Div 2 (contd)

Kylie Mishra

Kylie, one of the team's youngsters, again threw herself into the task of Vet's goalie (quite literally) this year. Some weeks, the closest she came to touching the ball was with her voice, as she expertly guided the backline through their roles, checking they knew where their players were and who was thundering up behind them! Other weeks, she was the mainstay of the team, flinging herself at the ball and providing a magical obstacle between the goal face and the "Glowing White Snitch". Many, many times, a great sigh of relief was to be heard as Kylie deflected what the opposition thought was going to be a certain goal! Always a favourite among the girls in the team, there is only one major problem with Kylie - when she opens up her bag and pulls out that awful smelly gear, we all run for cover!

Theresa Rayfield

Coaches wife Now we are in strife Dynamite right wing A calf she did ping Very solid team player Shame her birthday is not in September or this would rhyme....

Donelle Smith

Sporting the longed leg skins is our full back Donelle Her cries of unfitness seems her personal hell She is reliable and dependable and this trait always stands out She is a pleasure to play with...and that's with out any doubt.

Dehlia Goundrey

New to the team mid season after a seven year break. What a find! Added a lot of drive and versatility across the forward line. Hope to see her out there again next year, scoring our goals. The Fill-ins Thanks to all those who have filled in for us over the season - it was much appreciated.



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Womens Veterans Div 3

This year Melville entered a second women's veteran team to the competition. We now have a second and third grade and we are the mighty magnificent 3's. After a bit of a falter at the start, our 13 player's turned out to be 9 so we hollered and the oldies came limping to the rescue (Lee, Maris and Jan) and filled the gap. We were able to move straight into an organised team as we had the great McEntee to coach us and use our natural talent.

Our team consists of Lindy in goals although we had to beg and steal Nat and Kylie for a couple of weeks until Lindy recovered from appendicitis. Thanks to Kylie and Nat for keeping us in a nice high spot on the ladder until Lindy could get back to hold the fort. Playing in front of Lindy for a lot of years, are two of the best full backs in Jan and Nicola. Nicola has the best close stick work around and will not flinch when confronting the fast and tough. She has a flat stick tackle to die for and used it very effectively against Fremantle, preventing many a goal circle penetration. She has the loudest voice in the team and she uses it. Jan – poor old lady – hobbles around up the back, shouting instructions, and doing her best to back up Nicola.

The half back line is made up of Annette at right half. Annette was a forward in another life and plays right half in a similar fashion but is always out wide for the square pass. Maris (one of the oldies who heard the call) plays the centre half and is a treat to watch. She is everywhere and gets picked on by both opposition and umpires alike, but refuses to crumble and the best revenge is to out play them. Left half is a position Helen didn't see herself able to play because she is a full back, but that's a thing of the past and she has saved many a game with her flashy attack and destroy attitude towards the opposition.

Now down to the front end of the field, we have the lovely Teresa running the left wing and for someone who hasn't played since school, she is showing us each week that the mind and the body are remembering and some of her moves surprise even her. The excitement gets to us all. Keep it up Teresa its looking good. Teresa is accompanied on the left by sister in law Lynda as left inner and what a performance she puts in every week. Lynda is one of the hardest workers I have ever seen on the hockey field and never seems to tire. But give her a bandana and there is no stopping her, she thinks she is scary to the opposition and us, but she's not but who cares, she plays like a women possessed. Three goals one week. Kymberley and Lee have shared the centre forward this year. Lee answered the recall of oldies while Kymberley was away in the states with work, and when we saw how much direction and substance she gave the forward line, we refused to let her leave after Kymberley returned. Kymberley came back into the team after her working holiday and out ran and out danced the opposition to instigate or score many of our goals. Unfortunately when she moves at full pace we can't keep up and she has to go it alone.

Leanne better known as Tinkerbelle, fills the role of right inner and is probably the only one who can keep up with Kymberley. She has great stamina and is the best tagger in the business. Leanne was a very welcome addition we enticed over from another club. Our gain, I say. Assisting Leanne on the right is Simone at right wing. Simone is new to our playing list this year but has been around the club for a while with her kids. Simone has the lovely and fast legs on the wing and is often seen chasing the impossible and catching it. Simone has improved each week and the more confident the better she gets.

Now we have some other really nice people who joined our team a little later in the season and have filled whichever role Steve has asked without question and we thank them for the team spirit. There is Louise who had to miss playing the start of the season because of a broken foot acquired at training, but she never missed attending a game and cheering us on and she provided the best birthday feast for her 50th birthday halfway through the season. For a team that loves their food and drink she is a true favourite.

Lisa came to us mid season when she realised one day while watching her kids play that she too could be enjoying some of the action, so down she came and showed us her stuff. The first week she was a bit tentative but we have not been able to constrain her since. She can play any position well and has to constantly use her physio skills weekly to self diagnose another torn muscle from another lunge into the fray. But her treatment must be good because she bounces right back next week.

Last to join us was Vanessa from Rockingham. Vanessa was looking for a mid week game as she spends her Saturdays directing yachts at Fremantle Sailing Club. She is a good and loyal team member. Vanessa came to us as a back but we played her as a forward and bingo she scored her first goal a couple of weeks ago.

We have had a really good season and have finished Minor Premiers, something we never even anticipated at the beginning of the year but we have had a patient, understanding, friendly, encouraging Coach. Steve has held our hand or pushed us when needed and here we are getting ready for the finals. Thanks Steve it has been an enjoyable season playing under your watch. Hope we can entice you back again next year. PLEASE

Thanks to Gillian and Alison for filling in for us and to our loyal supporters each week Audrey and Ashley. To the girls, thanks for a great season, it has been fun and now ON, ON to the finals.

Mens Veterans Over 40-2

2009 was always destined to be a tough year. We were dumped from Div 1, and our squad was little different from a team that really struggled in 2008. However, we managed to pick up a couple of blokes and were able, on occasion, to elicit help from some veterans still playing Metros, to have a much more successful and satisfying season this year. We still lost more than we won, but we were much more competitive than the past few years. Our defence was the best in the competition, but oh what we wouldn't do for a fair dinkum striker! (Any volunteers for 2010 can see me any time)

So ... in short, another sterling year from team stalwarts Ramma, Lewy, Dennis, Lindsey, Doaky, Robby Thorn & the Ross Brothers. Outstanding performances from "newbies" Kevin Dempster, Boxy & Becks. And our gratitude to Aki (especially - always helping out whenever possible), Andy Starling, Rob Knyn, Egg, Cookey, Clarry, Stef & Scally for helping us out when they could. It's not much, I know, sorry about that.
Cheers Crowey



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Mens Veterans Over 40-4

Difficult year as at times we struggled for numbers. With over a third of the team new to Div 4, it was always going to be challenging. Having said that we had a number of very competitive games. Hopefully one or two key additions will make all the difference for next year. Thanks to all the guys who so willingly filled in for us throughout the season. Special Thanks to Ross Hall who did an outstanding job umpiring each week.

Dale Brown

Moved from defence to the forward line this year. Constantly challenged the opposition and put good pressure on the defenders.

Brett Gibbins

Brett played most of the year as a defender which is a change from previous years. He has great speed and continues to improve each year. Showed natural aptitude when he filled in as goalie and was best player. Always gives 100% and is very competitive.

Gus Ingenluyff

Change in roles for Gus this year as he moved from the back line to right wing and proved to be a very competent forward. Always in a good position to receive the ball and get a quick shot off.

Terence King

Struggled with injury this season and missed a few games. Adaptable player who this year played mostly up forward but can be used in just about any position on the field.

Duncan MacPhail

Played an instrumental part in many games keeping us competitive. Often under a lot of pressure due to the high quality of opposition teams.

Steve McEntee

Steve joined us half way through the season and had an instant impact. Always a chance to get a bag of goals. Needs a little more support up front but hoping for a big year next year.

Eric Nell

Another player that can play just about anywhere. Great reflexes and made numerous stick saves on the goal line. Very competitive with good all round skills.

Tony Patton

Busy year for Tony as often the defence was under pressure. Settled into the Right Back position and had great support from the other defenders.

Robert Preedy

Good skills. Missed a few games as he took on a new job in India but managed to return every couple of weeks for games. Always had an impact and tended to be one of our key players.

Jaspal Sembi

Played at Left Inner for most of the season. Good year by Jaspal; always covers a lot of ground and managed to get plenty of good passes to the forwards.

Andrew Toogood

First season for Andrew; played most of year at right inner but also dropped back in defence as needed. Always challenges the opposition and puts his body on the line.

Ray Achimedei

Ray joined us for the latter half of the season having not played for a number of years. Can read the play well and great skills and ability. Looking forward to a big season next year. Reid, Mike New to the club this year. Missed a few games but always was a solid contributor. Great defender and teamed up well with Tony as the last line of defence.

Mens Veterans Over 50-1

Vets O50 Div 1 Once again it has been a great year for the old boys. Spectator numbers are rapidly rising as the stories of the exploits of these old guys spread around the club rooms in a hushed whisper of awe. Thanks to everyone who has supported the team all year from the sidelines and the extras who have filled in for us throughout. Tash, if it was not for you this team would be very disorganised, so thank you again. Thanks also to the boys who helped fulfil the umpiring commitments during the year. Always a lot of fun watching our VIPS play. Now to the individual STARS of the team:

Ron Chesny

Hamstrings holding up better than in the past allowed Ches to participate more often than not. Still dramatic around the D. A lot of assists allowed others to gain the glory. Look forward to a full season of play sometime soon.

Peter Dawkins

A pivotal player in the centre when present. Skilfully delivered balls around the field to his aging team members. Tall, skilled gentleman of the game.

Ray Domingo

A vintage player who carefully drapes his lower limbs in bandages. Is this the secret to the goal scoring? As the oldest player on the ground he deserves the accolades and the odd rest on the grass.

Hans Geers

The angry man of the back line with plenty of advice for umpires and players alike. Always reliable when under pressure. Can see the pre season training paid off, a Thunderstick in the making.

Keith Harper

A new look for a new season proved to be the key element for a lot of great goals. Longer shorts (thank goodness) and then pulling out the shirt raised the level of goals scored and the amount of animation with every shot to try and coerce the umpire.

Wayne Hudson

Consistently turned up each week, even when he was unwell and managed to keep for our team and several others. Strongly supported by Paige who was seen chasing balls for her Dad. Thanks a lot. A little distracted by the sight of the lovely women on the sidelines with a wealth of parenting experience who were supervising Dylan. STILL waiting to purchase our frocks for the wedding.

Greg Hunt

Spectacular goals early in the season set Egg up to rest on his laurels in Coral Bay mid season. An impressive presence on the field and around the club all year. A busy president.

Patrick Matthews

A skilful player who is starting to model his behaviour on some of the legendary grumpy old men in the team. Still bamboozling the opposition with his speed and accuracy.

Paul Meacock

Whip, consistently reliable in the back line doing the job for himself and Davo. Filling Davos shoes as the hitman of the team. Never lets a slating opportunity go by.

Andrew Reynolds

Skills of a man half his age. Ailments of a man twice his age. Sprinting around the field creating opportunities for others. Enjoys a rest and a chat with the spectators.

Victor Rypp

A gentlemanly approach to the game on and off the field. Always plays to the best of his ability and one of the fitter players in the team.

Russell Scanlon

A hard worker on the field who is a strong link between the forwards and the backs. This year we have seen some solid hockey being played in the vets style.

David Timmel

WHO? Missed the first half of the season in order to expand his brain cells. Returned as the team spiritual leader and guru who rarely raised a sweat from the sidelines. Living in Melbourne does not excuse you next year.

Frank Williams

Thanks for helping out at the beginning of the season. Fresh legs and good hockey skills are always handy at this level.

Neil Woollacott

A welcome return to MCHC who surprised everyone and himself with his skills. Started the year as the calm influence in the middle of the field. In the latter part of the season his behaviour has emulated other Grumpy Old Men in the side.

Daryl Dedman

A late arrival to the team. Watched the boys play one game and knew he had to be a part of the action. A level of skills and fitness that blend in well with the rest of the Old Guys. Welcome back. Hope to see you on the field next year.

Mens Veterans Over 50-2

Chris Avent

As he may have spent more time behind the goals than in front this year, Grandpa is proof that 'grumpy' and 'old men' really do go together. Fought on bravely against hamstring injuries and various historical societies trying to take possession of his legs. Last seen in a terribly windy game at Port Kennedy with tissues stuffed in his ears! Say no more ...

Graeme Coleman

Graeme brought an end to an early season form slump this year with a timely late season form slump. Living proof that just because you wear a mankini, that doesn't make you Borat. Some soul searching by opposition teams saw Graeme on the verge of an unlikely hat-trick in one late season game but fortunately Rosco managed to avert this horrendous injustice with a timely whistle.

Pat Hall

Pat is the oldest and wisest person in our team ... our club and the state of Western Australia. But when he gets moving he has no way of slowing down because the momentum is too great. Also he still hasn't worked out that you should have two hands on the stick - hence the resemblance to a chook with its head cut off when he flies down the wing chasing a deep pass. Pat has shown great restraint this year after the bollocking and red card he copped from his son Ross last season. A true team man.

Michael Jolliffe

This man should have more money than Kerry Stokes from his amount of saves this year. Biometric analysis of Mike's technique has revealed that the application of 1.5 litres of fermented beverages actually improves his reaction time by diverting his brain's higher functions to pure reflex response. After a big Friday night the Full Backs often let through an attacker just to see what happens next. Another great year Mike.

Brian Knyn

Brian managed to avoid being ambulated from the field this year which is a marked improvement over last season. A resolute defender with passion to spare, Brian the pick pocket half back, displayed remarkable skill in picking off wayward passes and turned desperate defence into lightning attack in the beat of a pace maker regulated heart. Top work but should seek further counselling to get over any residual desire to score goals.

Robert Knyn

Great ball control is the hallmark of Rob's game and it is a joy to watch when he takes on the befuddled opposition defenders ... and his fellow forwards. Some times he has such a good time he beats the same player twice just because he can. Despite being laid low by various bugs and failing body parts, Rob still pulls the boots on and drags himself along to games, showing true character and great teamwork.

Stephen Llanwarne

Something strange happened in 2009. Steve or his doppelganger actually scored a double this year and no blondes were involved, rather a bewildered defence who clearly had not done their research on our international superstar. Steve is our fastest on and off the field with a joke or pithy remark, but still managed to have a good year performance wise as result of some nasal delivery technology.

Alan Marshall

Al has had one of his best years on record. We put it down to the extreme make-over pre-season that took him from being a Herman Munster look-alike to Brad Pitt in one fully subsidized, super discounted, red-light special face reconstruction. What appears obvious is that he must have had a brain transplant from someone who can stop the ball and then dribble it a very little bit. He has scored a bucket of goals this year and still has the Toyota ad 'oh what a feeling' celebration that is always a highlight of a day on the green.

Steve McEntee

Steve was brought into the team towards the end of the season to provide our forwards with some on the job training ... and because Al needed some panel work done. While these days Steve makes Pitch seem like Usain Bolt (or is that Insane Bolt), he still has a hell of a hit and knows where the goals are.

Bill Morrison

Bill was playing a great game near the zoo mid-season when he copped a nasty belt in the nose that produced litres of claret, broke a few bones and made a nasty mess on a perfectly good playing pitch. He disappeared with Mrs Coleman and didn't even bother to clean up his mess - a red card for both offenses. As a result, Bill didn't play another game, but in truth, he jumped before he got pushed. In reality, his skill and control were greatly missed (Bill paid me to say that!).

Mens Veterans Over 50-2 (contd)

Norm Morrison

Norm was bought into the team to make up the numbers - nobody liked him and nobody spoke to him. Then he came up with a cunning plan. He started to bring snakes to the game and at half time he breaks them out and he is now the most popular person in the team. Unlike his twin brother Bill, Norm has a great amount of hockey skill and he doesn't spit the dummy when he gets a little scratch. He is the only player in our team who can dribble the ball and keep it under control at the same time. Go the snake man.

Mike Pitcher

For a long time we were concerned about visiting teams' comments about the state of the Pitch ... then we realised they were talking about Mike. Be that as it may, "Focus" is the word that describes Pitche's season this year...52 weeks of build-up for a single event. Unfortunately that event occurs sometime after the hockey season closes and he seldom moves out of his Zen state in the season proper.

Colin Slattery

That silvery hair of the grey fox that lurks down back is great because it makes him look old enough to play over 60s so there are never any questions over his vintage. Mr Metrosexual sets the dress standards with his Hollywood movie star sun glasses and his ironed undies – one smooth old person. He is like a brick wall against any opposition attack and has had a rock solid year (when he makes it to the game).

Gary Thomas (Muddy)

The much loved and spiritual centre of the team (his psychologist suggested we say that to assist his self esteem) had a remarkable year and even managed to fit in a bit of hockey between his jet setting lifestyle and his devotion to black and white themed teams. The full backs even reported that Muddy actually ran onto the field on at least three occasions causing great consternation on the part of opposition forwards (and his team mates).

Terry Brooks

Great comeback from the Brooker this year. Terry did all of his getting old early and consequently hasn't changed much in decades. Although he's still an exponent of the horizontal machete tackle, if you described Brooksie as a utility player these days, it would have to be an FJ (grey motor - with two flat tyres). Has to go on record as the longest commute and worse choice of mates. Well done Brooksie.

John Maher

Good to see the quiet achiever back for another season. Although Johnny is almost immune to the off field sniping that marks the official warm up and cool down sessions, he contributes far more on the field. John always puts in a big effort and spends about as much time off the field in a season as Thomo spends in the Barber Shop. John's role in mid-field became more important after Billy ripped off his party frock mid season and a lot of our goals were set up from John's efforts.



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Mens Veterans Over 50-3

Neil Ashley

Neil "Save me a place at the BAR" Ashley, a fantastic full back, no wait we have an update, what he can't hold a beer at the bar, they keep slipping through his hands. Anybody would think he had broken wrists. Nar he is just making sure he does not miss out on his holiday, he is on a promise - you know.

Roger Bell

Another good year for Roger Bell. Not withstanding his duties as vets co-ordinator, Roger still managed to co-ordinate the 50's-3 team. Testimony to his direction and leadership is the fact the team is at top of the ladder with one round game to go. An effort and result appreciated by the team. Roger's on field performance seems to improve each year. As goalie, only 13 goals slipped past this season. The count would have been much higher had it not been for his ability to read the play and his commitment in this position.

Gary Bowater

Gary 'Shish' Bowater the 50-3s secret, we kept Gary quiet till we needed him, then out he came. The backline was secure. He was a silent partner, being kept in trim at a remote location. When other players get to Gary's level we will let them know!!!! It is just a wink and a touch.

Tony Ganzer

Tony has the ability to run all day without tiring, which is a huge advantage to our team especially when we are regarded as the oldies. Defensively, Tony responds to calls from the back line as to where he should be, and you can always rely on Tony to chase back and hassle the opposition, great season Tony.

Matthew Hudson

What is there that you can say about Mad Matt that has not already been said by most opposition players. We started him in the forward line but he ran at such a pace we had to retire him to full back for his own self protection. It is at times disconcerting for the rest of the team to see the left full back dash the length of the field into attack, however, the rest of us who are somewhat slower, don't mind falling back into the gap. What Matty starts with his hockey stick he finishes with his mouth and he must have a very appealing nature to umpires because they are known to give him a little rest during the game. A warm loveable guy but very competitive by nature – Matt another pennant this year.

Tim Jobson

Tim joined the team part-way through the year when older legs were feeling the pinch and absenteeism was high. Tim is a hardworking player with a high skill level. He lifted our team back towards the top of the grade through some hard running and creative play.

Roger Kent

Roger 1? Roger 2 or is it Roger 3? 3 Rogers in the team!! Its easy to give praise to our Roger the forward, lots of speed up front as inner, strong tackling, hard hitting, certainly missed when he wasn't playing with us. It must be all those Thursday night drinking training sessions that fine tuned the marvelous skills.

Roger Nottage

Roger "Duck" Nottage, maybe very good at golf, unsure!! But has been known for the odd ball at head height. Scary for the opposition, no doubt, but we must teach our own to duck. Roger, however is very skilled in this sport and holds the right half in good check, providing a good basis for the next frontal attack. Not known to standby and watch the next play, he is normally found in the middle of it. Fantastic

Johnson Orr

Johnno 'Where the bloody hell are you' Orr, never had time for the 50-3s, always a one's game on. He had the skipper fooled as whenever he did play he got his spot back. Just cause he was alright, OKAY reasonable, MAYBE he could hold his position. Well some people do like him, still a POM, what is that – He is a POM and don't forget that.

Bruce Porter

Bruce "Now I want you to do" Porter, he held the helm during the game. You know, looks after us all. Just before we start and at halftime, Bruce provides a clear plan on the direction we should travel, he give us clear advice on what we should do, but I am lost when the games start, in what 'direction' and when should we 'do'. Bruce can you help us out there, we are all doing it wrong???

David Porter

Dave "WHAT" Porter, you have not played hockey until you have been on the field with Dave. Now folks he is a gentleman, no doubt, he would give you the shirt off his back, 10 bucks in the pocket and a ticket to the Dockers Grand final, well maybe. But not when he is playing Hockey. I have seen some players in the opposition that see Dave as a god and have fallen down wailing for forgiveness and others trying to cuddle him. So I say to you lesser men – now boys, watch and be amazed.

Leo Welten

Leo has been a key player for our team out right on the forward line and has scored and set up many goals for us this year. Leo's superior skill level really should disqualify him from participating in our team, but a restrictive back complaint gives him qualification. We have managed to keep the talent scouts away from Leo and hope to get another good season out of him next year, before he gets drafted up the grades.

Mens Veterans Over 50-3 (contd)

Geoff Widdicombe

Geoffrey "I am bloody terrific – give us beers" Widdicombe a man for all seasons. He runs like a rabbit, dodges like a gazel, strikes like a cat, then sleeps like a mouse. If the game is on, he was there, like a bride through thick and thin. Not known for his Fullback skills, cause the ball did not stay in the back line for long. You goal hungry guppies need to learn where the real skill is – watch him.

Andrew Wood

Andy joined the team this year to give brother Rob a hand and slotted very well into our attacking midfield. Andy is a very skillful player and set up many of our goals during the season. He scored several great individual goals in tight games.

Robert Wood

Rob plays right inside forward and is the matching cornerstone to the other wood brother playing on the left. Rob's dicky knee makes him a one directional player and his deceptively slow pace lulls many opposition players in to a false sense of security. What he lacks in speed he makes up for in a handy bag of tricks and stick work, so long that he does not have to change direction. Rob has set up many goals this year but has an insurmountable phobia about scoring them himself. The brothers Wood share the ball well between themselves and Rob has a career objective to form his own team of two.



Photos by Eron Clarey



Mens Veterans Over 55

The over 55's had a better year than last, being a lot more competitive and gaining a few more points on the ladder. What with holidays, injury, work, football and vets touring teams, we struggled to field a team some weeks and had to call for help on a number of occasions. I would like to thank those players collectively that enabled us to play each week. It was good to see most players hang around and enjoy a drink and a chat after games whether at home or away mixing with the opposition players. Hope everyone will once again be available in 2010. A special mention goes to Ian Deveson, Barry Hancock, Bruce Cadd, Steve McEntee and Colin Willis and other members who regularly came to participate in "light training" every Thursday regardless of weather conditions. Great to see you at the club.

Robin Bailey

Robin is predominately a half-back who set up many great passes to the wingers. During the season Robin changed to being a winger himself and is hoping to receive as many fine passes from the backs as were given by him. Robin has fitted in well to the wing position which proves he is another of our versatile and accommodating players. Scored some fine goals. Robin likes to socialise after the game and enjoys the company of the club members. He will be off to tour Europe with the vets at the end of the season. See you again next year.

Bruce Cadd

Bruce was our manager for most of the year and often had to chase around to find enough players each week. This was usually done around the table on Thursday at our "light training session". On the field, Bruce always gives his all to the cause regardless of the situation. He plays mainly as a forward and adds some grit to the team. He has scored some good opportunist goals during the year. Bruce was one of our holiday tourists at the end of the season and was surely missed during that time. Thanks for your effort during the year. It was greatly appreciated.

Geoff Corlett

Geoff was our goal custodian again this year and once again he saved us on many occasions. His ability to talk to his defence and guide them in their approach to the attacking players was of great assistance. Geoff assumed the captains role during the season and his knowledge of the game and his wise words were always welcome. He was away touring during our last month and was obviously missed. Hope you're padding up again next year. Thanks for your great year.

Tony Illman

Tony "Zimmer" or should we call him "Shiner" after his Kalamunda black eye. Tony has been one of the inside forwards of our team all year, consistently on the move, running the field. Well known for his power stops and pressure on players, Tony has had another great year. Well done Tony, looking forward to teaming up again next season.

Keith Jackaman

Keith with his lay-back style rarely sees a game start, however when he does eventually grace us on the field his long reach and defensive play is at its best. A very reliable and steady defender, he waits and pounces on the opposition forwards and clears the ball to our forwards with great effect. One of the life members of our team that has supported this club over many years. Often seen on Saturday evenings supporting our top teams at the club. Thanks "Skinta". Hope you're back in 2010.

Kingsley McGuire

A consistently good player over many years with Melville, Kingsley has once again put in a strong year at fullback. This year also saw Kingsley have the occasional run further forward where his hard hitting shone through as a goal scoring threat. Has the skill to start a new hockey career at half-back or forward if he wanted. Always respected for his leadership and guidance before and during games, Kingsley continues to be a much-valued team and club member. Hope to see you back again next year "Kings".

Peter Oudejans

Peter joined the club during the 7-a-side summer competition and fitted in perfectly. He played mainly as a half-back and his youthfulness and skills were a welcome addition to our team. Peter always encouraged his teammates and was another of the occasional Thursday training squad. Always there for a drink after the game and we are all glad you joined us this season. Hope you will be on board again next season. Thanks for a good year.

Keith Platel

Keith is a very fast right wing and makes many encouraging leads. He works hard back in defence to assist in clearing the ball and moves forward quickly to create opportunities in attack. Keith has set up and scored some fine goals during the season. We missed him when he was away on holidays and when he had the dreaded hamstring strain. Looking forward to playing along side of you in 2010. Another good year.

Mens Veterans Over 55 (contd)

Geoffrey Riley

Geoff has played in most positions on the forward line this year and gives every contest his very best. He seems to have left his major leg injuries in the past but suffered a couple of others in the season due to his tenacity and intensity. Geoff has used his speed to great advantage in this grade and has created a headache to opposition defenders. In recent weeks Geoff has made position on the right post and deflected goals in the last three games. This has helped the team to gain a few wins and draws that we did not achieve last season. The team also appreciates Geoff's wife Mary attending games as our number 1 supporter and keeping those interested informed on how the Dockers are going. Great season Geoff, see you next year.

Tom Rushton

Tom graduated to our team this year and showed us his skills and speed on many occasions. His ability to play in many positions on the field was a great asset to the side. Tom is one of our few players to train (on the field) on thursday evenings and it showed with his fitness and stamina on Saturday's. Always reliable and a strong tackler, he set-up many attacking moves. He regularly brings the support of his family with Ruth & co cheering us on. A pleasure to have you in our team. See you in 2010.

John Smith

There are some things in this world which are consistent, and on which you can rely, one of them is John always playing a good game. John is one of the fittest and most skillful in the team and played in the forward line this season. Constantly where the play is, John is always formulating an attack or bolstering the defence. When goals are scored it's either John that has scored them or he is never far away. It is always a pleasure to play hockey with John who is always supporting and encouraging.

Ron Thomas

Ron is a very strong and reliable fullback. He is a fully committed team member and enjoy's a drink after the game. What Ron lacks in speed is made up for by his reading of the play to intercept on-coming forwards. He then clears the ball with accurate passes to our forwards to create attacking moves. Unfortunately for Ron, his season finished early as his knee couldn't hold out until the end and he had to have an operation. Hope you are back better than ever in 2010. Thanks for a great year.

Robert Walker

Rob was unable to play this year due to a severe knee injury from last year, however as our grade was directed to supply an umpire each week, Rob put his hand up to do this onerous task. Rob may not be a Don Prior but still managed to perform to the best of his ability each week and the team as a whole was most grateful for his effort. Rob also shared managerial duties with Bruce to ensure things ran as smoothly as possible. Hope your body recovers enough for you to re-appear on the field in 2010. Thanks again Rob.

Frank Williams

Frank came to our assistance during the year when we were short of players (as was often the case). He mainly played at centre-half where his ability to create opportunities and set-up play enabled us to be more competitive in hard games. Even though he only played about a third of the season, his contribution was very much appreciated and he was always in the best player category. Thanks for the effort and hope you can play a whole season next year.

Colin Willis

Colin has taken over as team manager and is a stalwart of the team and the club. Equally at home anywhere on the field, his strong tackling and clean clearing hits are a real asset to the team. His one weakness is his one eyed support of the Dockers which means he is missing whenever they have a home game that clashes with hockey. We keep telling him there is more action on the field in our games. Played his 500th club game late in the season. Thanks and see you next year.

Kelvin Woodward

Kelvin played his first season in our team and slotted in perfectly. He played mainly as a halfback and at times the crucial centre half position. Kelvin reads the play well and his strong approach to the game is very intimidating to the opposition. His strong hit clears the ball from defence to our forwards to set up many attacking moves. His young legs were very handy. A very welcome addition to our team. A great season and looking forward to seeing you next year.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank in particular Steve McEntee, Pat Hall, Leo Welton and Wayne Hudson for filling in on a number of occasions and having to play two games on the day. It was very much appreciated.

Girls 11/12 A Reserve

I have really enjoyed coaching the girls this year with the help from our Scottish import Leisa Poole. Sometimes it was hard keeping the girls focused on hockey at training, but on game day they always came together showing great skills and team work. Good team work and respect for each other resulted in good results and great team spirit both on and off the field. I was pleased to see the girls who already play seniors, step up and assist their team mates with skills and knowledge that they have gained. I hope the girls have come away with some new skills and a better understanding of the game. Thank you girls for a great season, and let's hope we can bring the flag home again! A big thanks to Louise for doing a great job as team manager, and to Damon and Ramma for umpiring, it was greatly appreciated. To the girls who helped us out this season, Georgia, Tearne, Renae and Brianna thank you for your support. Coach Vickie Calton

Amy Banasik

A hard worker in defence who can run all day. Her strength on the ball allows her to stop many opposition forward attacks. Remember, two hands Amy! Amy is always supportive to her team mates and keeps on smiling.

Sarah Bowyer

Sarah has great speed, determination and skills leaving a lot of opponents in her wake. She has consistently helped the team score many goals with some great passes into the "D". Over the season her leadership has developed further and is our key "voice" up forward and gives sound advice before and during the game.

Stephanie Dixon

A strong reliable player with a cool head under pressure works well with Amy to control the goal circle however does like the occasional run down the line. She is the "voice" from the back line who encourages and gives positional advice to her team mates. Her leadership was much appreciated. Good luck with your coaching and in seniors next year Steph.

Elyce Joseph

Elyce has good pace and is a good team player who is always positive and appreciates advice and applies it to her game. She has been a bit unlucky this year as she is not afraid to have a shot when in the "D". We missed you when you were not able to play during the season.

Britt MacDonald

A versatile player who is happy to play wherever she is needed, forward or defence, although she prefers playing as a striker and has put away some nice goals. Britt is always willing to give constructive advice at our half-time talks.

Elizabeth Mason

Beth's reliability to be in the correct position as a wing has allowed her team mates to pass effectively and has resulted in many goals. She is not known for her pace but her skills dazzle her opponent as she leaves them behind getting the "ungettable" balls.

Annalise Miller

Annie the "babes" Miller is our reliable determined tagger who always gets in the right position to help our drive forward. She is always happy and quick to lift our spirits whenever someone's down or to give some positive encouragement.

Rebecca Phipps

Another versatile player who has played several positions where she has been needed but also prefers to be striker! Bec has had some good goals, and who can forget that amazing "toma". Goal for next year Bec is to check your fixtures and make sure your tongue piercing is secure!

Chiara Purcell

"C" is always willing to put her body on the line for the team with some amazing saves this season. Chiara is our quiet achiever playing goalie for the 9/10A girls also every weekend and her hard work and commitment has earned her U15 state selection. Well done Chiara.

Denby Russell

Denby is a player who doesn't give up and has fed our strikers with some effective passes into the "D" resulting in short corners and goals. She is a team player who is always positive and encouraging her team mates and also takes on board all advice given to her.

Girls 11/12 A Reserve (contd)

Ashleigh Scarr

Ash is developing into a talented young player who is improving her skills every week. She is learning from her team mates, taking advice and applying it to her game. Ash is our bubbly entertainer and is never afraid to say what she thinks. Ash, “ Is it time to see a chiropractor?”

Megan Silvey

Megs is a strong and consistent player who is developing great leadership both on and off the field. She is the “voice” in the midfield and takes control preventing the opposition’s drive forward and putting our team straight back into attack. Her hard work and commitment has also earned her U16 state selection this year. Well done Megs.

Laura Walkemeyer

Laura has learnt the role of the wing well this year and her good position has resulted in many goals. She always asks many questions and takes all advice with a positive attitude. She is another of our bubbly personalities who is never short of a word and thrives on entertaining us.



Photo by Eron Clarey

Girls 11/12B Gold

The girls have had a successful season and should finish 3rd with a very strong chance at a grand final berth. We secured five players from the 9/10C's to make up our wonderful team; a huge thank you goes to the girls for playing up a grade. The team bonded well but they were unable to secure the necessary wins at the beginning of the season. A shuffle of positions mid season saw the girls score more goals to put the wins on the board. Unfortunately our coach, Kate Campbell was unable to see out the season due to illness but Kate has done a marvelous job with the girls and she is greatly missed. We hope to see you back next season Kate. Graeme Coleman took the reins for the remainder of the season. Let's get that grand final win to show him how it is done; he has never won a grand final. A huge thank you goes to all players, parents and friends for their support and commitment throughout the season. To our umpires, thank you so much and for the suppliers of the ever important lollies and oranges, they have been greatly appreciated. A special thank you also goes to Maddy Brockman, Rachel Harries, Brittany Sims and Rhianna Clay for playing when we needed you.

Lucy Bleechmore

Lucy was new to the club this year. Our country recruit from Boyup Brook was a very welcome addition to the team. She played a great season as inner and gave her all each game. She always ran her heart out and the fitness eventually returned. Great season Lucy.

Brianna Coleman

Brianna has had a strong season as centre half. She shows good leadership qualities and could be seen regularly muscling out the opposition. With her ability to carry the ball and her big hit she was able to place the ball to the forwards resulting in some great team plays. A solid season, well done Brianna.

Shannon De Melo

Shannon has become a great utility player and is always happy to play where needed with great confidence. She has played a strong season out of her age group and puts in 100% effort whenever on the field. Shannon had some critical saves on a couple of occasions to give us the necessary wins. Great work Shannon.

Dionne Flanders

For her second year of hockey and playing up an age group, Dionne's confidence and ability is continually improving. She played mostly at right wing nearly scoring on several occasions. Well done Dionne.

Laura Haddock

Playing out of her age group Laura has had a great season and adapted well to both defensive and forward positions. Although she did disappear for a while on an overseas holiday she came back just as chatty but when on the field she gave her all. Great work Laura.

Sarah King

Sarah played most of the year at inner with great speed and skill catching the opposition unaware and scoring goals when they counted. She worked really well with Shailey and had some great team plays forward. Sarah gets the guernsey as our first team member to drive herself to the game. Good luck in seniors next year Sarah.

Renae Latham

Renae gives her all every game. She is a versatile player who runs and runs and can play both forward and defensive with confidence. She enjoys her hockey and is not afraid to get in there and mix it up with the opposition. Also playing out of her age group she thrived with the challenge. Great season Renae.

Tearne Latham

Our ever reliable pretty in pink goalie. Tearne saved us on so many occasions and we so enjoy your dances. She constantly talks it up and provides great motivation for the team. Watch out all you senior goalies. Great keeping Tearne.

Stephanie Lynch

Stephanie played most of the season as left wing and although not as many goals as last season she could still be relied upon to convert. She had some great runs down the wing and worked well with Lucy and could be seen many a time waiting at the post for her chance to score. Well done Stephanie.

Claudia Morgan

Another team member playing out of her grade. Claudia, our quiet achiever, is so versatile moving from the back line to the forward line whenever needed. She has been a strong and reliable player and has continually improved throughout the season. Great season Claudia.

Shailey Rushton

A change of positions this season saw Shailey shine as centre forward. She really made the position her own and worked so well with Sarah providing many scoring opportunities. A great team player, well done Shailey.

Verity Swift

Always entertaining and always with a story to tell. Verity played a solid season as fullback and stopped many an attacker in their tracks. With a heart of gold, she is a good team member. Great to have you back Verity.

Boys 11/12 A

It has been a pleasure to watch our guys develop as a team this season. They are a good bunch of young men who get on well with each other both on and off the pitch. After a slow start over the first couple of weeks we came back to become one of the powerhouse sides of the competition and a real chance for the title, having beaten 2 of the other 3 finalists in the second half of the season. We have a well balanced side based on a very strong defensive unit. Having a couple of players with senior squad experience has helped the team understand what will be expected at a senior level. This understanding translated to a strong work ethic at training and during matches which has no doubt assisted in our success this year. The younger members of the team will benefit greatly and should be able to carry this on in the same grade next year. The finals will be a really exciting few weeks and we're really looking forward to the boys taking the challenge up to the other teams. It was very satisfying to watch the team develop and come together as well as they have as the season has progressed, so thank you all for your effort and determination. And finally, a big thankyou to all the parents for putting in their valuable time to transport the boys to and from trainings/games and cheer them on from the sidelines. - Richie and Evan

Joshua Clarey (JC, Inner)

Josh has been a dedicated member of the 17 A's throughout the entire season and was a part of our leadership group. I can't remember a training or game where he hasn't been there ready and eager to warm-up and get on the field. JC has some very sharp elimination and ball control skills for his first year of 17's and has used them to great effect in the midfield to set up a lot of our attacking plays. His repeated efforts are a great asset to him (and the team), and are really pleasing to see from the sidelines. I look forward to seeing him use his change of pace to greater effect and become a more damaging player over the next few years, as I'm sure he will. Well done on a great season JC.

Sam Dennis (Halfback)

Sam has been a good player throughout the season and has seen plenty of game time this year. He has a very level head for a young player and is always sizing up the situation before making a decision, which has allowed him to set up many of our attacking moves down either side of the field. A little bit more urgency couldn't go astray though, because a fast pressing opposition will not allow Sam as much time to choose his next move. His defensive game has improved a lot because of his quick hands, and if he can combine that with a bit more toughness, the future looks bright for him. Congratulations on a good season Sam.

Michael Halliday (Striker)

Mike was one another of our strikers who we played in a rotation system. His effort and intensity cannot be questioned, and he is always willing to listen and try to implement what has been said, into his game. But like a lot of players his age, he can get caught up in the speed of the game and rush tackles or passes. Experience is the key to overcoming this, and I am sure that Mike will learn to develop his game where he is able to have a bit more control with his possession. At times throughout the year I have seen glimpses of exceptional skill and I really hope that these will develop over time and allow him to have more involvement and impact on games. Thanks for your continued effort Mike.

Patrick Lawther (Striker/Inner)

Pat is a skilful player who spent most of the season as a striker or inside forward. With the ball in his possession he always looks dangerous. As Pat's work rate develops he will become a very strong midfielder. Congratulations on getting a lot of game time with the WA U16's state team.

Tom Mathwin (Halfback)

Tom spent the first half of the season on the sideline with a fractured elbow but was a strong addition to the backline when he returned. When Tom is on his game he is able to beat most strikers he matches up against. With a reach like a sick dog Tom is a strong tackler who can also distribute the ball effectively to set up attacking plays.

Kemble Ng (Goalkeeper)

Goalkeepers..... They certainly are a breed of their own.....Kemble has assisted in the spread of my grey hairs this season as we watch him fly out of his goals to attack a ball at the edge of the circle. It certainly is heart stopping stuff. The truth of the matter is that Kemble has great reflexes and the ability to make some spectacular saves. As the season has progressed, he has improved out of sight and has kept us in many a close game. With a bit of technical tuition Kemble has the potential to take his goalkeeping to the next level.

David Ogden (Oggy, Captain and Fullback/Centre Half)
Captain courageous! Oggy sets a great example for all who play with him. He is a strong defender who makes good decisions and distributes the ball well. A true leader, Oggy was always running the pre game warm up as well as the Tuesday night sprints before training. David has managed to score several important goals through drag flicks off penalty corners this year with a stick that is surely illegal and can make hitting interesting at times. With a hair style to match that of Jason Akermanis, Oggy is never lost on the field and hopefully we won't lose him to a rival club next year as his contribution to the Melville top squad would be welcomed.

Boys 11/12 A (contd)

Steven Oosterbaan (Halfback/Striker)

The true gentleman of our team. I can't remember the last training session that Steve was late for or missed. His effort and work rate at training is something everyone in the team could learn from and something every coach looks for in a player. Steve made some valuable contributions off the bench this year and his hockey will benefit from being exposed to this level.

Jerome Paz (Halfback/Striker/Inner)

Jerome has been a new edition to Melville this year and has fitted in very quickly with the rest of the team. His flexibility has been a great asset which has allowed him to play in quite a variety of positions and have a big impact on the game. His attacking play has often been excellent and his elimination skills have seen him damage a lot of opposition teams. At times his positional play and defensive presence could be more composed, but I'm sure this will come with more experience because he certainly has the makings of a high-level player. Thanks for the great season Jerome and hopefully you stick with Melville next year to further develop your game.

Sean Ranford (Rama, Inner/Striker)

Sean has proved to be a valuable member of our team this year playing predominantly at inside forward or as a striker. Rama is the only forward I know that is actually fearful of scoring a goal. The easier the shot is, the further it misses by. Rama is however a workhorse who will run himself into the ground every week, just what a coach looks for in a midfielder. Rama was part of our leadership group this season and was always on hand to fire the team up.

Luke Ray (Striker)

Luke was our centre forward for most of the year and has one speed.... Flat out..... Luke can always be relied on to harass opposition fullbacks as they transfer the ball around the back and he forced many a turnover this way. Luke has no fear and this is the way he plays. It was unusual for him to play a full game without coming off injured at some stage. The ice pack was always put to good use.

Blake Sims (Striker)

Blake was the other player (along with Oggy) returning from last year's triumphant A's. His pace and uncanny ability to pull something out of nowhere has baffled many of the opposition and us on the sideline as well. A prime example was his goal against Vic Park when he stole the ball off a defender, eliminated two players and squeezed the ball between the goalie and the post. While his ball control confuses others, it also seems to get the better of himself from time to time. A bit more of a level-head when in possession of the ball will allow him to progress a lot further and focus on getting outcomes up front. Good luck in seniors next year Blake.

Denver Stove (Fullback)

Denver has been our faithful fullback for this season, spending almost the entire time at the back. However this only happened because of his superb defensive instincts and tackling ability. Many times this year he has fended off opposition attacks by his toughness and low-down tackling technique. He also has the ability to eliminate attackers and turn defence into attack thanks to his silky skills. Decision making can sometimes let Denver down with stray passes creeping into his game every now and then. If he can learn to become a bit calmer when he has the ball, he certainly has the potential to become a top class player. Thanks for your effort Denver.

Mark Timmel (Stick, Fullback/Centre Half)

Stick (along with Rama) has come back for another season of 17's due to a late Birthday, and it has seen him become quite a dominant player. His presence on the field rarely goes unmissed, even by the umpires who he quite often has friendly little "chats" with. However, this just shows his commitment to the team and his willingness to get involved in the game. His skills are very well developed, but they can sometimes get him into trouble when he tries to beat half the opposition or 3 players at once. More often than not, he will break tackles and push the team forward into a strong attacking position. Thanks for the effort while also playing a whole season of seniors.

Theresa Lawther (Manager) Theresa has made the job for Richie and myself so much easier thanks to her willingness to come to the games and training each week and chase up the boys for their match fees, fill out the team lists, look after the medical kit, enter game scores and I'm sure many more little jobs that we were unaware of. This meant that we were able to solely focus on coaching the guys and trying to get the best out of their abilities. Thanks again Theresa for the excellent job behind the scenes every week. Meagan Clarey Meagan was a huge help in getting us organised at the start of the season and was responsible for recruiting Theresa. Meagan stepped up admirably as team manager on a couple of occasions while Theresa was away. A massive thanks from all of us. Ross Hall, Nick Tate, Jake Gorman (Fill-in players) I would like to mention these three guys from the U15 A's who filled in for us over a couple of games when asked. They performed extremely well having stepped up a grade and I'm looking forward to see what they can do next year when they come up to the 17's full-time. Fill in coaches Finally, thanks to James Welten, Dave Halliday and Sean's Dad who stepped in to take over the coaching responsibilities for a match each when Richie and myself were unavailable due to playing commitments at the same time.

Boys 11/12B Black

How do you deal with a dozen 17 year old boys? One of life's greatest mysteries. Easy solution, make them run. Suicides, fart legs, laps, sprints. Tire them out so they can't talk back. Well except for Pumba, a brisk walk across the field and back will achieve the same result. The season started off well with 3 back to back wins on the turf only to see our form drop on the grass. The lead into the finals sees us on the back of a win against the top side, Blades, to bump us into 4th.

I must thank my managers Geoff and Tracy Ranford and Rob Golding for the umpiring help throughout the season. The wide range of fill in players was also very helpful, Jake Gorman, Sean, Gavin and finally Aiden who finished the season for us. Then there was Cam, Ash, Jake Coleman, Tom, Matt and Bill Golding. May he burn at Freo.

Aiden

After having ring in keepers for the first 3 weeks of the season, and then picking up Gavin for the next 4 or 5, Aiden came along in a very timely manner as Gav was forced to quit. He fitted straight into the team and kept us in the game on several occasions when the score could have easily been blown out.

Mathias

The first of our fullbacks. Always reliable to make a strong stopping tackle only to send it straight back down the middle. Much coaxing eventually saw both Mathias and Pumba learn to tune my voice out, which was just as well as I was always saying the same thing.

Pumba

The second of our fullbacks. Also capable of a solid stopping tackle, although the other player usually stays stopped. Equally effective is his clearance hit, which is twice as likely to split a pack of players at head height, and 99% predictably down the middle of the field.

Mark

The ever reliable right half, not only able to tackle well, but seemingly able to run all day. As is almost a pre-requisite for a right half, he is more than happy to overlap and carry the ball forward, scoring the first goal of the season on a run from the half line while riding a dozen bumps. These were not the last hits either. Mark seemed to get hit at least once a week, more than anyone I've ever known.

Liam

The opposite flank. Slid into left half from left wing in the first game of the season like a hot knife through butter. Stopping many a fast breaking right wing, and he was good at what he did! Until, like most left halves, he said he wanted to play up front. Lucky for him it happened to be the week Tom the half back rolled up, making it a very easy decision.

Harry

Half a game at left half is enough to make anyone want to run in the forward line, and that's all it took for Harry. Your best bet is to stay up there as much as possible. You don't want to end up like your uncle, Andrew the statue.

Andrew

Centre half extraordinaire. The centre outlet and playmaker of the team. Andrew had a great start to the season, dominating the centre with strength and composure until an ill-fated hand injury ended his season with only a few games left.

Inti

Inside forward, centre half, ping pong champion!!! Inti spent more time training for the pong nationals, to be held in November, than training for hockey. Not that it showed.

Nick

Speed plus a good drag make for a good centre forward, although it's sometimes strange to see a centre forward in the back line but Nick is no stranger to a bit of back tackling. Sometimes a lot of back tackling. Charismatic and loud on the field, it's not hard to get him fired up for a game.

Mat

The quieter side of the team. Countless times appearing as if from nowhere to make a tackle, silent like a ninja from the shadows. Mat never seemed to run out of legs, his turn would come to sub and he wouldn't even seem to be breathing heavily.

Jack

The super sub. Jack started most of the games this season on the bench with out complaint. He would then flow through most of the front 5 positions seamlessly. An effective utility player who improved dramatically throughout the season.

Ben

If Mat was the quiet one, Ben was the loud one. Did you see that toma. That one almost went in. Jim, can we just play a game. How could you not see that goal. Your lucky speed was on your side! It's a shame Bill went to Freo, he would have made a great right wing.

Girls 9/10A

It has, once again, been a privilege to be involved with this group of girls. They have displayed excellent skills and great courage throughout the season which resulted in this team qualifying for finals by being placed in the top three of the competition. At training and in games they showed great sportsmanship and encouragement of their team mates, coaches, managers, officials and opponents. All parents should be very proud of their daughters in the way they have represented themselves and the Club. The future looks bright for the Club when we have so many talented young players which include Briony, Chiara and Kaitlin in the U15 State Team. We had 7 representatives in the South Metro Regional Team which won the championship in July and 5 chosen for HockeyWA Level 2 talent squad. Special thanks to Sue Clark who provided invaluable input to our team structures and overall education for the girls with skills development, positioning and what it means to represent Melville. A big thank you to Di Menegola for her managerial role which involved many tasks such as umpire and player coordinator, nurse and treasurer. Thanks also to the girls that filled in during the year, Aimee, Rhianna, Ash, Kathryn, Janelle, Grace and Maddy. See you all next year.

India Brockman (Vice Captain)

Regional Selection. Indi achieved a great deal this year being our vice captain, making regional selection, playing 2A women and dyeing her hair pink. The pink hair was certainly an inspiration as was her ability to general our defence and repel the opposition attacks. Needs to take her humour to the next level.

Briony Clark (Captain)

State U15 Selection, Regional Selection, Captain. Briony lead the team by example. Never giving up, always encouraging and displaying excellent skills. Our only problem we had with Briony was losing her in a crowd - no we're not suggesting it was a height thing. We all look forward to seeing you develop from one of the best in your age group, to the best.

Madeleine Harper

1st Yr 9/10A. Well done on a consistent year. Always improved on a weekly basis. Maddy has tremendous work rate and courage, and she shed blood for the team by stopping the ball with her lip. Keen to learn and always encouraging to her team mates.

Josephine Mark

1st Yr 9/10A, Regional Selection, Hockey WA Talent Squad. Josie (at the time of writing) is the leading goal scorer in our competition. Fantastic first year at this level, however picked up a few injuries which didn't allow full training. The best striker inside the 23m area in the competition but will need to work on other aspects of her game to stay involved in play, between scoring goals. We hope you enjoyed your hockey this year and look forward to your development.

Georgia Mason

1st Yr 9/10A. Georgia was our tackling machine. The opposition knew there was no easy passage through her defence. Georgia is generally a quiet person but when she talks, she talks loud and long. A great year and improved every week.

Holly Menegola

Vice Captain. Holly was one of our vice captains and proved to have excellent leadership skills. We placed Holly in a position which would challenge her to produce consistent hockey. Holly can be very proud of the way she has met the challenge and taking her game to another level by working hard on her basic skills. Well done.

Kaitlin Passmore

State U15 Selection, Regional Selection. Kaitlin as "normal" has battled with several injuries this year but always pushed through the pain barrier and worked extremely hard. A memorable moment was Kaitlin tripping over the dividing net on the turf during a warm up lap. This explains a lot. Achieved a lot this year and proved to be an elite player.

Chiara Purcell

1st Yr 9/10A, Regional Selection, State U15 Selection, a key component in our team having least goals scored against (at time of writing) adds up to a very successful year. Chiara has a great love for the game, and the team and Club are very proud to have you as our goal keeper, "the most important position on the field".

Amelia Scalise

1st Yr 9/10A and proved to be a valuable member of our team. Our ball girl Olivia is devastated that the season is ending for she will miss Amelia's company at training. Played a variety of roles and showed excellent skills in ball control and reading of game.

Kirsten Silvey

1st Yr 9/10A, Regional Selection and Hockey WA Talent Squad. Kirsty provided flexibility through the half line and defended strongly. By year end we were achieving more attacks through her speed and skills. Put up with a grumpy, grey hair man all year but most importantly she loved being around her team mates who provided great camaraderie.

Girls 9/10A

Ebony Stove

1st Yr 9/10A and should look forward to next year where we expect big things. Eb showed great goal sense and excellent ball control throughout the year and looked a natural striker. Easy to coach and learns quickly, even better, has a great sense of humour.

Louise Watson

Regional Selection. Louise has been our Miss Versatile this year offering our team great flexibility. A pleasure to coach as always. We ask a lot from Louise and in return she gives her all on every occasion. Well done achieving selection in regionals and taking your game to the next level.

Miriam Williams

1st Yr 9/10A after missing last year with a broken arm. Mim is a running machine and displayed excellent skills. At times plays the game with one hand, not our choice, but a habit we would like to see broken. A pleasure to have in the team giving valuable encouragement and composure in the midfield or making breaks as a striker.

Steve Silvey (Coach)

Lucky Steve's hair was already grey at the start of the year! The team and individual successes can be directly related to Steve's transfer of hockey skills, knowledge and passion. He is an exceptional coach. His experience and the professional way he looks after our daughters is greatly appreciated by all the parents.



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Girls 9/10A Reserve

From the coach: It's been a difficult season for the team as we were often short of players due to sickness and injury. However, we made it through the season and although we didn't reach our full potential there were certainly some highlights. A number of individual players improved greatly throughout the season and some showed they have the ability and attitude to press for selection in the A team next year. I look forward to seeing this group of girls continue to develop individually and as a team. I would like to say a big thanks to the managers, Nola and Simone for the effort they have put in and the support they have given me throughout the season.

Jess McGregor

Meg Banasik (Left wing)

Meg is a great runner who will always work hard for the full 70 minutes. This running ability makes her well suited to play wing. Meg played the full season in the one position so that she could develop as a player and make the position her own. This benefitted her greatly as she concentrated on her role in the team, took on any advice given, always gave 100% and as a result greatly improved from the start to the end of the season. Strength: Run and effort Work on: hitting and ball control.

Madelaine Brockman (Full back/Centre half)

Maddy has improved her game every week this season. After starting the season in fullback, her potential as a great distributor of the ball was recognised and we moved her up the field to centre half. She has flourished in this role by controlling the game, setting up attacks and providing great defence all over the field. It would be great to see Maddy to step up another level next year as she has the potential to develop into a very important player for the club. Strength: Always gives 2nd and 3rd efforts. Work on: drive ball into the circle.

Rhianna Clay (Inner)

Rhianna had a great season in the A Reserves and as a result found herself often being called up to play with the A team. Rhianna is always ready to take on advice and put it into action on the field. A lot of other girls can learn from this, as her readiness to improve is why she becomes a better player week after week. Rhianna has excellent stick skills and can be relied upon to run the ball through the midfield and set up our attack on the circle. Strength: Eliminating defenders with great stickwork and passes. Work on: Vision when running with the ball and hitting at goals.

Nicola Cook (Anywhere)

Nicola was the flexible player in our team who we know would do a good job on whatever position she played. Nicola spent some time at fullback, centrehalf, left half, inner and wing, (basically every position on the field). No matter where she played she always showed a great tackling ability and good stickwork. Strength: versatility Work on: hitting & running hard for the whole game.

Emily Duffield (Goalie)

Emily is a talented goalie who saved the team a number of times throughout the season. When she was focussed, Emily provided good direction for the defenders by calling their lines and providing encouragement. Emily can make great saves under pressure and her efforts have been much appreciated by her teammates. Strength: saves under pressure. Work on: concentration and basics.

Tiarna Eaton (Half back)

Tiarna played some excellent games this season. When Tiarna plays really well she can dominate the game and lift the whole team. She is great defensively and always finds good attacking options. Tiarna has a strong hit, a great tackle and always marks her player well. Tiarna has a lot of potential that she is capable of harnessing in the next few years. Strength: excellent defensive ability Work on: consistency

Siobhan Inglis (wing/right half)

Siobhan has had a tough season with injuries however has still contributed to the team in a great way. She played most of the season at wing where she showed strength over the ball. Late in the season she moved to right half where she had a profound influence on the game. Siobhan should continue to recognise her versatility as a hockey player and further develop her defensive skills. Strength: on field leadership Work on: moving the ball quicker

Sophie Joyce (Right half/inner)

This was Sophie's first season at the club and we were very pleased to have gained such a strong player. Sophie always puts in a huge effort, running hard, setting up team mates and providing cover defence. Sophie always set up numerous attacks by driving hard down the right side and hitting the ball hard through to our strikers. It would be great to see Sophie back again next year to continue to show us what a strong player she is. Strength: Aggression Work on: tackling

Girls 9/10A Reserve

Brittany Sims (Defender)

Britt was always ready to do the job for the team in the backline. She often put on great flat stick tackles which stopped the opposition's attack. Britt's passing and positioning improved throughout the season. If Britt can continue this improvement into next season she has the potential to become a very solid defender. Strength: flat stick tackle Work on: hitting and choosing the best passing options.

Natalie Smith (Inner)

Natalie was our Scottish recruit who unfortunately had to go back home halfway through the season. This was a terrible loss to the team as she was our most aggressive player. Nat was always willing to give everything a go and attack every ball she was near. This aggression and drive in the forward line was sorely missed for the second half of the season. Strength: aggression Work on: stick skills/ ball control

Kelly St-Clair (centre forward)

When Kelly wants to she can be the best player on the field. She has great stickwork and always seems to be able to find the goals. If Kelly could focus on her game and use her ability in games she is capable of being one of Melville's strongest juniors. Strength: goal shooting Work on: positive attitude

Georgia Wade (forward)

Georgia has been the big improver in the team. She got better with every game and her game improved hugely after her time at the Bunbury carnival. Georgia is a great runner who this season has developed all aspects of her game particularly passing, tackling and positioning. Georgia is always positive on and off the field which makes her a pleasure to coach. She is certainly a player to watch next year as she is capable of becoming a crucial player in the team. Strength: always gives 100% Work on: hitting and stronger passing.

Thanks There were many weeks that the 9/10 A reserve team would not have been able to field a team if it weren't for our fill ins. A huge thankyou to players and their families from both the 13 A girls team and the 15 C team. The girls who filled in always came with a positive attitude and gave it their best.



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Girls 9/10C

What a great season girls! We just missed out on finals on goal difference and we beat the top two teams at the business end of the season, well done! For coaching my first team ever, I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls. It took us a while to finally get our full team together and I thank Graeme and Sue for their assistance. Even when we played with only 9 players early in the season, the girls stuck it out win or lose. There was an instant rapport, and team spirit developed quickly amongst the girls. They listened and took on board all advice that was given and it has been a pleasure watching the girls grow and develop their skills and game knowledge every week. I am immensely proud of them for their commitment and passion to the team and their enthusiasm to learn about hockey. Thank you girls for rotating through the goalie position and I seem to have some talented young goalies amongst you. For all the girls that filled in during the season to help us out, thank you! Thanks also to Annette Scholten for assisting me by coaching when I was playing and umpiring and Sue Tormay and my parents for team managing and umpiring as well. Lastly, my sincere thanks to the parents for their friendship and support this season. Coach Stephanie Dixon

Jessica Baker

Jessica is a reliable fullback who with her strong hits consistently clears balls out of the 'D' and stays calm under pressure situations. It was good to have you back after a niggling injury at the end of the season. Jessica always listens to advice and applies this to her game.

Dallas Campbell

A fast player who can run all day and never gives up until she has possession of the ball. Dallas holds her position well and feeds the ball out wide, and with good passing, feeds the ball into the 'D' to create opportunities for the forwards. Dallas is our reverse stick queen - keep up your effort at strengthening your flat stick.

Asha Davidson

Asha is one of our first timers to the game of hockey and I am very glad to have her in the team. With her athletic ability and strength she fitted into left half really well stopping forward attacks and passed many good balls down the line and to our forwards and into the 'D'.

Taylah Holsgrove

Taylah is a strong player who works well in the forward line especially as an inner and with her stick skills creates many dominating passes. When in the 'D' she always positions herself well, ready for the pass or rebound.

Nicole Massey

Caitlin's look-a-like twin. Another of our first timers and we are glad to have your natural athletic ability on the field. Nikki has come a long way and it has been a pleasure to watch her learn and develop her skills and knowledge of the game. She has produced some really good goals due to her position and skills.

Amanda Mitchell

Amanda is a versatile player with her strength as fullback. She tackles hard, clears many balls out of attack and intercepts with her ability to read the play. She also likes to go for a run forward and feeds our forwards, and with her speed is able to get back quickly. Amanda is one of our developing goalies and after her amazing game against the top team, WOW! Think about it for next season Amanda.

Fallon Ogilvy

Fallon has wonderful commitment to the team and applies herself 100% at training and the games. She has developed her skills and knowledge of the game immensely with her curiosity about skill and game plays at training. Fallon is a strong player who is always determined to get the ball and with her passing and skills has driven our attack forward as inner and with her speed is quickly back to defend.

Frieda Scholten

Aka Froggy, Freddy, Froddy, Frog and a name that is a mix of all of the above. The bubbliest personality who loves technology and is always intrigued by the latest phones. As a player Frieda with her speed, passing and good tackling ability never gives up and always runs to the ball, to get there first and take control. She is a versatile player that can play both full and half back well. Although one day I'll get you to have a run up forward.

Caitlin Toogood

New to field hockey this season, Caitlin is a versatile who can play anywhere! She has real passion for hockey and never gives up in a contest. Caitlin has worked well as centre half and inner to open up the game with her passing, communication of positional plays and developing knowledge of the game. She is a natural leader who has always provided encouragement and support to girls throughout the season. Also, Nikki's look-a-like twin.

Girls 9/10C (contd)

Ellen Tormay

Our quiet achiever always so calm and cool under pressure especially in our defensive 'D' but also our 'pocket rocket.' Ellen never gives up and when she has that ball on her stick it is hard for any opposition to take it off her. Her confidence has grown this season with her greatly improved tackling and passing skills.

Ella White

Another newcomer to the team and hockey, Ella with her bubbly personality just fit straight into the team. Ella is building up her skills every week and it is always enjoyable to watch her run down the line and place many balls into the 'D' which has helped produce many goals. She always asks questions, takes advice and applies it to her game.



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Boys 9/10A

Luke Antoncich

Luke started the season a bit slow - may have been due to the number of colds that he had! However the second half of the year we saw a completely different player - one that I always knew existed within Luke. A tenacious, particular and smart defender who I think only missed about three or four tackles for the rest of the year. Luke you are very good at listening to coaches and applying the skills required in order to become a better player. Whilst you are still growing, continue to learn and work on basic skills - this will set you in good stead to participate in higher levels of hockey which I know you will do.

William Beddoes

Will found his place in the team half way through the season at left half. His continued improvement on tackling and feeding the midfield the ball when out letting from defence secured him a consistent starting position. Will need to work on your head space to ensure that you are focused and aware of the game around you for 70 minutes. I am sure this will come with age and determination to become a top squad player. You are naturally athletic so everything is going the right way for you.

Timothy Geers

Tim, you were at times your own worst enemy in 2009. You are a very polite, conscientious and diligent person who at all times has the upmost respect for your coach(s) and a real passion to play and perform in the game of hockey. However, you need to control your emotions. By this, if you become frustrated with umpires, your own performance, or the performance of the team - you need to discover ways/avenues/options of challenging that frustration and turning it into positive outcomes. Until you learn how to do this - your hockey will progress no further. Your skills and knowledge of the game is operating above all other players your age and I know you have the intellectual capacity to grow that, which is even more exciting. Work on the above and continue to develop execution of your basic skills especially under pressure. I was very impressed with the way you played over the last four (4) weeks of the season. It showed me that you do can do all of what I have addressed above.

Jake Gorman

Jake had a fantastic season in 2009. His confidence of clearing the ball under pressure became a key part of his game and the saving grace of our defence. Jake you need to work on your communication - remember the defensive circle belongs to you and if you can organise the defenders adequately so that the ball doesn't even enter into your D - you have done a great job.

Shaun Gibbins

Sean was another of the new younger players in 2009 who learnt a lot about taking his game to the next level. Sean demonstrated his strength on the right side of the field playing right half and right wing for the majority of the season. Sean you make fantastic position in order to receive the ball. The next stage for you now is doing something amazing with the ball once you get it - on a consistent basis. Remember, don't think of anything beyond the immediate execution of the skill you are required to perform. In other words, don't think about scoring the goal before you actually make the trap or the deflection as this often distracts you from making the trap which is the first stage! I look forward to taking your game to the next level in 2010.

Ross Hall

Ross, your passion for playing hockey at MCHC was evident in nearly every match this year when you pulled on the maroon jersey. Your leadership in this regards was outstanding and something that all MCHC members (young and old) should aspire to hold. There is no doubt that your commitment to your personal fitness in 2009 resulted in you being able to work as hard as you did in games for the entire season. You provided positive comments to your fellow team mates on and off the field which was great to see. You do need to develop some variation in your elimination skills. Further, you need to work on your receiving skills under pressure - particularly when assisting defenders to outlet from defence. A fantastic year Ross of consistent hockey and I could always rely on you for a similar game week in week out. I have no doubt that this type of positive attitude, personal discipline and commitment will ensure you represent at the most elite level in this sport.

Cahill Hunt

Cahill has another year in the 15As. This year you got a taste of what is required and demanded of you in order to compete in Perth's (if not WA's) premier U15 competition. I am very pleased with the progress you made this year regarding understanding the level of commitment required, the fitness, work and execution of basic skills at a fast level. 2010 presents even greater challenges to you, going from being a "good" U15 player to an "excellent" U15 player. I have no doubt you will accomplish this. Keep working on your running technique over the summer to become faster and look at performing your silky skills at a quicker pace with addition of body deception.

Boys 9/10A (contd)

Josh Kader

All the way from KwaZulu-Natal South Africa, Josh caught our eye in the very first 15A trial. At the start of the season Josh had a number of areas of his game to improve on. However he has not disappointed us one bit with his commitment to improve and ability to learn. Josh you have the great ability of being able to listen to coaches instructions and then implement. This is something which is going to be of great benefit to you as you strive to play higher levels of hockey.

Conor MacDonald

Conor, I have been particularly impressed with your development in 2009. Especially the last six (6) games of the season you have become a dynamic and exciting forward who provides the midfield a real target up forward. You have some really uncanny skills and tackling approaches on the field which works for you in two respects: they are unique and secondly defenders don't know what to do. There are two main things you need to work on to go to the next level: firstly, practice your leading to, that you can always receive the ball in front of your defender and either "turn and burn" him or make a solid trap and pass to midfield and provide a secondary lead. Secondly, you need to work on your goal shooting technique and slamming the goals away! I believe you have a HUGE amount of untapped potential ready to be released and when this happens you will dominate hockey matches and thoroughly enjoy the game more. Have patience, work hard and remain committed to a game that you can be exceptionally good at!

Samuel Mazzer

Maz I think consistency in your performance is the key objective you need to work on. It was evident that some days you came to the match with the mindset of "I am not going to play well today". This negative mindset ultimately resulted in you playing poorly. Other games you dominated matches simply by focusing on your major strengths and executing them. Those strengths being: smart channelling of attackers, knowing when to make a flat stick tackle, general toughness over the ball ensuring that if there is a 50/50 contest you come out with the ball and your penetrating slap shots and hits into attack. I think you have come leaps and bounds this year as a player and with some hard work over the summer (maybe playing indoor?) your game can go completely to the next level. It requires a real commitment from you Maz and I know you have the interest and determination to do that. Your performance at Regional's this year was the highlight of the season. Well done.

Scott Nelson

Scott you have enormous potential as a developing player. You can pick up skills very quickly and then implement them to become an effective part of your game. Similar to other players in our team this year, you have a number of years to refine your basic skills and absorb knowledge of the game, whilst you grow. See this as a real advantage over those kids who have already grown and who are relying on brute strength to dominate games. Because I can assure you, that when you are 21-23 - you will be the better player pushing for selections in elite teams. You are a very diligent listener to coach's instructions, however you get a little excited sometimes when you go onto the pitch and you forget what you have been told. Work really hard on implementing the coach's instructions on the pitch "in the heat of the battle". I look forward to you being an "excellent" player in 2010.

Nicholas Tate

Nick, I have been so impressed with your attitude and performance this season. I will always be your biggest advocate in this respect. I am particularly impressed with your development as a strike forward. You have a natural ability of knowing where the goals are and how to score them. This is something of envy to ALL hockey players. Whilst you had a fantastic season and dominated the forward line - there are a number of things you need to work on to ensure that you continue to dominate games beyond the U15 level. First, continue to develop on a variety of receiving and elimination skills. Second, learn and implement into your games different leads to receive the ball. And finally, work on your speed or change of speed when eliminating defenders. If you can work on these three (3) key objectives - you are going to excel through the hockey ranks.

Ryan Vickery

Ryan you really need to work on the consistency of your performance. At times you can win a game off your own stick by working hard to tackle back, leading to receive the ball, demanding that you have the ball, scoring amazing goals and setting up beautiful plays. However, you can also completely "fade out" of the match. You are one of Melville's most exciting talents. However, I have not seen that on a regular basis in 2009 which has disappointed me. Please work very hard over the summer to grasp an understanding of how to consistently be involved in the game and make positive impacts for over 70 minutes. I really want you to dominate the competition in 2010.

Boys 9/10B

The 9/10B Boys team had a reasonably successful season in 2009. After starting the season in the 9/10 A Reserve grade, the club made the wise decision to move our team to the 9/10B division where we were better matched to other teams in the competition. Unfortunately, losses in a couple of key games cost us the opportunity to play in the finals. However, the boys should be proud of their overall effort and skill improvement over the course of the season particularly in our attacking zone. A big thank-you to Wendy Hudson, our team manager, and Daymon Joseph, my fellow coach, for their invaluable help and assistance throughout the season.

Callum Ashby

great consistent work in the forward line. Improved considerably in the second half of the season and unlucky not to knock a few more in the back of the net.

Graeme Baxter

the full-back who became a forward! I wish I'd used you on the forward line right from the start of the season. We'll just have to find a way to stop you from being injured or getting sick!

Aden Bocking

when the going gets tough, the tough get going. Not too many opponents got past you, and those that did, you seemed to catch (miracles do happen). Your hitting and ball movement out of defence were terrific, well done mate.

Christopher Evans

our other rock in the back line. Great season Chris, you did some very good work at controlling the ball out of defence without panicking. Great on-field leadership too as captain, well done.

Brent Gauci

displayed good work on the wings and looked menacing when he gained possession of the ball. Unfortunate to miss several games in the second half of the season due to injury. A great contributor to the overall team.

Jack Hallam

Mr Tomahawk! After starting the season as a half-back, Jack showed great promise as a wing and at centre-forward. He helped add an extra spark in our attacking zone, great work!

Adam Hudson

the left half who wanted to be a forward, but found his niche at centre-half! You surprised everyone late in the season by providing the team with the missing link we needed in the centre. A very sound and dependable player, well done.

Ben Joseph

great work with the pads. I now know why you were pretty relaxed at training, so you could save your best efforts for the games (which you did)! Some of your best efforts were in our toughest games. Keep up the good work for next year.

Joshua Knuiman

our part-time player who always put in a full-time effort. Josh helped our team on many occasions throughout the season and gave us an extra dimension on the forward line. Good work Josh.

Kieran Ogilvy

always put in a solid effort and was very effective at covering his opponent. Seldom did Kieren come off the field not having put in 100%. Great work across the half-back line during the latter part of the season.

Justin Pierluigi

our other part-time player who was the go-to man on the right wing and set up and scored many of our goals. We just need to work on your communication..... semaphore works well in the navy but not on the hockey field! Well done Justin.

Brodie Wilkinson

our fast-forward forward.... sometimes he goes so fast I don't think he can control himself! Great work at setting up many sautés into attack and moving the ball quickly. Well done on a challenging season for you.

Fill-ins – many thanks to the fill-ins we had from the 7/8 age group and the 9/10C teams, but particularly to Julian Bocking who was simply told to play for his older brother's team whether he wanted to or not! Good work to all of you, and thanks.

Boys 9/10C Black

Although we did not make the finals, this year has been very successful for the team. The beginning of the season was characterised, as in previous years, by a shortage of players due to illness and injury, necessitating double ups from younger grades. We played our first 6 games with double ups and no subs. Sincere and appreciative thanks go to Andrew Metcalfe, Chris Deacon, Jacob Campbell, Luke Hobley and Thomas Mansfield for filling in for us, their contributions were strong and effective in trying circumstances. Despite this start, the boys worked hard, developed their skills, fitness and application, and became true team players. Their sportsmanship was exemplary, and all other clubs commented on how enjoyable it was to play against Melville. Throughout the season, the team showed on many occasions their true potential, pushing all the finals sides to their limit, including some resounding victories. They are a great group of boys who have fine personal characteristics and they were a pleasure to coach. Their parents and the club should be very proud of them. Thanks to all the parents for their vocal support at all of the matches and their half time treats. Special thanks to Terri Dival for managing the team (and me) and for her assistance (and yelling) with training and at the games. Thanks also to our umpires, Tim Deacon for most of the season, and also Jordan Hunt at the beginning. You should be proud of the job you did, there were many glowing comments from the opposition coaches and parents. You have represented the Club extremely well. It has been great seeing all players developing their individual and team skills throughout the season. They are a terrific bunch of boys and I have enjoyed coaching them this year. I wish them every success with their hockey in the future.

Aiden Bedford

A rock-solid full back who took great pride in stopping any balls that came his way. A feature of Aiden's game is his powerful clearances from defence, often rebounding the ball back into attack. He always remains calm under pressure and works well with the other full back.

Lucas Dival - Young

Lucas played right wing / right inner. Lucas often used his blistering speed to chase down balls or get past the opposition, either crossing the ball to a better positioned team mate or having a crack at goal himself. His runs with the ball down the full length of the field were exciting to watch. He has been rewarded as the second highest scorer for the team.

Lachlan Dymond

Lachie was showing great promise as our left inner when he decided to repeat last year's mid-season break by fracturing his clavicle again. He showed great courage in only missing three games before returning to a team that desperately missed his attacking skills. He worked well in our forward line to set up effective attacks and several goals.

Joshua Knuiman

A well-deserved Fairest & Best, Josh played between half back and full back as well as occasional stints up forward. Josh could always be counted on to leave everything on the field and his reliability in defending through his strong tackling skills, saved the team many times. Josh's on-field leadership gave great direction and he was always encouraging to other players.

Sam Lee

Sam switched with Josh between full back and half back. Sam is one of the most reliable players in the team. He always trains hard and plays hard. Sam has excellent chasing, tackling and ball handling skills and his second efforts (3rd, 4th ...) were a fine example to his team mates. These qualities have resulted in Sam receiving the Coach's Award. He is a pleasure to have in the team.

Alex Lynch

An outstanding goalie, who we are lucky to have in our team. Alex repelled numerous attacks with strong pad and glove work. A highlight of Alex's game is his direction and control of the defenders and his constructive contributions at half time. Opposing teams and umpires often commented on his strong game play and he will be greatly missed next year as he moves up into an older year group.

Sean Mansfield

Sean started the season at right half, playing a vital role in delivering the ball from defence into attack. It became apparent his speed was an asset better utilised at right wing. Sean is an unbelievably hard worker at training and in the game. He covers a huge amount of ground. His game is characterised by his lightning runs down the wing with some beautiful crosses to the other forwards.

Thomas Meyer

Thomas played left wing and left inner. He covered a lot of ground as he supported defence and then responded to drive up through the field in attack. He combined well with the other forwards and was always in good position to assist with the ball movement. Through the season he became more confident to back himself with some dazzling solo efforts down the wing. His on-field talking was always positive.

Boys 9/10C Black (contd)

Justin Pierluigi

Justin has had an outstanding season at centre forward, finishing as our highest scorer with a phenomenal 19 goals. His on-field positioning, attacking, ball control and desperation led to numerous attempts on goal and resulted in some thrilling goals. Justin's calling can be heard the length of the field, directing play and setting up attacks.

Kieran Smyth

Kieran is an outstanding team player who is prepared to work to capacity at training and in games. As left half, he was consistent and reliable in repelling attacks. He could often be seen sprinting hard to assist our full backs and was, at times, our last line of defence stopping the ball in the goal mouth. Kieran had some exceptional games throughout the season showing great tenacity and excellent ball skills. Kieran will be greatly missed next year as he moves up into an older year group.

Blake Thompson

Blake showed very good ball skills as left half and left wing. He trained hard and responded to coaching instructions without complaint. He had some great runs down left wing, often penetrating the D, resulting in some valuable goals for the team. He worked hard to assist defensively and also in setting up attack. We wish Blake well next year as he moves up into an older year group.

Lloyd, Jono

Jono answered his desperate friends' call to join the team, having never picked up a hockey stick in his life. He has shown enormous application and desire and immediately was good enough to play and earn votes. Jono never gave up and at times was the only player still trying to put pressure on the ball. He works hard at training and it's clear that he spends his own time developing his skills. He is a pleasure to coach and I hope he continues in the game.



Boys 9/10C Gold

A great effort by all the team who performed consistently throughout the season and only just missed out on a berth in the finals!

Shaquille Blackley

Shaquille is a good attacker who is always on the ball and tackles well. A good hitter, Shaquille was also up there as one of our leading goal scorers for the season.

Josh Clements

Josh has developed into a reliable full back who defended well and effectively distributed the ball, setting up many counter attacks for the team. Josh has been a consistent defender. He has also helped out in goals when needed. Josh's strong hitting and tackling were a great asset to the team.

Jake Culverwell

Jake joined after the season had started when the other Jake (Nelson) broke his arm. For someone new to the game and a late recruit to the team, Jake played some good hockey. It has been pleasing to see him improve and develop his overall skills and we all look forward to seeing him develop further next season.

Kieran Hill

Kieran is a great runner and is always there to back up. He had a fantastic first year and was always reliable and supportive to his team-mates wherever he played. His hard running and solid defence was an asset to the team.

Luke Hobley

Luke has continued to grow as a player and is one of the team's consistent performers. He is also another of the team's good runners and attacks the ball well. Excellent season Luke!

Jordan Holsgrove

Like many of the others, Jordan met his teammates for the first time just before the first game of the season. He had never even picked up a hockey stick before that first game, but fancied giving hockey a go. Jordan picked up the game quickly and showed great commitment to the team. He played mostly as a forward and ended up being our leading goal scorer.

Aaron Kabay

Aaron was a great team player. He defended and attacked well and was consistent all season. He was also always prepared to step up to whatever task was asked of him and performed well as goalie on more than one occasion.

Campbell Love

After missing the first game of the season due to injury, Cam returned as a big hitting, dependable and solid attacking centre half, always distributing the ball well to the benefit of his team. A strong, capable and reliable player Cam scored a number of the team's goals this season and helped set up many more. Cam's wish was for more games for his team on the turf.

Jake Nelson

Jake started the season really well and scored 3 goals in Round 2. Unfortunately during Round 4 he fell and broke his arm and it looked like we'd lost him for the season. Not wanting to let this stop him, Jake showed commitment to the team by continuing to support them at games and by stepping in as backup umpire. Round 11 saw him return to the field both arms waving eager to get back amongst the action.

Jai Price

Jai is one of the teams most improved players and is starting to develop some good hockey skills. He listens well and whenever given the opportunity plays the ball well.

Joel Scott

Joel is not afraid to get in there and mix it up with the opposition. He always goes hard and played consistently throughout the season.

Jarred Sourdin

Jarred was another one of our consistent performers throughout the season and is a valuable member of the team

Praful Vadolia

Another first year player, Praful really enjoyed playing and has developed some good hockey skills. Mostly playing wing, Praful demonstrated good positioning and a willingness to do the running required. His highlight I'm sure was the goal he scored against Dale. We are all looking forward to watching Praful's further development as a player next year.

Girls 7/8A

As coach of these girls, I've been in a privileged position. It's not often that you get to deal with such a cohesive group and I include the parents here. We've enjoyed success through the season and still maintained the niceties of our sport on and off the field which has set off our club in the best possible light. Melville is a club on the rise. Many thanks, again, to Deane who's done a magnificent job helping out during training sessions. Sue Clark and Don Miller were also a bonus at training – the girls will eventually realise how lucky they were. Thanks to Monica for all the managerial work that she put in and to Kyle McNess for his excellent umpiring. It has been a wonderful experience being involved with such a fabulous group. Thank you one, thank you all.

Grace Bowyer

Predominantly a forward in the first half of the season, Grace found her niche at right half in the second. Her defensive work was first rate but it was her link to our attack that proved to be the great bonus to the team. Grace's new found skill of injecting the ball at penalty corners was also a great asset to the team.

A fantastic year.

Gina Boylan

Not even cracked ribs could stop Gina from putting on the shin pads during the middle of the season. She was a terrific example to us all. Again, Gina's versatility gave us the flexibility that we needed with a squad of only twelve. We loved to see her one handed runs down the left wing. More so, we cheered when she learnt how to create havoc in the opposition D.

Tanisha Chellew

She proved to be very patient and understanding as we had several games where she had little to do. Tanisha's willingness to leave her goal and attack opposition forwards was the hallmark of her goalkeeping style. Quick on her feet, she combined with her fellow defenders to set up the stingiest defence in the competition.

Aimee Clark

The most valuable player in the J 7/8 A grade. Aimee's outstanding attacking and defensive skills kept her in the thick of every game for almost every minute. In addition, she was also pivotal in our attacking and defensive corner setups and provided true leadership and was a terrific captain. Magnificent.

Manon Gebauer

Our left winger, Manon's best work was done around the opposition goalkeeper's pads and left post. Her knack of knocking in the half chances gave us the three points up for a game on several occasions. Manon's contribution to this team's success should not be underestimated.

Rachel Harrup

One of the premier right wingers in the comp, Rachel's moves down our right side tore holes in every defence and always set up goal scoring chances for the team. She will terrorize oppositions when she capitalises on her abilities and becomes a consistent scorer herself.

Serena Matthews

Serena took some time to realise that she had the ability to be a quality player at this level. She took over the left half position and made it her own. She read the play well and was a terrific interceptor of opposition passes. Serena also had the ability to link with our forwards and provided an extra avenue into attack. A breakthrough year.

Ashleigh McNess

Ash has remodelled herself as an all rounder: from being a full back, she has played across half back and also as an inner. Where-ever she played, though, Ashleigh always gave 100%. Her scorching shots on goal put the fear of God into the opposition and made us feel just that little bit taller - great to have on your side.

Janelle Miller

We, and Melville, struck the jackpot when the Miller girls walked into the club. Janelle was the best full back in the grade. She is an intelligent girl and played both the high supporting full back and the defensive sweeping full back with aplomb and composure. Janelle was the difference between us being a good side and being a very good side. A fantastic player.

India Nelson

India's talents were recognised by the State selectors and she represented W.A. at the School Sport Australia 12 year old Championships in N.S.W. where she acquitted herself well as a full back. In our team, India started as a half back but settled in either of the full back positions. India also provided a vital variation in our attacking penalty corners.

Girls 7/8A (contd)

Kathryn Rule

Speedy, speedier, speediest and all of the above, Kathryn has utilised her greatest asset more in attack than in a defensive role this season. She remained, though, the best defensive corner runner in the comp by a country mile.

Kathryn's skills have developed over the season and the quality of her play as an inner has been a credit to her and a tremendous bonus to the team. A wonderful year.

Alison Watson

Alison proved that the best presents come in small packages. Her goal scoring talents and her courage were on display in the most congested of areas, close in around the goalkeeper. Alison was given the task of setting up our defensive press and she led, literally, from the front. The pressure that she applied to fullbacks led to many turnovers and goals that came from nothing. Worth her weight in gold.



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Girls 7/8A Reserve

We had a great season of hockey, enjoyed by the girls and their spectator parents. The girls responded well to the competition and once they had an early goal in a game were enthusiastic and keen for more. Not only did they improve their hockey skills during the season but also continue to play well as a team and have fun on the field. Thanks are due to our wonderful coach, Erin Hall, who tirelessly turned up each training and each game to encourage and coach the girls. She always has a good word to pass onto the girls and many helpful tips. Her patience was tested at times but her dedication was unwavering (if we don't count the one time we nearly lost her to the Eagles training squad running past !)

Wayne Hudson once again helped the team as assistant coach. Wayne's patience and persistence is seemingly bottomless. Thanks Wayne for your continued commitment to the team.

Thanks are also due to Ross Hall who umpired many of the season games, working around his own hockey commitments. Ross's after game feedback was always a good on field reinforcement of Erin's comments. Thanks also to the parents who stood in to umpire when Ross was unavailable particularly Jude Ottaway who spent several Saturday mornings having an unexpected run up & down the sidelines.

Paige Hudson

Paige is the only team member brave enough to stand in the goals and have balls hit at her. Our keeper is an essential member of the team. She has improved both in her calling and general keeping ability over the season. With the specialised training, Paige has the potential to be a brilliant keeper in years to come.

Annie Gleave

Annie is one of the star defenders in the team and has had a very good season. Not only has she improved her game but also her focus. A few more seasons under her belt will see her natural ability shine even more.

Kate Eaton

Kate started the season as a forward and has ended it as an exceptional half back. Her tenacity and willingness to learn has seen her go from strength to strength in this position and we look forward to her continued improvement.

Sarah Gerrard

Sarah has had a very strong season at wing. Her speed and stick skills have seen her outskill and blaze passed many an opposition. With continued work on her hitting Sarah will be an attacker the opposition will fear to come up against.

Emma Rigelsford

Emma is one half of our team "twin power" and has had a great season at left wing claiming the position as her own. Many a goal has been scored this season through her skill at deflections. Emma is a hockey natural and has had a great season.

Arielle Rigelsford

Arielle is the other half of "twin power" and has been the team force in the centre providing strength & determination to the team. Arielle has a great hit and has combined with her sister for many text book goals this season. Arielle shows natural ability and will be key player in years to come.

Rebecca Hall

Rebecca is another of our players to change positions moving from half back into inner late in the season. She has helped to provide more strength and aggression to our forward line. Bec's tackling has also improved this season.

Leila Ammar

Leila was unable to finish out the season with as due to ill health and was sorely missed. She has strength & a great hit, making her a successful fullback. We hope to see you next season Leila.

Cara Lawther

Although Cara needs to leave her mouthguard in her mouth, her hockey skills have improved greatly this season. With natural strength and improving tackling Cara is one of our key defenders. Her great hits out of defence has helped us counter attack many times.

Avril Widger

Avril is one of the strongest and most animated players on the team. She has a great slap hit and has also improved her hitting. Although always enjoying the running she has been able to stop the attack of many opposition teams. Avril's natural enthusiasm and energy is an asset to the team.

Girls 7/8A Reserve (contd)

Erin King

Erin has played a great season at left half, showing great improvement in her tackling and focus. Erin's hit outs on short corners have been much stronger and more accurate during the second half of the season.

Kimberley Wynhorst

Kim is always enthusiastic & energetic, the only one in the team who seems to actually enjoy going for runs. Kim's natural athleticism & ability to head the game has made her a great asset to the team, one of our speedy forwards. With improved hitting, Kim will be hard to stop.

Nina Rowe

Nina started the season with 5 long goals in the first game. Although there hasn't been a repeat of this Nina has been a strong and solid forward player for the team providing some height to our attacking line. With more focus Nina will be a great player.

Natasha Clay

Natasha is an extremely tenacious player with great stick skills and determination making her a real asset to the team. Her willingness to learn and love of the game has seen her improve greatly over the season. Natasha shows huge potential & is a pleasure to coach.



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Clarey



Girls 7/8B

We started very slowly this season with most of the 7/8B's being folded into the 7/8 A Reserves and 15's to make up numbers. The team was settled by the first game of the season with 4 girls who had not played before and the majority of the team in their second year of hockey. Coupled with a first time coach the challenges were set.

We all created a vision that was to have fun, and learn together. We set small goals as signposts on our journey to win a game, always competitive and very close. The girls saved the best until last with our 3 nil win over the Wasps. "I think they have been having a lend of us"?

Graeme Lewington and Georgia Gibson (Coaches)

Rhianna Brims (The Quiet Achiever)

Rhianna played forward last year and due to her strong tackling skill and hitting power tried out for fullback. This position proved to be her place on the field and it was very difficult to pry her from it. Always consistent and hard working she is a solid and valuable defender.

Ee-Faye Chong (The Gregarious Smile)

Our Centre Half, always giving her best account. Strong running and tackling are her trademark's at the contest. Ee-Faye loved to mop across the centre pushing us forward and in defense. Played forward last year but has found where she wants to be, and is fantastic at it!

Chelsie Emslie (The Best Socks)

Her confidence was slow to get going but when it came do did her solid contributions particularly at half back or on the wing. She demonstrated how to run and tackle and importantly, that you never give up. She is the true one percent of the team. Please Chelsea come back and don't go dancing.

Eliza Girling (The Unique Runner)

Our best goal scorer! Always early for training and loves her hockey, this runs in the Girling Clan. Has a mean hit when she gets her timing. Look out next year Eliza will again find her game in the forward line and will start belting home a steady stream of goals.

Maddy Harwood (Miss Tangles)

Loves the wing and to run with the ball she has the leg speed and endurance for this position. When she develops more ball control Maddy will be dynamite and hard to stop. There is no doubt she will find the goals regularly next year.

Brittany Lawrence (The Assassin)

The strongest defender in the team, her stick control has developed well this year, mainly due to the extra effort she puts in. Never able to bluff her parents that training was starting at 4.00pm and not 4.30pm so she can get more training in. Always willing to help out in goals when asked and is very good at it, but don't ask her to do it full time.

Avie Lewington (Miss Fancy Boots)

Loves to tackle and get the ball from the opposition. Likes to get a goal when she has the opportunity and can be seen lurking about the posts when she plays forward. With more game time and training will develop strongly.

Maddison Mcclary (The Comedian)

First year player MAD loves to laugh and have fun and is infectious in the team. Mad put her hand up to step into goals and really found her niche! Stopped some quality balls trying to find the back of the net coupled with a number of clearing kicks, she really has the goods. This goalie will only get better; with more quality tuition will become a real asset.

Elena Ryan (Miss Happy Feet)

Elena is always running with a skip in her step. Gained confidence as the season progressed. Loves to run and then run some more on the wing, or when playing at half back. Her trademark when getting the ball and disposing of it, is always having a big smile on her face at the other end.

Maxine Smith (The Fashion Princess)

Our walking fashion statement, yet when she gets the hockey stick in her hand look out. First year player Maxine chose Hockey over Dance and is off to the Como Hockey Program next year. She made a great choice as she is a natural at hockey and will become a power hitter. Played mainly at full back this year to provide us with strong hit outs.

Elaura Wilkinson (Miss Baby Cakes)

First year at the club, and her second year playing hockey. Elaura found her place up forward and has the ability to read the play and find the correct position to receive the ball, particularly in the D. More goals will come from this little dynamo next year.

Girls 7/8B (contd)

Elyse Wilson (Miss Megaphone)

Elyse found her place at Centre Forward and is growing in stature in this role. She loves to get the ball from any part of the ground and run with it. Her skills are outstanding for only a second year player particularly in one on ones where she rarely gives up the ball. Unfortunately her hitting let her down this year particularly on goal where her efforts were not well rewarded. But look out next year!

Rachel Yuen (Miss Bouncy Bouncy)

First year player Rachel is full of energy and loves to run all over the field. Yet to find her feet but will only get better next year. Loves to get in and have a go and in the last game this year took on 3 forwards and cleared the ball from the D, like something you would only see at the movies.

THANKS TO

Ben Girling

Having Ben umpire for us each Saturday made it easier for planning for each game and his contributions in helping the team at training were very much appreciated, and all the girls loved him. Thanks Ben.

Donna Lawrence (Team Manager)

Thanks Donna the Team Managers role is demanding and requires dedication and attention to detail. Also thanks for all those little things that make a huge difference particularly on game day.

Parents

Great bunches who were fantastic ambassadors for the game, especially when cheering on the team giving them that valuable support when required.



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Boys 7/8A

A real roller coaster of a season for the team this year. Wins early in the season and, more importantly, later in the season demonstrated the kind of improvement that all coaches hope for. Without exception, all players improved greatly from a personal perspective, and collectively into one of the most even and dangerous combinations in the competition. This is what all players, coaches, parents and observers hoped for, but like anything worthwhile, it didn't come without hinderances that in one particular instance resulted in the team playing short. In this long, tough season no player shirked his responsibilities and even at the latter training sessions, enthusiasm and energy was at a constant high. Congratulations guys. Heartfelt thanks to my assistant coach, Jordan Hunt. Jordan's knowledge of the modern hockey style and technique training was invaluable and I'm sure the boys enjoyed his sessions immensely as he taught them cool things and didn't make them run. As many thanks to the team manager Corelle Coleman who, apart from faultless organisation, handled tricky week-by-week player situations with calm knowledge and implementation. Thanks to all dads who fulfilled umpiring duties and families for their support, patience, player prep. and oranges. Andy Reynolds

Joshua Antoncich

A mighty effort from Josh at half back and full back this season. Virtually unbeatable in the tackle and elimination of opponents Josh had the ability to stop opposing forward moves confidently, and deftly turn them to our advantage in all areas of the defensive field. His maturity, responsible attitude and reading of the play was highly valued by the team.

Julian Bocking

They ran into him, hit him with stick and ball and I'm sure, swore at him but they couldn't break him. Through rain, hail and shine, Julian played many times through injury to have another outstanding season. In many of his games Julian put on a goalkeeping clinic, technically sound and demonstrating great reflex and touch. Thanks Julian.

Jake Coleman

Classy work from Jake this season, especially towards the second half when his running game made him a very effective midfielder. Coupled with a tenacious chase and tackle, and quick, accurate disposal, his desire to always look to form an attack will prove an excellent foundation on which to build a future in a key midfield role.

Bryn De Bes

At the heart of the midfield engine room, Bryn has had an outstanding season demonstrating great skill and admirable work ethic. Not once during the season did Bryn not respond with 110% to any task set for him. A natural and popular leader, this attitude was just as evident at training as at games. Bryn promises a first class future in hockey.

Fraser Stephen Hay

A fast, skillful striker, Fraser was a key attacker who proved to be a nightmare for opposition defences. An uncanny sense of being able to find free space resulted in many successful left or right side goal scoring initiatives. A bright future is assured for Fraser, especially with the further development of his beloved Tomma.

Jake Jonas

As a back-midfielder, Jake showed that he is a very capable defender and play-maker. Blessed with tight elimination and tackle skills and a powerful, sweet hit, he demonstrated solid support in the defensive line. Jake is to be commended on his hang-in-there approach toward the end of the season when, as a sweeper, he thwarted many attacks from high forwards.

Chris Miller

An honest and willing left wing, Chris made steady progress throughout the season, always putting in the big strides to be in position to finish off right side attacks. A season of scoring timely goals and drawing right side defenders out of the play was hampered only by his legs' desire to grow even taller.

Ashley Ranford

Ash moved to right half for most of the season. A solid and dependable half, Ash's position developed into more than key defender and into an equally attacking role owing to capable skills and a mighty hit. Meeting the increased work rate demands at the higher level, Ash's excellent attitude will see him develop into a valuable asset to any team.

Frank Reynolds

Always punching above his size, Frank was a tireless and consistent performer in all of the roles that he was asked to play. At inside left, Frank demonstrated deft close in skills that defied reason and would regularly eliminate multiple opposition players and gain advantage from tight situations. Good work Frank, your distribution skills improved markedly as the season progressed.

Perry Scott

A reliable and stout defensive season from Perry, mostly at left half. With ability that belied his experience, Perry worked hard all season to match the increased demands of the higher grade and proved himself to be capable of repelling seasoned right side attacks. Well done Perry, more game time will see you improve even more.

Boys 7/8A (contd)

Matthew Tate

A dangerous and versatile utility forward, Matt progressed very well in ability and maturity over the season. Matt scored many timely goals this season. Always eager for extra training and full of suggestions and recommendations, Matt is headed for a bright future in hockey. Matt was a State rep. this year.

Jordan Templeman, Andrew Metcalfe, Jacob Campbell, Jonathon Thorn and Jamie Ross. Guys, we couldn't have done it without you. Many thanks for filling in where needed; the coaches, manager and all the guys owe you and your families big-time. We hoped you enjoyed your limited time in our team.



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Boys 7/8B Black

After a slow start to the year, our boys have started playing as a team. Congratulations to them for the effort that they have put in during the year. We had some good wins and bad losses, but have proved to ourselves that if we play to the best of our ability as a team, we can achieve. Thanks to Greg Ross for assisting with coaching, Tim Deacon and Adrian for umpiring, Cindi Campbell and Anita English for managing, and to all parents for support and oranges. Lastly, thanks to all the boys and Cindi for the surprise birthday cake that stopped turf training.

Jacob Campbell (Centre half back)

Played a consistent and dependable year. Showed very good skills and fitness to cover forward and back.

Chris Deacon (Left half back)

Improved significantly throughout the year. Has learned good field play and structure particularly running the ball out of defence and marking opposition forwards.

Mark English (Centre Forward)

Goal shark. A first year club player who demonstrated very good run, ball control and a consistent ability to beat defenders and put the ball in the back of the net. Well done Mark.

Alex Hackett (Left full back)

Always enthusiastic and tried his best every game. Alex has developed better tackling and channeling skills through the year and will continue to improve.

Adam Kelly (Left inner)

Showed good stickwork to beat defenders and used his size to manoeuvre through opposition defences.

Callum MacPherson (Left/Right Inner)

Callum showed good teamwork with hard hitting and good ball distribution in the midfield.

Andrew Metcalfe (Right full back)

Another slow starter for the year, but showed great improvement after the holiday break with solid clearances from the back line - strong hitting and crashing runs through opposition midfielders to deliver the ball to our forwards.

Niall Morrow (Right inner)

Silky skills and very smart player. Consistent ability to drag round defenders and lay off to Mark and Ben.

William Ross (Right half back)

Has developed into a very good position player. Many of our right sided attacks started with Will receiving the ball and then using his skills to keep the ball wide and then deliver to our forwards.

Peter Smits (Goal keeper)

Started the year a little shakily but has developed good confidence in goals to be one of our most consistent performers. Peter is now not afraid to take on attackers at the top of the D. Bring it on.

Ben Waite (Left wing)

Seagull waiting on the left post just to annoy full backs and goal keepers. Correct spot, good timing and tapped in the goals for the team.

Ben Walker (Right wing)

Displayed plenty of speed and skill with many hard runs down our right side. Provided many good crosses to set up our other forwards for goal opportunities.

Boys 7/8B White

From a patchy start at the beginning of the season we have emerged as an improving group of both individual and team players. Thanks to the help of the players parents. Special thanks to Vanessa Colbert the thoughtful and well organized team manager. Thanks to Mr. Dumas for a great job as a fair and decisive team umpire. The team player profiles were written by the players and include the coach comments.

Michael de Thierry is a good goal scorer. He's good friends with Chris, plays a mean left wing and wears a red shirt at training.

Coach - a tenacious team player and maturing forward talent.

Thomas Mansfield is a good crosser and has a good goal scoring shots.

He always passes the ball, which results in many goals.

Coach – a tough and courageous team player and up-and-coming forward player.

Austin Toogood is a friendly and helpful team member. He has a good spirit and helps us through the game. He has a strong all round hit and balanced skill. What more could you want?

Coach – a genuine all round capable game and team player.

Dion Smith-Colimbini is great wherever you put him. He is determined to get the ball has good skills and a fantastic tackle. He is fun to be with and a good friend.

Coach – a great on-ball player that never gives up and a good team player.

Jayden Mills has played centre forward for much of the season, he has been one of our forwards to score a number of goals this year. He is aggressive to the ball and runs hard into the forward line, often this has resulted in the forwards being able to win a number of games for us.

Coach – a skillful on-ball player and potential team leader.

Riley Norton-Wood I have known Riley for some time. He's a nice guy and fun to be around. He's a reliable defender, has great fighting spirit and pushes the game up the field.

Coach – a great team player and able defender.

Christopher McHugh never gives up, remains focused on the game and never loses concentration. Chris is always friendly and willing to chat and able to teach you if you don't know how to do something.

Coach – an up-and-coming talent, skilled ball and team player.

Jordan Templeman is a brilliant defender, applying great pressure to the opposition with his relentless tackling skills. Jordan is always there to back up his teammates and makes great passes to us forwards. He shows good sportsmanship towards his team and the opposition. Jordan is an asset to the team.

Coach – a thoughtful team and accomplished game player.

Reyne Lawson started about 4 games into the season. He didn't know any one but quickly established his place in the team. What's impressive about Reyne is that he never ever gives up, and does what he's been told to do by the coach, unlike others. He is a key player in defense and half lines doing the best he can all the time. Reyne has come along way since he started, improving his skills and attributes towards the game. He's quiet when not needed but when he is needed he comes out and gets the job done

Coach – a maturing defender and attentive team player.

Nicholas Dumas has been a solid team member in the back line. He has improved a lot through the season.

Well done. Coach – an improving and free spirited team player.

Jack Paterson is a first-class defender and good at clearing the ball from the back. He is an important in turning defense to attack.

Coach – an unselfish team player and capable defender.

Nicholas Ireland is a reliable defender and friendly team player. Nick is an excellent goalie and great on turf.

Coach – a confident and selfless team player.

Sean Robertson is a good player that is best at playing a wing position. Sean is quite friendly and always willing to have a chat even during the game! Unfortunately he hurt his leg and then was out for the rest of the season with a broken bone in his elbow.

Coach – an effective and coolheaded team player.

Girls 5/6A

What a fun and successful 2009 hockey season for the mighty 5/6A team. Presenting for our enjoyment was a fine group of talented players that displayed a continually improving standard of hockey. Most of the girls are now considered well experienced, and 2009 was a year to develop better individual skills and understand the importance of position and better team play, all expected from A grade players. Players became more settled in their positions and each showed an understanding of their role as a vital team member. Individual skills continued to improve and some stand out performances indicated the depth of talent in this team. We can report that the girls showed a desire to improve, were always keen to listen (except when the snakes were brought out), trained hard and gave an excellent account of themselves on and off the field. They won many games and could have threatened for top spot if some games had gone their way. They should be very proud of their efforts. The girls provided many exciting and nerve racking moments for their supporters and some humorous moments as well. The theory of many hands make for light work applies very well to this team.

A big thank you to Lisa Anderson and Di Silvey who took on the important and demanding role as team managers and made sure that team reports and stats were always up to date. Also to Megan and Kirsten Silvey, Philip Brown, Don Miller and Harish Tantry for sharing umpiring duties. Without these guys we have no games. Lisa Dymond gave great support as assistant coach and was a joy to work with. Her thoughtful comments, advice and being there to simply give another opinion was very much appreciated. When able to, Don Miller was a keen helper by giving enthusiastic one on one coaching and also umpired as well. Thanks Don. Finally, thanks to the support given by all families to the girls for the running around to training and attendance at games.

Well done girls on a great year. Patrick Matthews

Bronwen Anderson (Centre Half)

Bronwen is a confident and extremely well credentialed player who possesses one of the strongest hits in the competition which put many a shiver up opposition players. She held the centre half position with authority and did more than her fair share of workload as she continually broke to open space before using her very good skills, followed by her 'signature' big hit. Bronwen is very serious about her hockey, is a very accomplished player and has great potential to play at the highest level. Fantastic year Bronwen.

Holly Bolton (Inner)

Pocket rocket with a cheeky smile and a quirky sense of humour who always played her little heart out. A delight to see her charging around using her very good close in stick work and breaking away from congested packs. Holly has a hard working ethic which is crucial to her position as inner, attacking one minute then defending the next when tackling back. Nice work Holly.

Melanie Brown (Fullback)

The other half of the Monique and Mel show playing off the left side defence which needed Melanie to develop her reverse side game which she did with great success. Mel clearly hates to be beaten and always gave her all, often when confronted with a sea of opposition players bearing down on her. Mel has definitely improved her reverse side trap and became increasingly stronger as the season wore on. Tremendous year Mel. Well done.

Ciara Browne (Centre Forward/Right Wing)

Ciara is a quick slippery player who often pop's up in high attack causing opposition defenders to keep a close eye on her. Asked to cover the difficult centre forward and right wing positions, Ciara was able to break to open space and run the ball deep into attack and either scoring herself or passing off to other forwards. Wing and centre forwards don't often get lots of easy ball so it's left to these players to be able to take any opportunities that come available and take full advantage of them. With more aggression and keenness to steal the ball, Ciara will continue to become an even more dangerous forward. Well done Ciara on a strong year.

Rebecca Dymond (Halfback/Forward)

Became 'Miss Utility' as she held down a number of positions both in the forward and half back lines with great success. Bec has an all round game and a quiet determination to do well in every game. She is particularly strong in the half line but likes the running opportunities in the forward line as well. It was pleasing to see her hitting game come to the fore towards the end of the year. Not sure about her dress sense though with those large "cool" glasses and colourful shoes she brought to a club gathering. I wonder if she gets her dress sense from her mum. Good year Bec. Well done.

Girls 5/6A

Emily Hopkinson (Goalie)

Great to have Emily in our team this year as our permanent goalie. She has a good eye and possesses a strong clearing kick which saved our bacon on many occasions when opposing forwards should have scored. Emily is continuing to improve her game and with increasing strength will be extremely hard to beat. Great attitude to the game and had a magnificent year. Well done Emily.

Natalie Matthews (Inner)

A determined forward who strives to do her very best in every game. Possesses good close in stick skills and a fantastic reverse drag which most often caught the opposition flat footed. With her good ball control, Natalie was able to provide a very good avenue to attack which resulted in many goal scoring opportunities. Nice work Nat.

Monique Miller (Fullback)

Monique was a tower of strength in defence and became a most reliable player who was rarely beaten. She was often seen repelling opposition attacks again and again as last defender standing. Monique is a determined player who reads the game very well, knows where to position herself and has a strong clearing hit, rebound slap hit and tackles with great confidence. Always smiling and clearly enjoying her hockey, Monique is clearly determined to make life very miserable for opposition forwards. Nice work.

Claudia Sader (Left Wing)

Claudia, the mini of the team and quiet as a mouse (wonder if mum and Dad would agree) grabbed the left wing position and called it hers from then on. A tough position is left wing, but she gave an excellent account of herself, most noticeably toward the end of the season when she became more confident and was more involved in the play. Claudia may be the youngest player in the team but she has a determination which was very evident when putting on tackles. Well done Claudia on a great year!

Monique Sader (Centre Forward/Right Wing)

So good to see a player that enjoys her hockey so much and is focused on improving her skills. Monique is the type of player that every team wants to have. She is a ball of energy who would run all day if you let her (almost had to tie her down at training), is quick, has great determination, loves nothing more than running into open space, scoring goals and is a menace to opposition defences. Monique was determined to improve on ball skills and by the end of the season was working the ball like magic. Brilliant effort Monique.

Olivia Silvey (Right Half/Centre Half)

Coming from a hockey nut family, there was little doubt that Olivia would inherit the many talents of her Dad (not sure if mum played) and her sisters Megan and Kirsten. Well Olivia is a player that has excellent technique and one of the cleanest hits going around, perhaps something to do with her golf prowess. Olivia has an all round game which made her one of our brightest players this year. Always thinking of her game and happy to give constructive advice when necessary and of course loves those snakes. Olivia you are a very dependable player and a great team player. Well done.

Sushmita Tantry (Left Half)

'Sushi' was one of the big improvers this year, holding down the left half position with great confidence. After being a little tentative early in the season, Sushmita matured her game greatly as she developed her on ball skills, tackle, position play and stick work. The last part of the year saw her greatest moments as she displayed some fantastic stick work which confused opposition players.

Girls 5/6B Gold (Maroon)

The members of this team have big smiles and lots of giggles. The many disparate personality styles came together as a team and formed the best defence in the competition. We specialised in drawing games and certainly had extremely few goals scored against us. As players they all blossomed, matured and learnt many new skills. Hopefully they will all keep at it and enjoy their sport.

Tanya Brits

Tanya is a very capable and reliable defender. Her hitting has improved dramatically over the season. More importantly her selection of choices in passing has, towards the end of the season, been a great asset to her team.

Kya Cromb

Kya has developed and improved in many areas. She has a great turf sweep shot which will become stronger. An extremely dogged and determined defender making multiple consecutive tackles. Frequently surprising the opposition and winning the ball.

Eliane Gebauer

Eliane is the Centre Half. She is the work horse of the team, always running back and forward. Her tight marking eliminated key players from the opposition. Applying herself, working harder than anyone should be asked to.

Sophie Hackett

Superwoman who unfortunately felt that she could fly over hurdles but her bones could not take the strain. Played a pivotal influence in the early games. A brilliant smile, keen nature and hopefully will have a much better season next year.

Sarah Hicks

Sarah rapidly has become our most reliable ball hitter. Enormous smile and enthusiasm, being one of the first at training and tries her hardest. Listens, digests and acts on Coach's instructions.

Claudia Holsgrove

Claudia has been the dependable, reliable and solid deep defender. Positions herself and makes those crucial tackles, being in the right spot at the right time. She has very much improved her clearing shots and her passing.

Zoe Hopkinson

Holds down the left side of attack extremely well. Has improved her defensive play and is learning to be more aggressive in attack. Works and fights very hard for the ball. Always gives her best.

Ana Ika

She went to every training session that was available, spending her holidays learning hockey. Has blistering speed, but above all, dedication and determination to improve. Enormous work rate and will grow into a powerful attacker.

Mia Kelly

Mia was new to Melville. A dogged determined defender eliminating the opposite wing. Now is joining in attack and developing a swooping pass. Mia will continue to blossom, grow and become a very competent player over the next few years.

Alice Marler

Stalwart of the team forming the left side offensive partnership. Has learnt many attacking and defending skills. Has great ability. Can spin with and drag the ball better than all.

Sophie Somerville

Her aggression and desire for the ball are unsurpassed. The running and effort she expends in her game for her team is exemplary. Really a talent that requires support and nurturing. I look forward to seeing what she can do over the next 3-4 years in hockey.

Aysha Stroobach

Is keen, enthusiastic, having learnt dragging skills and position play very well. She has improved immensely on her position play and running. In the next few years will become a dynamo.

Dumas, Katherine

Katherine was drafted into the team from GRADS. Steadily she found her position in the mid field. As the season went on, she developed her attacking skills and defensively has always been solid.

Girls 5/6B Gold (White)

Once upon a time there were 12 princesses! They all had one thing in common - they loved to play hockey and talk about school and talk about what school they are going to and talk about whose stick looks the best and talk about how good or bad the Dockers are and talk about school sports . . . Anyway the princesses had a tough year on the hockey field but always fought hard, improved greatly, always played as a team and were always a delight coach. A big thank you to Tanya Brits and Tamalee Sawyer who helped us out playing a few games during the year.

Paige Brickhill

Princess Paige – the versatile. Can play extremely well at wing or goalie! She scored and saved goals and played position with distinction. Honorary member of the pink stick brigade.

Jordan Dowie

Princess Jordan – the Docker. Looks harmless with her piggy tails but has an awesome hit. A great forward, she was finally rewarded with a goal in the second last game. Go the Dockers!

Jessica Edwards

Princess Jessica – the smiley. Jessica is a fantastic half back. Her stand out game was our latest win. She always has a smile!

Coco Ferris Rodocker

Princess Coco – the swift. Loved to score goals and attack all the time. Sadly she was whisked away to the far away land of Seattle half way through the season.

Amy Fitzgerald

Princess Amy – the whacker. Has the best hit on the team which worked really well at right wing, full back and centre half. Amy developed some great stick skills this year.

Amy Harries

Princess Amy – the GG. The first in line to the throne (her dad is the king). Played all year at Centre half and was very reliable – stopping nearly everything that came her way.

Alexandra McKenzie

Princess Alex – the dancer. Alex is graceful on the hockey field and can play anywhere. Spent time as goalie while looking after her knees but was also a very important member of our forward line.

Maddison Moulin

Princess Maddison - the saviour. Member of the pink stick brigade. A top full back who is always thinking and creating opportunities.

Erin Robertson

Princess Erin – the defender. Erin was a great defender but always loved to be in the action. Sadly she broke a collar bone and could not complete the season which left a hole in our structure. Get well soon.

Hannah Robson

Princess Hannah - the invincible. Hannah has a passion for playing well. Was a surprise star at full back but we loved her the most in the forward line scoring goals.

Kimberley Steffe

Princess Kimberley – the novice. She played an awesome game in goals against South Perth and when in the forward line always knew where to pass the ball.

Sonia Urbano

Princess Sonia – the fast. World's greatest Left Half Back. Sonia has developed into a strong reliable player. One of the pink hockey stick brigade.

Thank you to Lady Colleen for being the manager this season.

Girls 5/6Reg Black

We set out for the 2009 season with a relatively inexperienced team although you wouldn't necessarily have noticed this with the enthusiasm levels shown at training. The girls gelled right from the beginning of the season, a perfect mix of personalities, and were an absolute pleasure to coach. Parents and other onlookers were delighted to see the girl's skills come together and with this came some inspirational team work during our later games. Thank you to Paul Steele for his efforts as Assistant Coach during games and to our umpires; Andre and Brent Gauci, Josh Clements, Gareth and Judy Widger and Kurt Gebauer. Also, thanks to the players who filled in for us over the season and to the families who got out of a warm bed every Saturday morning to support their kids. Last but not least, thanks to Jan Maguire our team manager, for getting the team to function and run like a well oiled machine! It has been an amazing experience and privilege to work with these girls and see them grow into capable hockey players.

Tessa Brinkley

Tessa is a gutsy little player who is developing into an excellent fullback. Her skills have improved out of sight and towards the end of the season; she was showing everyone just how to take a free hit properly! As the season endured, the team was challenged to keep the pressure on the opposition until the final whistle blew. Tessa rose to the challenge, proving to be a very reliable team member.

Charlotte Coggin

We had a few quiet achievers in our team, and Charlotte fits the category perfectly. Charlotte consistently played well throughout the season, showing steady improvement in every aspect of the game. In the final weeks she had some big runs up the centre of the field, showing the huge potential she has for the game. Charlotte is one of those players who has the attitude and determination to succeed. It wouldn't be surprising to see her grow into a very skilful hockey player.

Kirra Gauci

After her year in Canada, Kirra couldn't wait to trade her skis back for hockey boots. Kirra had a great season and absorbed anything the coach suggested, getting onto the field and putting her new skills into action. She worked on her fitness and was rewarded with some fantastic games, playing up on the forward line. It was great to see Kirra think about using the whole field and to hear her encouraging her team mates during games. Kirra's biggest strength is that she is truly a team player.

Sophie Hamdorf

Sophie was one of our youngest players and had some excellent games during the season. She was another one who was always at training, ready to listen and work hard. Sophie's skills, along with her confidence improved considerably during the season and she always put her best effort forward – even when it was her turn to be goalie. With a couple more seasons in J5/6, Sophie will surely develop into a strong hockey player.

Siobhan Kenny

Siobhan was perhaps our most consistent player, rarely having an off game this season. Siobhan is another born fullback and is showing great promise in this position. She is a very serious, reliable and determined team member, who is prepared to work and improve her game by training hard. Siobhan is ready to move onto J7/8 and will be an interesting player to watch in the future.

Siobhan Maguire

Siobhan was another newcomer to hockey, who had an excellent first season with significant improvement in her skills and confidence. As the season progressed it was very pleasing to see Siobhan playing hard right up until the final whistle blew. In the final games of the season, Siobhan was very effective in her tackling, winning us free hits and helping to keep the team in our attacking half. Siobhan is a quiet team member but listens to anything the coach says and can be relied upon to carry out whatever has been asked of her.

Aimee McGinniss

Aimee had a pleasing season and her skills and confidence grew with each game. Aimee always gave her best effort at training and at games and by the end of the season she was hitting the ball strongly and pushing the ball up to her team mates from the wing. Aimee also rose to the challenge when it was her turn to be goalie and made some great saves.

Chloe Nolan

Chloe has an incredible, infectious energy and the team often lifted as a direct result of her enthusiasm. Chloe was new to hockey this year and even though she had her fair share of illness, she worked hard to learn the skills and positions of the game. From our first game at grading carnival, Chloe showed no reservations about getting involved in the play and her aggression in defence often resulted in our team winning free hits.

Girls 5/6Reg Black

Hattie Steele

Another one of our quiet achievers. This was Hattie's first season of hockey and she took to the game like a duck takes to water. Hattie soaked up anything we did at training and the improvement in her skills and knowledge of the game was fantastic. Hattie went out and did whatever was asked of her, whether we were in attack or defence. This made her one of our most consistent players throughout the season. Hattie is definitely one to watch in the future.

Briahna Vettori - Lum

Even though Briahna was one of the younger team members, she proved very quickly that she was a force to be reckoned with. From the start of the season Briahna was having some great moments of play and runs up the field. Unfortunately, Briahna broke her arm halfway through the season and was unable to play for a few weeks. The team really missed her presence on the field. She made up for her absence by returning and scoring our first goal for the season.

Trilby Widger

Trilby is one of the most natural hockey players for her age and had some excellent games this season. After discovering that she loved to play right inner, Trilby settled into the last games of the season with some great results. Trilby had some excellent runs up the field and was able to navigate her way around opponents and into the D in a seemingly effortless way. As Trilby grows and matures she will undoubtedly develop into a very skilful player.



Photo by Judy Gauci

Boys 5/6A

A great development year for the team this year with the majority of the players still eligible to play J5/6's next year. The team has improved over the season and when they move the ball wide and between themselves they look very strong and are developing a good style for the future. At the time of writing the team is 6th on the ladder and looking to win the last game of the season next week which may move them up further.

Joel Barnden

As the utility player of the team Joel has the skill and position awareness to play both fullbacks, half back or in the forward line. With a very good view of the game Joel has had a good season and will continue to build strength into his game in the coming years.

Sean Bentley

Playing the majority of the season on the left wing Sean has developed well over the season and is now much stronger over the ball when running down the left wing and works back well in defence to help out. A good year Sean, well done.

Nicholas Camer Pesci

Nicholas had a great year playing mostly left half but also filling in at full back on a few occasions. Always looking to move the ball forward, Nicholas has a great desire to attack the ball and breakaway from the opposition which created several opportunities for the team to catch the oppositions defence off guard as the team drove forward. Good year well done.

Harry Golding

A great first year in J5/6's. Harry gives away quite a bit of height and size to many of the defenders he came across during the year but fearlessly took them on time and time again. With a wonderful desire for the ball and the ability to run hard all day, Harry was a great asset up front fighting to get the ball in the goals and working hard to help out in defensive moves.

Callum Joynes

Playing left inner for the majority of the year, Callum settled into the hard running of the position and was very constructive in setting up our left side attack. Always looking for an opportunity to break through the defence, Callum took the team into attack on many occasions. A great season Callum well done.

James Leigh

James played right half this year and did a great job supporting the right side of the field. Always running hard forward and working back into defence, James stopped many attacking moves from the opposition, but also created several attacking moves on the rebound down the right side. A very strong year James.

Michael Matthews

Michael played full back all year and worked the ball out of defence for the team. Developing a sound hit and solid tackle, Michael stopped many of the oppositions' attacking moves throughout the year. A great year in defence Michael, well done.

Alex Rayfield

Always solid in defence with a great hit, Alex played the majority of the year as fullback, tackling well and driving the team out of defence into attack. Using his strong hit and good hockey sense, we often came out quickly from defence into attack. A good year of hockey Alex, well done.

James Ross

Jamie played a tireless role of right inner for the season never giving up and running out the game to the very end. Jamie's ability to take on the opposition and drive the team into attack served the team well throughout the year as he developed a stronger style and gained greater control when moving with the ball. A very good season Jamie well done.

Jonathon Thorn

Playing centre half Jonathon developed well over the year and began to feed the ball left and right out of the middle of the ground. Strong over the ball Jonathon is always dependable in both attacking moves and works hard to get back in defence. A great year Jonathon well done.

Toby Waite

Our blistering quick right wing!! Toby developed a great ability to break away from the opposition on the right wing and scream down the wing. With a brilliant cross of the ball into the hot spot of the "D", Toby on many occasions created great opportunities for the team to score, and on several occasions cracked the ball in the goals himself. Hope to see you next year Toby, a great season well done.

Many thanks to Mark Leigh for his assistance and insight with coaching the team both during my absence and also collectively on Thursday and Saturdays. It is always easier with two people to cover the team so many thanks. Thank you to the Bentley's for managing the team over the season and making sure our match cards and reports went in on time. To all the players and parents from the 5/6 RES and 5/6 B teams who helped us out over the season - thanks for assisting the team and making sure we had enough players on the day. Finally thanks to all the players for attending training and listening most of the time!! I hope you have all had an enjoyable year in the J5/6A and learnt a little along the way. I look forward to seeing you all back next year at the club for another year. Dave Ross

Boys 5/6B Black (Maroon)

The boys have had a great season under Brad Potter and look like finishing second on the ladder after a very consistent year. Most encouragingly, all the boys have come on considerably with their hockey and learnt many new skills. Brad has endeavoured to give them all an opportunity to play in a range of positions throughout the season. Sometimes though, there was a tendency to slip back into old habits and some of our first halves strongly resembled a 'minky match'. However, usually after a bit of a half time 'rev up', the boys got their act together and played the good hockey we had come to expect from them. Most importantly, they all seemed to enjoy themselves and bonded well as a group. At times during training, I think Brad may have thought the bonding was a little too good. A big thankyou must go to Brad who not only coached the boys, but also, often had to umpire. Thankyou also to the parents who were a great group and very encouraging of the team.

Patric Beaven (Right Inner)

Patric reads the play well and runs hard every game giving 110%. His ability to intercept the ball and overturn the play was a key feature to his game. Skill level is developing nicely and I am confident of a bright future ahead. Good luck next season.

Richard Beddoes (Centre Half)

Richard filled the position of Centre half well however needs to concentrate on improving his hitting. His ability to read the play and move the ball around was a great benefit to the team. Richard was instrumental in turning the ball over, putting the forwards in a good position to score. I am confident that you will have a long future in hockey.

Alex Brown (Full Back / Half Back)

Alex's game is improving week after week and he is developing as a sound defender. More concentration is required when hitting the ball however stick skills are progressing well. Keep up the enthusiasm for the game as you are a good team member and a pleasure to coach.

Bailey Brown (Wing / Full back / Half Back)

Bailey was a versatile player this season fulfilling various positions throughout the season. His ability to adapt to every position was a key role in the team. Bailey has good stick skills and improved as the season went on. I am sure the future looks bright for you.

Benjamin Clark (Halfback / Full back)

Ben was one of the team's most enthusiastic team members. Ben played numerous positions throughout the season and kindly volunteered his services for both the "A" and other "B" teams. Ben's skills are developing and his game will improve with more concentration. Look forward to seeing you out on the field again next season.

Henry Edwards (Left Inner)

The "everready bunny" in the team. Henry's tireless running is the main attribute to his game, with good developing stick skills. Henry gave his all in every game and was a truly valued team member. He will be missed next year when he goes up to the next grade. Well done on another great season.

Kyle Potter (Centre Forward)

The youngest and most versatile team member. Kyle played Centre Forward for the best part of the season scoring a bag of goals alongside his brother Trent. Kyle was just as efficient filling the fullback role when required with the ability to clear the ball well. Kyle's skills have improved significantly this year with a bright future ahead.

Trent Potter (Left Wing)

Trent started the season where he left off last year being the teams leading goals scorer closely followed by his brother Kyle. Trent fulfilled the left wing position all season and was instrumental in creating consistent play in the forward line. Trent's skills are developing well and will only improve with added strength over the ball.

Jordan Rutigliano (Fullback)

Jordon gravitated to the position of fullback in week one and stayed in that position all season. His ability to read the play and clear the ball out of defence came naturally and kept many good attackers away from scoring. I am sure over time Jordon's game will develop further. He was a true attribute to the team.

Lachlan Sims (Half Back)

Lachlan worked tirelessly all season and is developing an all round game. His skill level has improved greatly this season and he reads the play well. Lachlan was often on the injury list getting regularly hit at both games and training. Lachlan was a pleasure to have in the team and a good team player.

Boys 5/6B Black (Maroon)

Matthew Stidolph (Goal keeper)

Matt, the voice in the net - always gave his best and with new goalie gear really looked the part. Matt's enthusiasm made him a pleasure to coach for the second year. We were lucky to keep him as the "A" team had their eye on him. Skills as goalie are developing and remember Matt kick the ball when possible even though you have a flash stick in your hand. Best of luck next year.

Conor Thompson (Right Wing)

Conor's skill level improved week on week with some very good goals being scored in the last few games of the season. Conor has a sound all round knowledge of the game and developed into a good attacking player. The ability to read the play was a feature of Conor's game. Keep at it and I am sure you will have a good future in hockey.

William Waters (Half Back)

Will was a good pick up this season and fulfilled the halfback position with ease. His ability to read the play was a true attribute to his game. Injury unfortunately had him sidelined for the most of the second half of the season. Good luck for next season and hope it is injury free.



Boys 5/6B Black (White)

Our team was selected as the third team in the age group and did well in grading to make it to B grade. The boys often played above themselves, especially in the first half of the season and took points from most of the top teams. Second half of the season we lost our mojo when we have struggled for a settled side with holidays and playing on Sundays when many of the boys have played footy or soccer. Looks like we will still finish ahead of our equivalent sides from Vic Park and Willetton, which is to the boys credit They have trained hard when we have done skill training. Thanks to Rohan Swan for all his help with training and umpiring and Ivor North's umpiring in the first half of the year. Jacqui and Cheree have handled the Managers job well between them and made my job enjoyable and relatively easy most weeks.

Cameron Addison

Has had a disrupted year with injury and illness, but has done the job asked when available and let no one down.

Samuel Brown

Played a variety of positions in the back half, has some of the best stick skills in the group just needs to keep backing himself and he will be surprised.

Mason Cocliff

Found his home on the right flank where his powerful hit and pace have been telling in winning us several games. Mason has made real progress in all areas of his game and trained well, he is all ready to go for next year.

Mathew Dixon

Likes to play in defence which is congruent as he is very good at it. He has really come out of himself and been our best player in the second half of the season.... Go Matthew!

Ryan Hare

Our centre half and the teams engine room, when he was absent the rest of the team found how difficult he was to replace. Not just a great athlete, his tackling and positional play are excellent. Could push for higher grade squad next year, needs to keep working on those hitting skills.

Jordan Harris

Specialist centre forward has often been in the right place to finish off our moves, always a valuable skill. Needs to keep working hard on his general stick skills and not rely on his pace.

Rohan Musgrave

What he lacks in stature he makes up for in timing and his reading of the game. Needs to keep working on his hitting before it holds him back. Something for the back

garden over summer.

Samuel Neale

Came up from grads and has not looked out of place when he is concentrating on his game. Hope to see him back next year when he can really push on.

Sachin North

Came up from grads, one of the few players in the year group who can beat players one on one at pace and finish it off in the D. A fantastic attribute that should see him push A grade squad in this year group next year.

Nicholas Page

Came with Sachin as a matched pair from grads and they complement each other well. Nick has often been our leader on the pitch despite being one of the youngest, could push for a higher grade in this year group next year as long as he keeps working hard.

Jonathan Rayfield

Has all the skills needed to push on to the next level, has filled in for A grade in goal and on the field when asked. On his day, such as in Bunbury, he proved he can play well in any position. Lastly, he has listened well to advice from his coach despite it being his dad.

Eddie Swan

Dogged, determined with a good bit of mongrel in him, Eddie has scored many valuable goals and has tried hard in every game. Keep working on those skills at training and decision making on the pitch.

Lucas Teunissen

After a year overseas Lucas was back, plays left wing as a specialist and could maybe have done so at a higher level if he'd been around earlier for grading. Lucas has the skills and reading of the game to play more on the ball as well. Hopefully we won't lose him to footy next year.

Boys 5/6Reg Black (Maroon)

The 2009 Season was an exciting adventure with everyone becoming involved in understanding the game of hockey a little better.

Our squad of 12 worked hard each game and we gradually incorporated some terrific teamwork to counter some of our well disciplined opponents. Many players were asked to take different positions each week, which allowed our less experienced players to learn about the roles and rules of working as a team.

Although at times it may have appeared to the casual observer that our tactic of playing eight forwards in the centre of the ground was a little chaotic, we were all confident that we knew what we were doing!

There were far too many memorable moments to chronicle here, such as the day the power of the greatly under-rated "pinky promise" galvanised and transformed a wayward attack, however these will live on in our memories and act as a solid emotional foundation during times of uncertainty.

As we played with a "rotating reserve" on most game days, it was also great to see how everyone shared the time on the field without complaint. We also saw the goalkeeping duties shared among the players during the season and all the players now appreciate the pressure that falls on this, our last line of defence!

Our trusty and stoic supporters deserve enormous praise for taking the enthralling spectacle that is Boys 5/6 hockey in their stride and offering loud encouragement to the weary troops in our times of need.

Special commendations go to Tim Cocks for his great, supportive job as our Chief Designated Umpire during the season and to Clint Hall for stepping up on those occasions when Tim was unavailable.

Also, the tremendous support provided by Carol Cadle as our Manager is greatly appreciated. The undeniable certainty that the complexities of the after game administration would have produced a disaster, had those responsibilities fallen to the Coach, is a most sobering thought.

Finally my personal thanks goes to each member of the team and to all of our supporters - the motivation to join the struggle for physical and psychological excellence at 8:30am, on most Saturday mornings throughout Winter, is a life skill that allows you stand apart from those who will never share that journey. Well done!

Jye Blackburn

Jye joined the team a couple of games into the season, working hard both on the field and at training. His passing, understanding of the skills needed for different positions and his willingness to support his team mates whenever possible, were elements of his game. Jye became a vital link between attack and defence in the halfback line and also showed good potential as a striking forward.

Brysen Cadle

Brysen is a tenacious and energetic player who is determined to win the ball. He is a solid defender and can also chase down the through pass in attack. Brysen's best games came near the end of the season where his passing and his work to cover defend in times of crisis were impressive. His capacity to learn from mistakes and to work hard to improve will be key factors in his ongoing success as a hockey player.

Samuel Cocks

Sam worked hard every game, his experience and skills were always in display in his favourite position of centre half. When tackling and winning the ball in the midfield Sam provided the control needed to set up the next attack. Although couple of games saw him take on the role of an attacker threatening the opposition goal, he was equally at home in deep defence and has a great future in the game.

Jacob Fowler

Jacob is a tireless runner who has ability to read the play and change the course of a game. He traps well and knows the value of holding a position on the field. Jacob provided the inspiration for some of our most spectacular attacking moves during the season and has all the hallmarks of an excellent inside forward (or following a spectacular one handed save, perhaps even a goalkeeper!).

Boys 5/6Reg Black (Maroon) (contd)

Benjamin Hall

Ben is another tireless worker for the team, his strong skills and boundless enthusiasm helped build our momentum during almost every game. Although he played in the half line for most of the season, when given the opportunity to become part of the attack he was, on several occasions, unstoppable. Ben has tremendous potential and will undoubtedly prove a great asset for any team in the future.

Nick Hodgson

Nick was one of our key defenders, his capacity not to panic and clear the ball wide saved the day many times. These strengths were also on display when he regularly took on role as goalkeeper. Nick can read the play well and he was able to be in the right place at the right time during some of our desperately defensive periods. Nick's stick skills and team play continued to improve, with the last game one of his best for the season.

Tom Hodgson

As one of our most experienced players, Tom relished the role of Defensive General. With his strong tackle and big hit he was able to dominate and set up our attacking moves. Although he played in the forward line on several occasions, he is most valuable in defence where his ability to read the game can change a team's destiny. Tom had a great season and should he choose to, he will be a strong on-field leader of the future.

Ethan MacPherson

Ethan is one of our Three Musketeers and is a natural and clever forward. He has the skills to get past defenders and get a quick shot away. Working with his two offsideers, Ethan was able to test the defence of the opposition almost every week and has learnt the knack of staying in position to open up the game. He also played well as a halfback however, his drive and energy are great assets for a specialist striker.

Hamish MacPherson

Another natural attacker Hamish covers lots of ground on the field and knows how to read the game. As a Musketeer he was always on the prowl in the attacking half of the field although he also put some solid games as a halfback. He showed the team the way to drive into the circle and also set up shots for goal with good short passes and some excellent leading into the available space.

Eduardo Olivares-Mason

Eddie completes the team's Musketeers and was the natural "striker" of the group. Playing high and fast he was almost always ready to swoop on an attacking pass and head for the goals. He enjoys playing on the wing, from where he can see the whole field and prepare to get in behind the defenders to fire on goal. Eddie's time in the goalie gear was also impressive, although that burning desire to score goals, rather than stop them, will probably prove the deciding factor for his future.

Oliver Thompson

Oliver had a really impressive season and was a great team player. Lots of work to chase down opposition players was rewarded as he often beat two or three opponents. Ollie tackles well and his quick passing helps get the ball out of congested areas in attack. His understanding of tactics and ability to improve lifted his game to a new level.

Mitchell Widger

A courageous defender and supportive team member Mitchell improved his passing and tackling as the season progressed. Although he played mainly in deep defence and had some great games as goalie, he also played on the half line and as striking forward. Mitchell's versatility, hard work and enthusiasm will allow him to choose where he wants to play in the future.

Boys 5/6Reg Black (White)

This newly formed team was made up of mostly first year Junior Players. We knew that we would be initially playing out of our league but I was always confident that with the endeavour and application shown by all of the boys that by mid season we would start to see some very competitive signs. We weren't disappointed and funny enough had our first win for the season on home turf that gave the boys the confidence for the remainder of the year. It really was a pleasure to be involved in coaching a group of boys in their initial development and watch the personalities grow along with a strong sense of team spirit and endeavour. The games were always competitive but friendly with a healthy respect for opposition and officials. We payed particular attention to understanding positions and rules, learning to utilise the whole ground, developing teamwork, interpreting Umpiring decisions but the most priority was to have great fun week in and week out – rain, hail or shine. Many thanks to the Boys, the very positive and supportive parents, To Janice, Abbey and Gavin for their work all year and to Graeme Coleman, Janine Tate and MCHC committee for a very enjoyable experience. Andrew Scanlon

Jacob Arney

Without doubt the most attentive student of the game in our team this year. Always keen to impress, Jacob applies himself to any task that he is asked to undertake. He is starting to play his best hockey at wing half, where he is comfortable tackling and carrying the ball forward. Showing steady improvement in all facets of his game, he has been a pleasure to coach. Thanks for all your efforts Jacob.

Connor Deaville

Tried in a variety of positions this year but seems to really enjoy defensive positions where he can make the most of his tackling skills and working through the midfield. Connor works hard to make position and always to move the ball quickly to advantage the team. Great effort week in and week out.

Lachlan Deaville

With the biggest engine in the team Lachlan made the Centre Half role his own this year. Often seen carrying the ball into attack as well as being the last defender to tackle the opposition forwards in defence means he is very suited to the role. Just needs to work on his hitting and passing skills to take his game to the next level. Keep up the great work.

Sean Hird

After the first few weeks, Sean really found his feet at left fullback. He is quickly developing his understanding and reading of the play as well as his defensive role within the team. Sean enjoys dispossessing opposition forwards and then distributing to our half backs and wingers, as well as moving forward with the ball. Great to see steady improvement along with your enjoyment of the game. Well done Sean.

Callum Jenkin

Always steady and reliable, Callum is comfortable in any number of roles and is always keen to try new positions. Possessing good stick skills and gaining a greater understanding of the game, I know he has a solid future in any position on the field he chooses to make his own. Keep up the great work.

Mackenzie Love

First year in hockey after playing Aussie Rules, and bringing some of those bustling skills across, Mackenzie is always very keen to get amongst it and mix it one on one with the opposition. Really found his niche at Centre Forward doing his best work moving forward with the ball. Mac possesses a great shot at goal and using it to great effect was our team highest scorer this year. Great first year Mac and look forward to many more in the mighty Maroon.

Thomas Moulin

Unfortunately a broken collarbone shortened Thomas's season. But he was always attentive and keen to do his best at any set task. He has shown a noticeable improvement in all areas of his game. A very solid work rate means he is home in any position. Looking forward to future improvement next year Thomas.

James Murdoch

"The Travelling Man" James is tenacious and always puts his best effort into each and every game. He has a very solid work rate and with improvement in his stick skills and reading of the play he'll be a very valuable contributor to any team. Never stop backing yourself in and great effort week in, week out James.

Boys 5/6Reg Black (White) (contd)

Henry Rogerson

With confidence growing in his game and steady reading of the play Henry had a fantastic second half of the season and really nailed down his role at left half. Learning to trust his instincts and back himself to carry the ball will make him a more damaging player moving forward. Also by improving vision and passing skills, you will make yourself a very valuable acquisition to any side. Great job Henry.

Mitch Scally

With a combination of high work rate, competitive spirit and sheer enjoyment of the game, I always smile when I see Mitch warming up to attack a game. He obtains pleasure from all facets of his set task, no matter what his role may be and leaves you with no doubt you are getting 100%. A little susceptible to receiving a knock is a family trait he will have to learn to live with. As with all good thoroughbreds he is better for the run. Thanks for all your efforts Mitch.

Joshua Scanlon

Not only is Joshua the youngest in the team he also has the unenviable task of hearing his coach, father and harshest critic taking apart every facet of the team's game week in, week out. So Joshua – thanks for being my sounding board. On a playing note it is great to see that you may be small in stature but always keen to be involved in the play and mix it with larger competitors. You possess a sound hit and look to be developing your reading of the play by putting yourself in best position to effect your tackles. Showed tremendous improvement throughout the course of the year. You just need to work on your carrying and strength on the ball along with your distribution. This comes with solid practice.

Lewis Snowden

Was without doubt in my opinion the “ find of the season “ after choosing to don the pads and take control of our defensive D this year. Without your application and enjoyment of the task we would not have been as competitive in the second half of the season. Your confident Foot skills and no fear approach to the role are refreshing and I wish you future success in any chosen hockey endeavour. Thanks Lewis.

Sam Snowden

Always enthusiastic, attentive and wearing his heart on his sleeve Sam never holds back from telling you how he feels about the state of play within the context of the game (and always during it). He concentrates on developing his skills and also gets a real enjoyment from the competitiveness of each match. Sam is really starting to make his mark at left wing and one of the highlights of my year was seeing him score and celebrating afterwards. Just needs to work on his ball carrying skills and open up his vision and more goals will come. Always enjoy watching you play.

Reid, Cameron Developed and played his best hockey at inside forward or right wing this season and loves to find space and run with the ball. Has an extremely high work rate and always gets involved with the play. Would love to see you score more goals, and if you keep working on your dribbling and passing skills then the results will come. Great year Cameron.

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Liam Bochenek

Liam had an outstanding season as centre half back and was the linchpin of the team's defence. He has rapidly improving stick skills, and a sound ability to distribute the ball. Liam controlled the play in the centre of the field with precision and energy.

Ben Bradshaw

Ben grew in stature over the season as goalie. He has a vigorous kick, and saved numerous goals. His improving skills as goal keeper kept the team in touch with its competitors, and also strengthened the team as a whole.

Jacob Fitzgerald

Jacob is an enthusiastic and hard running left inner. His zeal for the game was clear, which made him an excellent team member. His strengths and effectiveness as a player flourished later in the season with improved coordination in the forward line.

Kevin Fitzgerald

Terrier-like right inner, with a high work rate. Kevin always tackled hard, with unwavering rigour. Some of his rewards: scoring two goals in a single game this season, along with the opportunity to bond with team mates who valued his determination.

Jack Giddins

Jack played with a lot of determination and commitment at both left inner and half back. He is developing into an effective and strong forward due to his speed and work rate. Great heart and spirit throughout the season!

Benjamin Gilbert

Ben played with energy and vigour at right half back, and was a popular team player. He is a gutsy and gritty defender. He was one of the main short corner defenders and cut off many potential corner shots at goal.

Reilly Grace

Riley developed into a promising fullback during the season. As he continues to establish his skills in the game, particularly his tackling, Riley will improve even further. Despite being out for several weeks with the flu, Riley always gave his best to the team.

Liam Pratt

Playing at fullback, Liam was a reliable defender. He cut off many attacks on goal and had a powerful hit to bring the ball out of defence. A very valuable member of the team.

Rowan Reynolds

Rowan showed a lot of commitment and energy in his games this season. He played mainly in the back line and improved steadily during the season. As his speed increases he will be more of a challenge to opposing forwards.

Sean Reynolds

Sean demonstrated one of the biggest improvements in the team this season. He is developing into a capable defender who is difficult to get past. He is an unselfish player and fits in well to the team.

Taj Sandhu

Taj is a fast-paced and talented centre forward who created numerous scoring opportunities for the team. His agility, team spirit and commitment to the game means that Taj is the player that other teams worry about. He is likely to develop into a very productive scorer in future.

Cameron Sinnott

Cameron's overall game improved rapidly during the season. He played mainly on the wing and initiated some promising attacks in the forward line. Cameron was always enthusiastic, no matter how difficult the game was.

Liam Sinnott

Liam played mainly on the wing and improved his overall game considerably during the season. He formed a promising combination with the two players at left inner – a strong forward trio that troubled opposing teams.

Milorad Ujjesinovic

We were sad that Milorad had to leave the team for a family trip halfway through the season. The team missed his energy and enthusiasm in the forward line. We hope he returns to join the team next season.





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