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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 (Dec'd)	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
D. Timmel	2009

Women

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

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Club Administration 2010

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President's Report

Welcome to the end of another year at Melville City Hockey Club. As the second largest Club in the state and a Club that runs its own turf facility, we face very different pressures than other Clubs. Enormous efforts occur in the background by a large band of volunteers who contribute their time to maintain the well being of the Club.

Most other Clubs with Turfs have the support of schools or universities to assist with the financial and organisational areas of the turf management and maintenance. The amount of organisation that occurs in the background at Melville in running our turf, taking bookings, supplying staff and ensuring the smooth day to day operations are enormous. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Pat Hall and his Turf Committee for their highly professional efforts in running and maintaining the Turf. Pat is often interstate with work yet still puts in many hours personally to ensure all areas are maintained and operations kept up to a high standard.

When establishing Duracraft Stadium the Club required substantial loans from Hockey WA and Treasury to bring its dream to fruition. Over the past 5 or so years the income from the turf has allowed us to meet all of our repayments on time; replace fencing and lighting as well as maintaining a 'sinking fund' for future Turf replacement in the years ahead. Our band of volunteers has literally saved the Club tens of thousands of dollars and I thank all associated on behalf of our members.

Our Club's Committee have also worked tirelessly in a difficult and somewhat disjointed year with several committee members being away at various stages of the year making it difficult to maintain consistency in our operations. Nevertheless members ran their areas in a highly professional manner and maintained the equilibrium required to ensure the Club's standards were maintained. I thank the 2010 committee members most sincerely and hope that the general membership appreciate the time they spend working for the Club.

It may be of interest to know that in 2010 we fielded some 50 teams not counting our Minkey and Graduate players. This number is broken into 27 junior teams, 8 Senior Men's Teams, 6 Senior Women's Teams and 9 Veterans Teams. Our large number of junior Teams augers well for the Club's future.

We again had a large number of Juniors in representative teams at both Regional and State levels. This was complemented by also having two of our senior men, Tristan Clemons and Jordan Hunt, play for the Perth Smokefree Thundersticks in the Australian Hockey League; a fantastic achievement for the Club.

To manage 50 teams takes a great deal of input from managers, coaches and assistant coaches not to mention parents and supporters who brave the elements in supporting teams. Your combined efforts make it all possible and I thank you sincerely for your efforts.

Our Senior Men's coach Peter Freer and Senior Women's coach Jiwa Mohan brought a great deal of experience to the Club and have spent a great deal of time and energy improving the hockey knowledge and skills of our senior players. I thank them both for their valued contributions to the Club throughout the season.

Club History continued to unfold with the holding of our first ever Test Match between the Australian Women's team and the Korean Women's team at Duracraft Stadium. The organisation required to hold this could not have occurred without the co-ordination by Life Member Steve McEntee and his valued band of helpers. Again proof of the strong support our Club offers Hockey in WA.

President's Report (contd)

During 2010 the Club hosted international visitors from Ireland, Indonesia and Hong Kong.

Our Club continues to make a statement off field in the fashion stakes with the introduction of the Club Hoodies and Rugby Tops. These were strongly supported by the membership and maintain a strong club presence and message in the broader hockey community. I thank Tracey Hunt and her valued assistants for their weekly dedication in manning the uniform shop.

Finally can I make special mention of our valued sponsors. A club of our size would need to raise fees substantially were it not for the fantastic support of our sponsors. Their contributions allow us to maintain lower fees than most Clubs. Many of our sponsors have stuck with us over an extended period while new sponsors have come on board as a sign of faith in the Club. I thank them most sincerely and look forward to their ongoing support of the Club. Please do not forget to use the services of these individuals and companies should the opportunity arise.

It has been my pleasure to again lead this great Club. I hope all players and supporters return next year and continue to maintain the spirit that makes this the great Club that it is.

Kindest Regards

Hans Geers, President 2010



Finance & Sponsorship Report

From a finance point of view 2010 was a year set to get Melville Hockey Club out of the red and back into a positive operating profit. To ensure that the club continues to develop and invest in future activities the committee set out to review all sources of revenues and expenses to find ways in which margins could be maximised. As a result of tireless hours spent brainstorming and implementing changes we have been able to bring the club into the green and have been able to reduce debtors balances which has in turn resulted in the club paying creditors on a 30 day basis.

2010 has continued to see MCHC make large investments to increase the club's profile on both a national and international level. Both the men's and women's top squad coaches have turned the teams around with our AHG men's team finishing in their highest position on the ladder for at least 10 years. Our top woman's squad has performed so well that they will be competing in the promotional rounds to potentially see them promoted to the top division which is a first for Melville Hockey Club's history.

From a budgeting point of view, 2010 has seen predominantly favourable variances to budgets. Canteen trading has been up compared to last year. This is primarily due to the change in canteen opening hours and the issues involved with outsourcing the canteen responsibilities having been ironed out. As a result MCHC have been able to continue to provide 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 senior men's uniforms in 2010. The new uniforms look exceptional, however their implementation could not have been possible without the generosity and support of the committee, our club sponsors and the men's top squad.

The bar continues to exceed our expectations in 2010. Now that the bar operations are fully outsourced, we have been able to implement more efficient processes which make the treasurer's job much easier and have resulted in more efficient buying processes. Our excellent 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, continuing their sponsorship with the club, and additionally Old Bridge Cellars coming on board in 2010. As a result of their contributions, MCHC were able to gain more economies with bar purchases. These increased profits 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. 2010 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 Structural Marine/KSN becoming a Platinum Sponsor in 2010, MCHC were also fortunate to have Dean Stonehouse from Bank of Queensland - Applecross join the club as a playing member and one of our Platinum Sponsors. 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 Louise Dixon. 2010 saw her tackle the role of club treasurer. This role is extremely demanding and underestimated in a club of our size. In her first year in this role Louise has taken to it like a duck to water and has gone about implementing a number of process changes and initiatives such as online registration which is currently being trialed ready to go live for 2011. Your work has not gone unnoticed and you have been a great addition to the committee in 2010.

Hamish Burton
Vice President – Finance & Development

Finance & Sponsorship Report (contd)

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Senior Administration Report - Turf Men's Program

AHG League Coach – Peter Freer
AHG/Prem 2 Manager – Johnno Orr
Prem 2 Coach – Ritchie Williams/Paul 'Whip' Meacock
Premier Alliance Coach – Chris Geers
Premier Alliance Manager – Hamish Burton
Provisional 1 Coach – Steve Walsh
Provisional 1 Manager – Cam Porter

The season of 2010 started very positively for the Top Squad men as they won the Mandurah Skins 7-a-side competition against UWA taking the prize money! Our new look uniforms for the AHG and Prem 2 sides complimented the new senior uniform across all Melville grades. It was a new look Melville with an emphasis on ownership and pride in the shirt.

After round 7 Melville sat on top of the AHG Ladder. This was the first time in the Club's history that the premier side had ever reached such heights. Peter Freer once again demonstrated to the Club that he is the leading coach in the AHG competition. The Club is very privileged to have a man of his calibre coaching us. His experience is complimented by the character and commitment of Life Member Johnno Orr managing the top two sides. Special mention should also be made to John de Bes (sprint coach), Maddie Dawson and Karen Bond (physio) and Craig Orr (sports trainer) for their efforts this season. Considering we narrowly missed out on finals this year, 2011 is going to be a very special year for the Club with a very unique opportunity for us to finish in the final 5.

The introduction of Irish national player Andy Herbert was a sensational addition to the side that bolstered our defensive/midfield stocks. The welcoming back of Russell 'Bruce' Lee after a couple of years away from the pitch and out of the country also added a wise head to a very young AHG team. Congratulations to Ross Hall and Courtney Clemons for their first AHG League game at Melville!

Congratulations to Tristan Clemons and Jordan Hunt for making the Thundersticks team. Our other state representatives in 2010 were Jordan Hunt (U/21), Nick Tate (U/18), Kyle McNess (U/18), Pat Lawther (U/18), Ross Hall (U/16), Tim Geers (U/16), Ryan Vickery (U/15) and Bryn de Bes (U/15). There is no doubt that the growing success of the Melville turf program over the last 5 years is attributable (in part) to the production of quality junior players. This is very important for the Club to continue.

I was engaged in a battle with Hockey WA since November 2009 regarding the promotion of our fourth turf team into Provisional 1s. With some negotiation and the odd extra umpiring duty – we successfully promoted from Provisional 2s. Melville is now only 1 of 3 clubs who has the complete suite of representation in the top four turf grades. I must thank Steve Walsh and Cam Porter for their organisation and efforts this year with the Provisional 1s and their efforts in pushing for finals. A sensational effort!

The Premier Alliance team coached by Chris Geers had a significant exodus of experienced players at the end of 2009 – mostly opting for the boutique Metro 1s grade. The focus of the Premier Alliance team was junior development. A sensational effort by Chris and the team for finishing close to the top of the ladder and pushing for finals. It is very exciting to see a team of an average age of 22-23 dominate a grade so convincingly and enjoy the mateship on the pitch which is unique to this side.

Ritchie Williams welcomed Paul Meacock to take on a support coaching role with the Premier 2s team in 2010. It was great to see Whip back with the men after a 2 year absence. The impact he had on the players was considerable. Again, a very young side, balanced with some senior figures ensured that the Premier 2s pushed for top of the ladder finish and are serious contenders for the grand final flag. There have been some tough decisions regarding selections this season, however it is a testament to the players and their commitment to "what's best for the team".

After 4 years at the helm of Vice President men I feel it is the time to hand this exceptional role onto someone else with fresh ideas. It is rewarding to look back over my tenure to see the AHG League team now pushing for finals, Premier 2s and Premier Alliance consistently making finals and promotion of our fourth grade to Provisional 1s. It has been hard work securing the right people for coaching and managing roles, recruitment of players and composing teams with the right

Senior Administration Report - Turf Men's Program (contd)

balance of juniors with senior role models around them. With the depth of players the Club has developed over the last 5 years, we have positioned ourselves very well to push for an AHG League flag. I am also very proud of the culture of volunteerism which is growing within the turf men's group. This is very important for the long term sustainability of the Club.

On a final note – I would like to emphasise the absolute importance of the production of quality junior players. At no point can the Club let their guard down. The appointment of quality coaches in 17As, 15As and 13As is critical. The continuation of an MTIS style elite junior talent identification/talent program is vital. Melville must remain the leader in junior development programs as we are only just receiving the benefits of that hard work and endeavour. It is an absolute obligation on the future Melville Committee to ensure quality juniors continue to be produced. Expansion of the men's turf program has to be carefully considered and balanced against factors such as increasing turf usage costs, maintenance of turf program player depth and junior player retention (i.e. the increasing numbers of turf juniors entering senior ranks expecting turf games).

Thanks again for the opportunity to work in this capacity and work with a number of outstanding people over the last 4 years. See you all next year fighting fit for an AHG League flag!

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Senior Administration Report - Men's Metros

While the Metro sides had an indifferent year on the field this year, we did make some changes to the way the sides are run, resulting in more stable squads and less instances of sides being short on a Saturday. All of the credit for this goes to Clint Dymond, Tim McEntee and Andy Criddle, who were all appointed to manage squads (without really being given an option) and implementing the new approach, which they did with much grace and precious little whinging. I hope that you guys are willing to back up again next year, and that you know that your efforts are appreciated both by your teammates and more broadly within the club.

Taking on a very small role in the club again after several years away reinforced to me just how much time and effort is put in by those who have real roles - and I would like to especially acknowledge the efforts of Dan White, in his role as Vice-President, for supporting me in re-shaping the Metro leagues into a more social group. I would also like to thank Chris Geers and Steve Walsh for their co-operation with the change, which did lead to some rub points at the start of the year.

Finally, on a personal note, it appears that my knee has finally given up the ghost and it is very unlikely that I will be able to play on after this year. I'd like to thank the club for providing me the opportunity to play for the last (almost) 30 years, and wish only success to whoever takes over the Metro's role next year.

Gav Scally



Senior Administration Report - Women

Well after 6 six years as the Women's Vice President, the candlewick has finally come to it's end and it is time to move on and for someone new with burning bright ideas to keep moving forward.

When I took this role on in 2005 I had a plan that I wanted to put in place.

- I wanted to see the women's side of the club increase in numbers of teams, to allow all players to play to their ability.
- Equality with the men for turf training times.
- A budget available to help develop the women's top squad to achieve making first division.
- Quality coaches
- Junior players, being fed into seniors for development
- Introduction of overseas players

I look back at the plan, and now at the end of this year I feel we can tick all the boxes. It is important that we keep focusing and continue to move forward and complete our goals along the way. This will keep us strong and competitive for all club members to enjoy and achieve.

At the start of 2005 we had four teams and by the end of 2008 we had increased to nine. Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to drop a team for this year to keep the Premier 2's. When I approached all teams and advised they would be playing a grade higher than usual, the players showed their understanding and enthusiasm and I cannot thank the players enough, knowing that it was going to be hard year for all players. However in doing this, it gave the players the opportunity to taste a higher competition. Congratulations to all of you.

This year we were able to secure a highly regarded and qualified coach in the Malaysian International player of Jiwa Mohan. When I spoke to Jiwa, I advised him of what we desperately required for our women's top squad. We have a playing group that needed to be taken to the next level and knock on the door to first division. Jiwa has been an inspiration to our playing group with his professionalism and complete dedication in bringing the best to this group. For the first time in 17 years we are challenging for first division. As the Women's Vice President it has been an absolute pleasure and a wonderful opportunity working with Jiwa and finishing my term on a complete high.

Jiwa also had the very able assistance of Dearne Plaister and this allowed the top squad to run smoothly. Her team work with Jiwa made for a formidable and successful unit. The work that Dee does behind the scenes is way above the call of duty and again it is much appreciated. The top squad is just not complete without her.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the coaches for all our teams. Keith Harper came across from the juniors to step in as the Premier 2's coach. It was a year for Keith to learn from Jiwa and to take his coaching to the next level.

We could not have been more delighted when David Ogden and Ross Hall put their hand up to coach the Provisional 1's team. Their dedication and professionalism has just been fantastic and we look forward to seeing the guys back next year.

A special thanks to Gerard Phipps for all his time and effort for stepping in as the 4's coach, and also for getting the Top Squad BBQ fund raising up and running at the start of the season. Gerard is a great club man.

Mark Lyons what can we say, except that you are a champion. The girls have loved being coached by you and we are so lucky to have had you again and again.

We had a floater in Greg Hunt who came down to fill in and give his expertise to the girls and help the coaches out. Mmm a permanent spot would look good!

This brings us to the metro girls who have once again, finished minor Premiers (we wouldn't expect anything less). I don't know what magic potion Jan Davies brings to this team but let's hope this year they bring the flag home without going to penalty strokes for the third year in a row. Well done ladies on a fantastic season.

Senior Administration Report - Women (contd)

Thank you goes to all the team managers, as it is a time consuming and a thankless job. The teams could not have run smoothly without you and you make my job so much easier

Sandra Orr	Willow Bridge
Steph Dixon	Premier 2
Nicola Ogden	Provisional 1
Deb Crompton	Provisional 2
Allison Wheatley	Provisional 3
Sharon Latham	Metro 1

We have had some outstanding achievements this year in players reaching state team level. For Melville to produce such outstanding juniors is a credit to our club and to the players. I mention these juniors as they are a core of our women's top squad.

Briony Clark	(Captain) State school girls under 16's
Kirsten Silvey	State under 15's
Aimee Clark	State under 15's
Chiara Purcell	State under 15's

This year we had five overseas Malaysian players join our top squad. Neck and Saliza added experience to the training group and Wana, Fara and Fafa were part of our exchange program in younger player development with Jiwa. We look forward to continuing our connection with the Malaysian players. We thank them for being part of the junior training program as the kids have loved being coached by them.

I would like to thank Maureen and Leo Welten for opening their home to the girls when they first arrived. Also to Norm Morrison who has just been a gem, in being a support for the girls and lending his own car for them to get around in the last 3 months.

To make the programme with the Malaysians players possible, I would like to acknowledge the following sponsors:

Air Asia, providing the airfares at a discounted rate for the players
CID consultants Principal Mining / Resources, Aki Etelaaho (Metro Men)
Player sponsorship (Neck) Louise, Ashley and Steph Dixon

Your contribution is greatly appreciated and it would have not been possible without you.

This year brings the closure to our three year sponsorship with the Top Squad of Fiesta Holidays and Jetset Applecross. Thank you to the club members who have supported our sponsors, because without these sponsors we would not have had the quality uniforms provided.

Before I close off I want to make special mention about our Top Squad goalie Caitlyn Ogden who sadly passed away this year. I know she would be proud of the girls for achieving Minor Premiers and getting the chance to play in the promotional games for first division. Caitlyn will always be in our hearts, part of this group and this achievement. She will never be forgotten and will be remembered by the trophy that will be named in her honour next year.

I wish the new Vice President all the best for next year and that everyone supports her (when announced). I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have supported me in the last six years through the ups and downs and in achieving our goals of continuing being successful, in the name of Hockey our great game!

Lee Jarvis
Women's Vice President

Veterans Report - Men

As a new boy at the job, the season started out at a hectic pace with nominations and changes to 55-60 done at the last moment. Most teams had kept their numbers up from the previous season and seemed to have it all under control. Moments of panic only happened on the odd occasion, but all managers worked well to solve these. Good results from most grades and several teams making the finals with chances of grand finals still to come in the upcoming finals period. The support shown to front up and cheer other Vets teams was good to see. An enthusiastic supporter crowd always helps, especially when the legs get weary towards the end of a game. Well done everyone. Thanks to all the managers and helpers for making 2010 easy to control and organise.

On a social note, we joined with the women vets to put on a wine and food evening, which was a great night and enjoyed by all. We even made some money towards club funds. Thanks to those who helped on the night to the vets womens teams for the food and the band of club members who made the night happen. (Hope this becomes an annual event.)

A special thanks to Colin Willis, who filled in when I was not available; Rob Walker for keeping tabs on players and registrations etc; Marie Intini for her efforts on the wine night; Roger Bell for his help with the start-up information at the beginning of the season.

To all the Vets, thanks for 2010. To the people who helped out with umpiring, congratulations on being tolerant with some of us. Recruit in the summer and look forward to season 2011.

See you all next year
Bruce Cadd
Veterans Coordinator



Junior Administration Report

This year our Junior division consisted of 27 teams, making us one of the biggest Junior clubs. We had 360 players in years 5 to 12 and 280 in our Minkey and Graduates program. With about 80 grads expected to be joining the 5/6 age group next season, we anticipate to have around 30 teams. With the vast number of teams we will, once again, be able to cater for all ability levels throughout the age groups.

Grading day this year was held over two days, with most of the games being played on turf. With 27 teams to trial, it was a huge task to complete over the two days. A huge thankyou must go out to all the coaches, selectors and umpires who volunteered their services, enabling the trials to run smoothly.

Of the 18 teams in the 7/8 to 11/12 year groups, 9 are on track to make the finals. I expect many of these teams to either make the grand final or go very close to being there on the big day. There were no finals for the 9 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 18 Men's – Nick Tate

State 16 Schoolgirls – Briony Clark (Captain)

State 16 Schoolboys – Tim Geers and Ross Hall

State 15 Girls – Aimee Clark, Kirsten Silvey and Chiara Purcell

State 15 Boys – Bryn deBes and Ryan Vickery

State 12 Schoolgirls – Monique Sader

Special congratulations must go to Ross Hall, who has also been selected in the Australian 16 Schoolboys and also to Tim Geers being included as a train on.

This year Don Miller was responsible for organising a player exchange program with the Hong Kong Valley Hockey Club. Jason Wolfe and Jack Rawson, joined us for a few weeks in the latter part of the season and both players fitted in well in their respective teams. Huge thanks to Don for initiating the program. Don has recently organised for some sponsorship for Melville players to travel to Hong Kong. We anticipate many players taking advantage of the program in years to come.

Two new roles, a coaching coordinator and an umpiring coordinator, were created this year. Mark Tate took on the coaching coordinator's role, organising specialist training for goalies and warm up exercises, with the help of John deBes. Brad Bocking was responsible for sourcing a group of about twenty keen juniors who were called upon to umpire many junior games during the season. Neil Ashley ran an introductory umpiring course for the group, prior to their first umpiring commitment. These enthusiastic people gained valuable experience and confidence in umpiring under the guidance of Brad. Thanks to Mark and Brad for fulfilling these roles.

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. Special mention must go to Janine Tate, who once again took on the role of Manager's Co-ordinator this year. Janine spent many hours trouble shooting problems associated with entering team results. Huge thanks must go to Nicola Ogden, for providing valuable assistance and advice this year. Nicola took on many of the behind the scenes tasks, which greatly reduced my workload. Very special thanks also to Corelle, Brianna and Jake for their valuable assistance and support throughout the season. I could not have done this job without them.

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

Minkey and Graduates Report

What a fantastic season 2010 has been for minkey & grads. We were blessed with beautiful weather for a winter sport – only one morning of rain.

This year, 192 minkey kids and 78 grads kids signed up for the season. The future growth of the club is in order at this rate!

The minkey kids were divided into eight year 1 teams, ten year 2 teams and six year 3 teams. I heartily thank the parents who volunteered (or were coerced) to coach their child's team. The kids and the club benefit from your knowledge. Also thanks to the parents who managed the teams making the organisation much easier.

Grads this year had eight teams, which is great. It was looking to be a logistical nightmare with 8 teams and 3 pitches, especially after the council would not let us use the extra bit of land the other side of the road as it was not fit for formal games. But a solution was found where we used 2 full pitches and 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ pitches. Again I need to thank the coaches and managers of these teams. I was even coerced into coaching, by my daughter, which has proved a most rewarding experience. I think her coach has to be commended for letting her play centre forward and score goals – though she makes a great full back!

It has been a year of too many broken bones – one leg, two arms (both in my team) and a broken foot – none due to hockey fortunately.

We have had our usual "Friday nights" which are always a success. The kids love playing on the turf under the lights and the grads are exhausted at the end of their games. It is a great excuse for the parents to stay for the BBQ and the odd beer – thanks to Chris, the Scot behind the bar for opening up on those extra Fridays. Thanks also to Kate on the BBQ for making sure the food is always on time and yummy.

We were lucky enough to have the top men's squad come along one morning and coach the year 3 teams – their help, as always, was much appreciated – and I know a number of the kids have been along to watch the top squad matches too.

Thanks also must go to the Mellor family who have got up early and opened up and set up the goals. It has meant I have been able to watch my sons play from time to time. Mason Mellor has been a star helping his dad with the goals and hooting the hooter each week. Roger has also coached both his other two children's team – Luka, who will be a star player when she hits J5/6 next year and Jude has to be one of the youngest (and cutest) players this year. Thanks Mellor family.

My final thanks goes to my sons for putting up with me not seeing many of their matches, and for playing particularly well on the weeks I have watched.

I have had a lot of fun and satisfaction with the minkey & grads over the past few years – as I have said before, it is a sight to be seen – one of the highlights of the season happened in the first week when a year 1 team was being coached while playing their game and being instructed "someone stop the ball" at which point a small boy bent down, picked it up and responded "I've got it" Got to love them....

Theresa Rayfield

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Games Played Awards 2010

700 Games

Geoff Ranford

600 Games

Bruce Cadd
Keith Harper

300 Games

Nicola Ogden
Geoffrey Riley
Ben Rushton
John Smith

500 Games

Gary Thomas

400 Games

John Cooke
Paul Meacock

200 Games

Matt Bowater
John Crowe
Demelza Dravnieks
Hans Geers
Chris Geers
Erin Hall
Kelly Ryan
Colin Slattery

100 Games

Roger Bell
Sarah Bowyer
India Brockman
Madelaine Brockman
Aimee Clark
Mario Coelho
Brianna Coleman

Debbie Crompton
Kevin Dempster
Stephanie Dixon
Nicholas Emmett
Georgia Gibson
Paige Hudson
Sally Meacock

Bill Morrison
Steve Oosterbaan
Brad Potter
Denby Russell
Kirsten Silvey
Louise Watson
Daniel White

50 Games

Bronwen Anderson
Luke Antoncich
David Beckwith
Hamish Burton
Tanesha Chellew
Natasha Clay
Courtney Clemons
Geoff Corlett
Jason De Wind
Nicholas Dumas
Tony Ganzer
Scott Girling
Annie Gleave
James Gurbiel
Rachel Harrup
Maddy Harwood
Zane Hill

Luke Hobley
Gus Ingenluyff
Jake Jonas
Darren Kidd
Renaë Latham
Tearne Latham
Brittany Lawrence
Sam Lee
Jayben Lister
Stephanie Lynch
Duncan Macphail
Sean Mansfield
Tom Mathwin
John Mcknight
Chris Miller
Jim Moncrieff
Dee Murphy

Eric Nell
Scott Nelson
Roger Nottage
Fallon Ogilvy
Kaitlin Passmore
Rebecka Phipps
Keith Platel
David Ross
Nina Rowe
Peter Smits
Elizabeth Stratton
Demy Stroobach
Matthew Tate
Alison Watson
Avril Widger
Robert Wood

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 2010

Division	Fairest & Best	Coach's Award
Girls 11/12A:	Megan Silvey	Sarah Bowyer
Girls 11/12A Reserve:	Georgia Mason	Brianna Coleman
Girls 11/12B Gold:	Caitlin Toogood	Claudia Morgan
Boys 11/12A:	Ross Hall	Jerome Paz
Boys 11/12B Black:	Mark Shepherd Alex Lynch	Blake Thompson
Girls 9/10A:	Aimee Clark	Paige Hudson Georgia Wade
Girls 9/10A Reserve Gold:	Annie Gleave Sarah Gerrard	Serena Matthews
Girls 9/10C:	Dallas Campbell	Cara Lawther
Boys 9/10A:	Bryn de Bes	Frank Reynolds
Boys 9/10B Gold (Maroon):	James Whiley	Rowan Ayriss
Boys 9/10B Gold (White):	Sam Lee	Lachlan Dymond
Girls 7/8A:	Rachel Harrup	Alison Watson
Girls 7/8A Reserve:	Courtney Fullarton	Hannah Robson
Girls 7/8B Black:	Brittany Lawrence	Claudia Holsgrove
Boys 7/8A:	Josh Antoncich	Jonathon Thorn
Boys 7/8A Reserve:	Lachlan Sims	Jonathon Rayfield
Boys 7/8B Black:	Justin Brooker	Harrison Ollier
Boys 7/8C:	Jordan Harris	Lachlan Jones Liam Pratt

Melville City Hockey Club Inc. Junior Awards 2010 (Contd)

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

Patrick Lawther

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

Ross Hall

David Porter Trophy:
Most improved goalkeeper

Chiara Purcell

Ian Halliday Trophy:
Highest junior goal scorer

Nick Tate

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Seniors Awards 2010

Founder's Shield:

Fairest and best - men's top side

Matthew Swann

Wiffen Trophy:

Most improved younger player - women

Ashleigh Sperinick

Catherine Bayens Trophy:

Player displaying most commitment to club - women

Erin Hall

Premier 2 Men:

Ross Hall

Premier Alliance Men:

Sam Geers

Willow Bridge League Women:

Megan Silvey

Premier 2 Women:

Stacey Tweddle

Provisional 1 Men:

Marcus Radunivich

Provisional 1 Women:

Holly Menegola

Provisional 2 Gold Women:

Susan Wilson

Provisional 3 Gold Women:

Alecia McCall

Metro 1 Men:

Matthew Read

Metro 1 Women:

Jenny Coad

Metro 2 Gold Men:

Brad Wake

Metro 3 Black Men:

Metro 3 Gold Men:

Matthew Willis

Midweek Veterans Men:

Michael Starling

Rae Blunt Pennant (Womens Vets 1):

Kylie Mishra

Womens Vets Div 2:

Maris Margetts

Over 40 Div 2 Men:

David Ross

Over 40 Div 4 Men:

Scott Girling

Over 50 Div 1 Men:

Colin Howell

Over 50 Div 2 Men:

Bill Morrison

Over 50 Div 3 Men:

Leo Welten

Over 60 Men:

Frank Williams
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
Pat Hall	2010

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
Andy & Jodi Reynolds	2010

AHG League - Men

"The coach should not forget that the task is not to put knowledge where knowledge does not exist, but to turn the mind's eye to the light so that it might see for itself" Plato 4000

I hope you read that one again and have a think about it! Maybe that has been my agenda this past 2 years at Melville, and maybe why so much frustration exists.

One of the key phrases to the first men's team players has been "Lead by Example", I firmly believe that for the Club to become a successful one that this must happen on a consistent basis, not just by the first team but by all.

I also bring the question to you: "What does lead by example" mean. You don't have to be the CEO or the coach to "lead by example", but it means exemplary performance no matter whether you are cleaning the club house, listening to a mate, executing at training and performance in games. My observations lead me to see that we are falling short of this.

I often hear criticism of Club members, criticism of umpires, etc etc and all that is seen is that the person making this criticism has just not performed to the level expected and is lacking respect of themselves and not the people being criticised.

Make "no excuses".

A 100% positive approach is needed to achieve the ultimate!!

The first teams season:

In brief there has been a move forward and it is recorded that the team was at one stage on top of the ladder after 8 games, however inconsistency in performance mid season has not helped the progression although it was great to see the wins in the latter part of the season. On stats the team has scored more points than any other Melville Classic League team in the Club's history. My aim when I took over was to get the number of goals scored up to 50 and the goals scored against down to 50, if this is done we would be in the five. In 2009 we scored 50 plus goals, however in 2010 we only managed 41 goals for. However, in 2008 the team conceded 90 goals and this year it has been brought right down to 51 goals against. This is a marvellous improvement and if another 10 goals can be shaved off this and another 10 goals for scored the team will be in the top three.

It all sounds easy, but in reality to become a top team and Club it requires a lot of work and positive effort and energy. I regret seeing so much this year that is titled as "sabotaging behaviour" and I once again implore that all get on the band wagon of making your Club great.

The team has had significant input by Captain **Clemo**, both on and off the field. I have appreciated his professional approach and critical thinking and analysis to move the team forward. His on field performance in many games would make him the best GK in Australia, but even he admits that he was disappointing in some games. For Clemo to climb the lofty heights of being the best in the country he needs to consistently perform in every game at a very high level. Whilst a team wins games, Clemo's performance in some games was very significant in us achieving the winning points.

Another player who joined the leadership team this year was **Hooksy**. He has great insight and knowledge on our game from his European heritage, players from the northern hemisphere develop a far greater analytical ability to the game than we do and this experience has assisted us greatly. Unfortunately, Hooksy has had a very interrupted playing season and with glandular fever in the last few months has been unable to contribute greatly to the team on the field. I am told you catch glandular fever via kissing I will leave it at that...

Richi Williams although not a player in the first team joined the leadership group this year and has been significant in bridging the gap between the 1s and 2s as Head Coach of the 2s. We are lucky to have someone of Richi's abilities

and strengths in the group, and the performances of the 2s in particular have showed what Richi has done for us. He has been invaluable in his feedback and support of the top squad moving forward.

Whip (Paul) also joined the management group in a capacity to keep a watchful eye over the development of the younger group and also the 2s. It has been another piece in team management that has been crucial to our development.

We have been very lucky to have Irishman, **Andy Herbert** from Cork join us for a season. He is an absolute gentleman and someone who will always be remembered as a real quality bloke. He has had significant influence on our team as he brings a steadiness to our defence whilst having that elusive ability to pass the ball over distance to really open up an oppositions defence. We will really miss Andy, as will the girls of Perth. We wish him all the best and hope he is back with us soon.

Russell Lee took a year off to holiday around Japan and during this time increased his back strength and flexibility to play a full season for the team. How good it is to have an experienced coach and player on the field such as Russell. His steadiness on match day has also been influential. He announced that he won't be playing first team in the future,

AHG League - Men (contd)

but I am sure that his youthfulness will be seen on the field at some time. Yes, Russell you are still too young and too good to put up the stick - maybe a different training program is the answer. The team needs you on the pitch.

Dan "Dangerman" White played most of the season at LHB. He has nicknamed himself "Dangerman" and I am still miffed by this. Does it mean that he is "dangerman" to his own team by letting right wings simmer past him, or does it mean he is dangerous to opposition teams by the way his largish body belted opposition players, or is it just he is now Dan the Dangerman Disco king as he frequents numerous night Clubs terrorising all before him. One thing is for sure is that you get 100% from Dangerman both on and off the field and he has been very influential in games in not only belting opposition players but throwing some scintillating passes for our forwards to do something with.

Johnboy as RHB has had a very good season and would most likely be our most consistent player this year. We have discussed this year as a team about just knowing your team mate is someone you can trust because he is doing his job. Johnboy certainly did his defensive job extremely well and was extremely solid. Hopefully he can develop a little more attacking flair so as to become one of Melville's great players.

Whip (Ben) - this man has developed into a goal sneak, he played mainly as a defender, but scored some very crucial goals when games were in the balance. Ben has had a consistent season building on his performance in 2009. For me it has been great to see Ben step up to be a very good player for his Club. I still believe that Ben should do away with the Mr NiceGuy some times in games. He is such a good man, but at times I believe he could use a "smash and grab" approach to influencing a game. With such a strong body, with excellent fitness and mobility, with such a powerful hit I would love to see him rise above all on the field. His potential is still huge.

Swanny - far out, what a great player this man is and now very much on the world stage and noticed by all countries. We were so lucky to pick Swanny up, every time he puts the Melville shirt on he gives 100%, although I believe that someone who does 17 on a beep test makes it look like you have an extra 2 players on the pitch. Swanny's influence on the team moving forward has been remarkable, but not only that he is an exceptional personality off the field. What more can I say, but thanks to such a great young man. Oh, and I nearly forgot his little jig of excitement and enthusiasm when he is involved in success no matter how big or small. Did you see him celebrate his field goal at the Champions Trophy, especially when he was meant to be playing deep defence?

Ev - another reliable season by Ev although by Ev's standards he knows he could play better. I was so pleased to see Ev finish off the season with 2 great games for him to remember. Ev might be the quiet man of the team, but he certainly has a big lion in his heart, as you will see Ev dive across the pitch to make intercepts in games that have been in the balance to ensure maximum points for his team.

Doogs - the big man joined Melville this year to further his hockey. Doogs has become a significant member of the team as he has a broad depth of understanding of the game of hockey at the high level given that he has been coached by some of the best coaches around. Doogs not only has brought this experience but also a huge engine to have a big physical influence on the game. His season has not been as consistent as he would like but his influence on the team in many games has been dramatic. The team needs more players with the heart of Doogs.

Brodes - we found a new role for Brodes at Melville by playing him at IF for the first half of the season. Brodes loves to be involved in the game and this role suited him. He also gives a big physical influence to the game but to be a top line midfielder needs to develop the finer art of passing the ball more deftly. Overall, Brodes has progressed this year, he works hard on his game and deserves success. He finished the year back on the strike forward line and caused much havoc to defences.

Pat Welsh - Pat has shown marvellous improvement in his game over the past two years. He is now becoming a significant member of the first squad, with some special skills, good passing ability and with the desire to run and chase and hassle opposition at a much higher level than 2 years ago. He has a great future for his Club.

Dirty David Orr - Dirty has had a frustrating season with his knee not being 100%. Dirty has battled through this injury and has been quite significant up front. With wonderful indoor skills and a very good ability to know the patterns in attack, Dirty has been a great help in organising the front group. I hope that he is fully fit so he can be seen at his best in 2011.

Gurbs - Once again I put Gurbs in the top few players at Melville if this was defined by his level of skill. He could be the absolute match winner for his Club. For Gurbs to have a regular spot in the first team he needs to have greater intent in wanting the ball either by hassling opposition to a much greater degree or presenting to his team mates when they have the ball. I hope he doesn't let the opportunity pass him by.

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Rusty - Russell Ford played a number of games for Melville this year despite a frustrating year with illness. His smooth skills and talent to score goals puts icing on what the team does. When Russell is not playing we miss his playing leadership. He is a very valuable long term member of this team. It was great to see Rusty scoring goals for Oz in the last Champions Trophy. Hopefully he has many more goals for the 'green & gold'.

Jordan - Muscles has made rapid improvement in his hockey this past 18 months and it is a credit to him to be selected and play for the Thundersticks. He is now becoming influential in games, but is still developing and has work to do on consistently being tougher on the ball and being more direct in his attacking play. I am sure we all watch with interest as he progresses through the next few years.

Riz - Mmmmm....what a dichotomy, what amazing skills and abilities, but once again needing more consistency with his hockey. Riz scored a hat trick in the last fixture which showed what he can do, and I feel he needs to be more motivated to this level so as to become one of the great players in WA hockey.

Ricca - Mr Reliable, I was able to use Ricca in many roles this year and in particular in the latter half of the season at IF. His game is far more consistent than in early years and this maturity in his hockey gives the team far greater depth.

Luke Minness the saxophone playing GK from the east followed the star to Melville land and has been fantastic playing as reserve GK to Clemo. He gives his all and played brilliantly in our last game to keep the Vic Park forwards silent. He is a wonderful personality to have around the team.

Matt Bowater and Ross Hall were others to play for the team this year. Matt filled in sensationally when both GKs were away and we are so lucky that Matt provides this back up so generously. Ross made his debut for the 1s in one game and has showed this year that it won't be long before he gains a regular berth in the first team.

We saw the departure of **Matt Eastham** from Melville in July hopefully to return soon. Matt is a very fast and skilful striker who can score from most angles. I certainly appreciated his support and look forward to reuniting with him in the future.

Finally, I can't speak highly enough of Manager, **Johnno**, who is such a great support to all but in particular to me. I have worked with some brilliant managers and I would say that Johnno is one of the best. The Club must be truly indebted to the time and effort that Johnno has put into looking after the first team's interests.



Womens Willow Bridge League

Jiwa Mohan Report (coach)

First and foremost, thank you for the opportunity to coach you this year. I would also like to extend my appreciation to club management and officials. It has been great since the day I joined the club.

The pre season started with a reasonable amount of running and physical training. The commitment and dedication from the players were far beyond my expectations.

As mentioned on jersey presentation day, I would like to assist the club to build a formidable side within 2 years. The first step is to win the Willow Bridge and obtain the ticket to play promotional games. That was the ultimate objective for year 2010.

This Melville team started the season in medium pace mode. Throughout the season, we had a few ups and downs. The unexpected passing off our beloved, Caitlyn Ogden, has given us more strength and courage to endure this season.

As the season progressed, players picked up the tempo and pushed themselves to a higher level. With the arrival of 5 Malaysians, it has definitely given us more depth on the field. God willing, everything goes according to our plan. The club has great potential to be a hockey power house in WA.

Throughout the season I have been lucky enough to have the support of Dee my assistant coach and I have really appreciated the support she has provided me and the players this season.

Three young, exciting players, Kirsten, Aimee and Chiara have made it to the Under 15 WA state team this year and Briony and Megan are another 2 juniors to watch in the coming years as they continue to develop and build on their amazing skills. This is the future.

Last but not least, to all my wonderful players Lizzie, Sue, Erin, Megan, Chooky, Demelza, Sally Meacock, Sarah, Nat, Ash, Briony, Aimee, Kirsten, Wana, Fara, Liza, Neck and Leisa, and to all the others that have filled in or played a few games with us, I thank you all for your commitment to our team and wish you all the best in your hockey.

Nor Salizar Ahmad Soobni (Sal/Liza)

We have loved having Saliza in our team this year. Her spirit and cracking hit have been great to watch. She always gives 110% effort in every single game. She has continued to develop all aspects of her game and produced some fine hockey this season. Your efforts this year have been really appreciated at Melville.

Nurizwana Ahmad Tajuddin (Wana)

Wana is an 18 year old girl from Pulau Pinang, Malaysia, with great skill and confidence on a hockey pitch. She demonstrates amazing control and always puts the finishing touches on to add the WOW factor. This deadly striker reads play well and will always find herself in great positions where she picks up the ball and takes off with acceleration and speed often to score a 'specky' goal. Wana is still developing her English skills but she has learnt a lot now.... "Hi hi..excuse me? You want to buy a spring roll, 2 dollar?" We love having you around, thank you for your efforts at Melville this season Wana.

Nurfarahin Alkap (Fara)

Fara is the tall, gorgeous, quiet player from Malaysia who always has a smile on her face. Her slap hits are amazing! So hard, fast and accurate! As she continues to develop her confidence and consistency in her work rate, she provides really good support from behind. She has a great attitude and will always support her team mates. She is the best

supporter in our team! great job!

Kannagi Arumugan (Neck)

Neck is one of the aggressive players on this squad. She always give 100% every single game and strives to work the ball out of defence. She has an amazing knowledge and understanding of the game and creates great passages of play from the middle. Your work rate and determination is inspiring and the girls are very glad to have had you as a part of their team this year.

Sarah Bowyer

Sarah is a quiet achiever in the team, always giving her best and holding her own against pushy opposition. Her tenacious attitude saw her win the ball again and again and she could always be relied upon to keep on going. Sarah's natural fitness got her through many of Ji's running sessions at the front of the pack and helped her play the 2 games a weekend. Hope to see you back next year, hopefully with a new stick.

Aimee Clark (Aims)

She is an amazing player and with her infectious smile she is irresistible and loved by all players. You can never predict what she will do next so just expect the unexpected. She may be small in stature but she has a big heart and will take on any opposition twice her size for the team. Great season Aims.

Womens Willow Bridge League (contd)

Briony Clark (Bri)

Brilliant and a brainiac to match Runs her butt off Instinctive and intuitive OMG, she's taller than her Mum Never gives up Yes, she captained the U16 State Schoolgirls

Susan Clark (Su/Suzie)

Sue is the mum of the group! She has moved to fullback this year, played a very solid season and has inspired the young girls with her talent and leadership. It has been great to see her playing alongside Aimee and Briony. Great season Sue!

Demelza Dravnieks (Dee)

Demelza is a consistent player who usually holds her own at the left flank. She is such a great club member, always doing her bit for the team without question. She has continued to develop her abilities on the field this year as a defender, putting great pressure on the opposition. You have had a great season Demelza, well done!

Gillian Forbes (Gillie)

Gillian put her hand up to play for us in the first half of the season. Her ability to turn up after a hard week of shift work and then play an amazing game was amazing. Gillian has a great hockey brain, knowing exactly where to pass the ball and create leads that would often lead to an increase in our score. We thank you for your efforts this year Gillian and hope to see you back next year.

Erin Hall (Ez)

Trusty Ez in the backline, if she is there, you know that everything is going to be alright. She has a big heart and a passion for the game, shown every time she picks up a stick. Erin is an unbelievable club person who gives up hours of her day to prepare, organise and give her time if it means helping out the Melville Hockey Club and the team she plays for. Her commitment to the team is inspiring, always first to training and games and last to leave, demonstrating her dedication to putting in 100% effort towards achieving our team goals. Thank you for all you have given this season Erin, your contributions are amazing.

Natalie Johnson (GK)

Nat is awesome! How she manages motherhood and goalie is inspiring. She is a wonderful club member. Her direction from the goals is loud and precise. Always gives 110%. She is sometimes too hard on herself, after all it has to get through ten players before it gets to her.

Sally Meacock (Sal)

The Cheetah! She runs fast and she runs hard. Sally will always put in 100% and demonstrates her excellent knowledge of the game by comfortably fitting in to the forward line, midfield or defence, whatever the team requires of her. Sally is a team player and is a positive and calm influence on the players in her team.

Caitlyn Ogden (GK)

Early on this season our team was hit with the unbelievable news that Caitlyn had passed away under tragic circumstances. It hit us hard as she was our friend, our team mate. It was a huge loss to all of us and I know that

each player holds a special place in their heart for our Caito. Caito always played hard, always giving 100% to the team and her personal game. Her loud and directing voice was always appreciated on the field (even though the umpires came up to her after the first game and told her that she may get carded next time because her 'loudness' was intimidating. HA!). Our team has travelled on a challenging journey this year and we have worked hard to get to the place where we want to be. We will never forget that Caitlyn helped us get there. We all wear purple proudly, on and off the field and carry you in our hearts always.

Leisa Poole

Leisa the Scott was with the Melville Women's Top Squad for a whole year, during that time she was priceless on and off the field. On the field she was a speedy forward with skills to match and a frequent goal scorer and assister. She also had some killer moves for one on ones with the goalies. Off the field she participated in the social aspects of Melville and bonded with the girls. She will be sadly missed and will always be considered a part of our Top Squad family.

Kirsten Silvey (Kirst/Kirsty)

Not only does Kirst put the age gap in our team to over 30 years, she always gives her all. Kirst should be really proud of her efforts in seniors and juniors this year. Her determination and work ethic has seen her cement her spot in the top side and gain selection into the under 15 state side. Congratulations on an awesome season Kirsten.

Megan Silvey (Megs/Megsie)

Megan has stepped up a notch this year and has shone in the backline throughout the season. Her confidence in her own ability has soared this year and she has had an outstanding season. Megsie always has a kind word to say about everyone and she contributes to the team with positive insights and suggestions. It has been terrific to watch one of our juniors blossom into such a strong and vital defender in the Willow Bridge Team this year. Congratulations on your season Megan!

Ashleigh Sperinck (GK)

Ash, what can we say but thanks for not only coming to the rescue, but also confirming what a few of us have been saying about you over the last few seasons, "AWESOME GOALKEEPER". Finally you have stepped up into the team you should be in and don't ever doubt that. Ash is forever smiling, always ready for a chat and a joke but most importantly she loves being in the goals, no matter what team she is playing with she'll play her best game. Her attitude is, "Let's go, I'm ready," and it's infectious. I know for a fact that Nat will be very relieved and happy knowing that Ash is in the goals looking after a great team of players that deserve the best female goalkeeper at Melville. Keep going Ash it's only going to get better.

Elizabeth Stratton (Lizzie)

The fighter! Lizzie is always determined to get a goal or two. Her determination and passion to play well and to score is contagious around her team mates. Lizzie seems to display a sort of magic when the ball reaches her, as she makes

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her way towards the circle with speed and precision, often disallowing anything to stand in her way (sometimes this leads to yellow cards but that's ok with her as long as she is leading that tally). Although Lizzie's fighting spirit will usually come away from a game with a goal or two, I don't think there was a game where she didn't have blood on her knees. Hopefully this summer Lizzie can allow those knees to heal, all ready for next season!

Caitlyn Surman (Chooky/Chucky)

Chooky is one of our funniest players in the Willow Bridge team. She puts in her all at every game and training session and always manages to distract Sandra enough to get in a sneaky Red Bull before a match. Her ability to take on coach's comments and adapt her game to the needs of the team is amazing, and this has seen her take on many different positions on the field this season. She is a dynamic and agile player who creates concern for any opposing team. Thank you for your hard work and commitment Chooky, we love you!

Sandra Orr (Manager of Willow Bridge)

Our wonderful Willow Bridge Team manager, the angel of bandaids and deep heat. Thankyou so much for all the time and effort your have put into the team with countless emails and rocking up to all games, wherever they are. It is always nice to have a nice non-sweaty smiling face to hand you a towel when you come off the field. Thank-you once again.

Dee Plaister (Assistant Coach)

Queen of the club, you'll always find Dee fluttering around somewhere, either doing important business, or just having a friendly chat with members. She's been a star this year, organising many things; from the upper women's leagues, to fundraising events to support our Malaysian girls. And besides being a cracking manager, she also has a cracking shot on her! Maybe next year, she'll come from retirement to return to the fray? Otherwise, she's a great leader and we are lucky to have her around.

Jiwa Mohan (Coach)

Coach Jiwa :) what can we say? He is a polite, professional and caring person with an awesome sense of humour, who came to the club this year with a goal to see Melville Women move forward into AHG League. His commitment to this team has been outstanding and he has set high expectations for the squad to meet from the first day he arrived at Melville. After countless running sessions and training drills, he continued to show confidence in our playing group, preparing us for many challenges that we have faced together this season. From cracking jokes in the changerooms before a game, to raising his voice at half time, Jiwa has been a laugh a minute even though he is a man of business. It's also pleasing to see that he was able to turn up to 95% of our games at the correct venue... but hey.. we can't all be perfect J. Your work and commitment has been greatly appreciated by everyone here at Melville Ji and we look forward to the remainder of our season and what the future brings.



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At the start of the year we set ourselves the target of finishing within the top two after the regular season, which was a realistic step forward from last year's performance. A slow start to the season saw us sitting outside the top five after the first nine weeks which was well below where we wanted to be. Thankfully things turned around quickly and we managed to go 10 matches without a loss, beating all of the other finals contenders along the way. After a couple of late season losses we managed to finish second which was a great achievement in a very competitive grade. The job is far from over! We play 22 rounds of hockey so we can set ourselves up for a crack at the premierships. This group of players easily has the ability to win the lot; it is just a matter of developing the desire and mental toughness that will take us the next step.

Dom Reay

The angry old man of the team, got injured early on in the season but fought his way back into the side and produced some of his best hockey in the later part of the season. Plays with a high level of intensity, however not quite as high as the pitch in his voice when a fellow player (or umpire) isn't responding to his call. Dom's assistance in running training while I was away was much appreciated.

Kyle "Killer" McNess

Killer was new to our club this year and proved to be a great pick up for the 2's. Killer found his spot in the halfback line giving us great run into attack and has the ability to tear a game apart on his day. His marking improved as the season went on and he developed the ability to shut down dangerous strikers. A good young player and a great bloke who will no doubt find opportunities in our senior side next year as long as he stays out of the umpires ears. My highlight in Kyle's season is when Dom gave him the nickname "Killer"; his real name is far too similar to Karl when you have a mouthguard in.

Luke Minness

Without a doubt the smelliest goalkeeper I have ever played with! Luckily he can keep. Luke's ability to control the defence with his clear concise instructions was of great benefit to us this year. Can pull off some of the most spectacular saves and loves to get excited when teammates hit the long pass. Luke is another first year Melville player and wasted no time becoming one of the boys, giving and taking abuse with the best of them. A final note on Luke.... If you are playing with him and you manage to win, be mindful as to where you stand in the huddle when singing the club song!

Craig "Cactus" Orr

Looks and moves like the oldest man in the team but he has one of the best heads for the game. Cactus has turned games this year with his ability to attack down the line from halfback. A particular highlight for me has been to watch this guy play in the same side as Dirty; I reckon they could have their eyes closed and still find each other on the field. Cactus is a senior player that others listen to and has a great deal to offer the younger players. Cactus has been a huge help this season looking after training sessions on several occasions.

Ryan "Gooch" McGeoch

I think Johnno may have been quoted as wanting to 'have Gooch's baby' during practice matches in pre-season. This guy has come to us from the South West and brought with him the hardnosed, no frills attitude to hockey that gets bred down there. Gooch would run through a brick wall to get to the ball first (and then tell you all about it) which is a great asset to have in a half-back. Gooch will probably agree that he's a bit like Eric Zoolander, feels a lot more comfortable on the right hand side of the field as opposed to the left.

Pat "Paddy" Welsh

This guy's hockey has taken a massive leap forward this year. Unfortunately Pat played the first 9 weeks in the 1's before getting promoted to play with us. It is no coincidence that when Pat came into the side we went undefeated for 10 matches. Pat's ability to control the middle of the field, receiving and distributing the ball under pressure has provided us with the platform for many penetrating attacks this season. Pat also seems to have a string of good looking women trailing him which is a great asset for any team.

David "Oggy" Ogden

It is important we get the best out of Oggy in the next couple of years as he may well go deaf in his early twenties. This guy has sixteen subwoofers in each ear before every game and players around him can often be seen waving their hands in the air and blowing whistles in time with the thumping beats. Oggy has made valuable contributions coming off the bench this year, and like Gooch, will run through a brick wall to get to the ball first. When Oggy gains more confidence in his own ability he will become a dominant defender in this grade. Great year Oggy!

Anthony "Ricca" Ricciardonna

Ricca has a good blend of pace, skill, and strength. He has the ability to dominate at this level but needs to bring an increased confidence to 2's. Ricca doesn't say a lot in the change rooms however when he does speak, the boys listen. Ricca is the latest Melville player to move in with Dom, Hooksy, and Johnboy so expect to see him put on 10kg of muscle mass over the summer.

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James “Gurbs” Gurbriel

Gurbs has had a frustrating season, troubled by injury and consistency of form. Easily one of the most talented players at the club, when he is in form he can make good defenders look like marking cones. In the latter half of the season Gurbs worked his way back in the AHG squad which was great to see. Possibly his best performance came against Subs scoring a hat trick in the 2's, and one of the goals of the year in 1's.

Daniel “Macca” McEntee

Macca was our captain this year and lead by example both at training and during games. Macca had a great season, made the position of left striker his own and was our leading goal scorer. This man's speed and his ability to work back caused ongoing nightmares for opposition right halves. Runs a good pre-game warm up however struggles to split the boys into teams at training.

Ross Hall

Ross is about 12 years old but any opposition that came up against him this year soon learnt not to underestimate him. In a squad with a number of quality midfielders Ross held his own incredibly well. Ross has an astounding work rate and gets himself into very good positions to receive the ball and eliminate bigger stronger opponents with ease. Ross has a great attitude towards training and is mature beyond his years. Congratulations Ross on making the current U9's Australian squad, this won't be the last representative side you make. One piece of advice: Stay away from girls who give hickies.

Karl Tulloch

Karl is the nice guy of the team, definitely a mother in law's dream! Karl is a super fast striker with the best reverse stick shot in the club. Karl scored 11 goals for us this year which was equal second highest. At times Karl's trapping can let him down but this can be worked on and there is no doubting his endeavour.

Ryan “Rizza” Hyder

I think we should get Rizza's girlfriend to play with us next year, she certainly has a better hold on him than any of the opposition we have come up against. This guy can play! Rizza or Avatar has blinding pace and even quicker stick skills that consistently help him fly by opposition defence. Rizza's finishing skills are generally clinical, enabling him to score a stack of goals for both 1's and 2's. Rizza has amazing ability and if hockey becomes more of a priority next year he can be a dominant player at AHG level.

Sam Geers

I have seen a real change in Sam over the year, most obviously in his attitude and desire to listen. Sam has always had very good elimination skills, so good he is often seen beating the same defender more than once. The one area that let Sam down in the early part of the season was his willingness to give the early pass. To Sam's credit he has worked on this and the improvement is noticeable. When Sam works hard he is a tenacious back tackler and can frustrate opposition, as well as slow old blokes at training. Sam has played off the bench with us all year and while I know this has been frustrating at times, rest assured you have played an important role within our squad.

David “Dirty” Orr

Dirty has again struggled with injury this year, it seems his body is in the same shape as his brother's hair line. Luckily for us playing 2's has been a significant part in his comeback. Having Dirty in our side during the second half of the year has added class to our midfield and forward line. Dirty is a very good decision maker and has an uncanny ability to set up play. His ball carrying skills are dominant at this level when he backs himself to take the defence on.

Courtney “Chippa” Clemons

If there is one bloke I would take to war with me it would be Courtney, and I reckon he would take a bullet for most of us. There is nobody more dedicated to his own game and the team as this guy, and his work rate is second to none. Chippa held down the inside left position for the majority of the season and you always knew he would give you 100%. Apparently Yoga is on the cards for this young man in the off season. Chippa, the best thing about being the coach is that you get the last word..... I reckon I'm 5-3 up..... Better luck next year pal!

Richie “Smithers” Williams

Old, slow, with more grey hair than the rest of the team put together. Went through the season without missing a game through injury, which was thanks to the \$15,680 spent on physio and chiro during the year. Most notable achievement this year was being sent off 3 times in one game against Vic Park.

Mark “Sticky” Timmel

Sticky began the season well holding down a starting spot at left half in our side. Sticky's best is very good and he is able to turn defence into attack with superior effect. Unfortunately for Sticky he can get frustrated a bit too easily which affects his game and the team. The big steps forward made by Sticky this year were particularly noticeable at training where he was much more focussed on the job at hand. Working on consistency of performance and mental attitude will help Sticky progress to the next level in his hockey.

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Stuart Hennessey

Stu was thrown around like a rag doll this year, getting pulled from 3's to 2's when we needed him. Every time he played for us he did a stand up job. A big thank you Stu, I know it felt like we were using you but the whole top squad appreciated what you did this year.

Daniel "I make up my own nickname" White

Played an influential role with the 2's during the early to mid part of the season however due to form was dropped to the 1's and couldn't make it back into our squad. And no, Whitey, I am not getting fined for my distinguished grey patch!

Russell Lee

Played a few games with us early on but got dropped to the 1's for being a bad bloke.

John "Johnboy" Rutgers

Played several games with us early in the year however it was soon discovered that most change rooms were not big enough for both he and Dom so Johnboy was subsequently dropped to the 1's.

Paul "Whip" Meacock

It has been a huge help having Whip involved this year running game day. The playing group listen when this man speaks and he has a real focus on developing people as well as hockey players. For a guy whose job it is to oversee all of the public schools in the western world he still managed to find the time to speak at length with me regarding team selection and direction. Much appreciated Whip.

Johnno Orr

Another great year Johnno! Overworked and underappreciated as always however I guarantee that your work doesn't go unnoticed. You are an integral part of our squad and without you we would surely fall to pieces. A big thank you from all of us!

Thanks to **Jason De Wind** and **Tim Geers** who also stepped in when required.



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"You will be out of your comfort zone." All who were involved with the intrepid 2s know how true this was both on and off the field. The team almost folded before the season started and it was only the resolve and club spirit of the fabulous girls from the 3s who saved the day. We saw our way around wild swings in playing numbers and injuries and rarely had a settled team over consecutive weeks. Our game day efforts could not be questioned and we never gave our opponents an easy game even when, on paper, we were outclassed. Our win over top of the table, Uni, was a gem that we'll all treasure. We also had a win – win situation with all of our juniors who played with us through the season: many thanks for their support. Thank you to the junior girls who filled in: Amy Fullarton, Anna Mumm, Kathryn Rule, Ash McNess, Grace Bowyer and India Brockman.

On a personal note, I can say that I've gained more than I gave from the whole experience of being involved with the 2s and the top squad. Thank you to Jiwa, Lee, Dee, Steph and all the girls for your advice and support.

Keith Harper (COACH)

Janine Barrow

Amazing fitness with great fighting spirit. Will be a good candidate for physical trainer position :) She always puts in 100% and on 50/50 balls she always strives to get there first. Her great pace has given the forwards that extra step into goal opportunities.

Sarah Billingham

Billy played most of her time as left inner and right inner, and with her great skills and knowledge of the game, she gave our forward line a lot of structure. Always reliable and with a never give up attitude, Billy bought so much to the team on the field and off. Her ability to get around players and take them on when they are twice her size is thrilling to watch! She's always positive and encourages her team mates and never fails to put in 110% effort which makes her a pleasure to play with. Thanks for a great season!

Madeleine Dawe

Madeleine had a great start to the 2010 season. As the weeks progressed, Maddie became stonger and got her hockey brain into gear to consolidate the skills she already had. At training and during games she was always had a smile on her face. Unfortunately Maddie's season was cut short by her decision to have an awesome time living overseas.

Kate Fennessy

Unfortunately injury prevented Kate from playing the majority of games this season. She would always come down and support the girls, encouraging them and helping out in any way possible. Kate played a couple of games for the two's and during these games she played her hardest and never gave up. We hope your knee doesn't bother you next season!

Courtney Ferguson

Courtney was new to Melville and has fitted in like a finger to a glove both on and off the field. Her skills have widened and improved due to her consistent positive attitude and encouragement towards her team mates. Welcome and well done!

Lauren Ferguson

Lauren is a wonderful person to be around, she is bright and very good at hockey. Lauren stands out in one on one situations and is a great team mate. She has played exceptionally well in the defensive positions as she is strong on the ball and always remains calm. Great season Lauren!

Jaime Greenacre

Very shy sometimes but never under estimate her abilities. She will not stop chasing and trying. Jaime has had a great season and it has been a pleasure to watch her grow and develop her skills and confidence on the ball. Keep up your wonderful work!

Allison Hall

Allison has had another consistent year. Always determined, dependable and versatile. She always gives 100% during training and game day and at the same time gives support to all her team members. Not only is Allison a great team member, she is a valued club person always working tirelessly around the club.

Katja Holz

Katja was only at Melville for a few weeks, but during that time she was a great contributor on the field. She was a friendly and supporting team mate, always putting in 100%.

Leanne Jarvis (Captain)

Our captain had a rough trot this season, with an injury that kept her out of action for many games. Her leadership continued off field as she provided guidance and support to the team and assisting both Keith and Dee. Lee's passion and commitment to the game and the club was evident at training as she endeavoured to get back on the field, and it was great to have her back for the second half of the season as her tenacity in defence and her calling was vital during the games.

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Emma Kelly

Emma was only here for a short amount of time but she fitted straight into the team so smoothly. She was always one to have a laugh with and offered great advice when needed. She was always one to encourage the rest of the girls on and off the field. She never gave up on the field always trying to gain possession and create many great opportunities down the lines. We loved having you play for Melville Emma, we hope you come back again!

Britt MacDonald

Britt has matured fantastically over the last couple of years into a really talented hockey player. Her hits into the D from the half back position have been fantastic and her positive attitude on the pitch has been inspiring for both Willow Bridge and Prem 2's players. Her hits on short corners are ridiculously powerful....very difficult to defend! You can always count on a smile and laugh from Britt at training and it has been a pleasure playing with her this year.

Helen Mason

Unfortunately, due to an injury Helen only played a few games with us, however the games she did play she put in 100%. During the time she had off she came down to the games to cheer on the girls. Her encouragement on and off the field was appreciated and she was a great communicator on the field.

Kaitlin Passmore

Kaitlin played for most of the season in the two's team and she seemed to settle in and gel well with the rest of the girls very easily. Kaitlin's amazing skills, ball control and speed gave our forwards that extra go to get up into the "D". Often KP would take on many players beating them with ease as she always possessed that "hunger" all coaches want in a player.

Sarah Pomphrey

Sarah's a versatile player, sometimes playing centre half but mostly playing fullback. She is very strong and is always calm in our defensive "D" on the ball and off. Sarah has had a great season, she always puts in 100% and is always taking in feedback from the many coaches down on the bench and she applies it to her game.

Chiara Purcell (GK)

Chiara is the youngest top squad goalie but her lack of years has nothing to do with her incredible skill and knowledge of the game. She always stops the most outrageous balls and clears balls out of the "D" at remarkable speed. Playing top squad as well as juniors has given her more experience and she is always growing into a stronger goalie!

Nufarahin Sudin (Fafa, GK)

Fafa is a goalkeeper from Malaysia and she is new to Melville this season. A highlight about Fafa's game is that she played well in the toughest games, (where she played a great game!). She has done a great job with the pads even though it is her first time playing with Melville. She is still improving as her confidence continues to grow and she has progressed a lot this season to improve her game as a goalie. Thanks for all your effort for Melville club.

Stacey Tweddle

Stacey is our little cheetah on the wing. Her fantastic runs down the line and never-give-up attitude set up many chances in the goal circle. Stacey also was our key runner on our defensive short corners and intercepted many balls clearing the ball back into our attack. Stacey's great determination was an asset to us throughout the season.

Keith Harper (Coach):

At the start of the year the women were looking for a coach with great organization skills and heaps of enthusiasm, and to fit that glove was Keith. He brought to the team passion for the great game, and if he had it his way I am sure we all would have been wearing Docker Guernseys. He joined the women this year to get experience with Jiwa in coaching and learning what is required in helping our juniors to develop for the future. As a life member and a 600 game player he once again showed his true commitment. Thankyou Keith, very much appreciated.



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Todd Barrett (TB)

2010 was an interesting campaign for Todd, missing a series of early season games with a disease called 'Dengue Fever'...the team swore it was a made up illness by his missus....apparently Wikipedia mentions something about 'life threatening'. Todd's prowess continues to shine as he yet again forms one half of our impenetrable fullback line. Although this Shelby Mustang dramatically lifts the average age of our team by a good 5 years, he has by no means seen his used by date. Acting as a mentor to the younger kids in the team, Todd will always be respected and his words listened to by the whole team. In the same vintage stable as Chris Geers, we hope to see this fine piece of engineering continue with the 3s in 2011.

Mathew Bowater

2010 saw Matty strip the goalie gear (and often his shirt to boot!) and don a more traditional MCHC uniform and hockey stick, and what a good decision it turned out to be. Finishing the season with 14 goals, Matthew was our top goal scorer from his favoured position at centre forward. Matty needs to continue to understand that unfortunately not every single time you call for the ball is it going to come in your direction – but to his credit his work rate, effort and endeavour were often top drawer. With such a stella first season as a field player we can't wait to see what you have in store for us in 2011.

Hamish Burton (Hammer)

What can we say about this man, that he didn't say about himself in last years yearbook? Missed games, training sessions and what not to do some marathon or half iron man or something. The only thing that we really remember about Hammer is how much Ramma, Geersie and TB hated life when Hammer wasn't there to fill out the teamsheet, sms the results to HockeyWA and generally be the good manager that you don't really appreciate until he's not there and you have to do it yourself.

Jason De Wind (Jase)

2010 saw Jason diversify at MCHC. He went from sitting in the corner of the bar after hockey matches barracking for the ever failing Port Adelaide, to taking on the high profile position of MCHC Club Secretary. His role at HWA also saw Jason as the go to person to get the 3s out of umpiring fines for matches that were not attended. 2010 saw Jase improve dramatically but needs to continue to work on fitness during the off season – in a bid to become a dominant player in the 3s lineup, pushing for 2s selection.

Christopher Geers

Defying the odds and gravity, anyone would think you'd go down the grades as you got older, fatter and slower but this isn't the case for Chris. Geersie often thinks he is like a good bottle of red wine 'maturing with age.' Stepping up into the 3s this year as a player coach, Chris was the driver and organizing member for 'Team Geers'.

He helped to increase the average age of the team and act as crèche manager in the change rooms before each match. With his peak physical condition, Chris dominated the centre half position tearing up the opposition, whilst also being able to give all the umpires 'expert' advice on how to umpire correctly. It's good to have you in the 3s and we hope to see you back next year.

Nicholas Geers

2010 was a difficult year for Nick and saw him take over Oli as the most injury ridden player in the 3s. Firstly it was concussion (just ask Tim Geers how many times Nick asked him what the score was, who we played and what day it was!!) and secondly broken bones that saw the third member of 'Team Geers' have a premature exit to the 2010 season. Some would say an excellent opportunity for the smallest member of Team Geers to hit the gym and come back bigger, better and stronger errmm who are we kidding....When Nick was on the pitch he took on a bit of a Mr Fix It in many of the early games, playing in every line – we're looking forward to regaining Nick next year.

Samuel Geers

In 2010 member number 2 from the 'Team Geers' tour bus was an absolute force to be reckoned with. He'd bring his skills from playing in the 2s to the field and often be seen leaving 2-3 opponents in his wake. Sam was promoted to team captain in the latter half of the season – mainly due to the fact that there weren't enough Geers' getting a say in the team talks! To his credit Sam applied himself extremely adeptly and showed aspects of leadership above his tender years. Sam really needs to commit himself to playing hockey in the pre season next year and regain his starting position in the 2s with a view to playing 1s hockey at the club.

Timothy Geers

The youngest and most opinionated member of 'Team Geers' made his debut in the 3s in 2010. It was not uncommon for young Tim to talk about the amount of 'dream team' point he racked up during a game....which, whilst annoying, was often quite accurate. Although young, Tim's ball skills defied his age, and he was often seen making men twice his age look like amateurs. We can't wait to have Tim back in 2011, and hopefully in the off season he'll grab Nick Geers and they'll binge eat in a bid to add to their wafer-like frames – would probably result in the Geers parents spending a lot less in physio bills!!

Stephen Gibson (Gibbo)

At the start of 2010 Gibbo was nowhere to be seen. He said he did attend 'one or two' pre-season runs but we're pretty sure that was all just part of his imagination. It wasn't until the better half of the season was over, and Gibbo had completed the Bussellton half iron-man, that he was finally ready to return to the field. Struggled early on to convince the coach that there was another (better) option at centre half, but when he did, it was a refreshing

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change to have him in as centre half, and to be there to support the fittest person in our team...Chris Geers. Between the two of them, we were able to dominate the midfield in most of our games. Will be an integral part of the 3's final campaign. A good (half) season Gibbo, just try and be there from the start in 2011.

Stuart Hennessey

In 2010 Stuart cemented his spot in the 3s, as our primary goalkeeper. His amazing talent in goals is reflected by our impressive goal difference having only let 20 goals into the net all season. The rest of the team recognized his talents and as a result he was a front runner for best & fairest throughout the majority of the season. Good work Stu and we'll no doubt see you back here in 2011.

Jayben Lister

Jayben was one of three players brought into the 3's from the all conquering Melville 4's of 2009 and took the step up like a duck to water. Not the loudest bloke you're ever likely to meet, Jayben filled many roles in the backline exceptionally well – particularly in the early season when asked to play in the unfamiliar role of full back whilst TB was recovering from Dengue Fever. A super season from an up and coming player and one the 2s should certainly be monitoring. Oh and by the way, remember your shoes for the finals would ya!

Oliver Mills-Edward

In 2010 this feisty little fire-cracker proved to be an asset to the 3s forward line..... until he reached the goal circle which was where his luck ended. Oli would frequently miss 3 – 5 open goals in a match. Strangely enough finished the season as our second highest goal scorer, imagine how many you would have had Oli if you had scored 9 that day against Vic Park! Took the mantle this season from Ramma as the forward most likely to miss a sitter. To Oli's credit, his attitude improved dramatically as the season progressed, both towards team mates and umpires alike.

David Ogden (Oggy)

Right from the get go of 2010 it was evident that Oggy 'meant business'. His dedication to pre-season training paid off, and Oggy had a permanent spot in both the 2s and the 3s. Although Oggy formed the second half of our impenetrable fullback line, his skills didn't finish there. He was a key go to person in our offensive short corners and as a result it saw him finish the season with 7 goals to his name.

Marcus Radunivich

In quite the same fashion as Jayben, Marco was drafted into the 3's squad from the 4's last term and his game lifted to match. Squeezed out of the team late into the season as a few of the 2s boys returned, but certainly one for the future.

Sean Ranford (Ramma)

In 2009 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, and in 2010 his mum doesn't seem to think otherwise. Often being taunted by his supportive mother, Ramma set out to successfully prove her wrong in 2010. Although he still managed to miss the odd open goal, Ramma was in fact our second highest goal scorer for the season and played an integral part in ensuring the 3s finished top of the league – a super season and we look forward to the same level of growth and improvement next week. And for the record – no longer is Ramma the bunny of the team in front of goals, that honour now rests with young Oliver whom we think missed 9 against Vic Park in the second last game of the season!

Daniel Scott (Scotty)

In 2010 the 3s saw a different side to Scotty. Ditching the vigilante inspired 'Casey Jones mask' from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles that was 'so 2009', the 3s became acquainted with the young professional physiotherapist known as 'Daniel Scott'. Often too busy with work to train or even attend weekend matches, the team had to make the most of the matches he could play. We hope in 2011 the fixtures work in our favour a little more as Dan is a big asset to the team.

Nicholas Tate

2010 saw Nick start the season as a 3s fill in and finish as a permanent member that we'll take into the finals. With his unbelievable ball skills and quick pace, Nick was a key man in our forward line. So much so that in his 5 games played for the 3s, he ended up as our 3rd highest goal scorer with 11 goals for the season. It's clear to see Nick is a forward as he was absolutely filthy when he was listed on the team sheet for a game he didn't actually play – hence reducing his goal per game output. Has a bright future in hockey – watch this space.

Mark Timmel (Stick)

2010 was somewhat of a 'breakout' year for Sticky which saw his time, particularly in the first half of the season, spent mainly playing 2s. When relegated back to the 3s somehow convinced management of his value add when playing in the midfield – a claim that was appallingly backed early doors with limited success. Unfortunately at times lets his temper and mouth get the better of him and was sent off several times during the year – an aspect he will need to address when playing higher levels of hockey and he further matures. To his credit his last round game against UWA was easily his best for the 3s and we look forward to a reinvigorated Sticky leading the line at Right Half in the 3s finals campaign.

A big thanks has to go out to all the guys who filled in for us on odd occasions during the season. These include, **Dom Reay, Ashley Ellis, Kyle McNess, James Gurbiel, Courtney Clemons, Ryan McGeoch, Luke Minness, Andrew Hooper, Josh Clearey, James Welten and Cam Porter.**

Mens Provisional 1

After an all-conquering season in Provisional 2's last year, we entered 2010 not really knowing what to expect. More than half of the previous season's team had moved on – either up to 3s or to other cities / countries (Europe, Melbourne, Clarkson) and a whole new squad needed to be formed. In addition to this we were jumping up the grades, moving into Provisional 1s.

Our desire at the beginning of the season was for a 4th / 5th place finish – holding our own, but not setting the world on fire. What we have achieved has exceeded all expectations. In the wrap-up of the season we have effectively finished 2nd. On any day we could have beaten every team in the competition and we go into finals with a real chance of taking away the flag.

Above all the standout aspect of this season has been the level of enjoyment and camaraderie the team has generated through the year. We have dealt with some new challenges with repeated personnel changes and greater impact from the teams above which brought some additional tension but week in week out we've had our best times when we remember that it's all about getting out and playing high-quality, clean hockey with a really good bunch of mates.

It's been an honour – hope to see you all next year.

Ashley Ellis (Paparazzi)

Our rambunctious keeper of the goals, Ash is always available with a smile and a laugh. Underneath the tough exterior he takes an active interest in the well being and enjoyment of the rest of the team. Ash's legendary Byford birthday party cost us at least 3 points this season, and I think some of the hangovers were still having an effect the next week – next time make sure we have a Saturday game on that weekend please!

Stephen Gibson (Gibbo)

Gibbo joined the team mid way through the season and after getting permission from his significant other he settled in to the key role of centre half. Gibbo can always be counted on to provide a stable foundation in the centre of the field; he receives and moves the ball with ease. As we run into finals Gibbo has been getting better every week and is going to be one of our secret weapons as we now go back to face the other strong teams in our competition. We're hoping that he gets permission to come out after one of the games – we might write a note for him to take home.

Zane Hill (Cypress)

Voted 'Most likely to use the expression "dude"', Zane has had one hell of a ride throughout the year. After finishing last season with a hat-trick in the grand final, Zane has continued his feast or famine approach to being a striker, going weeks without impacting on the scoreboard Zane will all of a sudden pull out a goal scoring spree. After a few weeks of adjustment to the new standard of competition, Zane found the groove and has been equally valuable on the wing or at inside forward. Peace out.

Matthew Jensen (Special)

In a group of pretty eclectic individuals, Matt is still the only man to truly earn the title of 'Enigma'. Matt is a genuinely nice bloke, who has shown some real maturity in his approach to the on and off-field aspects of the 2010 season. Matt has been one of our only real utility players demonstrating the ability to play anywhere in the forward line and in training also showing a good head for defence. His consistency has seen him score highly in our fairest and best count and in the goal scoring tally as well. Once he gets his drivers licence we expect to see a lot more of Matt on the social scene – but that party you

had while your parents were away was legendary!

Christopher Morrison (Bondi Vet)

Chris has been the real quiet achiever of the team, as a new addition at the start of the year Chris gallantly accepted the challenge of completing our defensive trio and week-in-week-out he quietly and efficiently goes about getting the job done. Chris's nickname comes from his regular role as team doctor for the various serious injuries incurred throughout the season, and for his rugged good looks so strikingly similar to the famous TV veterinary surgeon.

Jonathon Palmer (4 Fingers)

Jono stepped up at the start of the season after spending last year playing primarily on the grass. From the very beginning Jono's commitment and eagerness have really helped remind us all about why it is we come to play – Jono just loves playing hockey. Jono is one of the quieter team members, which has had many an opposition full-back asking themselves "where did he come from?" after a goal has been scored. Jono is also one of the few guys who will always do what you ask of him with every bit of energy he can – the team just wouldn't be the same without you.

Cameron Porter (Snow Bunny)

As the second oldest player in the team Cameron entered the season determined to start finally showing some maturity, luckily he also had some other objectives that were a bit more achievable. Throughout this year Cameron has redefined the role of Centre Forward, not satisfied to hang around the attacking D, Cameron took on the task of being the extra man in the play to give us an advantage anywhere on the field. Unfortunately Cam missed a few games as his priorities aren't quite right – we're pretty sure the list goes: 1) Snow boarding, 2) Clothes shopping, 3) Hockey. Most Notable effort: Everyone stopping to wait on the way out to the Casino because Cam had to go back as he had forgotten to apply moisturiser and his face was feeling dry.

Marcus Radunivich (Rockstar)

What more can you say - Marcus is the life of the party! It doesn't matter whether it's training, game-day, post game celebrations or just running into him out on the town – Marcus is the man your man should be like.

Mens Provisional 1 (contd)

Without Marcus in the team the experience just wouldn't be the same, and many of our younger (and older) boys would not know near as much about how to have fun, and especially how to woo the ladies. Rock on Marcus.

Daniel Scott (Cameo)

Dan has been a regular player in 4's this year, with a few conditions: a) we weren't playing Saturday b) we didn't expect him to turn up to training c) he wasn't hung over d) it wasn't too hot / cold / rainy / sunny e) we didn't expect much running. But seriously, having Dan available has been outstanding – even only playing 1 game in 4 Dan fits in perfectly. He'll play wherever required and always gives us and the opposition a lesson in what it means to control the ball. I'm pretty sure Dan enjoyed playing more for the pre and post-game banter, and as he adapts to the experience of full-time work plus sport I'm hopeful we'll see more of Dan next season.

Rhys Spedding (Black Hat)

Rhys has been one of the revelations of the season, after committing at the start of the season to ensure he was 'fit to play' on game day, Rhys managed to largely adhere to this plan. Some of his best games he barely touched the ball as he worked with Ash to marshall our defence and attack. But, when required, Rhys was always able to step up to an oncoming attacker and help him see the error of his ways. Great to have you in the team mate.

Steve Walsh (Baseline)

Also known as 'Grandad' or 'Abe', Steve is the only regular player in the team whose age starts with a 3. This year Steve took on the challenge of attempting to coach this newly formed team through our first year in Provisional 1's and I suspect that by the end of the season he will be feeling much older. On the field Steve regularly left opponents and team mates shaking their heads as he ran down or trapped a pass that didn't seem possible or scored from some ridiculously narrow angle. Steve is the only player I've seen who can do things week in week out and still have everyone convinced that surely that time was a fluke.

James Welten (is still going)

Jim never has a bad game, mainly because he is absolutely relentless in his pursuit of the ball. In order to score a goal against our team the opposition has to get past 10 of our players plus Jim Welten 6 times, I am sure there are teams who think we are playing with too many men thanks to his efforts. Jim is the kind of player who can change a game, if everyone else is feeling flat he can be counted on to put everyone to shame and lift the work rate of the team. Off the field Jim's intensity doesn't fade one bit, when you look around at the end of a big night (or morning) Jim is one of the faces you will always see – still smiling and ready for the next adventure.

Liam Woodward (Mr Fabulous)

Another of our globe-trotting team members, Liam spent a good part of the season somewhere else in the world. On the field Liam has the best combination of running ability

and strength in tackling that allows him to excel at 'being frustrating' to our oppositions best forwards. Whether he is playing hockey, wrestling half-naked with other sweaty men, busting moves on the dance floor, or pumping iron at the gym, Liam always looks fantastic. His standard of grooming and dress puts many of the rest of us to shame - he narrowly beat Cameron for 'most hair products used' and AJ for 'most pairs of shoes required to bring to a hockey match' awards. Oh and he's going to quit his job next week, or maybe the week after...

Alexander Wragg (Quality)

AJ, AJ, AJ. Early in the season AJ was told that with the number of changes in the team it was going to be important for him to take a leadership role on the field if we were to make a good go of our debut in the Prov 1 grade. AJ recounts this moment as the point he mentally resigned himself to us finishing last! Fortunately, he has proven he is well capable of being that kind of player. AJ is one of the teams spiritual leaders, he wears his heart on his sleeve and shows the frustration and disappointments we all feel in a visible way, but then he shows the strength of character to suck it up and get back in the game which has changed the course of matches when the rest of us had all but given up. A leader of the future – god help us all.

Jason Wolfe

Our import player from Hong Kong, Jason made an invaluable contribution for the 5 weeks he was with us. Jason fitted in well with the team from Day 1, and his timing was perfect with others being away travelling. Jason noticeably improved over his month of training with the teams above and in his final couple of games and training sessions he really started to lift the rest of the team by demonstrating the difference some dedicated effort could make to the quality of our hockey. I don't think you'll fully appreciate the difference that you made to the team – all the best for the future, and though you're welcome back any time I expect you'll be playing 2 or 3 grades higher next time you're here!

Thanks to our other periodic players:

Cheyne 'Fluro' Atkinson

Jayben Lister – for stepping in every time one of our regular fullbacks was broken (which happened a lot)

Mitch Welten – for always keeping the standard of play of the forwards high by demonstrating there are top-quality players always ready to take their spot.

Chris Geers – for ongoing support and encouragement, coaching input, and building a new level of engagement and interaction across all of the men's turf sides. (and the occasional cameo appearance on field)

Dave 'Lt. Dan' Bettell

Mat 'Give ME the ball' Bowater

Jason de Wind

Sean Ranford

Nick Geers

Will Beddoes

Womens Provisional 1

This has been a season with its ups and downs, and a lot of room for growth. With many players missing parts of the season for various reasons, the team struggled with stability as for a while it seemed as though there was at least one new player every week. However, a core of players kept the team focused and in the game when the going was tough. This group has shown a lot of potential over the season and should be commended for their successes. Unfortunately not in the finals this year, but if they stay together and keep up their fitness and training over the break, will be real contenders in 2011.

Kathryn Atkinson

Kat's big hit is an asset anywhere on the field, and was particularly useful in short corners. Kat has a good understanding of the game with some excellent stick skills. Her input was always valued in team talks and she has become a very responsible player.

Anna Belford

Anna is a runner, with solid stick skills and seemingly endless stamina. Got distracted by travel so we only saw her for half the season, but when we did see her she worked hard on the field. Handy half back/inner.

Kimberly Birnie

Good skills in the forward line. Unfortunately had to withdraw in the second half of the season due to health problems. Hopefully will be back next year.

Sarah Coggan

Handy forward with solid skills and ability to run. Sarah may not have always got the ball, but her work rate off the ball created space for others, and when she did get the ball, she blitzed the opposition. A hernia op slowed her down partway through the season but she came back just as strong.

Stephanie Dixon

Wing with an eye for the ball and able to lead in and out for as long as the coach made her. Pix has a good attitude on the pitch and her work rate moving forwards has developed throughout the year. Good team player.

Georgia Gibson

Gave her the vice captaincy role to develop leadership skills this year and was not disappointed. Georgia has become a solid defender with a strong hit and a good clearing pass. Tenacious in defence, Georgia will chase and tackle a player until she gets the ball.

Allison Hall

Joined the team in the second half of the season and proved to be a handy half back and wing. Alli has amazing strength over the ball and, combined with awareness of others around her, was a major boost to the forward line.

Kylie Hankinson

Goalie who deceived the opposition by looking relaxed and quiet until the ball flew towards her and she shot out her hand/foot/stick to deflect the ball away from the net.

Natalie Johnson

Another goalie who joined us for the final few weeks. A strong player with a good eye for the ball. Confident in directing the play.

Britt MacDonald

Another late season entry, Britt is a good defender with a strong hit. Unfortunately stolen back by the twos for the final few weeks, but good to have on board for the few games she played with us.

Vanessa Martin

This year we have seen Ness develop into a far more dominant player. Has great strength over the ball and an amazing slap hit. Could go to the next level if she had the opportunity to develop some leadership skills.

Helen Mason

Joined us late in the season after originally playing for the 2's and having some time off due to injury. A good forward line player with a solid drive for attacking play.

Rebecca McGregor

Forward with a good work rate and skills to back it up. B-Mac is strong over the ball and applies her understanding of the game to set up linking plays in attack, making her an asset to the team.

Holly Menegola

Dragged out of juniors to be a fill-in early in the season, Holly quickly became a regular starting team member. She's strong on the half back line and capable of directing the play. Easily a top squad player in the next few years with a bit more confidence in her own ability.

Rebecca Oakey

Our captain found time this year to get engaged as well as perform all her hockey duties. Oakey is a stand-out player with a cool head, capable of re-focussing the team and eliminating panic. She has solid stick skills and a good understanding of the game.

Womens Provisional 1 (contd)

Sandra Orr

Big voiced defender with a lot of team spirit. Sanj's season was hampered by injury but she always did her best on and off the field for the team. Her big hit and constant talk from the back was vital for our defence this year.

Chiara Purcell

Yet another goalie who shared the load with Kylie and Nat and kept the defence going. Junior player with a lot of potential.

Cindy Walker

Played anywhere on the field wherever there was a spot to be filled. Cindy is a versatile player capable of putting a goal away or making that game saving tackle. Her work rate is to be admired and could progress further with a little more composure when playing in defence.

Elizabeth Woodberry

Tall and fast, Liz really put the hard yards in all season. Always making an unbelievable tackle and rebounding quickly, she really made the 2nd and 3rd efforts count. Always hit the opposition hard from the start (and once in the head).

Morgan Woodforde

Morgan has had a good year and her development has been something to watch. Suddenly made a forward, her awareness of position and others around her has produced numerous opportunities in front of goals. A bit more strength over the ball and Morgan could be a great player.

David Ogden – Coach.

The fitness tyrant, Oggy drove the girls into doing far more running and fitness work than they thought possible. Oggy has a comprehensive knowledge of the game and a genuine desire to impart information to the team. The girls learnt quite a few new moves from Oggy, and gained a broader understanding of the game.

Ross Hall – Assistant coach.

Ross helped out in many training sessions and quite a few games. He has a solid understanding of the game for a youngster, and brought several good ideas to the team.

Thanks to our many fill-in players, including **Indi Brockman, Kate Fennessy, Sarah King, Tearne Latham, Georgia Mason, Kelly Ryan, Denby Russell** and **Louise Watson** – your efforts were very much appreciated.



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Womens Provisional 2 Gold

An interesting season for the 4s team this year, with fluctuating players (and player numbers!) taking its toll on the team's success. Finding Gerard Phipps as coach was a major bonus – his drills and training sessions were always different and lively and kept our interest. Each week the team went out and managed to have the majority of the play, but unfortunately the score lines did not reflect the achievements of the team or individual's abilities. With a bit more stability in numbers and attendance at training, this group has the ability to succeed. Watch this space!

Gerard Phipps: Our coach who managed to drag us into shape and put us out on the field each week, although often not certain who would be there until the whistle blew to start the game. Juggling training us and running our games while still watching 2 games a week of his daughter's meant that Gerard wasn't home much (lucky Jen is so understanding!) We really appreciate the efforts you put in to our team and the skills you taught us. Thanks for being there Gerard!

Kathryn Atkinson

Kat has excellent skills, with one of the best hits in the game. Always happy to play for us when we were lucky enough to have her, despite the fact she was actually a regular in the 3s. Added strength and on field leadership to our line up, always encouraging others. Thanks Kat!

Anna Belford

Super Anna with her amazing ability to run all day was snapped up by the 3s partway through the season, but then went on a travel mission and we scored her back for the end of the season. Anna has some slick skills and knows when to use them. Always a welcome addition to the team.

Krystle Biffin (fullback)

Krystle is another player brought in by Sue in the second half of the season, who played 6's last year. She would have been very handy at the start, but it was great to have her for the time we did. Strong fullback who we had to share with Mark in 5's, even though we really wanted her all to ourselves! Hope to see you back for a full season next year Krystle.

Deb Crompton (left inner)

Deb is a tenacious inner whose "never give up" attitude when chasing the ball means she must run a marathon every game..... Benefitted from Gerard's tomahawk training sessions and managed to pull off quite a few towards the end of the season. Reliable player with a positive team attitude – also took on the role of managing the team – thanks heaps!

Claire Hadley (right halfback)

Claire is a reliable and solid right half back, who linked up very well with our forwards and defenders. Always contributed and always played a good game. Our vice captain and definitely a team player. Great season Claire!

Jaimee Hadley (left wing)

Jaimee definitely has a lot of potential. She has really improved this season, especially her stick skills and strength over the ball. Is an enthusiastic trainer and should continue to improve. Has one of the best tomahawks in the game, thanks to Gerard's coaching. Very useful for her position this year of left wing.

Rachel Hall

Rachel was brought into the club by Sue, a couple of games into the season, and we were sure glad she did. A versatile and skillful player, who played in both attack and defence. Was missed when she couldn't play a few times due to work commitments. Great season Rachel.

Kylie Hankinson (goalkeeper)

We had to share Kylie with the 3's and 5's this season. She was always happy to fill in for other teams, without complaint, even playing 3 games once. Is good value and a very good keeper. Has grown in confidence this season. Even taking on and beating a player at the top of the D in a one on one situation. Great to see! More again next year please.

Conor Keating (striker)

Conor is a skillful player who played well at times, but had an interrupted season due to work commitments and illness. We were sorry to see her withdraw half way though the season due to starting her own business. Good luck with that, and hope to see you back and firing for next season.

Sarah King (forward)

A player with a lot of skill and cracking hit. Always positive and enthusiastic at training and games. We didn't even hold it against her when she decided to take a mid season hiatus to Bali! We certainly did miss her though. An absolute pleasure to play with.

Alecia McCall (defender)

Alecia is a persistent defender who we often stole from the 5s to back up the team's attacking strategies. Alecia has a strong presence over the ball and is an asset to any team. Even with a dodgy knee Alecia managed to do her best for both the 4s and 5s – great work!

Amber Montgomery

Came to us this season, all the way from South Africa. Has benefitted a lot from Gerard's Thursday night training sessions and learning new skills. Has a huge hit and cracking tomahawk. The 5's certainly benefitted, when she scored their first two goals of the season - in one game! Definitely a player to watch for the future.

Womens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Nicola Ogden (fullback)

Captain Nic's big voice still booms across the pitch frightening small children as well as the opposition. Best tactic is the ability to distract the opposition with chatter then steal the ball out from under them. Is pretty decent on the post in short corners too. She is always there for you when you need her to offer good advice and guidance. Valuable qualities indeed! Does so much off field for us and other teams. Thanks for everything Nic!

Denby Russell

Denby is a junior "fill-in" who quickly became a regular with the team. Good strength over the ball and a willingness to play in any position make her a dream team member. Brought a handy burst of speed to the team.

Kelly Ryan (defender)

Kelly joined us from the 3s much to our delight. A strong player with a good understanding of the game and a cool head – all very welcome qualities. Kelly is a major asset to the team – thanks for all your work!

Susan Wilson (forward)

Sue is a very passionate player who can be quite fiery at times. She always gives 110%, always running and never gives up. A very knowledgeable player and regularly amongst our best players. Certainly not backward about coming forward and always willing to do that little bit extra for the team. Thanks Sue!

Other players who helped us out throughout the year include **Allison Wheatley, Nadine Regupathy, Wendy Joyce, Stacey Hendriks, Jo Williams, Alana Field, Ashley Sperinck, Paige Hudson, Helen Doyle, Louise Watson, India Brockman, Sarah Coggin, Rachel Harries, Annette Williams** and **Jodi Maher** – many thanks for all your help. **Dave Ogden** (3s coach) and **Ross Hall** helped out a few times at training and games – thanks again for your assistance.



Womens Provisional 3 Gold

Melville 5s moved up a level this year, much to their surprise! We had to face some very good teams and deliver the goods in defence. We certainly did this very well by playing most of the first half of the season defensively. We got very good at this and secretly improved at training in our attacking positions (with the assistance of a few ring-ins from the 4s)!!!!!!

The second half of the season saw a few shocked looks on the opposition faces with a draw and win late in the season. The Melville 5s team might be the lowest senior womens' Turf grade but we can tell you that we have a group of "never-say-die" players. Every player improved this season through pure determination at training and on the field. We could not have done this without Mark and Gerard coaching us. Many thanks to you both.

Krystle Biffin (Defender)

Thanks for coming back and playing with us Krystle. We loved your solid defence and no nonsense tactics! Keep hitting the ball hard girl!

April Bingemann (Defender)

April grew in confidence and skill in the games that she played but unfortunately has missed half the season due to an ankle injury... GET WELL SOON APRIL!!!

Andrea Chellew (Defender)

Our Vice Captain started the season on the sidelines with a broken foot (obtained from a wayward hockey ball). She was able to come back strong after the mid season break and has been a valuable right half back.

Tanesha Chellew (Forward)

A girl so tiny and thin can sure give a hell of a lot to a senior womens team! We thank you very much for stepping in to play with us. We were just as disappointed with your injury as you were but pleased to see you come back with so much determination.

Lizzie Fairall (Forward)

New to the club this year, Lizzie has been a much needed skilled forward. Falling pregnant at the tail end of the season, we hope she will be back next season with baby in tow.

Helen Gardner (Forward)

If you were to ask 'Who is Helen?' the first reply you'd probably get is one referring to her bright yellow socks. Aside from her famous socks, Helen also shone on the field with her solid defence and a good deal of promised talent. Despite being placed in positions she was unsure of at the beginning of the season, she overcame the challenges and developed some strong skills. She was a solid addition to the team when she was able to make it to the matches.

Kylie Hankinson (Goalie Extraordinaire)

Having lost our goalie to the "Top Squad" we felt a little deserted! To our rescue came Kylie who gave it all every game. We felt secure with her behind us in the goals and who in no uncertain terms told us to get our arses in to gear. There is absolutely no mucking around when Kylie steps in to the goals!!!!

Stacey Hendriks (Forward)

A very tenacious and quick-footed player, Stacy was rather hard to keep up with during warm ups and matches. She was one of the first on the field (and coincidentally one of the first to get sent off by the umpire on a few occasions). She played well, and she played hard, never letting up and always ready. Her skills were a saving grace for the forward line at times. Sorry you got sick towards the end of the season. Hope you are better now!

Wendy Joyce

Just do not stand in front of this girl when she is hitting!!!! Wendy was a huge find for us this year. Without her solid defence we would have been done in so many times. Solid year in defence. Surprisingly this girl scored a goal! Now work that out!!!!

Hayley Lyons (Forward)

A fabulous season from Hayley. All you need to do now is get some contact lenses and you will be on fire!!!! ps Get lost Dad!

Alecia McCall (Defender)

Alecia is like a seagull going for a chip!! This girl works so hard every game and has had an amazing year as CHB. Fantastic skills have developed and payed off for her. Don't be surprised to see her playing at a higher level next year. Congratulations Alecia on a brilliant year.

Amber Montgomery (Forward)

Amber came to us from the 4s as we were in desperate need of a skilled player in our forward line. She delivered the goods and performed solidly each game.

Nadine Reghupathy

This was Nadine's first year at Melville but it didn't take her long to discover she was a halfback. Nadine was a regular at training. She is an eager learner and keen to develop the skills of the game. She is always up for a challenge and learning any little trick or sneaky move. (Like using her reverse stick). She has played some great games this season. With further practise and her strong will, Nadine will be sure to improve even more and will definitely scare off the opposition.

Womens Provisional 3 Gold (contd)

Ashleigh Sperinck (Goalie)

Such a shame you were discovered by the Top Squad! We wanted you to ourselves! We gave you heaps of practice in the first half of the season so we want to take the rap for your outstanding year as well.

Jessica Sperinck (Forward)

Jess is one of our strongest forwards. She played most the year as an inner or on the wing. Jess has the great ability and determination to take the ball through the opposition. She doesn't stop fighting until she wins the tackle and gets past. She has had a few shots on goal which was great to see. Jess is great to play with, she is a valuable team member and always puts in her best.

Jasmine Vico (Forward)

Jazz has had such a great year on the wing. Her skills have improved solidly. It is with utmost certainty that we have faith in you being there for us out on the wing.

Allison Wheatley (Forward)

A slow start to the year, however Allison became immersed in hockey playing for 3 teams: 4s, 5s and Vets. Skills have come along nicely and the confidence has improved over time, so much so that she now tells her coach she is NOT COMING OFF THE FIELD WHEN HE ASKS!!!! Ally scored 2 goals this year!

Catalina Zylberberg (Defender)

This was Cat's first year with us at Melville. I am sure we will see more of her over the years. Good luck for the Uni Games! Cat will be playing in the Curtin Hockey team.

The Melville 4s players gave us a lot of support on the sidelines (cheering us on) and helped us out in our time of need by providing experienced players! We thank each of you for your contribution and encouragement this year.

Without our coaches, Mark and Gerard, we would not have done as well. We thank you both for you time and commitment this year. Each of us has finished the year a better, stronger player.



Mens Metro 1

As I write this, the Metro 1s are currently sitting equal second with 2 games to go, which is not a bad effort. The season has been a challenge, with some highs, some lows, and a lot of emails and phone calls going around on a Friday trying to piece together a team, which considering we theoretically have a squad of 197, just goes to show the level of commitment and dedication displayed throughout the year. Without a doubt, the highlight of the season thus far was anointing the nickname 'The Slug'. This single act has led to numerous double entendres for the weekly newsletter. This was closely followed by the 'against the odds' challenge cup victory that was strangely reminiscent of a scene out of some cheesy awesome American sports movie.....Rocky! Rocky! Rocky! Thanks for an enjoyable season thus far, and let's hope we can make an impact come finals time!

John Cooke

There is nothing you can say about Cookie that hasn't been said before? Nothing that isn't true anyway. The Swiss Army Knife, Cookie continues to be the ultimate utility, he has played in every position on the field and generally looks harmless enough. Like the knife, looks can be deceiving though, and Cookie has had another year (like every other) that has seen him treading that fine line between gentleman and psychopath that has resulted in a couple of opponents remembering the days when they walked without limps. Ahhh, memories. Cookie was also in charge of Thursday night training – which essentially involved putting out every cone at his disposal and like some sort of Jackson Pollock painting, would hope someone else would look at it and see something he didn't even know was there - Cheers mate.

Michael Deveson

'Age shall not weary them' – whoever coined this phrase certainly wasn't referring to Junior. The oldest 32 year old in the club, Junior's season has been interrupted by a number of injuries, all of which I would claim are heart related. However, the move to the forward line after a career in defence has seen the motivation levels at an all time high. Nigh on the leading goal scorer (how I will never know), Devo has turned opportunist goal scoring into an art form, not to mention 'setting up' the Slug for a number of back post tap ins (ie missed shots).

Bruce Hancock

The new father of the team, Hank has mellowed since the birth of his little one....until he crosses the white line. Hank has had another solid year at fullback, often against doctor's advice (he doesn't listen to physios, chiro's, naturopaths, masseuses or witchdoctors either). His ability to drag the ball past an approaching attacker to make an outlet pass is unparalleled and if any of them had actually seen any of his 674 previous games, they might have seen it coming. To Hank's credit, they still haven't figured it out, and other than the time it takes for him to get back after one of his overlaps, he's still got it.

Brendan Joss

Like Benny, Bear (or Dr J as he now likes to be called) has found himself rewarded with a promotion to the Metro 1's. Questions were asked of the selection committee after his hat trick on debut threatened to make the rest of us look bad. Lucky for us, Bear's flexibility (and Junior's refusal to play anywhere other than Centre Forward) meant we were able to move him to the back line whenever he started looking dangerous up front.

Mark Lyons

Clarrie started the season in blistering form and it took a laser to the eye to slow him down. Clarrie continues to make the impossible, possible, except scoring (of course). Has had another outstanding year and hasn't aged a bit!?!?

James Pickering

'Fast', 'Skilful', 'An ornament to the game', 'the complete modern day hockey player' – terms that could be used to describe this player. Unfortunately for him, none of them have been used to date. There is still time.

Matthew Read

Similar to Bruce, Matty has been doing the same drag for years, so long in fact, there is a rumour he spends his offseason twilighting for Les Girls. Matty has scored many crucial goals this year, which is lucky because on most of those occasions he ignored teammates in far better positions (although in Matty's defence, better position doesn't equal a better chance of scoring in our forward line). He supports the Dockers so I can't be too harsh.

Ben Rushton

Another on the engagement bandwagon (it's a fad, I tell ya), Benny is a testament to dedication and hard work that after 15 years toiling away in the bush leagues, he has finally been promoted to the pinnacle of this great sport...Metro 1's (in our defence we thought he was his brother for the first couple of games and by then it was too late). Benny has made the Right Inner role his own, mainly because no one else wants it. A ripper season even though your tact sometimes leaves a little to be desired.

Ryan Rushton

Limited only by his availability (or should that be ability) Rhyno has been a walk up start at Left Half (for reason why – see Benny's bio). In my time I have never seen a man more dedicated to attending training. Whenever he was in town, no matter what the weather and no matter what the home situation, Ryan always made time for training. He was always the first to arrive and the last to leave. On one occasion, even after the clubrooms were locked up, he was reported to have hung around with a few take-a-ways (I assume to run through a few short corner variations). Now that's dedication!

Mens Metro 1 (contd)

Gavin Scally

They say 'absence makes the heart grow stronger' and having missed Gav for a lot of the year, I'm not entirely sure where this saying came from. Gav's highlight reel this year involved scoring a goal in his first 18 seconds of the season, at which stage the bean counters were predicting a return of 233 goals per game. The other involved flattening an opponent in his pursuit of a loose ball. It is no coincidence both of these incidents happened in our first game of the season, as he has been a notable absentee for the majority of the year, notable because someone else could get a word in edgeways at half time.

Andrew Scanlon

Slower (yeah, really!), older, but still managed to string a few games together between his corporate gigs at the MCG and the odd operation he had to supervise. Scanners even felt the need to try reinvent himself as an inside forward (which was funny if nothing else). Scanners' ability to find space by standing completely still is bewildering, yet somewhat inspirational. However Scanners' biggest contribution for the year was supplying his nephews when we were short on numbers.

Chris Terren

Goalkeeping for this team is never an easy task, although it was probably made easier by Scally's absence for most of the year. Add to this fact that Chris probably wasn't able to contribute to some of the conversations of his older team-mates, he has been a valuable member of the M1's juggernaut. The most important facet of being a successful keeper is being reliable and Chris has an unblemished record on that front(*). Welcome to the Club and hope to see you around for a few years to come. (*) except for failing to rock up to training all year and the game he missed because he thought it was on a Sunday.

Mark Watton

Watto's defiance against the clock is an inspiration to his younger teammates, and he has shown that he still has a few shots to fire...well, had a few shots to fire. Now onto his hockey, Watto is the evergreen whose integrity can never be questioned (well it can, but he will just kick the ball at you), and who runs all day.

Roh Weddikkara

With the impending retirement of Murali, the executive decision was made to move away from cricket related nicknames. Anyway with a new nickname 'The Slug' has had a new lease on life this year, running up and down the wing like he was 23 again, its just a shame the hand eye co-ordination didn't follow suit. In all seriousness (nah seriously) Slug has had some outings this year, chalking up a couple of hat-tricks along the way, and caused some of the slower, borderline crippled left halves some real headaches. Oh yeah, and he got engaged too... sucker.

Stefan Willett

Stef, somewhat mistakenly in retrospect, was adamant his body would be able to stand up to the rigors of another season at the top. Unfortunately, the roll of electrical tape that was keeping him together was not, and whilst he tried his best to re-tape using that clear stuff that you find in the top drawer, it only took a few games for the unraveling to complete. Fingers crossed the groin relocation surgery is a complete success and that you will be spruiking your body's longevity again prior to next season.

Scott Willis

Scotty has returned to the M1's after a few years out. Scotty has been a solid performer at Right Half all year, with determination from a defensive point of view and creativeness and drive going the other way - just don't ask him to play Left Half.

As my opening statements may have alluded to, we have had a myriad of part-timers who deserve a mention (and a thank you). **Mick Starling** has played a number of games in usual destructive fashion, as has **Andy, Jimmy W, Harry, Cam, Adam H, TB, Ray, Dan, Chippy, Walshy** - so thank you and apologies to anyone I have missed.

A special thanks to those blokes who blew the whistle when required due to umpire no shows - **Dom, Johnboy, Stef & Cridds**.

And finally a big thanks to all those who came down and 'cheered' us on throughout the year, hopefully it was as good for you as it was for us.

Womens Metro 1

We have had another fairly successful year on the field and a very enjoyable year off the field. I think the off the field antics keep us coming back. We started the year with the usual drama of not enough players available to fill the team, but we never worry too much because Renae Latham is always ready with kit in bag, just in case and this year she bought Paige Hudson-Brown down to help as well. Thank you girls for always being there. We have now solved our shortage problem by recruiting Annette. We were calling her last minute so many times, she suggested she perhaps just join the team and we have stolen Helen from sister Debbie's team. All in all we have some pretty handy players and the team is starting to gel beautifully. Peaking just in time but we do need some flick practice.

We have had some fun off the field this year starting with a soup and games night at the Latham house. The soup was delicious and the games hilarious. Maris spent some time under the table and Dee seem to cop all the action play and you know what they say, it's the quiet ones you have to watch, Jenny won the night..

We played the Challenge cup and lost after extra time and strokes, always the Bridesmaid, never the Bride. Hopefully we can conquer in the Grand Final.

A couple of weeks ago we had a team outing to the Drive In. Lindy hosted the team at her home north of the river and then we proceeded en masse to the Drive In, which was a bit of fun..

I would like to say thank you to Sharon & Ray for always being there with 2/11th of the team, the score sheet, the whistle, the emails, the ice pack, the snacks and whatever else the team needs. Ray if you go back to Karratha, Sharon stays, okay.

Thank you to Robbie, Audrey & Neil for being our constant supporters and to all the girls for a very enjoyable year, but now we have to put our heart and soul into the next couple of weeks and bring home the flag. Come on girls, its our turn.



Mens Metro 2 Gold

A season that promised so much in the end fizzled out with us missing the finals for the first time in a good few years. With injuries and the normal absentees, and no shows we struggled along but in true Melville spirit we stuck it out and always enjoyed a quiet beer after every game.

Clint Dymond
Manager

Cheyne Atkinson

Came to us at about the halfway point of the season and was welcomed with open arms. Another trusty backman. But one question: why are you nicknamed "Fluro"??

Clint Dymond

Too old, too slow but still enjoys attempting to play hockey. Highlight of the year was thinking taking on the whole Freo team at half time was a good idea only to find his team-mates had better things to do.

Nicholas Emmett

Our youngest addition to the team and took it all in his stride. A good young player who I hope can move up the grades. Just a pity he wasn't old enough to have a beer with us.

Aki Etelaaho

What more can be said about this warrior. Puts the fear of God into the opposition, umpires, spectators and his team-mates but you can't knock his "no guts no glory" mantra. All I can say is, we are happy he plays at Melville.

Neil Ferguson

The mighty "Danger". A great character on and off the field. Had a very consistent season at left half and improved as the year went on. Definitely brings the style to our team.

Ian McCulloch

Our English import who suffered an injury during the season. Was ever reliable on the field in any position we needed him. Thanks for a great season and hope to see you next year.

Devon Montgomery

The South African import. Came to us not really sure where he would fit in, but after a few games it became clear he was destined to be a fullback. Reads the game well and isn't scared to put the body on the line. Hope to see him around next season.

Daniel Pickering

Good old reliable Picko. Ever dependable right half. The legs and skill may slowly be going, but in his mind he knows exactly where he wants the ball to go, just every now and then it just won't get there. Great season Pickers.

Laurence Rushton

Hmmm. Now I have to be nice here. You can't fault his endeavour, it's just his execution. Has the ability to make a simple tackle look absolutely terrible. Hopefully come next season he finds that pace that we think he has.

Brad Wake

Our man in the cage. Single handedly won us games and saved us from severe beatings. Brad's goal keeping continues to improve and I hope next season he gets a much deserved game in the higher grades. Great season Brad.

Mitchell Welten

Ahh Mitchell tried to sneak his way up to the State 4's but we got our Mitchie back. A very good ball carrier who, like Nick, can move up the grades. An excellent season mate.

Ted Neesham / Chris James / Brad Potter

Ahh, the three old boys who brought joy, tears, excitement, laughter and anger to our team.

Brad came down with some lung condition that he never recovered from. This in turn effected his ability to swoop on any strong chips in the goal mouth.

Neesh was his typical self, playing in almost every position on the field even if that meant pushing forward at every opportunity, however it is the turning around and running back to defend that has wavered this year.

And how can we forget **Mr James**. Brings his own supply of Deep Heat to every game to share with his team-mates only he puts the whole tube on his hammies before passing it around. Chris is still angry, still fast and still scores some amazing goals and we wouldn't have him any other way..... well maybe!!

Mens Metro 3 Black



Mens Metro 3 Gold

We had a solid season this year with much more consistent results. Maybe it was due to the fact more of us started going to training, the regular drinking sessions and outings, or uniting for the common good to help Matt torment Ricky. We weren't able to travel through time quite like we wanted by getting up to 87 miles an hour, but sling shotting Ricky down Gilbertson was still pretty funny. Regardless, we played really well as a team throughout the season and can be happy with our performance. Don't worry Ricky, we still have summer 7's to keep us going before next season.

Colin Barnden (Cool Hand Col - Half back)

"Cool Hand Col" Collin Barnden – Again plagued by injuries this year, Col's season was disrupted by bad knees. If only his bad luck with injuries would head to the poker table. He seems to be the only one who knows what's going on at our regular poker nights (along with knowing how to slip in a fifth ace). Playing much of the year as half back, Collin's skill has continuously grown this year and hopefully we will see a triumphant return next season.

James Butcher

James "the" Butcher – Look up the word Scrubber in the dictionary and you will see a picture of our vocal full back, James – bloodied, swearing and looking incredulous as he is called up after flattening the opposition into mush. While James is in his element in the defensive line up, this year we saw something quite amazing. James took the ball for a run and the result was fantastic. When Matt asked if James wanted a run as forward, James answered with something along the lines of "sure, do you want to keep your pretty face pretty". We'll keep trying – our goal is to see James score a goal in the next season.

Mario Coelho (Doctor Mario - Full Back / Half Back)

Mario "Doc" Coelho – Like the good Doctor Phil, Muz has often been the placating voice of the team, offering encouragement. Muz has played a variety of roles in the team this year, from full back, to half back, to centre forward, but he seems most at home in defence where he spends most of his time yelling in vain at half backs to stay on their opponent. He is the voice of the defenders during pre-match strategy, and his bias towards fellow defenders during these meetings is not very well hidden.

Rick Francis (Hamster - Half Back / Inner)

Ricky "Hamster" Francis – Ricky has had a fantastic year in the half back line this season, with his on-field leadership development becoming apparent and his assistance with pre-game strategy showing that his confidence has grown remarkably. Unfortunately for Ricky, this has all been overlooked by the rest of the side, courtesy of a few errors in judgement off the field. Ricky has been talking for years about how he would like to purchase a female hamster for his collection so that he can start a breeding program. Eventually Tim, Dylan, and a few of the other senior members of the side decided to help Ricky out and take him to the local pet store to buy said hamster. Whilst the others got distracted by one of the shop assistant girls, Ricky went and selected the best looking female hamster he could find. It all looked wonderful for Ricky until he took the hamster home and realised that it was a male hamster. The breeding programme was in ruins. But to Ricky's credit, he loved the hamster all the same. This would have been okay had the

story been kept quiet, but the guys soon found out about it and considered the situation to be hilarious...and poor Ricky became the team patsy for the rest of the season. Bad luck, Ricky: hopefully you learnt from this lesson, and will make sure to double check your hamsters next time.

Dylan Hadley (Chewy - moral support / goalie)

Dylan "Chewy" Hadley – While it can be said that Dylan is a true Scrubber and always welcome with the team, this year Dylan mostly played the role of morale supporter – having only 2 games with the team as a Cameo appearance. It seems that for a lot of the year he was somebody's chew toy, going on the bruising on his neck.....

John Harmsen (Whipper)

John "Whipper" Harmsen – Once an integral part of the Scrubbers side, John has now been reduced to babysitting duties on most Saturday afternoons so we rarely get to see him. Chin up, John: only a few more years and the kid will be able to join the Scrubbers!

Darren Kidd (Gorgeous George - Centre Half)

"Gorgeous" Darren Kidd – Darren just never knows when to shut up. The bane of umpires everywhere, the cry of "Oh come on!" is never far from Darren's lips when he has just lost the ball. It is a mystery how the Wakes have all received warnings from umpires for disputing decisions this year, yet Daz has escaped punishment. As the senior member of the half back line he should know better, but luckily his skills and leadership on the field more than makes up for it. A close contender for the best and fairest despite missing several games due to a variety of reasons (mysterious holidays, keg parties, charity work, elections, etc, etc) his presence is integral to the team's structure. Next season will hopefully deliver that miracle goal you've promised us, and perhaps that home brew of yours, too.

Christopher Lees (Carmen - Inner)

Chris "Carmen" Lees – The mining boom in WA is great for our economy, but it is a burden on the Scrubbers after it stole Chris from us halfway through the season. Let's hope for a crash in iron ore prices so we can get our resident bogan back!

Timothy McEntee (Cockroach - Inner/Centre Forward)

Tim "Cockroach" McEntee – Cockroach McEntee has once again had an eventful year with the Scrubbers with everything from on-field fights, off-field romances, and slightly fictional stories over a few beers being the norm for this colourful character. But a mature side of Tim has also made an appearance, with him taking on the team management responsibilities and a rather serious attitude towards training becoming evident. He has also dabbled

Mens Metro 3 Gold (contd)

his hand at coaching a junior team, although his choice of seventeen year old girls as his minions raised a few eyebrows. The spirit of the side, Tim is always willing to volunteer his house for team barbeques, poker nights, and World Cup viewings, and for that we are extremely grateful. Thanks Tim!

Paul Morris (Fabian - Half Back / Wing / Inner)

Paul "Fabian" Morris – Incorporating oneself into the Scrubbers isn't an easy task, but Paul managed beautifully this year and provided strong support in both the half back and forward lines. Of course, starting late meant we had already chosen our team Martyr (Ricky), so the gloves are off next season Paul. Clearly a dab hand at meeting "the ladies" Paul is giving dating and relationship advice to the Scrubbers over the off season while also practicing his corners technique.

Mark Myers (High Flyer - Half Back / Full Back)

Mark "the high flyer" Myers – As a defender, you need to throw yourself at the ball. We all know this, but Mark takes it literally. It's not his skill with the ball that deters the opposition, but the launched body of Mark as he desperately goes for the ball that sends them scurrying away in fear of bodily harm. Mark has time and again given it his all to clear the ball and dispose of it up to the waiting forwards or go for a run with it. The only thing he is more passionate about is his beloved Dockers, though we were lucky this year and only lost him for a few home games.

Joshua Smales (Kamikaze - Wing)

Joshua "Kamikaze" Smales – Every year Josh promises the side that he will score one hat trick a season, and every year he manages to deliver. Matty Willis foolishly made a bet with him regarding it this time round, and is now missing a carton of beer from his fridge. The fact that Josh scored his hat trick against a side with no goalkeeper, and that he seagulled at least two of them from Matt's shots on goal did not stop him from demanding payment. A team stalwart on the left wing, Josh was actually seen helping out in defence once this year – an occurrence thought less common than Loch Ness Monster sightings.

David Wake (Kamahl - Half Back / Inner / Wing)

David "Kamahl" Wake – You will never hear David raise his voice in anger, except of course when he plays at Vic Park. The gentle one of our team, it came as quite a surprise when we witnessed the rage of young David not once, but twice when playing Vic Park. Maybe it's something in the water over there, maybe they picked on him in school, maybe he just doesn't like the color orange – we don't know. All we know is that when the fiery rage of David Wake is roused, stay outta his way. You will not get the ball past him if he's playing in the half back line, or get the ball off him if he's playing in the inner position.

Justin Wake (Justin)

Justin "iWake" – Justin's desire to score goals is well known to teammates, but unfortunately for him he is a full back so technically he shouldn't be in the forward line...yet he finds

a way virtually every game. Don't worry Justin: one day I'll let you be a winger (...nah, not really). The fact that he lined up overnight at the Apple store in Perth to buy his iPhone 4 has amazed us to this day.

Matthew Wake (Hulk - Half Back / Wing)

Matt "Hulk" Wake – Don't get him angry, you won't like him when he's angry, Matt has a killer "hulk attack" where he will swing and swing and swing his stick trying to smash the irritating little white thing in front of him. Being family, maybe there is a connection between David and Matt's rage attacks, however modern science and Justin's iPad genius can't account for it. But, clearly it works for him as when he gets angry exciting things happen in the half back line– just the other day he dropped his stick and opted to head butt the ball with his face. Keeping focused during a rage attack is his goal and I believe the Monks of Dahl are teaching him to control and channel his rage into more productive ways – hopefully we will see promising results.

Dean Walker (The Goth Groom - Goalie)

"The Goth Groom" Dean Walker – It was a warm balmy night one New Years Eve, when Cockroach McEntee decided to visit the famous Sin Bar in central Perth: a place one would not consider to be a place for romance. When he entered who was he to spot but the good ol' reliable Dean Walker (goalkeeping extraordinaire) with an attractive girl dressed in black on his arm. Dean's exploits in love have always been well hidden from the rest of the team, so Cockroach was quick to inform us of this development...and with good reason: this girl in black is now Dean's soon-to-be wife! This temptress actually managed to steal Dean away from a Scrubbers game for the first time in countless years, but we will get revenge...we are organising the bachelor party!!

Matthew Willis

Matt "Twinkle" Willis – After watching Matt on the field, it's hard to believe that he was turned away when auditioning for "so you think you can dance". Definitely one of the fittest on the team, Matt's skill with the ball matches his speed and agility, gracefully spinning away and leaving the opposition to eat his dust. Captaining the Scrubbers, Matt played (for the most part) as right inner though it should be mentioned he also played the role of the antagonist in the team – much to Ricky's embarrassment and the consternation of many an umpire. This I believe was mainly due to his disappointment at losing the prettiest face award given by Paige our loyal supporter. The day she gave it to Ricky over Matt was the end of it all.....Ricky didn't stand a chance after that.

Paige, Jamie, Claire, Tab, Darrens Grandad, Chris's Dad and everyone else who came down and supported us and helped give us material to use against Ricky. And a special mention to our loyal supporters, the Wakes, who regularly come and watch our games and without who our sidelines would be empty, we wouldn't have umpires and we would have to make our way to the hospital on our own. Oh, and of course for breeding a large portion of our team :)

Mens Over 40 Midweek Veterans

Hammy, hip, back, calf, knee, face and above all, heartstring – yes it was the year of the injury. Rarely did we front with the same team, and rarer still was the game where all those who started, finished. Games were often akin to a demolition derby, with the corpses littering the sideline, occasionally being persuaded to hobble around for an extra five minutes to allow the extensive medical team to get someone else taped and glued back together for their 5 minute stint before collapsing again. A big thanks to those who were regular fill ins on the casualty ward; Watto, Benny, and Todd, plus the others who made the occasional guest appearance.

In between the attending the emergency department we played to Mickey Starling's 6 point mantra, or was it 5, or was it 4?? Whatever the number, it was all a wee bit confusing for some of us who were still working out which way up our sticks should be held and whether we used the round or the flat. Essentially we had to hang onto the ball, pass to a teammate and when in the circle, score or get a corner. Sort of covers the basics of the game really. On the occasions when we did manage to do it, surprise, surprise, it worked and we got results.

On a more serious note, there were some formidable teams in the competition this year. Fit, fast and featuring players not long out of the top grades. They were hard yakka but it was also a good test of our skill and fortitude. Despite some games looking like they were going to head towards footy scores, they never did and in most we were able to fight our way back into contention and give even the top sides something to think about. The good thing is that next year all those sides will be older and slower...



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Rae Blunt Pennant (Womens Vets 1)

Looks like we will finish in the bottom three with the other two teams who got promoted, a function of the strength and depth of the other squads in the division who all have top squad members in their teams. We started with a squad of 12, made up of 9 forwards, a goalie and 2 half backs. Several long term injuries from get go and we were really struggling for numbers in the early weeks, but by constant ringing around and favours pulled in by Mini and Theresa, we managed to field 10 or 11 almost every week. Along the way things have turned around and we have played the second half of the season with a more settled line up and general improvement in our play. Strangely I think we have had a good year playing in a higher grade. Universally, the ladies are fitter and have had fewer muscle injuries despite no subs most weeks. A number of players have improved their games as well. Our decision making, marking and constructive play have improved as we have got used to the higher speed of play, and difficult though it sometimes is for ladies of more mature years to be flexible in their approach, you have all adapted and taken on the challenges set for you each week. Despite the pressure, and poor scoreboard results at times, everyone has remained positive and constructive, more so than when we were winning in Div 2.

Special mention must go to Lisa, our converted left half from the forward line who has done the job asked of her week in, week out and looks a natural in the role. To Jane, and before her Jonesy, as our sweeper who coped really well with the chaos in front of them as the hordes descended, and to Deb as our cover defence who has closed down people all year and run and run at short corners. More often than not Kylie and occasionally Nat in goal have won the day with the voting, which is a reflection of how busy they have been, as well as how well they have played. We suspected at the start of the year we would lose a lot more than we would win and that we must concentrate on our own game, which we have mostly done. What for next year? The team and the ladies section collectively, needs to decide which direction we should take. There is the nucleus of a team that could compete in this division with the support of eligible higher-level players. Alternatively, the squad as is would be very competitive in Div 2. All of this assumes we have been smashed enough to be offered relegation.

Highlight: holding on to draw with Hale and beating WASPS and Canning, which we did not manage to do last year in Div 2.

Lowlight: would have to be the injury to Jonesy that made us all remember it's only a game.

Coach **Mark Rayfield**

Mark Rayfield put up his hand again this year to take on the coaching of the Vets 1 team, which had advanced a division. With his calm approach and often key observations during the game, as well as his directions from the sideline, we saw significant improvements in our results in the second half of the season. Mark's efforts were very appreciated by all, his level of commitment being demonstrated on those wet and windy late Hale games! Thank you Mark, hope to see you back again next year.

Lisa Anderson (left halfback)

Lisa has had an awesome year this year - discovering a definite talent at the position of left half. Her great listening, skills and speed tracking back into defence have been outstanding this year, despite a niggling handbag lifting injury that had her at the physio throughout the season!

Deb Crompton (fullback)

Deb gets closer to the goal each year, playing a great season at fullback this year (watch out Kylie). She is fearless as she runs out at the many short corners- and has stopped many a shooting chance of the opposition. Also this year she has stepped up as team manager - thanks Deb.

Marie Farrow (left inner)

Marie has yet again had a fabulous season for the Vets 1 team, timing her game arrivals to, at times, perfection! She has worked tirelessly as an inner, working to drive into attack and using her great fitness to make sure she gets back into defence. Her strong tackles have held up more than one attack coming down the left hand side of the field. Thanks Marie on all your efforts this year.

Dehlia Goundrey (centre striker)

Dehlia is a feisty customer and has had a great season up front at centre forward playing every game and sharing top goal scorer honours with Mini. Dehlia is not afraid to get physical and loves to take on the opposition fullbacks and show them who's boss!!

Allison Hall (right halfback)

What would we have done without AH this season? Allison hasn't just been a "ring in" - she has been an enormous contributor on the field. Generally playing at right half, Allison has been strong in that position, giving us drive out of the back-line as well as support to the forwards. Allison is never afraid to run out hard on short corners, she rarely gives up the ball and has developed a useful and effective 'chink shot' which she used to great effect to work the ball down the right. Allison, Vets 1 owe you a great debt for your support throughout what has been a very difficult year, and we take this opportunity to publicly THANK YOU.

Rae Blunt Pennant (Womens Vets 1) (contd)

Marie Intini (centre half)

Mini is our very own little dynamo! Mini gives 100% of the time when she steps onto the turf. She is an inspiration to those "younger" veteran players who might think they are getting long in the tooth! Never, never, never give up girls.

Carolyn Jones (fullback)

Jonesy is our reliable, dependable quality player. She's the key to successful ball distribution and play leadership. This year, Jonesy has had to take more of a defensive role. She again excelled in this component of the game. Her commitment to defence is outstanding and she demonstrates this consistently during her game play. An example of this was in the feisty and furious match against Hale where she stopped a short corner shot at goal with her face. This impressive and selfless display of her commitment resulted in an ambulance ride from pitch side to Fremantle Hospital, a broken nose, subsequent nasal whistle and nasal operation. However, the most topical issue at the time was her international flight the following day to trek the Kakoda Trail. Jonesy flew out of Perth 1 week later and caught up with her trek mates to complete the Kakoda Trail as planned. Jonesy is a crucial element of our team who we have missed during the second half of our season. We all pray she will return to play again but only with the blessing of her family and medical nose specialists..

Jane Manning (fullback)

Jane really is an amazing athlete with skills to match! We are lucky, and so appreciative to have Jane play with us, as she drives from Bunbury to play (great dedication!!). Our most "mature" player who plays like one of our youngest. Great sweeper with a cool head under pressure. Gives great direction on the field and is a pleasure to play with. Another great season Jane!

Kylie Mishra (goalkeeper)

We always knew Kylie was a great keeper, but this year we found out how awesome she really is! She certainly was involved in a lot of the action. Has super quick reflexes and was regularly diving, and sprawled flat on the ground, and pulling off some amazing saves. No wonder she did a hammy half way through and had many a bruise to show for it! Great season Kylie!!!

Theresa Rayfield (right inner)

Our lovely Scottish lass and hard working inner. Always where we needed her, in attack and in defence. She never gets flustered, just keeps running and gets on with the job. Our Theresa is a steadying influence on us all.

Allison Wheatley (left wing)

Allison got the call up to play in our team's second game, 30 minutes before game time. Not a good introduction to vets for her that night though, as we were rather well beaten. A margin too embarrassing to mention! (Must also mention, we were short that night and performed much better after that). She was certainly keen though, and was recruited as a regular after that. Over the last few seasons Allison has worked really hard on her game and this is showing with her performances on the pitch. Seemed to improve every week. Great to have you on the team Allison!

Annette Williams (forward)

As our newest and youngest member of the team (by some considerable margin!!) Annette has slotted into the left inner position with ease. She is eager to learn and incredibly, always manages to have a smile on her face and nice things to say even when being badgered continuously to "come back and mark a player"! She has improved her pace during the season and she has a bright future ahead of her in the veterans teams! It was great to have you on board.

Thanks to the following players for their help and allowing us to field a full team; **Mhairi, Carolyn, Gillian, Kate, Frankie, Nat** and **Cheryl**.

Womens Veterans Div 2

This year our vets did not have a very good season. I blame it on Steve and Lynda because they chose to go tripping around the world putting their lives in danger instead of staying home looking after us. "Hope you had a good time you guys!"

Apart from the abandonment, we have been plagued with one injury after another. I have never known so many people from one team to be out for this or that injury.. (Apart from the Dockers) Perhaps there is something in the wine. However, despite the trouble with fielding a team each week, we have struggled on and although we have not won, we have not shamed ourselves either. The opposition might have the points at the end of the night, but we didn't let them off without a fight each time! We just need to get a permanent forward line, (or a complete one will do) so we can work together to score the goals. Although we struggled to make an impact on the ladder, we have had a good run, learnt some things and enjoyed each other's company, and isn't that why we are here?

I would like to thank the fit for returning each week to fight another day and for the injured for struggling on for as long as you could, for those who came to fill in and those who came to watch and cheer us on.

We have stayed through the tough times girls, so lets put this year behind us, recruit ourselves some fit players and try to recapture that Melville winning streak in 2011.



Mens Veterans Over 40-2

(aka – The Dencorub Division)

It was thus a year of continuing traditions; consuming the equivalent of a medium sized Banana Republic's GDP in strapping tape, dencorub, voltaren, nurofen and other pharmaceuticals; and on the field, mainly not scoring many goals, but on the positive side, not letting many in either. 'Twas also a year for playing well in one half and like amputee crabs in the other. Yet despite this, we finished convincingly in the top four and with an ounce of luck in a couple of games would have been top two. And, it was a year to welcome some new (old) players, who gave the side even more of a Willetton feel. The majority of us having played for our near neighbours at some time in our careers. Finally, a year of milestones – congratulations Ramma on reaching 700 games; an enviable achievement.

The early games, typified by stinking hot Saturday afternoons and lack of fitness were inevitably dour affairs where our tactic was to get a goal in front and then defend grimly for the rest of the game. As a rule this worked, and interestingly enough, with the exception of the shootout with Willetton in the second round, we barely scored a goal in the second half all season. The second half of the season was much the same as the first – still no fitter, still not scoring in the second half, hanging on like grim death to the meagre lead we had assembled in the first.

So, to the highlights package. The goal of the season would have been Dave Ross's back stick flick on the run from a mile out, but he missed, so Becky's top of the D roofed shot against Willetton gets the nod. Miss of the year, Becky's missed flick in the opening game was the clear winner in this category until Rob Thorn put one over the crossbar from mere millimetres out. That put all other contenders for this award into the fight for second place. Crunching tackle of the year – any tackle from Aki. Injury of the year – Dave Ross and his shoulder – but there was an upside, wasn't there Dave? How is your nice surgeon from Subs? A close second here was Ray Achemedei's hockey ball sized lump on the knee acquired in an off the ball incident with one of those nasty men from Hale – that it nearly lead to amputation of the foot is a minor detail. Geoff Currie's hamstring is also worth a mention – exactly how many weeks did you disappear for? Fit bugger of the year – Dennis, even when 'hamstrung' and 'calfed' he still outran us all and he delivered the pass for the goal of the year. The most embarrassing moment came when Kev Dempster was carded for being a naughty boy. Was that a hint of a tear in the eye? Pass of the year was from Doakey – it was the only one he gave! The reliables, Greg Ross, Mike Currie and Ramma, solid every week. The human tank trap, Lewie Bint, did anyone ever get around him? Chewy gets bonus points for being the most flexible part timer ever. He probably played in every position bar the cage at some stage throughout the year. Similarly, Wayne Harries, found himself all over the park. Finally, coach of the year, John 'ing Crowe; where would we have been without your 'ing words of wisdom delivered while getting into the superman suit! Absolutely finally, thanks to Andy, Temps, Cookie and all the other arthritic old codgers who found room to wheel their Zimmer frames around the park with us.

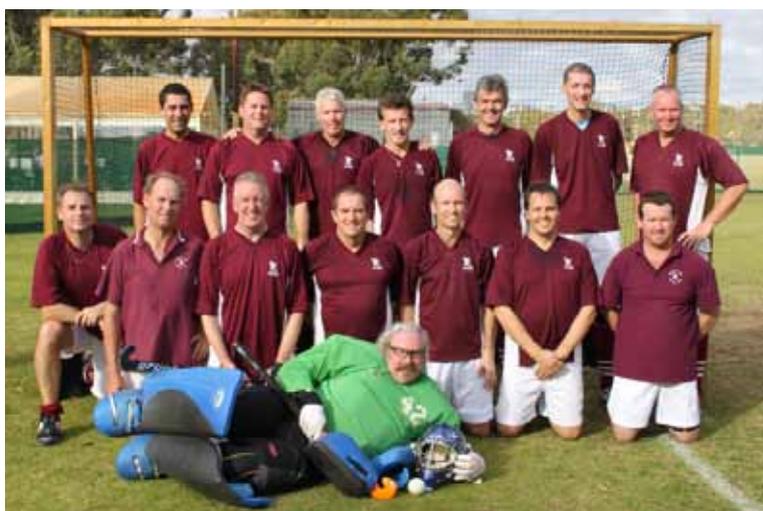


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Mens Veterans Over 40-4

We started the season under the motto run hard and play fair. With one notable exception we succeeded on that mission. Our squad grew from 10 to 17 this year and with few people travelling, we had a full card for many games. On a number of occasions we had to off load players to other teams as the card was full. As the season wore on though time took its toll and we usually had 12 or 13 players at the game. Astonishingly we had 3 half backs and 14 forwards in the squad and though it was tempting to play total-hockey with a revolutionary 10-0 formation, we did settle for a more traditional 5-3-2 and later a 4-4-2 formation.

The team from goals to the forward line:

Brett Gibbins - goalie. Brett moved from the wing to the goals this year. He saved our bacon on many occasions and pulled off some real speccies in the final games.

Tony Patton - full back. A close second to Scott as best and fairest, Tony held the fort again at the back line with the occasional escape to his preferred right half position when there were enough fullbacks.

Gerald Tai - full back. Gerald joined us midway through the season and is our only natural full back. He quickly stamped his authority on the position.

Gus Ingenluyff - fullback. Yours truly moved from the left wing to left full back this year where he tried not to make too many blunders. (Or knock too many team mates out with top hit 16s)

Paul Paino - left half. Paul escaped from AFL a few years ago and has played a very strong season as left half. Opposing right wings rarely had a shot while he was on the field.

Bob Preedy - right half. Bob is another forward pressed into half back duties. He has had a solid season and as he wasn't on the road as much this year he attended almost every game.

Gurmeet Singh - defensive center half. Gurmeet restructured the team half way through the season. He made the defensive center half position his own and the team was very competitive in the second half of the season. Gurmeet also revealed the mysteries of the short corner and we spend many fun warm ups trying out various combinations.

Scott Girling - attacking center half. Scott has been truly indefatigable this season. He is a natural fit for attacking center half and combined with Gurmeet is the engine of the team. He never runs out of steam and never gives up.

Eric Nell - forward. Eric is another one of those very determined players who never gives up. Manning a goal post during defensive corners to scoring goals at the other end, he ran his heart for us at the start of the season until he got a spot in one of the over 50s teams.

Dean Stonehouse - forward. Dean joined the team this year as an inner he had a solid season and scored quite a few goals.

Andrew Toogood - forward. Living up to his name Andrew scored quite a few goals and would never give up on the ball and got crunched by opponents in almost every game.

Jaspal Sembi - forward. Jaspal is another reliable forward often in position when taking 16s and he scored a spectacular goal after Greg received an impossible pass, ran around the defence and gave the perfect cross. The team watched in disbelief, the opponent never recovered.

Duncan McPhail - forward. Duncan moved from goals to the forward line this year. Half way during the season he had an extended stint in the 60s where he terrorised every defence, top scoring in several games.

Matthew Knuiman - forward. Another handy forward who also proved to be a very good half back when we were short at the back line. Matthew can hold the ball for ages, transitioning us from defence to attack on many occasions and set up quite a few goals.

Roger Mellor - forward. Roger joined team in the forward line this year. He scored some handy goals at the start of the season but spend a couple of months out with injury. He managed to make it back for the August games.

Greg Kent - forward. Greg returned to the team in the middle of the season. He is one of the best wings I have played with. He is incredibly fast and can run around any defence. He was involved in some of our most spectacular goals with either an assist or a shot.

Thank you to Gerald Tai, Scott Girling, Matthew Knuiman, Paul Paino and Eric Nell for umpiring more than their fair share of games.

Mens Veterans Over 50-1

Ron Chesny (Ches)

Now Ches is always calling, calling way down in the front, as he knows that he can score them all day long. And as luck is with his hammies we know he'll last the fight. Maybe a holiday during the season is what's just right.

Peter Dawkins

Pete holds down the mid field with his tall and graceful height, as solid as a rock when there's a fight. For never a man so reliable and such an awesome sight as he, tackles those poor players in his sight.

Daryl Dedman (DD)

DD's season is over, through no fault of his own and he is sadly missed out on the ground. For when the game gets crazy on the rough and broken ground, he's the one who always kept his head.

Hans Geers

There's Hans who holds the backline now that Dave has gone away, who never gets flustered during the game. He'll fall and fall again to keep that ball far from the goal, as he guards that goalies circle with his life.

Keith Harper (Harps)

Harps shows all the emotions that the team dare not display, as he lines the ball directly for the goals. And few can run beside him when his blood is fairly up - when he scores the opposition really knows.

Robert Herriman

Now Bobs another redhead (slightly greying like them all) leaving YM too, as did his friends. But the boys are glad to see him as he works well with the mob and shows he has the skills to win the day.

Colin Howell

On hearing of their greatness Colin came to join the fray. A tall and wily addition to the team. And although his mate has left him he's still up there for the fight - An "Eras" such a hard thing to disbelieve.

Wayne Hudson

Now Wayne's our fearsome goalie, a gentle giant that's for sure, whose eyes are always roaming left and right. And he's watching, carefully watching, for any danger from the fight as Dylan's playing happily by the field. If he'd only trust the mothers, cause you know they're always right and they've never lost a child that's in their sights.

Greg Hunt (Egg)

There's Egg, the lame warrior, (one of many on the field) who loves to score the goals when things are tough. He may not turn so easily but he's always in the fight and nowhere yet such gameness have we seen.

Patrick Matthews

Patrick has the focus when that white line comes in sight and he goes for goal like a bloodhound on its track. He knows where the goals are and he loves to drag the ball, especially when the team has got his back.

Paul Meacock (Whip)

Whip is there beside Hans, except when goals need to be hit, with fierce determination on his face. Whilst guiding all the game play he talks down the opposition and puts the ball in action with just a hit.

Norm Morrison

Norm's a great addition to this wild and crazy bunch as he's something like a racehorse undersize. He's hard and tough and wiry - just the sort that won't say die, as he loves to play the game in full flight.

Andrew Reynolds

And one was there named Andy, a stripling in his youth. Running like a racehorse all the game. And though he's injured badly from his head down to his toes, he never leaves the battlefield in fright. Cause Hank and Will are watching as their father takes the field and pride keeps him from showing them less might.

Brian Robinson (BR)

Brian came to join them and watched nervously at the side, for maroon was not a colour he knew well. But once he was amongst them, he knew where the fun was, until his calf decided - "That's not right". So we wait for next season when all injuries will come right and hope he's up to join the boys again.

David Timmel (Davo)

There's the ghost of Davo wandering, on the sidelines most of the time, as distance keeps him off the field these days. But the team knows that he's texting during games to get the score, as his thoughts are on the battle underway.

Geoffrey Woollacott (Waldo)

Now Waldo, he's a warrior, who keeps the players calm, and helps to guide the team all through the fray. And although he leaves through illness, we still see him at the game, because he's Melville hockey born and bred.

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Chris Avent (Gramps)

Held together almost entirely by surgical appliances, Grandpa is the only member of the team whose leg thickness doubles when he puts on his socks. It is said his shin guards are custom made by Tibetan monks from laminated drinking straws. After calf muscle augmentation (micro) surgery over summer, Gramps returned to the team with something to prove this season. Unfortunately it looks like the paleontologist got it wrong however, and the graft has been rejected as the old fellow still appears to be levitating this season. In the end, all he proved were that the only things that keep growing as you get older are your ears and nose, and stuffing tissues in your ears doesn't necessarily keep you warm. Despite his faults, Gramps generally manages to turn up to the game, sometimes during the first half, and provides all the reassurance of a "home Guard" regiment in the back line.

Terrence Brooks (Brooksy)

Brooksy's "op shop" collection of hockey attire moved a step further this year with the addition of the Barbie Bag to his already formidable collection. With an unfortunately short season, Brooksie was only sent off once but his other big contribution to team morale this year was to prove that clean living isn't all that it's cracked up to be. Although he was sorely missed in the latter parts of the season, there was an almost palpable sigh of relief from all those who live a more jaded existence but managed a full season. The inventor of frontal pressure will hopefully be back next year.

Graeme Coleman

An un-named person in Graeme's family measured him at the age of 3 and told him not to worry, his height would be double the measured value when he grew up. They lied. Unfortunately they also got it wrong as they measured him at 3 months. They got it wrong and still lied. However height is not everything and Graeme has proved to be the "Mighty Boy" of the utility forwards, and a vital part of our feared short corner battery, so feared in fact that the back line scrambles back to position (yelling "defend, defend") as soon as we are awarded one. Other than that, apart from that embarrassing incident where he was caught cutting down the minkey sticks for his own use, Graeme has proved to be a great club man and popular player, particularly with the opposition who like to bash him up because he's little.

Pat Hall (Rambo)

Confronted by Midland Guildford on the right wing in round nine, Pat elected to dig in and fortified a position up there on the banks of the Swan using the only tools to hand. Legend has it, that guy is still up there somewhere in the tailings. Also not unknown for his back seat umpiring, Pat developed some kind of a bizarre Leyland brothers fetish

during the year, probably from his frequent sojourns off into the bush collecting rogue balls from the right wing. So much was his infatuation that Pat sneaked off for a secret hair transplant during the season, so he could look more like "Mal". The painstaking process took him out of the team for a few weeks but unfortunately the surgeons got it wrong and put it on his face.

Michael Jolliffe (The Masked Defender)

This year was quiet for Mike thanks to the sterling efforts of his back line, except of course for those occasions when he instructed the full backs to let attackers through for a bit of excitement. The truth of the matter is Mike had moments of sheer brilliance where his body reacted before his mind could say "I'm too old for this" and performed some miraculous saves. His creative commentary also improved this season when encouraging the team to mark attackers and generally sort ourselves out into some semblance of a defence.

Robert Knyn

Always popular with Aquinas, Rob has taken over from our Julia lookalike (Steve who...) in giving helpful advice and tips from the sidelines. What's better when you have done something really stupid than having someone on hand to take you back over it. Usually reliable and adept with the tackle, Rob usually marks up tighter than Al Marshall's wallet, but went a bit off the pace in the latter part of the year after a few painful injuries (Al's wallet didn't however). Hopefully be back to his normal form next year.

Stephen Llanwarne

After watching hours of video footage in the off season and painstaking hours of re-training, Steve has changed his running style to now cut a memorable gait across the pitch. Unfortunately however the video in question was Forrest Gump. Disappearing under the guise of "business trips" for weeks on end sometimes, it didn't take us long to catch on to what was really going on, the B word. So whilst Stevie was off Botoxing his biceps and having the revolutionary "butt lift", the rest of us were holding the fort (about as well as "F" Troop).

John Maher

Johnny is a silent achiever who never stops putting in a huge effort every game. When I say silent achiever, it is because nobody has heard him say a word for years and we're wondering if in his old age he has forgotten how to talk. At half back he is a brick wall of defence that is near on impossible to penetrate, and as an inner he runs and runs and runs and occasionally scores a goal. When we play those sneaky guys from Guilford, he puts his hand up to play tagger on their big centre half play maker. This has given him the nickname of Cameron Ling. Johnny isn't as

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good looking or doesn't have as nice a smile as Cameron but he is as effective. Now that Pat is having a few anger moments, it looks like Johnny will get the 2010 Mr Nice Guy award.

Alan Marshall

After his total makeover from last year that made Al look like Brad Pitt, he is now a new guy. He pretends to understand the rules and seems to think that the umpires don't know the rules, so he goes to lengths to tell the umpire what the free is for and where it was. He is due to get a few yellow cards for treating the umpires in such fashion. The highlight of Al's year is when he scores a goal, he leaps into the air contorting his body and amusing everyone in the process. One tip Al – settle down with the celebrations because at your age you could pop something. His tackling skill is something for "Believe it or not". Woody woodpecker can't hit a piece of wood as fast as Al attacks the opposition's stick while annoying the living daylights out of those poor opposition folk.

Mick Mathwin (Prince Charles)

Great to see the Prince hang up his horse and polo stick and mix with the likes of us peasants each week - we are surely graced with his royalty. Like liquid nitrogen, Mick is cool under pressure and has developed into an earnest defender. Unlike many of the rest of the team, Mick can run and turn (mind you we're not sure that the rest of the team can do either) and with a bit of pace. He also seems to understand that it's a good idea to stop the ball before considering the next move. Really hasn't given his opponents much chance this season so the rest of us have decided he should mark two attackers next season for a bit of a challenge.

Steve McEntee

Steve has recently returned from an extended pre-season training camp which included ducking bullets from some hostile West Indian terrorists. Unfortunately the plan to get himself fit and into some resemblance of a hockey player backfired after consuming endless quantities of fried foods and gallons of red wine and bourbon. Great to have you back Steve and congratulations on the pending birth of the baby - Another first for the Melville 50's.

Bill Morrison

Billy "I should really run harder this year" has been the pivot from which most attacking moves have come. In fact the full backs often retreat to the goal line just to watch him in action. The opposition don't seem to learn that if you hit the ball near Bill he will steal it out of the pocket of their intended recipient, and then proceed to run past them with speed before being charitable and passing onto one of the hungry forward pack. A top year for Billy and without too much of his own claret being spilt.

Eric Nell

As the draft system is set up to help out the teams that come at the bottom of the table, and we (besides Billy) being the grand final champions of 2009, we got a very low pick and that is how we ended up with Eric. He is not as fast, or as skilful or with the endurance of Dennis, but Eric speaks just like him. He has got a lot of good fire in the belly and is trying to be as angry as the Steve M that used to hang around our team. He has occasionally made some great half back intercepts and puts in a huge effort. We are glad to have this low draft pick on our team.

Mike Pitcher (Pitch (The Panther))

While the name suggests a lithe and agile forward (some shameless self promotion from the man called sundial) the Panther showed that it is really cunning and guile that have been his hallmark this year. Out on the Savannah grass lands (if you've played on Buzzacott lately) or right wing, his great walking attacks have left many defenders bewildered and muttering to themselves as to just how did the Panther get past. With a perfect record of claiming an assist for all goals scored this season, the Panther has had a great year.

Colin Slattery (Slats)

The Silver fox is having another fine year with some great runs out of defence after cutting off the attacking forces' advances. In his old age he doesn't seem to be flattening the opposition like he used to in his earlier angrier days, or maybe married life has taken away his edge. Yes the old silver metro fox has succumbed to a female's charms and got married. We are Slatt's only friends and we don't particularly like him that much and since none of us were invited to the wedding then we can only assume 3 people attended the day – one got paid to preside, one paid and the other is now the boss.

Gary Thomas (Muddy)

Muddy is clearly enjoying the good life and has come out this season fitter and faster than he has for many a year. Something special happened this year with both Muddy and Brooksie scoring in the same game for the first time since they were in the under 16's (back in the 1960's). This year there was less time spent coaching from the sideline and more time on ground which was great to see.

Mens Veterans Over 50-3

Roger Bell (Goalie)

Roger is our stalwart Goalie and Team Manager. He rules with a velvet glove. Just when you think things are going fine the glove comes off, both on and off the field then Bam you're in trouble. He keeps the team organized, prepared and controlled to give the impression that we are somewhat of a semblance of respectable gentlemen. This is no mean task. When we need to be brought in line he is right there letting us know the score or lack off as the case may be with no frills. Roger is a gutsy determined player we all enjoy playing with.

Gary Bowater (Full Back – Inner)

Another great season under the belt for Gary. Gary generally regards himself as a forward, however, due to a nagging groin injury, he found himself for the better part of this season playing as a very versatile full back. He has great ability to read the play and foil the many opposition forward moves trying to penetrate our defence. Gary has always been one to not only encourage other players, but he also looks for new tactics and set plays in an effort to improve the Team's performance.

Tony Ganzer (Winger)

Tony is known as a new player starting hockey at a senior age. Yes developing his skill has been nothing short of sensational over the last couple of years. Tony's most noticeable trait though is his toughness to hang in there when more experienced players are putting it to him and then to see him winning a position or play is inspiring to the whole team. Tony was one of the highest goal scorers for some time which is testament to his effort and character. We do wish that he would slow down though because he does make some of us appear slow. OK Tony great game but let's work on making your mates look good. Tony is a solid and vital team player.

Matthew Hudson (Inner - Full Back)

Mr Dynamic can run with the ball and finish off with a flying leap. He has perfected the dive and sledging to a masterful level. Yes we are proud of these fine talents. Training can become a bit much when he is practicing sledging on his team mates but we understand it is all for a good cause. Matt still runs like a 15 year old and has turned the game around a few times with that fast dash and movement of the ball forward. Matt is a versatile player, fast and a lot of fun to play with. Never gives in and has scored the odd goal. A must have player on your team specially when it is over 50s.

Tim Jobson (Half Back – Inner)

Tim is most probably the fittest guy on the team. We think he is just showing off because the rest of the team seems a bit slower. Every now and again he will move from the half line to the forward line and score a goal. Ok maybe showing off but I'm sure we can do that but it sure is nice that Tim is there to take control when needed. A dynamic player with good skill.

Roger Kent (Forward)

Roger is a hard worker in the midfield and always harasses the opposition. He frequently wins the hard ball and the occasional goal. Great year Roger.

Roger Nottage (Half Back)

Plays with 100% every game. Roger gives great drive to our forwards and is a vigorous defender. Roger had a fantastic year.

Johnson Orr (half Back)

Johnno has been the left half for the team for a number of years. He has been a very solid performer in the position and this year was no exception. He is a member of what is arguably the strongest half back line in the competition. Fortunately he was at most of our games, however his duties with the men's top side did draw him away from the 50's div 3 team on occasions. Always quick with a joke off the field and dynamic skills learnt from the young guys on the field. Only problem is he sometimes can't stand up after doing a spin around, chopper shot and reverse stick tackle all in the same movement. It looks good but must really hurt. Once again Johnno has taken this position as his own and from a defensive position sets up play time and again. He provides a good balance to the halfback line and as expected, always places himself in the best position to cause as much grief to the opposition forwards as possible. Johnno is a vital player who understands the game completely but keeps playing anyhow.

Tony Patton (Full back)

Tony, affectionately known as Mr Brick Wall. You just can't get around the guy in the back line. Many players have tried and failed. As a full back what a great boost to any team. Tony came in late to assist due to our dwindling numbers. Boy, were we lucky when he joined us. Tony not only stops the ball but distributes well too. I wish we could do that. It has brought a whole new dimension to the game. Tony is a great asset to any team and a gentleman to boot. Tony is a great asset to our team.

Bruce Porter (Half Back)

Bruce has proved himself time and time again over the years to be different and this year was to be no different. Being sent off, green carded, yellow carded! oh no! Bruce, though tough, has decided to take a new approach. Few warnings and maybe one or less send offs. What's going on? Is Bruce trying to substitute good play for good old tough aggressive play. When you get to our age and grade things do change but Bruce's dominance in the middle has not changed. Bruce is always a hard working constructive player with incredible skill - a lynch pin of the team.

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David Porter (Forward)

The other member of the dodgy knee brigade. Managed to make each game and tried hard after the warm up period. He linked with Leo to create some excellent team goals, always trying to out think the opposition and direct our forward play. Will he play on?

Leo Welten (Forward)

Leo is the most skillful of our players and scored some fantastic goals during the year. He is always creative in attack and seems to improve with age.

Geoff Widdicombe (Full Back)

Geoff is an ever reliable defender. Pacey in defence but reluctant when pushed into the forward zone. Geoff thwarted many attacks and setup some telling transitions that caught out the opposition.

Andrew Wood (Inner)

This was Andy's second season with us. His athletic prowess and ability to run all game belies his age. But wait there's more. He can really play the game and on the rare occasions he was not able to play the team missed him greatly. Andy mostly played as an inside forward but was able to fill any position in the forward line. This certainly helped with the job of team selection each Saturday. Andy managed to score more than his fair share of goals. Some of them involved picking up the ball near the half line, using his speed and skills to defeat the half and full backs and scoring goals – not something you see often in Vets 50's div 3.

Robert Wood (Forward)

A member of the dodgy knee brigade who scored some very key goals for the team. He is an integral part of team attack and had a solid year.

Neil Ashley (Umpire)

Neil more than any player has improved our standard of game and competition. A fine umpire who not only knows the rules but can follow the play and keep things on track at all times. He loves the new green card and 2 minute time off rule. Actually we have never seen him happier since this rule came in. Travelling as part of our team off the field it is always a pleasure to play in a game where Neil is the umpire. You are always guaranteed fair, safe and sensible hockey. Thank you Neil for a great season.



Mens Veterans Over 60

The O60s enjoyed a better year than previously, following a last minute promotion to this comp, after our old O55s grade was wound up just before the season started. Mixing good wins against top 4 sides with goal scoring droughts against lower ranked teams, we have unfortunately just missed out on the finals this time around. Still, the camaraderie was great, and we could always look forward to a friendly beer with the opposition after our games, no matter how they turned out. A highlight was the great work by our defence, to achieve the 2nd lowest goals against for the year in the O60s. Thanks to all our regulars, helpers, supporters, stand-ins when we were short, and to our opposition for a great year. We look forward to an even better year in 2011.

Robin Bailey

Robin has been a strong half back, defender and wing player, consistently on the move during fast play. He works hard in defence and moves forward well to create attacking opportunities. Robin knows the play and readily shares his knowledge.

Bruce Cadd

Bruce has been busy on and off the field this season. He played his 600th game in June (has missed around 1257 goals in his career). With suitable encouragement, Bruce should aim for the 700 mark. Very passionate about his hockey once he crosses the white line. Took on the Mens Veterans Co-ordinator role this year and has been active in fostering goodwill amongst the troops. Look forward to Bruce continuing with some fresh and practical changes. See you in 2011, Bruce.

Geoff Corlett

What do you say about a goalie who saved our defeat on many occasions by his brilliant goal keeping. Our master tactician who plotted our positions and moves from the goal line and his experience helped us on many occasions. Some of his saves had to be seen to be believed on many occasions, and any goals the opposition scored against him were never easy goals. They knew they had earned them the hard way. Thanks for your efforts during the year and hope to see you back in the net in 2011.

Ray Domingo

Ray is a new member to our core group of players and has slotted in very well. He has great skills and can penetrate the circle and score some good goals. Ray sometimes needs to be more aware of when to pass off or take on the opposition defence, which he is more than capable of doing to great effect. A welcome addition to our team. See you again next season, Ray.

Michael Goodman

Great to have Mike back in the team on a regular basis this year. Mike has a great trap and is able to cut off passes virtually as soon as they come off an opponent's stick. But perhaps his greatest weapon is his short backswing which carries through to powerful shots on goal. Unfortunately we miss Mike whenever the Dockers are playing at home, but he is a great contributor and a valued member of the team.

Tony Illman

Tony arrived quite late for the 2010 season with the 60s after a "knee job" with his Orthopaedic Surgeon. He then spent about 5 weeks on an overseas "recovery" holiday. He got back playing in the forward line, and gave it a good go, in spite of the "after match" pains and strains he has had to put up with. He should be back next year fighting fit and we are sure, that he will take all the precautions to get fit, and be pain-free.

Keith Jackaman

Keith had a late start to joining this season's play, as he umpired 3-4 matches for us to start the season, due to lack of a regular umpire, and had some fixtures off during the season due to illness. Good to see him back on deck and playing in the last part of the season. A reliable defender who played half back and full back. Always expected to make a Saturday 8:30am call for a lift. Maybe this is the way to get him to the game on time. A good club man. Happy to go and support other teams after we played. Likes to socialize, with the occasional drink along the way. Always ready to help in club events. Thanks for 2010 Skinta.

Duncan MacPhail

Duncan only played a few games with us this year when we were short of players. He tried hard on the left wing, and in one memorable game scored the only goal in the match to give us a win. Well done to Duncan and he is welcome to score more winners for us. Thanks, Duncan for helping us out and well done.

Peter Oudejans

Playing half back and full back, Peter fitted into the side well. He caught many opposing players out with his long reach, being able to take the ball off them on many occasions when they didn't expect it, and clear it out of our defence. A good team player, whose ability to outrun the opposition was welcome. Also a regular Thursday night trainer. Hope to see you back for another go in 2011, Peter.

Terry Parker

Terry has only played the last few games of the season, after returning from overseas. He is a fast and very skilful forward who has the ability to carry the ball in the mid field, bring others into the play, and set up and score goals. Terry has been sorely missed, and was a very welcome return to our ranks late in the year.

Mens Veterans Over 60 (contd)

Keith Platel

I call our famous right wing the Scarlett Pimpernel. Because he plays Mid Week as well, he is superbly fit and when I look up field for him, "he is here, there and everywhere". Keith leads his left half opponent a merry dance. We were always taught as wingers to stay in the "tramlines" i.e. run up and down the field. Not Keith, he runs up and down plus right across to left wing on a regular basis. He likes a goal and is always the "seagull" on the post trying to deflect one in. Often it is a dive across the grass to deflect the ball which most of us avoid so we don't do any further damage to our bodies. Well done Keith on another good year, with only a slight "hammie" problem this year. We will just miss the finals but look forward to playing with you again next year.

Geoffrey Riley

A utility forward, Geoff played most forward positions during the year, but spent most time as left or right inner, with special instructions from Geoff Corlett to forget goal scoring & concentrate on stopping his opposing inner. Having to work from deep defence to attack was a tough gig at times, and often left Geoff calling for reinforcements. What can you expect with a limited pre-season (medical reasons), an early season layoff (work) and zero time at Thursday night training (lack of willpower?) Regardless of this, Geoff still enjoyed his hockey, and looks forward to another good year with the team (and a return to goal scoring) in 2011.

Tom Rushton

Tom always turns up and lets you know in advance if he can't make it. A good team man who puts in 100% all the time and never complains. Gives the opposition a hard time with some of his tackling, and sets up moves for his team mates on many occasions to put them in to attack. Very rarely misses training. A good season Tom. I'm glad someone in our team can still run, as some of us are slowing down. Thanks for 2010.

John Smith

A real gentlemen of the game, John is a great team player, who consistently brings others into the game, with his great skill at finding the right mix between running the ball and laying off a good pass to a team mate. This year has seen John excel in several roles, including centre and right half, inner and centre forward. A regular in our weekly best players list, John's versatility, consistency and team play have made him one of our most valuable players for the year. It's been a pleasure playing with you again this year John. Look forward to doing so again in 2011.

Pieter Speyer

Piet was a welcome addition at full back early in the year, when he joined Melville Vets in a come back to hockey after a few years out the game. Piet's hockey abilities and experience were clear from his good play

in our early games. Unfortunately, an achilles problem came along and forced him back out of the game for the latter part of the year. We hope this isn't the end of Piet's come back, as he'll be very welcome if his body will let him have another go in 2011.

Frank Williams

Frank this year has continued on from where he finished last year as one of the principal play makers within the team. Apart from a short time with injury and a holiday, Frank, our center half, has directed the mid field through the year. He sets up most of the team attacks, has collected a number of goals and is a tireless defender on the rebound. Frank is complimented on the boundary line by his wife Annette who has been one of our few staunch supporters during the year. Well done Frank on a hard fought year and we all look forward to you and Annette leading the team next year.

Colin Willis

Colin played well in many positions during the year. Went missing when the Dockers were playing at home on Saturdays. Had the role of manager till he handed it over to Geoff in the later part of the year. A long term life member of the club after playing 500+ games, Colin decided to give it away in the last part of the season, due to foot problems, but promises to come out of retirement in an emergency. Still very much involved with the team and has helped Bruce with his Vets coordinating role during the year. One of the organisers for the Vets Ladies/Mens successful wine / food function, held in July. Thanks for all your contributions Colin.

Kelvin Woodward

With skill and poise, Kelvin regularly plays good hockey in his most favoured position at full back. Has also stepped up very well when asked to take on the midfield leadership role at centre half at times during the year. With the most powerful hit in the team (maybe the grade), Kelvin's clearances from full back often find their way down the other end of the field. Won the surprise traveller award when discovered in Hawaii through a routine call to his mobile from the team manager, but has been a valued team member throughout 2010.

Thanks to Rob, Keith and Barry for carrying out umpiring duties for our games during the year. Although we didn't always agree with their decisions, we thank them for their great efforts, which made our games possible each week. Thanks to Colin and Geoff for carrying out manager roles during the season, and helping put a team together each week, when football, work and holidays got in the way of hockey. Special thanks to Bruce, in his 600 game year, for his great energy as Vets Co-ordinator, and his cheerful help and guidance lining so many things up for us all. Thanks to all for making it easy during the year.

Girls 11/12 A

Much like the majority of my year in 2010, if someone had told me how it was going to turn out, I would have laughed at them for telling me I was going to be coaching the under 17's girls at Melville with James. So I'll start by saying thank you to Nicola Ogden who, through a little bit of persuasion, managed to convince me to put my hand up for the job. Second thank you to James Gurbiel, there is no way either of us could have done this job alone for many reasons. The role has been challenging, entertaining, frustrating but very rewarding and I believe that, without hesitation, we would commence the journey again in 2011. Writing the summary before the season ends is difficult but hopefully we are able to have a finals campaign in A grade after our false start to the season in A reserve. I have no doubt in my mind that with a full season in A grade we would have had a successful finals campaign. I look forward to any new coaching challenges ahead in the future, perhaps another team of girls? Who knows!

Amy Banasik (Borat)

Tall, lanky, unco but has the speed and determination to back it up and still play a solid role as full back. The maturity that Amy brought to the team had a positive effect on the playing group.

Sarah Bowyer (The Chatterbox)

Sarah, especially after some red cordial, would talk the leg off a chair if it had time to listen. She is one of the more experienced players in the team, also playing in seniors. The maturity and skills that she has learnt, have allowed her to step up and be a dominant player when she was required to.

India Brockman (If looks could kill)

Okay not even going to write a joke here because we will both end up like Louise with black eyes. Serious. Indy has a very intimidating presence on the field and found a new challenge in playing centre half this season, which turned out to be a flourishing success.

Briony Clark (phrasing)

Briony's dominance on the field was significant to our team success. Her ability to carry the ball forward and break lines in order to penetrate the circle was imperative.

Holly Menegola (Twinkletoes)

When Holly stepped on the field we weren't sure if she was actually Holly or Betty Flintstone with her tippy toe running style. Holly showed experience and mental strength beyond her years by playing an excellent season in a crucial position in the team backline, where mistakes generally cost goals.

Anna-Levke Mumm (German)

Anna came all the way to Australia just to see a kangaroo, ended up being dragged down to Melville hockey club and brought with her a different style, and a good level of composure and patience.

Kaitlin Passmore (Smiley)

If Kaity could design her own hockey stick, it would be capable of sending and receiving text messages. Named smiley for obvious reasons, she provided the spark in our forward line when we needed it and always looks like she is enjoying her hockey.

Rebecca Phipps (Deflection)

Bec needs to understand the meaning of the word deflection, it is not the action of flicking a hockey ball at your coach. She has the potential to be a very good forward and with the right motivation and determination, she could possibly go all the way.

Chiara Purcell (token GK)

Every team has a token, ours just happened to be the keeper as well! Chiara has improved a huge amount over the season in probably the least appreciated position on the pitch. Her crucial saves at times were the difference between winning and losing.

Denby Russell (Bambi)

Kinda looks like Indy, and the Bambi reference is only because it rhymes with Denby. Bambi played in any position that she was asked to and did so with one hundred percent effort every time. She didn't even complain when we said she looked like Indy.

Megan Silvey (Finger breaker)

Meg showed absolutely no remorse towards anybody throughout the season, especially breaking her coach's finger. Her ability to play in any position was a real asset to the team, her encouragement and leadership are an inspiration to her team mates.

Louise Watson (In your face)

The quiet little brunette who landed herself a black eye during the season. Louise plays hockey with a lot of versatility and a desire to learn.

Miriam Williams (totes McGotes)

Like, Mims is like, so cool, like. Miriam has proved to everyone that she can play hockey in multiple positions on the field, when she wants to. Her positive and sometimes over the top energy always put a smile on everybody's face.

Also thank you to **Brianna Coleman**, **Tearne Latham**, **Grace Bowyer** and **Georgia Mason** who filled in and made a significant contribution throughout the season. Thank you for your efforts.

Special thanks to **Dianne** and **Maree** for being our hockey mum's for the season and organising us. We really enjoyed the oranges and lollies that the girls rarely saw at half time.

Girls 11/12 A Reserve

Lucy Bleechmore (Right Inner)

Lucy was only going to play occasionally but ended up playing most weeks. Lucy ran hard each game supporting the forward line, working well with both Brianna and Nikki and getting the ball into the attacking D. Good luck next year Lucy, whatever you do.

Brianna Coleman (Right Halfback)

The ever reliable halfback who directed the play through the centre, supporting the fullbacks and giving the other girls the chance to take the ball up the wing as well. Brianna always played a good solid game causing many headaches for the opposition. Good luck in seniors next year.

Nicola Cook (Fullback)

Nicola played a strong full back with Chloe, keeping the opposition on their toes. Nicola has great stick work, and a great ability to trap the ball, which saw her stealing the ball from the opposition many times. Good luck in your last year in juniors Nicola.

Chloe Corsini (Fullback)

Chloe came to the club from the opposition and has been an asset to the back line, working well with Nicola and Tearne. Chloe always put in a solid game each week and even took the ball for a run up the wing. Good luck next year Chloe wherever you are.

Sophie Joyce (Left Inner)

Sophie played a good running game each week, even trying to stop the ball with her cheek in one game. She worked well with her wing, half back and centre forward with taking the ball into the attacking D. Good luck in your last year of juniors.

Renaë Latham (Centre Forward)

Renaë is playing up a grade but didn't that stop her from playing hard and tackling anyone who crossed her path. She was the only team member to be sent off the ground by the umpire who was also her father. Good luck in playing in your own age group next year Renaë.

Tearne Latham (Goalie)

Tearne, the ever reliable goalie who spent her time yelling encouragement and direction to her team for the whole game. Or practising her dance moves. Good luck in seniors next year.

Georgia Mason (Centre Half)

The team steamroller who didn't understand the word NO. Georgia always put in 100% each week and was not scared to put her body on the line. Georgia's strong hitting produced many goals for the team. You will be a force to be reckoned with next year in your last year in juniors.

Nicole Massey (Right Wing)

Nikki played a very solid wing that could out run the opposition on many occasions taking the ball into attack, except someone moved the goals when it came to scoring. Good luck next year in your last year in juniors.

Annalise Miller (Left Halfback/Fullback)

Annie always ran hard and kept the opposition on the hop. Annie kept the ball moving to the forwards and then ran back to help the backline with her amazing trapping ability. Annie moves into seniors next year.

Caitlin Pauley (Left Wing)

Caitlin played most of the year as left wing. Suffering with shin splints for most of the season which prevented her from running her best in the first half of the season but she defiantly made up for it in the second half. She was our quiet achiever who was always there when needed. Good luck next year Caitlin.

Shailey Rushton (Fullback/Right Inner)

Playing both on the forward line and in defence it didn't matter what position Shailey found herself in, she always gave it her all. Good luck next year in seniors.

This season, under the guidance of **Erin Hall** the girls should finish in the top 4, with a very good chance of a grand final berth. Erin has moulded the girls into a team to be reckoned with. Thank you to the parents and extended families for your support this year. It has been wonderful to have a support team on the sideline encouraging the girls on each week. Thanks to our umpires who encountered some fiery opposition teams each week. Lastly thanks must go to the girls who filled in each week. The girls all fitted into the team like they belonged there, they were Maddy Brockman, Kathryn Rule, Caitlin Toogood, Janelle Miller, **Emma Riglesford, Arielle Riglesford, Amy Fullarton, Laura Walkemeyer, Shannon De Mello, Shondran Bailey, and Monique Miller.**

Girls 11/12B

We started the year several players short, not necessarily with short players. We were lucky to retain Laura and Caitlin from A Res as well as Caitlin's Dad, Andrew, to kick off as team coach. A few games in, we were fortunate to have Tori, Jaz, Tara and Bec join us to complete the team. Another valuable acquisition was that of Tim as our assistant coach, to whom we soon added the title of fitness coach. He quickly taught the girls what it meant to 'train' at training, whilst he learnt what it will one day mean when he has teenage daughters of his own. It was a pleasure to stand on the sidelines and watch the girls grow into a cohesive team, supporting and caring for each other. Laura, as always, was to be heard before she could be seen with her humorous comments. Somehow water bottles often spilt onto teammates rather than being used for thirst quenching.

We had something of a topsy-turvy season moving in and out of the top 4 a number of times. We unfortunately lost some key games that saw us miss the finals this year. We are, however, a young side (the majority being Year 11). We lose 3 players in Steph, Laura & Claudia to the seniors but nonetheless hope to see an experienced team take to the field next year.

It was interesting to review the points for the team's 'Fairest & Best' player. With 3 games left in the season - the majority of the girls were still in a position to win the award. The award was well deserved by someone who personifies what it means to be the fairest & best - leading and encouraging the team at every point. The recipient of the 'Coaches Award' demonstrated absolute commitment to the game each and every week and herself fared very well in the fairest & best calculations.

A special thank you to both Tim and Andrew for coaching - you were each the glue that held the team together, and to Lisa and Mark for making managing the team look so easy. Finally, thanks also to both Julio and Annette for quality umpiring. Congratulations to all our girls for a great year - It will be remembered for being a year of the girls enjoying the game of hockey as equally as it was for the parents and supporters. We hope to see you all next season.

Rebecca Armstrong (Full Back)

Always reliable, Bec was a solid wall in our defensive line-up working with Tori and Emily to "own their D". Despite the injury to her wrist, Bec was able to defend against some of the strongest attackers and clear the ball with ease.

Sondren Bailey (Centre Forward)

Sondren played as centre forward for most of this year, using her skills to help control the centre as well as her powerful hit to score some great goals (scaring the odd goalie or two with her power shots) and creating some fantastic and exciting moments in the D.

Shannon De Melo (Half Back/Wing/Inner)

This season Shannon ventured outside her comfort level, testing newly learned skills she picked up from watching more experienced players and it paid off. This was most evident in several of her attempts to create opportunities for her teammates in the attack. While Shannon played mostly in a half back position, she also had some fun running in the forward line as an inner or wing. With her partner in crime - Hannah, Shannon was often able to create some marvellous plays, linking up with the forwards and having a devastating effect on the opposition.

Emily Duffield (Goalie)

Emily - our last line of defence. Rare is it that a goalie will get into the best players list as often as Emily did, a testament to her skill in the nets and determination when controlling her "D". A great year for our keeper, saving us more times than can be counted.

Hannah Gibson (Wing)

Hannah spent this year playing in the wing position, much of it having the opposition eating her dust every time she went for a run. We saw some fantastic runs from Hannah this year that led to many an opportunity on goal through her determination.

Shireen Gibson (Centre Half)

Playing in one of the hardest positions on the field, Shireen made this job look easy as she controlled the centre corridor. Her skill at reading the plays and feeding the ball out to the sidelines grew week on week as she became more comfortable in her position.

Rachel Harries (Fullback)

Rachel filled in for us early in the season when we were short of players. Rachel was very capable in the fullback role to the point where our goalie sometimes had nothing to do but watch her clear the ball from the "D". We look forward to her returning to the game next year after study.

Girls 11/12B (contd)

Janezza Lymbery- Joyce (Wing/Inner)

Starting the season with a bad ankle didn't slow Janezza in her role as inner this year, if anything it seemed to spur her on. Jaz has shown us some great on field plays through her determination to not lose the ball and by linking up the plays to the wing and centre positions.

Stephanie Lynch (Wing)

Stephanie was ever reliable in the wing position and was always there on the post quietly waiting behind the opposition goalie to pick-up the loose ball for a goal, or working well with Janezza to create some great 1 – 2 plays. Steph is the player who has scored the most goals for the team this year. It is also her last year in this grade. Steph has enjoyed her time immensely and will be moving up to Seniors next season.

Claudia Morgan (Half Back/Full Back)

Tirelessly defending her position, Claudia would often be seen thick in the fray as she defended against the opposition. Few are the attackers who were able to get past her skill and determination, often resulting for those that tried with Claudia seizing possession of the ball and feeding it out to our forwards.

Tara Percival (Half Back/Full Back)

Diligently working in the half back position, Tara worked well in a position new to her this year. She used her skill to link up the plays between our full backs and forwards, leading to some great plays down the field.

Caitlin Toogood (Inner)

Using her speed and fitness to dominate her position, and with the bandana she always wore to make her more aero dynamic, Caitlin was able to work the ball through the field in some great plays and be able to get back to help defend in time for tea.

Tori Vince (Full Back)

Tori's determination makes her the perfect defender, always chasing and attacking the ball to stop an opposition forward. A very strong year from Tori in the full back position – both in performance and body, as Tori often threw herself head first into the attackers to prevent them scoring.

Laura Walkemeyer (Wing/Inner)

Another player constantly throwing herself into the thick of the fray, Laura created many of the opportunities that resulted in our goals this year - even with her pulled "bum" muscle (as she often mentioned to all this season). Later in the season, we saw Laura using her speed and stamina to step into the inner position, which she quickly controlled and dominated.

A special thank you also to **Verity Swift** for filling in, as well as to some of the girls from 9/10's - **Rhianna, Tanesha, Sarah, Annie, Cara, Nicole** and **Fallon** who played up and were a great help when we were down on numbers early in the season.

Final match report:
Surprised you may be, To hear this from me,
Knocked out of the top 4 were we,
By more than a little, And less than a lot,
Did our season cease to be,
With smiles and hugs, And gleefully,
The girls look forward to paintballing with Tim McEntee,
For hard training, push ups and squats,
The girls will shoot him in Green, Blue & Pink polkadots,
For 2011 we will see, The Maroon flag hoisted upon a Green sea,
And hear the winning chant as the girls hold the trophy,
In the team of the girls 11/12 B's.

Boys 11/12A

Coaches Report – Evan Kelly and Matt Eastham

First off, thanks to all of the boys for their efforts this year both at training and games. I know it's a busy time with school, exams, etc. taking up a lot of their time, but everyone was committed throughout the whole year. And also thanks to the parents for tracking them around. The team had a little bit of a slow start to the year with some results not going as we would have liked. However since then we have begun to develop a really pleasing style of play that focuses on quick ball movement and really putting the pressure back on the opposition. Hopefully they have all got some good experience and will be able to develop their game further to become really successful players for our club in the future. Finally, well done to Pat, Nick, Ross and Tim for making state sides this year, it was well deserved.

Luke Antoncich

Luke missed the first part of the year but has since then become a very integral part of the team. He was very good at keeping the ball moving around quickly which was a big part of our game plan. I think he surprised the opposition at times with his elimination skills as a halfback which allowed us to attack with greater numbers. His awareness of when to attack and when to regroup will increase with experience and allow his game to develop further.

William Beddoes

Will played mainly as a half back but could be moved into the forward line or midfield when needed. He had a bit of a tough time adjusting to the speed of the game at times. But when he concentrated, didn't hold onto the ball too long and moved it on quickly he was a real asset to the team and our style of play. Remember to always keep 2 hands on your stick when tackling.

Joshua Clarey

JC played mostly in the midfield but his range of skills allowed him to play in a variety of positions. I think if he can work on his first touch a bit and gets the ball moving exactly where he wants it to go, it will help him to dominate the opposition when combined with his speed and elimination skills. He is a well rounded player and will do well next year.

Sam Dennis

Sam was a reliable half back and could always be relied on to do the team thing and pass the ball around. His tackling really picked up this year and stopped many attacking moves of the opposition. One area to work on is stepping up early on his player which will put real pressure on them and create a lot of turnovers and chances for us to attack.

Timothy Geers

Congrats on making the U16 state side. Tim was another part of our very successful midfield and added a lot to the team. He has some silky skills which enabled him to hold and control the ball while under pressure and move us from defence into attack. With time he will increase his strength over the ball which will allow him to break tackles and really punish the defence through his distribution and ball carrying.

Ross Hall

Congrats on making the U16 state side. Ross controlled the midfield in a lot of games through his very high work rate and ability to create a number of promising attacks. Defensively his 2nd and 3rd efforts put the pressure back on the opposition and always kept him in the game. Frustration got the better of him at times but it showed that he was very committed to the team.

Patrick Lawther

Congrats on making the U18 state side. Pat's elimination skills and ability to carry the ball provided us with a lot of drive forward through the midfield. I was able to play him as striker as well to provide another quality option up front. His distribution of the ball can be very good but if he can increase it, it will allow him to create more space to get the ball back and move forward again.

Campbell Love

Campbell was the other half of our fullback line. His tackling ability was very impressive and limited the number of opportunities for the opposition in many games. He was always looking to bring others into the game by his passing. A bit more care with his distribution will make him a very solid player, but his intention to always do the team thing could never be questioned.

Boys 11/12A (contd)

Tom Mathwin (Captain)

Tom provided us with a solid foundation at the back and a good base to build our attacks from. His tackling skills have developed quite well and his long reach has allowed him to pick off many attackers. A little bit more care with his distribution and making sure every pass hits the target will allow him to develop into a very reliable, high level defender.

Jordan Moore

Jordan was our goalkeeper and was a welcomed addition after coming from Wolves last year. He has been very solid in goals and has fit in really well with the rest of the team. He has had some outstanding games and our impressive goal difference reflects that. With more experience he will learn how to control the D in all situations and hopefully learn that he CAN'T kick the ball outside it!

Jerome Paz

Jerome has developed into quite an integral part of our strike line. He has taken on our aggressive style of play and put a lot of pressure on the defence which created a lot of turnovers and chances for us up front. Slightly more composure with the ball and awareness of surrounding teammates/defenders will help him to keep developing into a high-quality player.

Reevenjit Singh

Reeven was our international recruit from Malaysia. He had quite an unconventional style of play which created some headaches for the other team. He was another who was able to take his chances and score a number of goals. I think he will benefit from trying to simplify his game a bit and concentrate on keeping possession of the ball.

Nicholas Tate

Congrats on making the U18 state side. Nick was our goal scoring machine this year, through field goals and his corner flicking. He started off the year playing a bit individually at times but as the team developed he has keyed in really well with the rest of the team. His skills, when needed, have caused a lot of trouble for the opposition and will continue to do so in the future.



Boys 11/12B Black

The term under 17's goes hand in hand with headaches and hangovers! Or is that just me? The most difficult part of the job this year would have to be coming up with different drills for 6-8 players to keep training interesting. That and trying to keep Alex from injuring anyone, since he continually refused to gear up. The start of the season saw us face up to the would be top 3 teams in the grade for pummelling and demoralisation. From this point we picked up Inti, Mark and Praffle, started playing as a team and winning games. Unfortunately this winning formula can only be described as a light switch, as the guys would put on a stunning team performance one week and be a shadow of their former self the next. All in all its been a good run and I hope they have enjoyed themselves this season as much as I have.

Callum Ashby

One of the skinniest kids I've seen play the game, and he has the voice to match. I never thought I'd see him walk around guys twice his size like they were parking cones. After constantly telling him not to, he scored a goal off a one timer, and I never heard the end of it.

Graeme Baxter

The forward, who became a fullback, who became a left half. Graeme switched between fullback and left half with Kieran throughout the year to good results. His booming clearance hits were only outdone by his timely overlaps, only for the ball to be turned over and Graeme to just walk back. DEFENCE!!!

Aden Bocking

It's hard to call Aiden the quiet one in the team when almost all of them are so quiet. Solid at right fullback all year besides a 20 minute experiment in the forward line which brought him straight back to right fullback, only to venture forward again for short corners.

Kieren Hill

Kieren started the season strongly at left half, only to be bumped into the forward line with the coming of Graham. He failed to hold down a particular position after this, instead sliding into rover style of play, and getting a run in most positions over the course of the year. The kind of player every team needs.

Alex Lynch

Goalkeepers! Need I saw more. Having been one, I have a little tolerance but that only gets you so far. By far the most trying at training and always finding excuses not to put on his gear or run at all. Playing in one of the mens metro teams dramatically improved his game and we saw it in our games.

Inti Mason

I almost didn't recognise him at the start of the year with the extra foot he'd grown. Once he got on the field all recognition came flooding back and I was glad to have him with us. Even though he was unable to train, Inti was there every week, a force at centre half.

Steven Oosterbaan

The rock right half. Where Mark got knocked around, Steve did the knocking. I'm sure it was only once he put someone down but once is enough to earn a name. I never chose a captain this year, but Steve seemed to naturally step up to the plate, whether through natural leadership, or just because he is the biggest is yet to be determined.

Mark Shepherd

Again, as with last year, Mark's goal range average has been about 3 feet. The ability to hold the ball, break tackles and slip it past the keeper is a highly sought after skill. After 1 season playing for me he was ready to step in as player/coach whenever I was unable to be there, but he would probably struggle due to a concussion or some injury from the game.

Kieran Smyth

Fullback number 2. A great team player and a force at fullback, complimenting Aiden, and working well together all year. Kieran even took it in stride for the few weeks Graham played back there, before they settled into their respective positions.

Blake Thompson

Blake is one of the quiet players who runs all day and never leaves anything on the field. While Blake doesn't possess the natural talent of some of the other boys, his determination, courage and love of the game saw him come out of his shell, play some very good hockey and slot a few goals.

Praful Vadolia

The late comer and saving grace. Until Praful turned up we were looking at a season of no subs or with different fill-in players every week. His addition to the team made us mostly self-sufficient, and gave me the opportunity to enjoy his awkward looking reverse stick style, which seemed to work most of the time.

Brodie Wilkinson

Never before have I met someone who was sick as often as Brody. Having said that he only missed one game and pushed through if he wasn't bed ridden. He must be addicted to running as even when told to play high striker he somehow managed to end up in the back 25 defending.

Girls 9/10A

With only two members of our team having played at 9/10A level, this group was very young and inexperienced. At time of writing this report, we have lost one game, scored 51 goals and conceded 13 placing us second on the ladder and certain to play finals. This alone proved we had a successful year in terms of wins and losses.

More importantly, the girls provided a number of goals they wanted to achieve this year and a key goal was to play a well-structured team game that did not rely on individuals. By achieving this, they were able to meet other goals such as being respected and feared by opposition teams. No matter the results of the finals, all parents should be proud of their girls as they showed great commitment to their hockey. They also demonstrated they are all quality young ladies with excellent values. It has once again been a privilege to be involved with this team and I thank all parents and players for their support to our coaching staff.

Special mention to Sue Clarke who again was instrumental in the skill development and what it means to play for the Melville Hockey Club. Thank you for your tremendous input at training and on game days.

Oh yes, we did have a manager whose only agenda for the year was for him to be judged "Manager of the Year". For us we think he fell well short, not even his Midweek Mumble or self-promotion of his surfing ability could convince us he was worthy of this title. Even though he may not have reached the heights he aimed for, he did do an outstanding job and made all our hockey lives easier by having everything organized and dealt with. Good effort "Jamos the Manager" perhaps more red wine will elevate you to the next level.

I would also like to thank Kyle McNess for his invaluable input on the training track and Don Miller and Wayne Hudson for their assistance throughout the year.

Cheers
Steve Silvey

Grace Bowyer (Vice Captain, Regional Selection)

Another of our first year 9/10A players who has excellent all round skill and a great attitude to go with it. As a striker, plenty of goals scored and just as important, many goal assists. Grace also provided us with thoughtful defensive play on opposition centre halves. With her development in elimination skills and continued improvement of fitness, Grace can look forward knowing she matched it with the best this year. Good one Grace.

Gina Boylan

First year 9/10A player and I was warned pre season that Gina is a little injury prone. Didn't think much of it until Gina arrived at training after a pre season scratch match on crutches. Things didn't get much better from there. Shin splints, flu's and concussion followed. When fit though, we can all see the exciting potential Gina has to become an outstanding player. Gina, please look forward to next year, all the bad luck is in the past. Stay safe, don't walk under ladders.

Madelaine Brockman (Kent)

The nickname never really stuck did it Kent, but we'll keep working on it. Maddy would be our most consistent player for the year. The gap between Maddy's best and worse is minimal, and in our opinion, she never played a bad game. A pleasure to coach in her first year at 9/10A.

Aimee Clark (Vice Captain - Regional Selection – Level 2 Talent Squad)

Also in her first year at 9/10A level, Aimee has an excellent work rate which compliments her determined attitude for a contest. This is a tremendous attribute to have but at times may lead to being out of position. With excellent stick work and passing skills, Aimee was a dominant player in this competition and in reward had a very successful year for our team and in representative selections. An outstanding talent and has a good attitude towards becoming even better, which will be very exciting for the Melville Hockey Club.

Rhianna Clay (Regional Selection)

Rhianna's improvement throughout her first year in 9/10A has been pleasing for all. Her role as left striker proved to be very successful by the way she slotted goals in from excellent positioning and good technique. Performed well in the midfield when required, with good work rate. With more aggression in tackling opponents and improved hitting skills, Rhianna will improve further. Fantastic season.

Girls 9/10A (contd)

Amy Fullarton (Fully, Regional Selection)

Fully was new to our Club this year and thus her first year with 9/10A girls and what a bonus it has been for our team and Club. A fantastic athlete who troubled all defences with her pace and goal sense. Amazingly, the effort from the "Fully" family is that they traveled down to the flats for training and games all year, even through injury. Thank you for all you have brought to Melville. Fully, GET LOW!!

Madeleine Harper

Maddy has had a breakout year playing in central defence. Maddy's reading of the game, marking, tackling and distribution was at a very high level. The big improvement has come from her improved fitness which has enabled Maddy to sustain a high level of play throughout the entire game. Well done.

Paige Hudson (GK)

First year in 9/10A and has been a pleasure to coach. Showed great signs of improvement in terms of mobility and has excellent shot stopping skills. Has a very organized and enthusiastic approach to her hockey. Paige, keep working and thank you for all your positive input throughout the year.

Ashleigh McNess (Regional Selection)

Ash has showcased all her unique skills in her first year at 9/10A level including flicks to the roof of the net from our attacking corners to "tomma" field goals, some hit with serious speed. These skills are well suited to the modern game but we would like to see better tackling skills and mobility to reach the next level. Congratulations.

Janelle Miller (Regional Selection)

First year in 9/10A, Janelle has provided great stability to our defence. Reads the game very well and possesses good basic skills. Janelle has an excellent work ethic both at training and in games. Keep working on your tackling and vision when in possession of ball. Thank you for being an outstanding team member.

Kathryn Rule ((Rhianna) – Regional Selection – Level 2 Talent Squad)

Like all girls coming up from 7/8A, the pace of 9/10A games proved to be a challenge, but Kathryn thrives on challenges and typically adapted by increasing her work rate which is second to none in the competition. If Kathryn can supplement this work rate with some power skills (slap hit, hitting and eliminating opponents at pace) this will elevate Kathryn to the next level. A popular member of our team.

Kirsten Silvey (Captain – Level 2 Talent Squad – U15 State Team)

A good result for some hard work pre-season. Played in our midfield and gave us plenty of drive and direction. We would like to see improvement on distribution skills when at pace, however has an exciting future ahead.

Ebony Stove

This would have been Ebony's second year at this level but a horror run with knee and ankle injuries lead to one training run. It was disappointing for all concerned that Eb didn't get a chance to play this year, but Ebony hardly missed a fixture. She was always there giving support and was most valuable in assisting the coaching staff and manager. Thank you for your involvement, we all look forward to seeing you on the track next year. Good luck.

Georgia Wade

Georgia is another first year 9/10A and it is hard to believe this is only her second season of hockey, with skill beyond these years. Georgia learnt very quickly and provided our team with versatility and improvement within our depth. Thank you for your approach to being shown and exposed to new skills, positions and whatever else we threw at you. Very enjoyable watching you play.

Girls 9/10A Reserve Gold

After a shaky start we really started to come together half way through the season. We were unfortunate to lose some players and during some weeks we just managed to make a team with a sub! I would like to thank Silvana Clay for all her help this season finding players and organising them to play for us! I would also like to thank Patrick Matthews and Wayne Hudson for coaching the girls when I had to play at the same time and for all their advice and input, it was very much appreciated! Thank you Nick for umpiring for us every game, you did a great job! Sometimes games didn't necessarily go our way but we all stuck it out win or lose with our heads held up high. Although we didn't make our finals goal, we had so many highlights throughout the season like our 9-1 against OGMHC and our 2-2 come back in the last 2 minutes against Hale. I am very proud of the girls this season, they are all so passionate about the game and have all improved immensely and I cannot wait to watch the girls grow into better hockey players in the future.

Coach Stephanie Dixon.

Tanisha Chellew

Neish our amazing goalie, you had a great season! You did some really amazing saves this year which held many teams from scoring more against us. Your loud voice from the back calling players into positions and providing encouragement was very much appreciated! Your ideas and input into the game as the last line of defence, and different skills was great to have in the team as they improved the game the whole team played. You have great potential so keep up the great work!

Ee-Faye Chong

A strong fullback, Ee-Faye was a dynamite force as the starting link on the right hand side towards the forwards. She cleared the ball from the "D" many times which saved potential goal opportunities for the other team. She always seems to remain calm under all the pressure, it's a truly a great skill to have. Great season Ee-Faye, keep working on your strength and confidence with your game and you will do very well next season and for the seasons to come!

Kate Eaton

Kate you have improved so much this season! It was great that you took on right half and right wing with no fuss. You worked well passing down the line with the inner and wings creating great links to set up goal opportunities. You became a lot stronger on the ball and you're passing and hits are a lot better! Kate when you really focused on one element of something, whether it was your hitting or dribbling, it improved, so make sure you practise, practise, practise! Great season Kate!

Sarah Gerrard

Sarah played centre forward this season and did an outstanding job at it. She really was the driving force of the forwards along with Serena. They worked so well together in the centre and also on the right. Your ball control and skill is incredible and it has been a pleasure to see you build on your confidence during the season. You always put in 100% in both trainings and games – you listened to feedback and took it on board very well. When you had the ball you were very much unstoppable, well done!

Annie Gleave

Annie is a calm and strong defender. She always puts in her best and is a happy bubbly person who always makes the team smile and laugh! Annie worked well with Ee-Faye in the backline getting the girls out of many sticky situations. The little pocket rocket of the team, she never gives up and is always encouraging others to do the same. Keep focused Annie and you will develop into an outstanding hockey player.

Erin King

Great season Erin, playing left half you provided strength in defence and in attack. Your running has really improved throughout the season, you are amazing in marking and taking your player out of the game. This was very vital when most teams had strong right wings. You never gave up and always listened to feedback and took it on board and applied it to your game. Keep working on building your strength and confidence on the ball and you will do very well in the future Erin!

Serena Matthews

Serena had a great season, mainly playing right inner. She has great pace and ball control, running down the field working with the other forwards. She created a lot of goal opportunities and sunk a few herself. Nothing will beat the goal she scored in the second half of the season, a one on one with the goalie shooting top right corner – it was amazing! Keep up developing your skills and you will go very far!

Fallon Ogilvy

Fallon was a great and consistent centre half back who also played up in the forward line many times. She listened to the advice given to her to improve her game and took it on board. She provided a great link between the fullbacks and forwards. Like Erin, she was another great runner marking up her player and never giving up. One of the leaders on the field, Fallon was one of the biggest talkers, directing and encouraging the rest of the girls! Keep building your strength on the ball and you will be an unstoppable player!

Girls 9/10A Reserve Gold (contd)

Nina Rowe

Nina played left inner this season and did a very good job in this position. Your control of the ball and skills has improved a lot this season. You are also a great runner on the ball, you just need to make sure that you maintain your running off the ball as well to help out the defence. Your hunger for the ball and goals were seen much more in the second half of the season. Keep this up throughout the whole season and you will do so well in the future. You have a lot of potential and if you build more confidence you will do well!

Demy Stroobach

Demy had a great season, it was fantastic to see her grow and improve her skills and confidence from last season. She was a very strong right wing and her speed and control helped the forward line immensely, providing passing and goal scoring opportunities. We still need to work on getting your stick down before entering tackles so that you win more 50/50's and I am glad to see that your reverse stick work has decreased, you're a lot stronger on your stick side, well done!

Elyse Wilson

We never got around to finding Elyse's one perfect position as she played well in the many different positions that she was put in. I think it's good that she is a versatile player, and this ability has helped the team out immensely. Elyse always puts 100% into the game and in training. She is the loud one of the team, always wanting to sing during trainings – mainly High School Musical songs. Elyse is a very passionate player and is the biggest cheerer on our team, always encouraging and supporting the rest of the team on and off the field.

Thank you to the girls who filled in for our team, every one of you really played with 100% passion and determination. A special thank you to the girls who filled in at the very last minute and those that played two games in one day. I loved having you all play in the team you are all great little hockey players!

**Emily Hopkinson
Alison Watson
Natalie Matthews
Avril Widger
Amanda Mitchell
Cara Lawther
Paige Hudson
Dallas Campbell
Risa Wangpen
Arielle Riggsford
Ellen Tormay
Christina Whiley**

The Parents:

I loved having a great group of parents because it makes my coaching so much easier and fun, and you all were so kind and supportive of not only your daughters but myself and I am very thankful for that! You were all there rain, shine and freezing cold Fremantle 8.30am mornings, so thank you again for braving the elements. I hope we didn't do too much damage to your hearts after the 2-2 draw against Hale in the second half of the season with the 2 goals in 2 minutes! Thank you all again for this season!

The Malaysian Girls:

Sal, Neck, Fafa, Wana and Fara – thank you so much for coming down and helping the girls with the trainings on Tuesdays and taking the entire training session on Thursdays when I was unable to. You do not understand how much the girls have gained from you all due to your experience, knowledge and skill, that I am truly grateful for!

Nicky Ogilvy:

My wonderful team manager, I have no idea what I would have done without you. You supported me throughout the whole season and you were always there to lend a hand if something needed to be done. You are a great team manager and I hope it wasn't too stressful for you. You made sure that all the reports and information was all put in correctly and on time. Thank you for everything you have done this season – it is extremely appreciated!

Girls 9/10C

What a fantastic season! After a slow start, the girls found their rhythm and gained confidence. It began to rain goals, to the extent that they are now certain to be in the finals!! The whole team is to be congratulated on the improvement of their fitness and skills over the year. They are a lovely bunch of girls who have worked very well together as a team and perhaps may even be grand final winners. Thanks to the girls from the 7/8s who filled in for us when the team was short. Hopefully the girls won't be pushing us out of our spots in the senior teams in years to come! Good luck girls!
Sarah King and Georgia Gibson

Rhianna Brims

Rhianna played a great season, being everywhere at once. She is silent but deadly, very solid in defence and a dangerous centre forward. Rhianna is a great chaser of the ball, running all over the field. She displayed strong tackling skills, menacing the opposition.

Dallas Campbell

Dallas liked to be the "show-pony" always showing off her incredible skills. She always followed up her 1st attempt with a 2nd, a 3rd and a 4th effort, always giving 100%. She has a nice slap hit, is reliable and super fit. Her one big weakness - salt and vinegar crackers!!

Cara Lawther

Cara is an entertaining player with a good attitude. The class clown, she loves running - NOT! Cara has a strong hit and showed big improvement from last year. She never gives up and is always in there tackling and winning the ball. Cara is a very courageous player and not scared by the opposition.

Avie-Rose Lewington

Avie-Rose played every second week with the team and was a very valued team member. She is a strong player who never complains and just gets on with the job. Avie-Rose is terrific at running the ball down the wing. She is a quiet achiever who likes to tackle.

Madison McLerie

Maddy was our main goal keeper, having an excellent season. She likes to sleep in and often needed a coffee before the game to get her going!! Maddy made some fantastic saves and no doubt, there will be many more to come in the future.

Amanda Mitchell

Amanda is a very versatile player who always gives her best. She stepped into the position of goal keeper when required and this was appreciated by the team. She is a great tackler who never gives up until she has the ball in her possession. A good strong hitter who was often used as the short corner hitter.

Loren Morphew

Loren, "the baby giraffe" was our youngest player who improved tremendously over the season. It was her first year of playing hockey and she always gave her best. She is a good runner who showed a high level of fitness. Her tackling and hitting skills showed great improvement.

Arielle Rigelsford

Arielle is a very lively and exciting player on the field as she is always in there and tackling, giving her best at all times. She reads the play well and is very focused. She has a great hit and is strong on the ball. Arielle consistently played well, always chasing and never giving up.

Emma Rigelsford

Emma is a speedy and graceful player with a nice hit. She is a reliable and strong wing who loves to run and run and run. Emma stays calm when under pressure and always keeps going and going. She loves to tackle the ball and always keeps fighting until she has it on her stick.

Frieda Scholten

Frieda is a very positive and encouraging team member. Her hitting improved greatly over the season. She is always in there and never gives up on a tackle. Frieda is a speedy, courageous player whose ability to get the ball from the opposition is an asset to the team.

Ellen Tormay

Ellen showed great improvement in her skills from the start of the season. She has a great sense of humour not letting the bigger girls push her around! Ellen's tackling skills have improved greatly, as she keeps going and going until she has gained possession of the ball.

Amarisa Wangpen

Risa, "the pocket rocket" was great on the left wing, half, inner, everything else! She is a very fit and strong player. Risa is a reliable and athletic team member. She has a strong hit and is always involved in the play and tackles well.

Girls 9/10C (contd)

Christina Whiley

Christina is always willing to play in new positions and is strong over the ball. She is a determined player who loves to sleep in - unfortunately we had lots of early games, but she still always managed to give her best. Christina has a strong hit and is a reliable team member.

Avril Widger

Avril is a very consistent player in defence. She has a nice strong hit and is good at controlling the game. She came back from an injury to have a very successful year. Avril is very courageous and keeps going and going, always giving 100%.

Many thanks to our lovely manager **Sue**, who went above and beyond to help us this season. Also to our fabulous umpire **Gareth Widger** who never let us down. Thank you to all the parents and everyone involved with the team who have all contributed to making it such a great season.



Boys 9/10A

The end to another season! I am quite pleased with the general skill development and game awareness which the team has learned during the season. I would like to thank Corelle, Justin and Andy Reynolds for their assistance this season. Also thanks to the various guest coaches that assisted the team. Please read the below comments. The ability to absorb constructive criticism and then improve your position is a key skill in hockey and life in general. Thanks for the season I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of it.

Jake Coleman

Great season Jake. You consistently did well. If you take the time to focus on the development of your speed, some elimination skills and precision of passing (hitting, slapping, pushing) over the next couple of years, when you grow and strengthen up – everything will 'click' for you.

Bryn De Bes

Bryn I cannot fault your effort that you exude on the field. There is a 100% commitment to working hard in attack and in defence. Do not get distracted from your natural game. Whilst there is a need to develop some variety in your elimination skills (close in and in space) a simple left to right drag with a change of pace is something the Australian players still regularly use and work on at training. Fantastic season and I knew I could always rely on a consistent performance. Congratulations on a deserved state selection!

Christopher Evans

Chris you had a solid season in 2010. I have been particularly impressed with your ability to listen and implement instructions. You have grasped the important concept of body presence when tackling and contesting a player. I would continue to work on your basic skills, especially hitting and slapping under pressure. I would start watching some more international hockey on how defenders outlet from defence. I would also look to develop an overhead as another string to your bow.

Shaun Gibbins

Shaun you did very well this season. I was impressed with your leadership on the field when it was needed. Keep working hard to get physical over the ball as we chatted about through the season. You have a very strong hit and your basic skills are sound. There is no doubt you can go far in your hockey if you persist!

Jack Hallam

Jack you also had a solid season. I see natural leadership in you which stood out at critical times in matches which was excellent to see. Your hitting is very impressive and I like the little overhead you have had confidence to use at the right times during games this year.

Fraser Hay

Fraser you have an awareness of the goals which is something I believe people are born with and can't be taught. The next stage for you is to develop your shooting skills so that the ball goes in the net! I think you were not

rewarded this year (goal wise) for the effort in attack that you provided the team. Well done!

Cahill Hunt

Scoring goals should be your mission in life. I definitely think you are a much better striker than half back. The reason for this is that you are very good at leading, trapping and then holding onto the ball. 'Holding onto the ball' as in maintaining possession and ensuring that a new line of attack is created. Not necessarily running with the ball. You played a consistent season and were a pleasure to coach as you always listened.

Jake Jonas

Jake I saw a marked improvement in your overall skills and game play this year which was very rewarding for me (and obviously you). You have a very clean crisp fore stick hit and a solid slap hit. You have developed a sound understanding of channelling, poke tackling and flat-stick tackling which is great to see. Well done.

Ben Joseph

Ben you should be happy with your season. You are very good at saving high shots and left foot saves. Your weakness is shots made along the ground directly at you and shots to your right foot. Over the off season, if you can work hard to improve these two aspects and look at short corner set plays, you will see a marked improvement. Very impressed with your commitment.

Scott Nelson

Scott you also suffered from a few injuries this year. I like your enthusiasm to learn new skills and implementing them into your game. However, I cannot emphasise enough that the most important thing to develop is your basic skills. I was very impressed with your tenacity and passion for hockey. This will keep you driving forward to play high level hockey! Great season.

Justin Pierluigi

Justin unfortunately persisting injuries inhibited your ability to play this year. It must have been very annoying not being able to get out and play regularly. I did however recognise and appreciate your commitment to attend trainings and games when you were injured. I think a lot of people could take a page out of your book in that regards. Your game is solid. I like the way you can lead in front of a defender and get possession of the ball and eliminate him with one simple drag. This should never cease to be a core component of your game.

Boys 9/10A (contd)

Frank Reynolds

Frank the Tank. Your passion and commitment to the game is very inspiring for such a young and small (yet growing!!) person. I have no doubt that with your level of dedication and passion to succeed that you will take your hockey places. Excellent season. Well done.

Ryan Vickery

Well done on a great season. You have very unique skills that can tear defences apart. You are a very dangerous player for all opposition. Your commitment to training and the games was second to none. I was really happy to see you hit form towards the end of the season. Congratulations on a very deserved state team selection!

Special thanks to **Matt Tate, Ashley Ranford** and **Josh Antoncich** for helping out when we needed you.



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Boys 9/10B Gold (Maroon)

This year was a very tough year for the "J" team with only a couple of victories for the year. We were competitive against the sides that were similarly skilled but outclassed by the better sides with their superior fitness, ball handling and structure. We have players who are new to the game, and as a team we are still learning and have a way to go. It was good to see that all forwards scored at least one goal.

Towards the end of the season, things started to "click" for the boys. They understood their individual roles and how to structure their play as a team. They also developed their confidence around the goals and made better use of scoring opportunities.

Rowan Ayris (Goal Keeper)

Rowan had a very good year with more opportunities to display his skills than he would have liked. Rowan is agile and aggressive in front of goals. He did his best to prevent any double digit score lines.

Joshua Clements (Half Back)

Josh provided good defence on the left side as well as creating overlaps by hard running. Josh's blistering hits often provided great penetration to the forwards.

Jonathon Cornwall (Wing / Forward)

Jonathon was utilized in several positions because of his fitness and flexibility as a player. He showed good skills and determination and used blistering speed on the wing. He was probably under utilized by the team in some games.

Chris Deacon (Half Back)

Chris continued to show good skills and ball carry from right half. He constantly ran hard and always kept delivering good balls to the forwards.

Daniel Frampton (Wing)

Another first year player who tried hard. Had some blistering runs down the right wing and ended up being the leading goalscorer. Great to see Dan develop confidence in his game.

Alex Hackett (Fullback)

Combined with James to provide the second half of the deep defence. Tried hard all year. Alex developed a strong hit out and often cleared the ball out of the circle as our last line of defence.

Luke Hobley (Forward)

Luke ran well all year. He showed good technique and was unlucky not to score more goals. He has shown developing confidence with his ball skills and leadership in attack.

Andrew Metcalfe (Centre Half)

Played a very solid year at centre half for the first time. Good tackling skills and he provided excellent structure to the team, working hard all around the field.

Jordan Munns (Forward/ Half Back)

Jordan was one of the most reliable players in the team. He showed growing confidence in taking defenders on down the right wing. Despite his dislike of playing half back, he was needed to fill in here for the last few games and did so brilliantly, delivering the ball very effectively to our forwards.

Jai Price (Wing)

One of the hardest workers in the team, Jai was always thinking about positioning up forward. This paid off in the second last game with a pair of goals.

Joel Scott (Inside Forward)

Joel worked hard all year for the team. He showed good ball handling skills and when he applied multiple defensive efforts, he usually came away with the ball.

Austin Toogood (Inside Forward)

After a slow start he started keeping his feet on the ground and focusing on playing smart right sided hockey. This made a big difference to our game with better ball use coming out of defence and setting up attacks. Chimed in with two goals.

James Whiley (Fullback)

Find of the year! First year player who showed that he can learn fast, play fast and developed the basic skills very quickly. Rock solid and reliable in defence, he ended up being one of the best players for the year.

It's been an enjoyable season working with the boys and watching them develop. Special thanks must go to **Steve Metcalfe** for assisting with the coaching and working with the boys on the finer points of the game. Also, thanks to **Vanessa Cornwall** for doing such a brilliant job as Manager and keeping us all organized. Games can't happen without umpires and we were very fortunate to have **Graeme Lewington** do this difficult job for us this season. Thanks to all the parents for their vocal support at all of the matches and their half time treats.

Coaches – Steve Young & Steve Metcalfe

Manager – Vanessa Cornwall

Boys 9/10B Gold (White)

The 9/10 B White team had a tough start to the session starting in the A reserve division and lost the first 3 games conceding 18 goals. After week 3 we were dropped down to B division and after initial disappointment the team believed it was for the best and we moved on. Since then the boys have risen to every challenge.

These boys have been a privilege to coach this year, they have taken on every word of advice. I believe they have learnt a lot this season, and hopefully they can expand on what they have learnt and become excellent hockey players.

I would like to especially thank Cindy Campbell for being the team manager this year. Cindy has been the best manager any coach could have making my job that little bit easier. I would like to thank Dexter Kannemeyer, Andre Gauci and Brad Bocking for umpiring this year, without these dads the players wouldn't be able to play. I would also like to thank Steve for helping out at training while I was away, and on the rare chance I missed a game or was extremely late, Steve would always step in. Lastly I would like to thank all the parents for bringing the kids down to training and games. Boys, I hope I see you all back down at Melville next year. All the best.

Aiden Bedford

Never known a player to have so much tape on his stick and be so confused when the coach was trying to explain training drills. If Aiden understood everyone did. He played all year at Fullback and was as solid as a brick, letting no ball get through. On the rare occasion something did, Aiden was the first to be on the back of the other players who had forgotten to help him out.

Julian Bocking

A great keeper that's all I can say, all goal keepers are a special kind of hockey player. Julian was unlucky to miss out on playing in the A side, due to having two great keepers in this age group. Julian made at least one great save a game and saved the team's butts on various occasions. Julian is only in his first year of 9/10 and will be a great attribute to whichever team he plays for next year.

Jacob Campbell

Thought he was a forward at the beginning of the season only to find out otherwise before the first game when he told me he was a defender. Placed at fullback in the first game, he did an awesome job and secured his spot there for the rest of the season. Jacob's ability to read an attacker is one of the best I've seen, taking balls off players who are twice his speed. All the best next season.

Lucas Dival - Young

Damn, can this kid run, the Australian Usain Bolt but with a hockey stick as well. Lucas played most of the year on either wing. Lucas is one of the nicest players off the field, and even on-field. He is often successful getting opposition balls but Lucas just needs to learn how to slow down when he has the ball so he is able to hit the ball. Lucas, good luck next season.

Lachlan Dymond

Lachlan is probably one of the most improved players this season, not only a comment by me but other parents in the team. Lachlan played at inside forward all year and as the season went by became a force to reckon with. Lachlan has great ability in getting the ball, beating a player and then gives it off. This is a great attribute to have and will make him an even better player in future years. Great season.

Brent Gauci

Every team needs a clown/cheeky player and Brent was ours. He loved picking on the coach especially when he said something stupid. Brent was the team's all rounder, he spent most of the playing time at centre forward and as a reserve half but would have played nearly everywhere at some point of time.

Adam Hudson

Our Centre Half, Adam has fantastic dribbling skills with a powerful hit. Not the fastest player on the team but never stops working. Sometimes his coach would forget he hadn't had a break but Adam would still work hard. Adam has great hockey knowledge giving some wonderful balls to the forwards. All the best for next season.

Leigh Kannemeyer

Leigh came across from Willetton this season which is always a bonus for the club. Leigh played on the wing adding a different dimension to the forward line with a little less speed but greater stick skills. Leigh's hardest critic was his dad who was always giving advice to him. Leigh loved trying the flashy skills, from Tommer Hawks to drag flicking. My only advice for Leigh is to work on the basics and less on the flashy stuff. Good Luck next season.

Boys 9/10B Gold (White) (contd)

Sam Lee

Captain Sam, more of a role which was forced upon him by the team. Played right half all season and every so often took over at centre half. One of Sam's strength is his ability to read the play in defence and closing down attackers not only his own winger. Parents in the crowd would sometime say "Where did he come from?"

Sean Mansfield

Sean also played on the wing and was another fast player. Sean has the weirdest hit, but he's desire for winning the ball is hands down one of the best in the team. Sean is a player who is always asking questions on how to improve, which makes coaching him a privilege as he will take on board whatever you tell him. If Sean keeps working on that hit, he'll become an even better player.

Christopher McHugh

Chris is a crazy kid and for some silly reason likes to run. Chris started the year at inside forward but moved to centre forward after several games. Chris shined in this position and started to dominate against defenders making them look like training cones. Chris has a great ability to score goals, and was lucky enough to get a hat-trick in one game. Chris has been a great player to coach this season and good luck next season.

Chris Miller

More commonly known as Miller, he is a year 9 who looks like he should be year 12. Miller has been a great player improving a lot over the season and always listening to what the coach had to say. Miller has a powerful hit, and with his new orange stick he is now hitting as hard as the coach. Miller has developed over the season and has now become a leader of the team. Good luck next year.

Perry Scott

Seemed to always miss running training on Tuesday nights due to playing basketball, don't know how true that was. Perry was the part of the awesome threesome across the half line playing at left half. He has a solid tackle and would shut out opposition wingers with ease. Perry still has another year of 9/10 and will be a solid player in any team he plays with. Good luck next year.

Shay Wereik

His first season came with a goal in his first game and throughout the year was always around when a goal was scored, even scoring some himself. Shay played mainly on the wing during the season whilst also spending some time at Centre forward. Shay has improved a lot over the season always taking criticism onboard.



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Girls 7/8A

At the time of this report the girls were focused on playing finals hockey with one qualifying game left to play, sitting 4th and scratching for every point they could get. Seven players played their first year at this level including Lucinda, a very welcome new member to our club. Our more experienced Rachel, Alison, Natasha and India have given great support to a very enthusiastic younger crew and collectively the team gave a great account of themselves throughout the season. Unfortunately we lose these experienced players, including Lucinda, to the 9/10's next year. It's a great pleasure to see the endeavour these girls put to hockey week after week and the energy, enthusiasm and sportsmanship shown which is a credit to themselves and just what MCHC is about. All games were fiercely contested and the pressure of many close games saw parents and coaches age a touch more quickly than desired. We definitely held the measure of all other fancied teams with many games decided by a single goal.

A collaborative approach to running a team of girls is paramount.

Lisa Anderson our team manager has done a fantastic job this year in her usual very efficient manner writing the weekly team reports, running team sheets, submitting stats etc. which meant there was pretty well nothing left to worry about. Thank you Lisa.

Wayne Harries was asked to assist with the coaching seeing as he has years of hockey experience and was extremely positive in his support of the girls and put his hand to umpiring on occasions. Don Miller made regular cameo appearances when home from work and always encouraged our girls and gave much one on one coaching. Thanks Don.

Finally, thanks to the support given by all families to the girls for the running around to training and attendance at games. Also a big thank you to the young group of MCHC umpires who gave their time to this team. Well done girls on a great year.

Patrick Matthews

Bronwen Anderson (Right Half)

One of the many players who moved up a grade this year, Bronwen comfortably fitted into the right half position but was occasionally called to play other positions, always with maximum determination. Her silky hitting skills are a feature of her game (no doubt a result of her golf prowess) not to mention her ability to apply stopping tackles. The trick now is to further develop her overall flexibility in all facets of the game which will no doubt see her become a player at the highest level.

Natasha Clay (Left Wing)

Pound for pound Natasha 'Tash' is as tough and determined as players much bigger in stature. She hates to be beaten. Like a ballerina Tash twists and turns backwards and forwards and has the ability to use her close skills to maintain possession before passing off or scoring that nice close in goal. Thought the notion of extra running for fitness was good for the team but was almost slung from the nearest tree when the other girls got wind of such a suggestion. A bit of tongue in cheek we reckon. Great contributor this year. Well done Tash.

Amy Harries (Fullback)

Amy has a wonderful spirit about hockey and takes every game as a new challenge. Her enjoyment of the game is very evident and she takes it quite personally. Cannot fault her endeavour and she must be commended for showing a strong desire to do well. In those many close games, Amy was often the last person standing in defence and was called upon to apply the tackle that saved an almost certain goal. Another (funnier) side of Amy was seen on game day when she (or was it her dad) forgot her hockey shoes as she eloquently put the acid on her dad for leaving her shoes at home. A nice touch.

Rachel Harrup (Inner and Captain)

Takes her game seriously and has become a much more aggressive forward who was clearly our highest goal scorer this year. Rachel has noticeably strengthened and matured her game over the past 2 years and her ability to dash and drive forward, regularly beating players, resulted in many single handed goals being scored. Great year Rachel. You should be looking forward to greater challenges in coming years at the highest levels.

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Emily Hopkinson (Goalie)

Emily is a player now on her way to bigger and better things. She stepped up this year with a new motivation to develop her goal keeping skills and is much more confident as seen with a number of big saves in some crucial closely contested games. Her application to hockey has seen her gain admittance to the hockey programme at the Como Senior High school. Well done Emily.

Lucinda Lefroy (Centre Forward/Inner)

Lucy was a new member to our club this year and fair to say made an immediate impression resulting in her selection in the A team. Very pleasing to see that Lucy has drive and endeavour and is very keen to develop her game further. Lucy has excellent pace and ball control which made her the perfect choice as a leading striker. Well done Lucy. We expect big things from you next year.

Natalie Matthews (Halfback)

Natalie took the role of left half and was heavily focused on firstly beating her opposing winger which she did on a regular basis using her reverse side tackle and secondly turning defence into attack. Her reading of the game and position play are excellent attributes which makes her a most reliable defender. As she becomes stronger and more aggressive in her game and hitting, Natalie will become even more dominant. Nice work Nat.

Monique Miller (Fullback)

Monique very much enjoys her hockey and is always looking out for more game time. Was seen filling in for the 11/12 girls team on two occasions and was heard saying that the opposition players were as big as bears. Monique is a most reliable defender with a quirky sense of humour and never short of a smile. Despite her 'lady like' qualities, when it is game on Monique switches on and is very tough to beat. She has a very good feel for position and is extremely mobile which allows her to cover across the entire fullback area if required. Monique's game is becoming noticeably stronger and more versatile. Nice year Monique.

India Nelson (Centre Half and Vice Captain)

Power player who has notably stepped up her game over the past 2 years. Her strength on the ball, very strong tackling and magnificent hitting really meant that you stand back or risk getting smashed. Playing centre half is a position that requires flexibility and stamina, attacking one minute and defending the next while always needing to maintain a sense of control. India worked extremely hard, often to exhaustion, as she made herself the central pivot which fed opportunities to our forwards. Another great year India. Looking forward to seeing you progress to greater heights in hockey.

Monique Sader (Right Wing)

Monique has the uncanny ability to twist and turn, and very often confused opposition defenders as she sped down the right wing. Her rapid development in hockey was rewarded this year with selection in the WA Schools 12's Girls team. A great effort. Monique will continue to develop her pace and control on the ball which will allow her to create her own goal scoring opportunities.

Sophie Somerville (Right Half/Wing)

Sophie was noticed for her high energy, pace and go get them attitude, a combination of attributes not often found with even more seasoned players. Her relentless speed both in attack and defence and when tackling often saw her shine with twists and turns much to the surprise of opposition players and admiration of spectators. Sophie filled many positions this year and always gave her all on each occasion. Strong year Sophie. Well done.

Alison Watson (Inner and Vice Captain)

A most reliable player committed to the team and club. While quietly spoken, Alison lets her smooth close in stick skills and quick transition of the ball do the damage in a most efficient manner, and opposition players very rarely were able to dispossess her of the ball. Alison was called, on occasions, as a fill in with other teams and was always happy to assist whenever possible. Your application to the game is a credit to yourself.

Girls 7/8A Reserve

With a team of girls most of whom have previously played as full backs and half backs I'm surprised we have scored any goals this year. There were not many girls who had played on the forward line last year! However, I think the girls and their families should be proud of themselves with their performance, persistence and their sportsmanship.

Melanie Brown

With her competitive drive she combined well with Maddy to create the 'dynamic duo' at fullback. Much to the surprise of herself she also became a great asset at left half back towards the end of the season. Her 'never give in' attitude ensured she constantly chased down her opponents.

Ciara Browne

Most outstanding goal keeping performance by any team member. Due to injury we were fortunate enough to have her in goals for only a few games. However, this is not where her heart lies, her speed and agility on the forward line were also a great asset to the team.

Phoebe Cumper

One of our newcomers to the club. After playing mixed hockey interstate, Phoebe was not afraid to get in and mix it with the best. Her excellent ball skills and enthusiasm ensured she contributed enormously to the team.

Chelsea Emslie

Our senior team member. She was another of our full backs who was also versatile in the forward line using her speed and skill to make it really difficult for the opposition.

Courtney Fullarton

Another newcomer to our club. One of our most persistent players in the team. Her strength on the ball and hard hit made her a great asset where ever she played on the field.

Kirra Gauci

One of the most versatile players in the team. She had the unique ability not only to be able to play in a variety of positions, but to play in two or three different positions in a half.

Siobhan Kenny

Another former full back who this year performed so well at left wing, she made the position her own. Although a quiet achiever, her strength enabled the team to keep the attack going in the forward line. She was always an attacking option due to the fact that she played her position so well.

Siobhan Maguire

Siobhan's game constantly improved all year making her a formidable half back. Her strength in defence and her persistence in chasing down and tackling the opposition are a credit to her.

Alexandra McKenzie

Don't be deceived by how graceful this forward moves in the game. Her agility and speed have contributed greatly to the team (scoring goals in the process).

Maddison Moulin

The other member of the 'dynamic duo' full back team who has surprised herself as being quite a formidable centre forward. Her ball skills, strength and persistence have made her transition from full back to centre forward seem easy.

Hannah Robson

After a great start to the year (scoring a goal in our first game) at right inner, it was also Hannah's turn to try a new position. She took to centre half back like a duck to water even though she had never played it before.

Hattie Steele

Hattie was another one of our big improvers this year. She played mostly inner this year as her dependability in defence and strength in moving forward were a great asset to the team.

Sushmita Tantry

A former half back who made the position of right inner her own. She displayed great strength in defence and supported the forward line playing the position perfectly.

Sonia Urbano

Another former half back who made the transition to right wing this year. Her constant improvement through the year has made her an asset to the team on the forward line.

It may be good idea to make a special mention to some of the parents who were of great assistance (**Phil Brown, Rob Fullarton, Paul Steele** and **Harish Tantry**) not only for the help they provided you but also with umpiring (another of the hardest 'gigs'). Special Mention to **Julie Urbano** for the fantastic job as Manager.

Girls 7/8B Black

Rebecca Dymond

'The Rock'. Although Bec loved a run in the forward line the coach was very reluctant to move her from defence - why? Because Bec stopped every attack that came her way and did it with poise, taking possession and then trying to get the ball to a maroon shirt. A fantastic year for Bec and one of the most consistent players in the team. A constant smiler who brings others into the game. Thanks Bec.

Brittany Fuller

Named 'Brett' to prevent confusion. That's where the confusion stopped. On the field Brett was unique. Our best runner which meant that I knew I could always give her a job to do that would get done. Her basic skills improved each week with experience and confidence. Brett, who strives to do her absolute best loved to be out there with her besties and brought loads of enthusiasm to our team. Well done Brett.

Eliza Girling

'The Sledgehammer'. The Hammer was our main avenue to goal with a hit like a clap of thunder! A great year in which Eliza realised she can play hockey well. Eliza running into the circle to shoot on goal was a weekly highlight for all the mums and dads. One of the team leaders and loved to be out playing with the girls. Enjoyed a goal and she scored plenty. Go girl!

Alice Graham

After starting on a wing, Alice quickly became one of the team's most versatile players and I could rely on her to play fullback, halfback and winger. A fantastic attitude and Alice gave her best each and every time she played. A winning smile and a winning attitude equals a great team player. Keep up the great work Alice.

Maddy Harwood

Maddy made the wing position her own, either on the left or the right. A fearless forward who used her speed to great advantage. During the season Maddy's basic skills like dribbling and passing improved out of sight which was a reflection on the way she trains and how serious she is in her approach to hockey. A joy to coach, always eager, always attentive and always playing well.

Claudia Holsgrove

When I first watched Claudia at training I had reservations about this quiet lady. How wrong I was! Claudia is the most improved player in the team, a very easy girl to coach and never once, in an entire season did Claudia do anything outside the team rules. Incredible. Her skills, in particular her tackling, improved each week. Left half became hers and hers alone. Thank you Claudia!

Brittany Lawrence

'The Engine' - Britt loves to play hockey and leaves nothing on the pitch. Britt can take charge of the game from Centre Half and as the year progressed her passing was a delight to watch. Set up most of our attacking play. Listens to instructions and does her absolute best week in, week out. Refuses to give in and was a pleasure to coach!

Malorie McLerie

Mal was our 'go to' player and was asked to play all over the field and did more than her share of goalkeeping duties - a challenge she accepted without hesitation and carried out with aplomb. One of the girls who delighted in the mateship of the team. Still relatively new to the game and displayed great promise. Mal will develop into a very good player.

Elena Ryan

The other pocket rocket of the team. Elena does her work quietly but very effectively! Was used all over the field with lots of success at right or left inner where her tenacious approach won the team lots of possession and she rarely infringed. A good listener at training and on the field and is improving all the time. Elena enjoys being part of the team and with experience will become a leader on the playing field.

Kimberley Steffe

The pocket rocket @ Chatterbox! Kim was a delight to coach and reminded me that we play to have fun. The origin of all conversation at training but once on the field Kim worked very hard to win the ball, flying up and down the sideline. Kim's positional play is fantastic and a big bag of goals is not far away! Late in the season Kim was thrown into the half line where she displayed an innate ability to read the play. Well done Kimberley!

Gillian Walker

New to the game but played like a veteran as one of our regular fullbacks. Once Gillian and I agreed on the reasons for the ball going wide, the team benefited with Gillian always looking to get the ball to our halves and wingers. Gillian loves the physical aspects of the game and attacked each contest with a 'take no prisoners' attitude. Great year Gillian.

Girls 7/8B Black (contd)

Elaura Wilkinson

'Wilko' - every team needs one. A player with the 'X' factor. Wilko is our X. Once she crosses the white line, Elaura goes flat out in the forward line and expects the same from everyone around her, and her enthusiasm and aggression rubs off on her team mates. I love watching this kid play. Is starting to get confidence on the ball which spells nervous nights for any fullback. Terrific year Elaura.

Rachel Yuen

The 'Flying Zebra'. A name given to Rac by the team based on her ability to cover the length of the field in a nano second! Our main short corner runner who copped a few very hard hits on the way to stopping every short corner! Rac improved each week and it was a delight to watch her attack on the ball. Has no fear and as her skills improve, Rac will become a very good hockey player. Fast, fearless and Flying!



Boys 7/8A

It has been a pleasure to watch our boys develop as a team this year. After a tough couple of opening games facing the top three teams, the boys found their feet and got some well deserved wins on the board. It has been a real roller coaster of a season with some of the boys getting injured and some being sick. It was good to see a bunch of the boys head down to the Bunbury carnival for the weekend during the mid-season break. I would like to make a big thank you to Tony Brown the team manager. He has been on hand all season and has done a wonderful job! A thank you also goes to Sean Gibbons who came down and umpired most of the boys games. To all the parents who braved the cold and came down and watched the boys and filled in umpiring, we thank you. In these last couple of games the boys have shown their full potential and have a slight chance of making finals. If you keep the hard work up at training and on game day the future is very bright for all of you. Thanks for a great season boys.

Jordan and Sean

Joshua Antoncich

Josh had an excellent season and with every game keeps improving. Josh has played a variety of positions this season, however has really found his feet up front where he can use his fantastic stick work to eliminate defenders and penetrate the circle. Josh has been a pleasure to coach, always listening and looking for ways to improve his game. Josh is a player to keep your eye on in the future, look forward to watching him represent Melville at the highest level.

Richard Beddoes

Rich has a versatility in his game that allows him to play in most positions on the field. Don't worry, I won't make you play full back. He has some great eliminating skills especially in the midfield, those skills coupled with an excellent endurance capacity and a lot of speed will allow him to grow into an excellent midfielder / striker. A little more composure when in possession of the ball will allow him to make good passes into the strike line and set up many attacking opportunities.

Bailey Brown

Bailey has some very slick stick work that let him slide into the midfield positions very effectively. When Bailey had the ball he showed a great amount of creativity which continually set up some good attacking opportunities for the team. I urge Bailey to bring the same confidence he shows at training into the games and look to start presenting more for the ball. When Bailey has the ball, good things happen, all he needs to do is find it more. Great season Bailey, see you next year.

Callum Joynes

Callum has been crucial in setting up many goal scoring opportunities for our team. His eliminating skills down the wings has proven to be extremely damaging and has, on many times made opposing defences look very silly. Having a little more composure in front of goal will see him continue to be a very valuable player for the rest of his hockey career.

Thomas Mansfield

Swanny, I mean Tommy had a great season and really found his home at flank half this year. If you don't know who Swanny is, just watch any hockey game where Australia is playing. Matt Swann is the smallest guy on every hockey field but makes up for it with his huge work ethic and fantastic skills. Tommy demonstrates so many of Matt Swann's traits. Tommy's work ethic is second to none, if he doesn't get the ball the first time he will always put in the second and third efforts until he has won the ball or held up the play. He is extremely tough in his tackles and never backs down from a 50-50 contest. Great season Tommy. Continue to bring the same level of toughness and intent to every game you play.

Ashley Ranford

Ash has played a critical role in the leadership of this team. Has a very solid basic game, demonstrating a high passing ability. Early on he was quite soft in his tackles but in the latter half of the season has really led by example in bringing a much needed physical presence to our team. Continue to enjoy your hockey at school and at Melville, I look forward to watching your progress through the grades. Also, if you could teach your brother how to hit as hard as you do it will really go a long way in developing his game.

James Ross

Jamie performed very well this season, getting his name on the score card on numerous occasions. His eliminating ability is of high order and the pressure he puts on opposition midfielders has produced many turnovers in our favour. Jamie has a knack for finding the right areas to get to in the circle and as such has managed to put a few goals in the back of the net. Jamie needs to be a little tougher when in possession of the ball, treat it like gold and don't let anyone take it off you. Congratulations on a great season and strive to continue to improve your style of hockey. A goal scoring midfielder is a very valuable asset for any team, keep it up.

Boys 7/8A (contd)

William Ross

Will has shown an enormous amount of improvement in his game. He has become a very reliable defender playing a huge roll in preventing key strikers of opposition teams from having an impact on the game. His tackling has been his greatest improvement, starting from over committing in many of his tackles early in the season to being calm and patient and making his tackles at the right time. I would like to see him do some work on his hitting so he can consistently find players from 16 yard hits. Getting rid of his hockey stick with its ridiculous bow will make hitting flat and accurate a hell of a lot easier. Great season Will, well done.

Jordan Rutigliano

Jordan has played an excellent season and has improved out of sight. Strong tackles and tight marking at left half has been a real highlight of his game, frustrating many opposition strikers. A little more composure and confidence when he is in control of the ball would take his game to new heights. I look forward to seeing Jordan continue to improve and enjoy his hockey in the seasons to come.

Matthew Stidolph (GK)

Matt began the season a little tentative in goals but after a few games under his belt he really found his rhythm behind the mask. He has made some fantastic saves this year, many of which were crucial in keeping the team alive in close matches. I hope that with more confidence in the net Matt will get a bit louder down in deep defence and organise his defenders into good marking positions. Well done Matt, great season.

Matthew Tate

Matt took on the roll as captain this year and has lived up to that roll. His ability to eliminate players and have shots on goal and with his decision making in the mid field has proven to be a real threat while on the pitch. Matt just needs to work on staying positive and as captain to lead by example. It has been a great season for Matt, scoring plenty of goals and also stopping a few deep down in defence, I look forward to watching you progress in the years to come. Best of luck.

Connor Thompson

Connor plays the traditional wing style, he is tall and fast and lopes down the line like a gazelle, then sends the ball flat and hard across the spot creating many goal scoring opportunities. Connor also found himself on the receiving end of some similar passes and did not hesitate to send the ball flying into the back of the net. Connor will know exactly what I'm going to say next....."Get Low". Connor scored quite a few goals this year but could have made his tally significantly higher by being a bit lower and more alert in the 'D'. Great season so far Connor, continue to listen and improve like you have been and you will continue to be an excellent player in the future.

Jonathon Thorn

As much as Johno pestered to play half back, he really found his place in the full back line and was invaluable to the team's defence. He reads the play extremely well, consistently making a high number of intercepts during games and making strong tackles on opposition forwards. Keep up the high work rate you play at and continue to develop your simple and very effective style of hockey.



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Boys 7/8A Reserve

We made a reasonable start to the season with the first 3 games providing a win, loss and draw but then came up against some better teams and weren't able to match them. On a positive note as the season progressed the team continued to improve and we were able to reduce our losing goal differences, we also drew with a team that had previously beaten us and beat a team that we previously drew with. The boys showed great commitment to keep morale high and maintain their work ethic on the field. I enjoyed watching the boys improve through the season and wish them success in future years.

Coaching the team was made easier thanks to the support of Mark Rayfield and Rohan Swan who helped out at training and shared the umpiring duties. Also thanks to Jacqui Cocliff, our team Manager, who kept everyone in line with orange duties and wrote the weekly game critique with passion, truthfulness, succinctness, colour and a little humour. Whilst these parents provided specific functions I also want to acknowledge the support of all of the other parents who kept me informed of their boys availability and kept me motivated by suggesting that a win was always just around the corner.

I would also like to acknowledge the time taken by Tony Grace and Shannon Nel who passed on their valuable knowledge as guest coaches. It was easy to see that the boys enjoyed their respective sessions and learned the basics from a different perspective.

Nicholas Camer Pesci (Half Back)

Nicholas showed good development of his skills despite having a slow start to the year missing the pre-season training. He was a courageous defender who never backed away from the opposition and as a result made good use of the first aid kit in many games. When he played at Centre Half Back he showed he could control the game and made good decisions getting the ball forward.

Mason Cocliff (Half Back/Wing)

Mason started the season on a wing, was moved to a half back position and then returned back to a wing. During his games at half back Mason frustrated opponents by getting into good defensive positions to cut off advancing passes. He relished his opportunity when he was returned onto the left wing late in the season and used his stamina to help in defence and big hitting to get the ball into the attacking D. Whilst providing strong defensive skills Mason needs to focus on his hitting technique to ensure the ball is passed directly to team mates.

Mathew Dixon (Full Back)

Mathew was our first runner for defensive short corners and at times his bulking frame would scare the opposition from having a clean hit at the ball. Early in the season he made the most of an opportunity playing at half back where he ran forward to score his first goal. Toward the end of the season he showed improvement and provided support to reduce the pressure on our goalkeeper, Jonathon. As his fitness and passing improved he was able to help the team rebound out of defence. Whilst he hits the ball with power, improvement to his technique will ensure an accurate pass is achieved from every hit out.

Henry Edwards (Inner)

Henry was a player who was always on the move; he never stopped running and always seemed to be in the middle of play in both attack and defence. He showed great tenacity and bravery in each game to charge at the defenders to keep the ball in the attacking half of the field. If he wasn't scoring goals he was helping to set up goals or backing up a left wing strike. Together with Will (playing on the right wing) they developed a good partnership that provided structure moving into attack.

Nicholas Ireland (Half Back/Full Back)

Nicholas was used in just about every position on the field though he played his best games in defence, with good ball control and a never-say-die attitude. At times he used his intelligence rather than skills to get around players, which is a good trait to have when up against a faster opponent. At training he earned the admiration of his coach and the scorn of his team mates when he introduced a warm-up exercise called "leg extensions with a Russian twist". Nicholas also volunteered to learn the art of goalkeeping where he performed extremely well to provide the team with a capable back-up for Jonathon. Keep up the good work.

Jack Paterson (Full Back)

Jack is a natural defender who improved his game skills through the season. He showed a lot of improvement as an attacking defender in the last half of the season working well to support the half backs. He often used his big hitting strength to clear the ball out of defence and if he wasn't using his booming hit outs to drive the team into attack he was using his booming voice to provide support to the forwards. A good striker of the ball who will improve his game as he improves his ability to read the game.

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Jonathan Rayfield (Goalkeeper)

Whilst he was under pressure in many games he consistently stood up to the challenge often making brilliant saves. In terms of hockey skills he was by far the biggest improver in the team successfully transferring the techniques he learned at the specialist goalkeeper training into his games. He also showed great leadership during defensive short corners and was a vigilant defender who, I suspect, kept a tally of the number of opposition centre forwards that he knocked over. Jonathon also showed good skills and speed in his 2 games playing upfield.

Sean Robertson (Forward)

Sean provided great team support both during games and at training and was always offering suggestions to improve the teams playing tactics. On many occasions Sean was able to win the ball in a one on one competition and was able to pass the ball off to our advantage. His game can be improved by being perceptive when reading the state of play to ensure he places himself into a competitive position and gives himself more opportunities to get to the ball. Sean has an obvious enthusiasm for the game and will no doubt continue to improve.

Lachlan Sims (Half Back)

Lachlan worked hard throughout the season both at training and at home to become the fittest player in the team as well as improving his own skills. Using his strength and skills he was able to frustrate and contain his direct opponents often leading to them being substituted. Lachlan could always be relied upon to maintain defensive pressure and consistently played at a high standard. Due to his good work ethic there is no limit to what he will achieve.

Eddie Swan (Centre Forward)

As we all know Eddie likes to talk (lets face it he can talk under wet cement) and when his team mates scored a goal he would always be one of the first to provide an encouraging comment. During games he showed obvious game playing nous as he was often able to correctly read the play and get to an advantageous position to score goals. Showing good ball control skills Eddie was always a chance to score if he received the ball when in the D. He needs to improve his fitness in order to allow himself more opportunity to get to the ball and should also work on his

defensive skills. There were many occasions during games that he showed brilliance, he just needs to become more consistent.

Jordan Templeman (Inner)

Jordan was a very reliable player showing great evasive skills, I could see that he constantly thought about his position on the field and provided much needed defensive support as an inner. Jordan always had a positive attitude to each game that he played (win or lose) and obviously enjoys playing hockey. His optimistic attitude and constructive comments helped build team morale during the bad times. Jordan has a great defensive game that was required in this team, but needs to take more advantage of his ball carrying skills to drive the team into attack.

Lucas Teunissen (Half Back/Wing)

Unfortunately Lucas shared his wintertime sports commitments between football and hockey, however when he was on the hockey field he was always a positive contributor. Lucas used his leading ability, possibly learned from football, to always provide an alternative outlet for his team mates. He will improve his game by improving his ball control technique and accuracy with his passing skills.

William Waters (Wing)

As Will was the fastest player on the team he was an integral part of the game plan as the right wing speedster. He often used his speed and skill to carry the ball past players to take the team deep into attack. During the season he developed his team game and worked well with his immediate inner, Henry, to put forward pressure on the opposing team. He also scored a few goals by taking advantage of opportunities when they came.

Boys 7/8B Black

Cameron Addison

Cameron is probably our biggest player and has been able to use his strength in the half back line to repel many attacking moves. His skills have improved during the season and he is integral to the back line formation of our team, great effort Cameron.

Liam Bochenek

Liam has generally played on the forward line, moving between left wing and our crucial centre forward role. Liam's hitting and stick skills have definitely improved throughout the year, he is also showing signs of ability to stage some great runs through centre field.

Ben Bradshaw

Ben has played a number of different positions, although more often in the backline. He has improved game by game and will play the three final games as goalkeeper, in which he shows great promise. Well done Ben.

Justin Brooker

Justin has been our solid rock in defence, often playing the right full back position. Justin has been well suited to playing full back, placing frequent winning tackles on attacking players and always prepared to run back after a turnover.

Nicholas Dumas

Nick has held down a strategic defensive position at centre half back. It has been pleasing to see Nick often gain possession of the ball and carry it through mid field. Tackling and pushing has been improving throughout the year.

Adam Kelly

Adam has played the position of right inner throughout the season. He has displayed his magic stick skills and often attacks on the right side passing a number of defenders. Great effort on the forward line Adam.

Harrison Ollier

Most matches Harry has been right wing, a position he has adapted to well, with his preparedness to run forward of the play into the attacking zone. Harry is enthusiastic and has developed his skills well during the season. He is also another of our first year players.

Dean Reeves

Dean has generally had ownership of the left inner position and for a first year player has made incredible development over the season. He runs hard and is creative in the forward line, well done Dean.

Rowan Reynolds

Rowan has assisted our team by moving up from the 5/6's. He has played in a variety of positions and is always prepared to work hard to win the ball. Excellent season Rowan in a higher age division.

Sean Reynolds

Although Sean has only been available to our team for half the season, he has been an important player on the half back line, his hitting and tackling ability has improved right through the year.

Lewis Snowden

For most of the season Lewis has been our goalkeeper and he always comes to this role happy and positive. Many of our games have been played with us under great defensive pressure and Lewis is always in the game. Some fantastic saves during the season, great work Lewis.

Coach David Dumas

Manager Joanne Reeves

Boys 7/8C

Meshal Alanazi

Meshal joined the team late in the season, having never played before, and struggled to make it to games due to the competing sporting commitments in his large family. When he did play though, he showed good positioning skills and coupled with his physical strength he could develop into a great hockey player. We'd love to see Meshal back at the club next year.

Jacob Arney

A classy midfielder, Jacob leads the rebound out of defence and sets up attacking plays up the ground. Disciplined in the way he regulates his positioning, Jacob should be screaming out for the ball more as he's seemingly always in space and is extremely reliable with the ball on his stick. It's been a pleasure having Jacob in the team and a shame that we couldn't arrange training better to suit his travel situation.

Caleb Cumper

Caleb's encyclopaedic knowledge of the game and advanced tackling ability has made him a valuable member of the team. Playing out of full back most of the year, Caleb has been a trusted final line of defence opponents have faced before taking on Peter in goals. To take his game further, Caleb should push up the ground more to dictate the play.

Benjamin Gilbert

Ben's efforts this year in defence have been nothing short of heroic, coming up against opponents literally twice his size. Spending most of the season at left halfback, Ben's greatest strength lies in his ability to mark players and apply defensive pressure. To develop, he needs to be more confident entering attack and work on his decision making with the ball.

Jordan Harris

Our vice captain and lead up striker, Jordan has a natural instinct for scoring and setting up goals. His sense of humour and enthusiasm for the game made him a popular player in the team who elected him vice captain. To develop further, Jordan needs to work on his backstick skills and fight his way out of his centre forward niche because he is a very talented player.

Lachlan Jones

A natural leader, Lachlan was elected captain by the boys in the middle of the season which reflected his on field leadership and important playmaking. As a playmaker, Lachlan sets up goals from all over the ground and found himself taking most of the free hits for the team, directing traffic around him.

Hamish MacPherson

Another player who can play all across the ground, Hamish has a knack on sweeping up loose balls and taking the team back into attack. Maybe it is because he's playing a different role each week, but Hamish can find himself wandering out of position which is a shame because we need players of his ability in position.

Crawford McCaw

A newcomer to the sport, Crawford joined the team mid season and developed quickly into a strong defender. His stints in the forward line have been memorable too, playing high and wide, sending some great crosses into attack. With his diligent attitude and willingness to learn, Crawford should mature into a very capable player.

Liam Pratt

A great utility player, Liam can adapt to the game whether he's playing in defence, the midfield or as a striker. Well liked among the boys, Liam led the team as stand in captain in the absence of Lachlan and Jordan. Liam is also admired for bouncing back after losing a tooth early in the season during training.

Sebastian Reid

A first time hockey player, Sebastian took to the sport like a fish to water. A workhorse of the midfield, Sebastian is invaluable in front of goals as well. With his enthusiasm and energy, coupled with increased experience, Sebastian will develop into a fantastic hockey player.

Dion Smith-Colombini

Dion is a very talented, skilful player, who is rarely dispossessed of the ball. This makes him useful wherever on the field he plays. To get even better, Dion needs to chase down the ball in defence more because when he does take the initiative, his efforts lift the whole team.

Peter Smits

Once described by a teammate as a 'magnificent goal keeper', Peter would probably be even better known as the team clown, unable to shut his mouth during training. If injury ever forces him out of playing hockey Peter undoubtedly has a career in comedy, provided there aren't any censorship constraints on him.

Milorad Ujjesinovic

A fiery winger, Milorad is a true match winner on his day and has probably been the team's most improved player, running wide into space and scoring freely. To improve further; Milorad needs to be have more confidence in his ball carrying skills, despite how effective his iconic backstick-push-into-space can be.

Girls 5/6A

COACH : KURT GEBAUER

ASSOCIATE COACH : REBECCA PHIPPS

Rebecka brought youthfulness to our playing group. She served as an able Coach and mentor with a ready dialogue and enthusiasm. Always eager to try new things and was a constant source of stimulus and change for the girls. We wish her the best in her future hockey pursuits.

Tanya Brits

Tanya, always a reliable defender, developed a confidence in her positional play. Her fitness has improved significantly, on a number of occasions managing to run down and tackle forwards who had managed to slip through. Her hitting improved throughout the season and in many games she terrorised her opponents with her power and direction. With experience she felt more comfortable in controlling and handling the ball.

Jordan Dowie

Always comfortable at attacking down the right. Has a huge amount of natural skill and ability and is presently learning to use her physical talents. She has learnt through the season to turn and use her body to block the defenders as well as getting away from them, creating scoring opportunities. Defensively has come on significantly towards the end of the season chasing people down and using her reach to put in effective tackles often winning the ball.

Eliane Gebauer

Eliane is a solid central Midfielder who was frequently used to mark out the opposition's best players. Quick to pounce on her free's and get the ball moving. Has a wide vision and constantly tries to slot the ball through to the attacking forward pack. Her high work rate and dogged determination in defence were immensely useful to the team.

Sophie Hackett

Sophie's enthusiasm, cheerfulness and lovely personality is a motivator for our team. Whenever people are down or tired she has a knack of picking them up and encouraging them. A dogged defender, she obliterated nearly all Right Wings in her traditional role as a Left Midfielder. As the season went on, her tackling improved, frequently coming up with the ball. Passing also became very reliable and useful to the team. A great contributor and a joy to have in the team.

Emily Hardbottle

Emily came to us later in the season. She was welcomed with open arms especially as we only had the bare 11. Prefers defence and has learnt a number of positions over the Season. Is tenacious, hard working and an asset to the team. Also a first year player so has worked very hard at developing all her skills. Trains hard and listens well.

Sarah Hicks

Our Full Forward with an ability to latch on to and hold any ball. She has learnt not to run into the opposition with the ball but distribute it and get it back. A goal sharp shooter who is frequently on target when given the opportunity. Extremely reliable and always gives her best on any occasion. She never has a down day.

Zoe Hopkinson

Zoe is our Left Side Attack. Earlier in the season, she was frequently left marooned and not given much support or ball. As we went through, the defending group became more skilled at swinging the ball from left to right and utilising both Wings. Zoe's positional sense and ability to turn quickly were great value to the team. She has grown as a player and has become more confident as a result.

Ana Ika

Ana's speed and versatility in a number of positions was of great help to the Coach. Ana is a go to person. Whenever someone needed to be rested Ana could slot in to most areas in the Forward and Midfield and make an impact. She puts in the work running forward and also back tackling when required. Is defensively very strong against tackling opponents.

Alice Marler

Alice started the Season as a Left Inner. As the Season went on she naturally fell into a more defensive role. Probably the strongest in the team at chasing someone down, putting pressure on and tackling. Stopped a number of attacks down the traditional right side. Put her body (nose) on the line for the team and is always brave. Once her fractured nose had recovered sufficiently, she filled the Goalie role better than anyone in the team. A great character and a pleasure to have.

Girls 5/6A (Contd)

Olivia Silvey

Olivia has grace and poise with the ball. Her ball control skills are extremely high. Doesn't get flustered when under pressure. Fills the attacking central role and midfield very strongly. Fast to take free's and moves the ball forward with the ability to dribble through into the "D" and have a shot. Has learnt a range of new tricks and improved on her positional play and ball disposal through the season.

Victoria Wade

A newcomer to Hockey this year. Has great athleticism and will run all day. Filled the crucial defensive sweeping role brilliantly. She will back tackle and back tackle until a result is obtained. Can frequently out run most Forwards to the ball. Has come along enormously over the season and will continue to do very well over the next 2-3 seasons as she gets her experience level up. In another team, will be rewarded with a Mid Fielder Attacking role.

Trilby Widger

Trilby can play in a number of positions. Although preferring Right Attack, she can play in the mid field as well as on the left side. Defends and attacks equally well. She has learnt to distribute the ball effectively as well as improving the power of her hits. As the season went on her positional sense and ability to be in the right place where the ball went became more obvious. Has grown and developed significantly over the year.

Melville 5/6A girls would probably be one of the hardest groups to play against. Most of our games were lost 1/0. All of them were epic battles where, with a bit of luck or different interpretation of the rules, would have lead to a win or draw. As Coach I felt that there was no team that were superior to us. As we learnt to play better hockey we used the field - both the width and the length. Using each other, we have grown and developed as a team. I would expect a large number of players will become fierce, talented, strong team mates over the years.



Girls 5/6B Gold

It has been a rewarding year, seeing all the girls develop together to form a strong team that is willing to work hard for each other. Despite not winning many games, the girls have been competitive and shown early dominance against other teams. A lack of goals has been their only downfall this season. I hope most of the girls stay together for the next few years, as they all enjoy each other's company and a good chat. They will achieve the success that they should have earned this year. Many thanks to all the parents for your support and to Andrea for your great assistance and help in keeping everyone informed of training and game locations and start times. It has made it a joy to coach.

Ines Argvijo (Centre Half & Forward)

Ines, this is her first year of playing hockey. She has a good hit and is able to run all game, she is one of the link players in the middle of the field that help to move the ball from defence to attack. As she learns more about the game combined with her athleticism, she will become a good player.

Maddy Bedford (Centre Forward & Inner)

Maddy is a tenacious player able to move the ball forward, by skilful tackling and running. She is the player that most of the girls hit to in the forward line to drive the ball forward to the goals. She is very confident and enjoys chatting.

Paige Brickhill (Half Back & Wing)

Paige is a strong player over the ball, good in defence and offence, always quick to give her point of view. One of the link players from defence to attack, Paige is always keen to move forward and have a go on the wing to try and score goals.

Charlotte Coggin (Half Back & Full Back)

Charlotte is one of the team's strong defenders. She has a good hit and tackle and is reliable, rarely beaten one on one. She has repelled the opposition's offence time after time, like most of her teammates; she always puts in 100%.

Aimee-Lee Dowsett (Wing, Centre Forward and Full Back)

Aimee-Lee started in defence but has come to the fore as a part of the forward line. She always has a smile and does her best to get into a position so that she can receive an easy pass, and then confidently moves the ball forward to the next player, then running forward to provide an option in the D to have a shot on goals.

Katelyn Etelaaho (Full Back, Wing & Half Back)

Katelyn has grown in confidence throughout the year, stopping the opposition in their forward attacks, allowing the team to get back and defend. She is always keen to learn how to play the game and plays for her team mates, enjoying their friendship and company.

Sophie Hamdorf (Full Back & Half Back)

Sophie has a great ability to stop the opposition, cutting off many attacks with confidence and move the ball forward in counter-attacks of our own. She is very keen to learn the game and always puts in at training and on game day.

Emily Hardbottle (Inner & Halfback)

Emily started playing with the team but was promoted to the A team, a very strong runner with good stick skills.

Mia Kelly (Inner & Half Back)

Mia is very strong on the ball with good running ability, usually running end to end for the entire game, with penetrating hitting and hard tackling. She will develop into a good player when she learns more about positional play.

Karolina Olszewski (Goalie)

Karolina decided to put the goalie pads on at the start of the year, with some help late in the year, she has become a very strong goalie able to stop numerous shots at goal and kick the ball away from the goals with confidence. If she decides to continue in Goals she will do well and be in demand.

Girls 5/6B Gold (Contd)

Claudia Sader (Centre & Half Back)

Claudia has one of the big hits in the league and uses it well with her ability to chase and tackle the opposition. She moves quickly around the ground stopping many of the attacks by the opposition. Claudia will continue to develop and become one of Melville Hockey Club's better players.

Aysha Stroobach (Inner)

Aysha is a skilful player able to use the ball with confidence and help move the ball from defence into attack. She had a few good games scoring goals and one as the goalie. She needs to put in a bit more at training and then she will get more opportunities.

Maartje Van Lieshout (Wing & Centre Forward)

Maartje arrived part-way through the year. She has fitted well into the team and is one of the players in the forward line always trying and getting involved in the play.

WHAOOO - What a fantastic season for the girls. They have all worked extremely hard and this has shown in the way they have all improved through out the season. Even though not many games were won on the field, the pure effort that all the girls have put in made them all WINNERS. All the girls have put in 110% effort when they were on the field, regardless of the score, no one ever gave up. It has been an absolute pleasure to see the smiling faces every week and the real improvement in skills from every one.

Every one of the girls has brought something special to the team with all their personalities making this season a fun and memorable one. Thank you to all the parents for making the journeys through out this cold winter both to training and the games and for your continual support.

Also a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to AKI our coach (and umpire on quite a few occasions).

Aki has immense knowledge which he has passed onto the girls and has brought the best out in them all. His continual SMILE, friendly and caring attitude and his willingness to help the girls and the team has made the game of hockey even more fun for all. THANK YOU AKI from all of us. WELL DONE TO THE GIRLS ON A FANTASTIC SEASON.



Girls 5/6 South (Maroon)

From the start of this season I knew we had a challenge ahead of us, especially when we lost the first couple of games. Our team consisted of many first time players on a full sized field and under full rules. To the girls credit they trained hard, listened to what was being taught to them and practised well. In the end they not only surprised me as to what they can achieve but also surprised themselves as well! We grew from a struggling side to a genuine top 4 contender, and it is a credit to all of the girls.

Lauren Anderson (Halfback)

Although small in stature she more than made that up in tenacity and endeavour. At the trials I hoped I would have the opportunity to coach her as I could see the potential Lauren had. She has grown in both confidence and in skill level, and has the ability to change roles as needed. Lauren is an accomplished defender at halfback and is a handy forward player as well. If she keeps up practicing her skills Lauren will become a very good hockey player.

Kate Atkinson (Wing)

I have had the opportunity of coaching Kate previously and knew what she would bring to our side. Kate has an eagerness to gain possession of the ball and has progressed in skill level and now probably can hit the ball as well as any one of the team. Kate has adapted into her role as right wing well and also can play defensively as required. I hope Kate keeps up her practicing as it is starting to show in the games and at training.

Abigail Bell (Halfback)

Abi joined us from Grads for a few games when we were short of players after the school holidays. She slotted in to the team well and had a determination to win the ball no matter how big the opposition players were. She was very attentive and did all that she was asked, I look forward to seeing her next year and watching her develop even further.

Margaret Clarke (Inner)

Margaret only joined our team midway through the season and brought a fresh insight into the team. I have been impressed in the way she has observed the other players and has picked up very quickly the basics. Her game is improving greatly with every week and despite only playing the game for a relatively short time, has now shown she can be a good asset to the team.

Kya Cromb (Goalkeeper)

Kya put her hand up to play goalie and played in that position for the season. Kya has a natural ability in goals and has developed into quite an accomplished goalkeeper. She shows no hesitation in her attack of the ball and her clearances off the pads are well directed and positive. If she remains as a goalie in future years, her skill levels will continue to improve and I would encourage her in that endeavour.

Ellen Dowley (Wing)

Ellen is also a new player to the team and at the time of writing has only played four games. It was heartening to see both Ellen and Margaret scoring maiden goals late in the season and being instrumental in a good win. For a new player to be so warmly accepted into the group is a testament to her personality and ability. It can be daunting for new players to join a team in any environment but Ellen has done an excellent job. She has a willingness to learn and ask questions and it has shown with her positioning on the wing. Well done.

Cassandra Drayton (Inner)

Cass started the year apprehensively as one of the youngest players on the team. I put her in an important role as Left Inner which is a difficult position as it requires a player to play both an attacking and defensive role. To her credit Cass has grown in confidence over the season to the point where she will back herself in tight situations and can use her skills learnt to her advantage. I know Cass will continue to play hockey as her enjoyment of the game is evident every time she plays, and I hope to be able to coach her again.

Poppy Goerke (Wing)

Poppy always has a smile on her face whether it's training or game time. Poppy has settled into her role as Right Wing well and once she gets over her initial nerves really shines in that position. Poppy only started playing hockey in grads, but has progressed in both confidence and skill levels to become a valuable member of the team. As Poppy has grown in confidence this year her game has improved markedly and I congratulate her on a good season.

Molly Hagen (Inner)

Molly has an undeniable hunger for possession of the ball. Out of all the girls, I probably have yelled more at Molly than all the girls combined. (You have to be at one of our games to appreciate this phenomenon!) But in saying that Molly always rises to the occasion in her role at Right Inner and is reliable in scoring when it is required. She has also realised that the skills she has learnt at training actually work and in the last few games left me speechless in what she can do. Molly is definitely a player who made my job enjoyable and I hope to be able to coach her again next year.

Girls 5/6 South (Maroon) (contd)

Ella Hall (Fullback)

Ella is a player who consistently listens and takes on board what is shown to her and this is displayed on the field. Ella played as a fullback, a difficult role which requires strength in tackling and ball disposal. Ella has shown on many occasions that she can do well in this role and it has helped her confidence immensely by being able to play well in this position. I hope Ella continues to play hockey as her on field abilities are just starting to develop.

Bryanna Martin (Centre Forward)

Bryanna is one of the most attentive girls I have coached, I see her constantly practising what she has been shown at training and has developed well as our centre forward. Bryanna has the uncanny ability to be in the right position in front of goals to put pressure on the opposition goalie, and it shows in the way she can consistently score goals. Congratulations on your season this year Bryanna it was a pleasure coaching you.

Erin Robertson (Fullback)

Erin is always reminding me at training that we need to concentrate on defensive skills, which shows she takes her position of fullback seriously. I have seen an improvement in her game especially tackling opposition players. Her ability to read the play is a good asset for a fullback, especially tackling early and making the opposition forwards pass enabling a turnover. Erin is an asset to our backline and has played extremely well this year.

Jade Keely Vanderzwan (Centre Halfback)

Jade is our pocket rocket. Another of our younger players, Jade shows great tenacity for the ball and presence of mind which makes her a great centre half. Ability to read the play is an asset along with quick decision making to cross the ball. Her skill levels have improved along with her ability to pass effectively which makes Jade a valuable member of the team. Well done on a good season.

Rebecca Lee Vanderzwan (Halfback)

Rebecca is a player who is growing in confidence and ability as the season draws on. Strength over the ball is one of Rebecca's strong points and her ability to read the play as right half back is an asset. Back line players do have a dual role as they must be able to defend and move the ball forward from a midfield position, and Rebecca does both of these well. Her game is improving with each week and will only continue to improve as time goes on.

A big thank you to Dennis and his girls - Bailey, Kisten, Amy, Christina and Emma - who helped us out at the start of the season when we were just scraping a side together. Their assistance was appreciated as I am sure they were exhausted after playing two games within a short space of time.

I would like to thank our Manager, Vanessa Cornwall, for her invaluable contribution during this season. I certainly could not have done the coaching job without her assistance.

I would also like to thank Jonathon Cornwall for volunteering to take on the role of junior umpire, his effort this season was fantastic and I encourage him to continue.

Finally thanks to all the parents who came along to support the team during the season, your encouragement of all the players was heartening to see and made my job much more pleasurable.

Girls 5/6 South (White)

We started the year with a mixed bag of experience and ability, and few of us knew each other. Its great to say we finished the year with a lot more experience, better skills, and really good friendships. It was the first year out of Grads for a lot of the girls, and for some the first year of hockey. The girls have shown they can play as a team with structure and that they are all capable of putting in a lot of effort (especially after being reminded that the ball is a lolly we don't want to share with the other team). Each one of you has been worth coaching and I look forward to seeing you play in years to come. A big thank you goes to the parents for their enthusiastic support (and blowing early in the season), to Sondren for stepping into the referee role, and especially to the dual team managers Delia and Sandy.

Grace Clavey

Grace has great skills and a fantastic hit! Her impact on the field was clear whenever she wasn't at centre-half. She will back herself in most situations and is generally able to come away with the ball. This season she made the most of the new rules, often carrying the ball from a free hit into the circle before laying off. Her passing in the middle of the field, and particularly the quick free-hit, has given our team a lot of good attacking opportunities.

Emma Donaldson

An early memory of her season was her saying a skills-drill "was just so hard". Looking back, it is easy to see how much her skills have improved through the season and this has contributed to our success in the breakaways. It's great to watch her running up in support and she has the confidence to call for the ball and carry it forward. Emma D gives 100% on the field.

Katherine Dumas

Katherine has great determination and perseverance. She probably prefers inner, but covers really well and was able to play well at half and full-back. She tackles well and has a really good clearance hit, even when under pressure. She works hard and is always willing to contribute and encourage others.

Emily Hutchinson

When Emily has won the best player award it was usually because of her commitment on the park. She is a good tackler and will generally persevere until the ball is cleared or beyond her reach. She loves working as an inner, and has been even more useful at half-back and fullback.

Bailey Irvine

Because of her speed, Bailey was generally asked to play centre forward, where she has used her speed well, chasing the long ball or carrying it up on a break-away. She has had a good haul of goals this season, and her attitude has made her a pleasure to coach.

Nadia Konagai

Nadia started playing hockey this year and has been a pleasure to coach. She is always smiling and trying hard, and her first goal is a memory to treasure. The whole team erupted into squeals, more because it was her first goal than because we were a goal ahead. She had a fantastic game at goalie near the end of the season. Her desire has been first class and her skills have steadily improved.

Kirsten Loffell

Kirsty has been the rock at the back of the team most of the season. She is able to read the game really well and gets into position time after time. Very few opponents are able to get through her and it is only when they have pushed wide of her that they have had much success getting around her. When she was given the chance to play further up the field she showed great persistence in 2nd and 3rd phase tackles and continued her excellent work rate.

Aimee McGinniss

Aimee has shown she can get stuck in on the right wing. Her season was held back a bit by knee problems but she has persevered and been a useful contributor, driving the ball forward up our right flank. She has grown in confidence through the season and shown good strong play in crowded situations.

Amy Ross

Amy can play just about any position and has put in heaps of effort wherever she has been asked to play. She has been enthusiastic all season. A highlight for her season would have to have been against Willetton where, without prompting, she auto-played a quick free hit and laid off into the circle. Great vision.

Christina Ryan

Christina is a quiet and determined performer who does all she is asked to do. She has been rock solid in defence and is not shy of getting low in the tackle. The most noticeable aspect of her improvement over the season has been her decision making, with her tackling the ball carrier rather than trying to defend the goal.

Emma Shaw

Emma S has great speed and a natural desire to chase down anything. She gets back in defence when necessary and has a good clearing hit. She worked hard all season at inner, putting pressure on the opposition and following up on any long balls. She reads play well and is able to choose between running close to pressure their fullback or running wide to create the pass opportunity.

Naomi Yuen

Naomi played left half most of the season as she is a natural cover defender. She is brave in the tackle and was able to close down most teams when they tried to break away down their left wing. Naomi attended the holiday hockey camp and it was fantastic to see her come out with a flat stick reverse pass the following week. Her work rate improved throughout the season.

Boys 5/6A

What a season! The newly formed "A" team showed signs of brilliance this year with some remarkable improvements in individual skills and play. On many occasions the score line did not reflect the standard of the game. In most matches we were down at half time with many games being drawn or won in the second half. Every player needs to work on their skills and strength over the summer break, especially those players moving up into the 7/8's. Thank you to our supporters, umpires, manager and parents for their encouragement and support over the year.

Benjamin Clark

Ben started the season where he left last year, full of enthusiasm and never short of a few things to say. His skill level has improved greatly and he played some great games in defence, particularly on turf. Ben's attitude to the game and desire to improve will assist him in developing into a good player.

Michael De Thierry

Michael was keen to play in the forward line this year however he developed into a great half back. His ability to read the play, stop the attackers and deliver the ball to the forwards was a feature of his game. I look forward to seeing Michael's game and skills improve over the years.

Nicholas Deluca

Nick improved as the year went on with the last few games being played in a defensive role which has proven to be his greatest strength. I am confident that as Nick's skills improve he will be a good asset to any Melville team.

Dylan Forbes

One of the youngest in the "A" Team! What Dylan lacked in height and weight certainly was made up for with desire and determination to give his best at every game. Dylan slotted into the role of Inner with evidence of improving skills every week. Those chats with mum on the way to the game obviously did some good as Dylan's attitude towards hockey was excellent and made him a pleasure to coach.

Benjamin Hall

Look out I'm coming through! Ben's positive attitude and determination to make a difference in every game was a highlight this year. His skills improved every week and often left the attacking opposition speechless as he consistently cleared the ball out of defence. Maybe the "lucky box" has magical powers!! Great Team member with the right attitude.

Jordan Kirk

Always gave his best this season and showed great improvement with the additional goalie training. Often Jordan was left with 5 attackers and no defenders in sight to lend a hand. Hopefully you will continue as goalie next season and come out kicking.

Mackenzie Love

Macca played most positions this year which left the coach bewildered as to which position best suited his game. His positive attitude towards the game was pleasing and will be a good asset to any team as his skills develop. Thanks to Dad for helping out and Cam for umpiring.

Sachin North

"The Phantom" of the team. Sachin showed good skills this year and continued to improve. His ability to read the play was the main attribute to his all round game.

Nicholas Page

Nick's desire for the ball and tireless running was the main attribute to his game, with good, developing stick skills. He gave 100% in every game and was often a target to the oppositions' stick or ball requiring one quick trip to Murdoch Emergency Dept this season. Nick scored most goals this season and has a great attitude towards the game.

Kyle Potter

Kyle worked tirelessly all season helping Ben in the back line to keep the goals out. Watch out for Kyle's free hits, as if they don't take out the opposition they end up going the full length of the field. On occasion, Kyle found his way to the forward line and scored some handy goals. Versatile player with improving skills.

Trent Potter

Trent's skills are improving year on year with a strong determination to score goals. His ability to read the play and deliver the ball in the forward line is pleasing to see. He filled the position of left wing and contributed to the goal scoring this season.

Alex Rayfield

Our tower of strength at centre half! Alex's game looked good when being utilized in the right way and he delivered the ball well to the forward line. Alex has very good skills and the right mindset to become a great player. Good Luck next season!

Cameron Reid

Cameron ran hard every game and has developed a solid all round game. His tackling has improved over the season and he was always determined in attack. Always quick with a comment or two and keen to have a crack at anybody (including the coach).

Boys 5/6B Black

Once again it has been 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.

Emphasis was placed on team development, attention to field position, learning and interpreting the rules. The boys were confident, always applied themselves to set tasks and were very respectful of officials and opposition players.

Whilst we haven't been results focused, it has been a tough season, the highest priority was to have great fun week in and week out, no matter the result.

Many thanks to all of the Boys, the very positive, patient and supportive parents, to Janice and Gavin, Judy and Gareth, Cassie for their work all year and to Graeme Coleman and Janine Tate for their organisational skills.

Oliver Bodlovich

Welcome to full field junior hockey Oli – we hope you enjoyed your first year as much as we enjoyed watching you going about your game. A very attentive student, Oliver will always apply himself wholly to any task he is assigned. Has played most of his hockey this year on the wing so we can take advantage of his athleticism, and just needs to work on his running with the ball and goal shooting to make a real go as a striker in years to come. Also learn to back yourself in a one on one situation and make the most of the space you can create. Pleasure to coach Oli and good luck next year.

Brysen Cadle

Has an extremely high work rate and approaches each and every game with a mindset that says he will give everything his best shot. Has worked hard on his dribbling and passing skills and the results are starting to come with very competitive passages of play. Reading the game only comes from more time on the ground and I have no doubt that this will also develop, as will Bryson into a very competitive player.

Connor Deaville

In my opinion the quieter and more accountable of the brothers Connor reads the play well and uses this skill to put himself in best position to make tackles and direct play in the back half of our team. Whilst appearing calm and collected, Connor is very competitive once he crosses the white line and takes it very personally if we concede a goal on his side of the field. Just needs to channel these feelings towards getting back into the game and working even harder to achieve a result. A great listener and student of the game, just keep applying yourself and your hockey will continue to develop at a great rate.

Lachlan Deaville

Also possesses an extremely high work rate. Due to his size and athleticism, Lachlan is developing into a fine midfielder who continues to find the ball and rack up possessions. His improvement this year has been his ability and confidence to take opposition players on and back himself to beat them regularly. Just needs to work on his distribution skills to put his teammates into best position to capitalise on his ball winning abilities. Love your competitive skills and endeavour.

Sean Hird

Mr consistency, Quiet achiever, Sean always brings his A game to hockey on a Saturday morning and gives you 100% of himself week in week out, no matter who we are playing. He never has a bad game and controls his area of the pitch by getting into position early and doing the simple things well that all coaches applaud. Just needs to work harder at training and push himself so that his game can continue to improve. Great year once again Sean.

Callum Jenkin

Has matured this year, has great skills, is very competitive, gives 100% and always applies himself to the job at hand. Callum can play anywhere on the field and is the sort of competitor that all coaches enjoy working with. The only down side to this versatility is that we haven't as yet worked out his best position, be it forward or back, however I am sure as he continues to develop and work hard at his game his best role will become apparent. Great working with you Callum.

James Manassis

A fine developing Centre Forward, James loves to find space and run with the ball, as fast as he can and normally straight at the goals which is an enviable quality for any hockey player, at any level. James also scored half of our teams goals this year and in my opinion has a great future as a striker or hard running midfielder for the Maroons. James has benefitted hugely from his run in J5/6 this year and should be able to carry it on in 2011. Just needs to work on his close in skills and hitting so that he can become a stronger, more competitive striker in a more competitive grade next season.

Boys 5/6B Black (contd)

Thomas Moulin (GK)

I'm sorry to say (Colleen) that Thomas has taken to goalkeeping like a duck to water!! I feel he has that rare Goalie gene that enables the person in the suit to get a sense of enjoyment from the ball being smashed at him from all angles and at varying speeds. I have no doubt that we have a senior goalie in the making. He is without doubt the hardest working man in our side as he applies himself to developing his craft. Great effort all year Thomas and our goal percentage would be much the poorer without you.

Henry Rogerson

Also in the Mr Consistency mould, Henry very rarely plays a bad game or is beaten by the same opponent on more than one occasion. He possesses the combination of fine solid skills, high work rate and a strong competitive spirit. He studies his position, his opponent and has learned to take the game on his terms. Henry plays his best hockey in defence and just needs to work on his distribution and ability to beat players one on one so he can take his game to the next level. Great year Henry.

Mitch Scally

Always Tenacious, always active and extremely reliable, Mitch is great to have in the team. He is positive at all times, in any situation, and has the versatility to play in any position on the ground as well as take on and match it with a whole range of opponents. (His parents slipped him away to Europe this winter for 7 weeks of high altitude training – the direct benefits of which we will see in the last three weeks of the season). On a serious note, we still have only seen the start of Mitch's development within the game. He can read the play, has very sound skills and possesses the great ability to listen, learn and apply himself 100% to the task at hand.

Joshua Scanlon

Now in his fifth year of hockey, Joshua always fills the toughest position in the team, that of son of coach and hence has the biggest shoes to fill. Has good skills and reads the play well when he is playing in defence. Being the smallest in the team also means matching up against much taller opponents, a task that is never shied away from. Just need to start developing your running game and strength on the ball as well as your second and third efforts when involved in the play. A great pleasure to watch you play and improve each week.

Joshua Watkins

Is extremely competitive and works very hard on acquiring and using the ball to the total benefit of the team. Has sound skills and a great running game, and like James, likes to run straight at goals to give himself the best chance of putting one on the boards. Would benefit from spending some time in defence and midfield so that he can develop his strength when in possession of the ball as well as his reading of the play. The team benefitted from your endeavour and highly competitive spirit.

Mitchell Widger

Is consistently developing his game and seems to enjoy each and every minute he is on the field, no matter what the situation is. Has played his best hockey at inside forward, has solid skills, a very high work rate and always tries to get involved in the play rather than waiting for it to come to him. I am sure that as Mitchell plays more hockey he will learn to put himself in the best position to influence the result of a game. He is very, very competitive once he crosses the white line.

Andrew Scanlon – Coach 2010.

Boys 5/6 South (Maroon)

Starting off the season with a fairly inexperienced team and as first time coaches, we quickly realised the potential of this great group of boys. In the first few games, the boys showed confidence and enthusiasm and things looked promising for a great season ahead. We should hopefully finish in the top four which is a fantastic effort for a team of mainly first year players. A big thanks to our manager, Barbara, for all the work she has done for the team and thanks to the positive and supportive parents for understanding our Year 12 commitments and for getting the boys to the game every week. It has been an amazing experience and privilege to coach and hopefully will see many of the boys in A grade teams in the seasons to come.

Brianna Coleman and Tom Mathwin - Coaches

Eligh Blechynden

Eligh started off the season as a half back and his eagerness to score goals saw him playing either right wing or centre forward for the remainder of the season. Eligh was a confident player, never backing off from a tackle and carrying the ball forward well. It was great to see Eligh's game improve throughout the season and he has the potential to play well in any position on the field.

Harry Branley

Harry was a first year player this season and showed great potential right from the start. After being played in positions all over the field, Harry fitted in best at right wing and right half and gave us some great scoring opportunities up the right hand side of the field. Harry is a great team player and his determination to do well really showed in games.

Nathaniel Bufton

Nathaniel offered to play goalie the first game and we soon discovered his natural talent. He had many great saves throughout the season and has developed good confidence in goals. On the field, Nathaniel fitted in best as left or right wing and with more aggression and confidence he will continue to become a striker that the opposition defenders will need to look out for.

Sean Curran

From the first training session we knew Sean would be the team's centre half. Sean has a natural ability to know when to use the play-on rule most effectively. Quite often Sean would clear the ball out of defence and with his flat and accurate hit would find our forwards which set up some of our best goals for the season.

Brendan Delaney

Although being the smallest in the team, Brendan isn't afraid to get in there and most of the time, take the ball off opposition players. Starting the season at right wing, Brendan moved to right inner where he was a fantastic player defensively and in attack. We were really impressed with how Brendan would listen to everything we said and this showed in all his games this season.

Jesse Floyd

Jesse joined the team half way through the season after recovering from a broken arm. He was a great addition to the team and fitted in quite well as the team's centre forward. Jesse could be relied on every week to amaze the coaches and parents with his shots on goal at impossible angles.

Kristian Frossos

Kristian played most of the season as left wing, quite often found waiting on the post for a deflection. Kristian was a very dedicated team member, coming to every training session for the year and was always at the games early. Offering to play goalie many weeks, Kristian showed great potential with some great kicks out of defence and was very good at directing our defenders to mark their players.

Liam Hill

Liam was played in many positions this season and fitted in well everywhere. His great tackles and marking of opposition players found him as our right half for the second half of the season. Liam would quite often be seen using his elimination skills to drag defenders and then effectively pass to one of our forwards in attack.

Nick Hodgson

From the first game Nick wanted to play fullback. His ability to read the play and clear the ball out of defence came naturally and kept many good attackers away from scoring. Nick was another reliable player in the team, always coming to training and games on time and with a great attitude.

Jordan Lukan

Jordan started as left inner in the first game and played there for most of the season. Jordan showed great aggression and stick skills in attack and he was the highest goal scorer for the team. Jordan was the most enthusiastic player in the team, always being the first to training and quite often asking 'can I do a tomma?'

Stephen Simpson

Stephen was another one of our new hockey players this year. Stephen started off the season as centre forward and scored the first goal for the team. A few weeks in, Stephen found himself playing left half and was one of the best in the team at marking his player and running the ball out of defence.

Stephen Wild

Stephen is the tallest player in our team and a very solid fullback. Stephen would tackle opposition forwards with confidence and most of the time, come out with the ball. His strong hit would quite accurately get through to our forwards. Stephen and Nick worked together well as fullbacks and were rarely caught out of position.

We would like to thank Paul Paino, Craig Tate and Neil Jameson for providing us with the fill-in players we needed most weeks and thanks to the grads players that came to play with us.

Boys 5/6 South (White)

What a great year.... I don't know who had more fun the boys or the coach and I'm not sure who is prouder...the coach or the parents. There were so many positive experiences this year.... great team, great parents, great weather and some great wins! The team's first games were at Yokine oval where we, as parents, saw the close team friendships first develop and the team experience their first wins. They were so excited and all pitching in to help the goalie put on his gear. With over half of the team starting their first year, it has been a pleasure to watch the boy's enthusiasm, determination and skill level develop during the season. You should all be proud of your achievements and believe me.... you are an exciting team to watch! Practices were always a mix of fun, hard work and lollies, with the highlight of the season being the indoor go-carting.

Oliver Berry

This was Ollie's 1st year playing hockey. He was always at practice and ready to listen and learn. He has developed great defensive skills and has developed well and is a solid fullback, working with the defence players. Well done, keep it up.

Timothy Dickson

Tim played Inside Left for the season and has built on his skills since the start of the year. Tim's ability to take on the opposition and drive the team into attack served the team well throughout the year. He always runs hard and has set-up and scored many goals. He has worked hard all season and has great stick work. Great year Tim!

Benjamin Hawkins

Ben has developed his skills during the season and was always in the action, playing in many positions during the season. He has played well during the year with improving stick work skills and attention. Well done Ben.

Tyler Jameson

This was Tyler's 1st year as goalie and he has learnt a lot and developed his skills. He has developed assertiveness and grown into the goalie to the point where we saw him dive to save a goal late in the season. Great aggressive defence, coming out of the goal when required to defend against the attackers! Well done Tyler!!

Matt Kuzich

Matt has had a great year and developed enthusiastically during the season. This is Matt's 1st season and he is now mastering the skills, chasing the ball hard and has learnt to hassle the opposition, playing most of the year in Left Wing. You can do it Matt, well done.

Isaac Mangano

Isaac had a fantastic season and is a natural Right Wing. He used his speed and dribbling skills to outpace the opposition and set-up many goals. Isaac is always focussed and ready for action. Great year Isaac!

Matthew Munro

This was also Matt's 1st year playing hockey and he is a natural centre half, controlling the centre field. Matt has a good skill reading the game and runs hard covering a lot of the field, has great solid defensive play, and is always there and setting up the next play. Keep up the good work.

Eduardo Olivares/Mason

Eddie played many positions over the year and has developed into a forward player, scoring several goals late in the season. Eddie's determination has grown through the year along with his skills. Great attacking play and goal scoring, focused and hassling in the circle. Keep it up Eddie.

Jackson Parker

This was Jackson's 1st year playing hockey and he has learnt good skills and become a solid halfback. Jackson supported the right side of the field, helping setup many attacks and hassling in defence. During the year Jackson improved his hitting and ball control. Great year, well done!

Henry Scurry

Henry always runs hard and is guaranteed to be ready to upset the opposition and trap off a ball from a free hit. Playing centre forward, he has worked well with the other forwards and scored many goals this season. Well done.

Samuel Skepper

Sam is a solid full back and has been a great asset to the defence, cutting off many attacking moves. His defensive play has developed during the season and he stays calm and focused, trapping and clearing the ball..... Great effort!!!

Daan Van Lieshout

Daan started a few games into the season but soon caught up. Another 1st year player who shows great skills and application. Daan has tried several defensive positions and plays with determination. Daan has developed his skills quickly, demonstrating tactics and thinking about the game. Keep up the great work Daan!

Jacob Watson

Playing inside Right, Jacob is always in the action. He runs hard and has scored many goals this season. Jacob has developed good stick work and reads the game well. You may not hear much from him, but he is always there tackling hard. Great effort Jacob!

Boys 5/6 South (Grey)

Our team was blessed with two experienced coaches who have turned a group of enthusiastic but essentially raw talent into a team. From the first game, which relied on individual efforts to get over the line, over the weeks the group became a tight team who used all members and all parts of the field. At this young age group, it was amazing to see how the boys listened and took onboard the wisdom of their coaches. The positional play, the passing, tackling, second efforts of this team are above their age group and we have Craig and Paul to thank for the level they have coached our team to. Thanks also to Tony Grace who umpired every week (ably assisted by Frank Reynolds on a number of occasions) and also passed on key tips to the team to improve their game.

Lewis Berry

Quiet off the field, a lively runner on the field, who played any position required of him. Lewis was a player who caused danger to opposition teams. He scored some great goals this season and also defended well in all the games, through skilful tackling and passing.

Regan Bright

The lively blondie, who tears through the opposition with skill and speed. Regan has a strong work rate which sees him valuable forward or midfield. Regan and Will (the other lively blondie) often combined to confuse and befuddle the opposition with a two pronged attack. Regan is a valuable team member who contributed to the team's success. Loves to play forward and enjoys the thrill of scoring goals, which he did on many occasions.

Samuel Cocks

Whilst Sam could play almost anywhere on the field, his strong flat hit, and calm, alert manner made him a valuable centre half who distributed the ball wide and long. His run and tackling aided his valuable game contribution. His ability to read the play and get the ball out to running players was crucial to the team's success. Sam had an outstanding season.

Jack Cooper

Jack was quietly efficient and always happy to move to whatever position the coach and team required of him. Jack listened and implemented instructions on the field to provide valuable team play. Jack was used mostly in defence where he looked comfortable and confident. Unfortunately, with the team winning well most weeks, the backs didn't get a lot of play. A valuable team member.

Reilly Grace

Reilly fitted the team perfectly and carried out team play to perfection. A tough player who would always put the team first. He has great skills and speed at whatever position was required of him, from the back line, to mid field through to great forward movement on the wings. Reilly has a good tackle which will only develop further as confidence grows.

Samuel McKinnon

Is a fast paced, strong athlete who shows great skill and determination. A valuable midfielder contributing to successful attacks and equally reliable in the back line providing solid defence. Sam's approach to the game was always positive and he was always ready for any role he was given. His attitude made him a delight to coach.

Daniel Paino

A skilful, valuable player who is an excellent defender, valuable midfielder and useful forward. He effectively

marked the opposition players working back, and used skill to get around them up forward to create goal chances. Daniel showed himself to be a disciplined player who played the team role well, showing at all times good promise and commitment.

Jordan Podesta

Jordan shows fire and passion in his game, giving all he can to whatever role he is given, to the point of spending every bit of energy reserve he has. Jordan has a strong hit and great work rate making him a reliable player who always tries his utmost. His ability to play back or forward shows his versatility.

Will Reynolds

A skilful player who made right wing his specialty, making great position, scoring, and importantly, crossing balls to scoring opportunities and turning opposition players inside out to eliminate them. Along with the other small lively blondie (Regan), he caused havoc for the opposition up forward. William played the right wing to perfection and beyond his years, which was a contributing factor to the team's great year.

Sam Snowden

Sam started the season in goals, and then moved on to the field to display good stick skills and manoeuvres in the mid field, and his overall game play developed during the season. Sam enjoyed his time on the left wing and it showed out in games where he made a solid contribution.

Mitchell Tate

With skill and experience beyond his years and stature, Mitch could play forward to score goals (leading the division in goals) or back to save them. Whenever Mitch was put to centre forward, his ability was realized and was most impressive. He could hurt the opposition on the score board in a way that would make any coach proud. His stick work is exceptional and his work rate and knowledge of the game would make you believe him to be one of the oldest in the team and not one of the youngest as he is.

Tony Ziegelaar

This, to everyone's amazement, is Tony's first year of hockey. To say he's got the hang of it is an understatement. He has excellent instincts, high work rate, great calling, and dominates the midfield. He has developed great skills this season to go with the high enthusiasm and effort he showed from day one. He is now a player that can play any position on the field and play the role with confidence... A rare find!

The coaches would also like to thank all the parents for the great support through the season, and also to our manager Jodi Reynolds for her professional contribution this season.