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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
G. Coleman	2010

Women

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

Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

Club Administration 2011

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Pat Hall
Maris Margetts

President's Report

This end of year function is a great opportunity for us all to reflect on what we have achieved in the past twelve months. Members might remember that our aim for the year was to propel our club into the 21st Century. I am very pleased to report that, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our committees and volunteers, we have mostly achieved those goals. I am also sure you all agree that there has been a great improvement in the atmosphere at our club.

21st Century Improvements include:

- Online registration
- In-house computer
- Constitution amendments
- AGM to coincide with the end of season
- Financial year from July to June
- Positive relationship with the Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club (KLCC)
- Improvements in the kitchen department such as a new freezer, quality of food and smiling faces.
- The bar, run by Chris Boyle, has had a facelift with the purchase and installation of the new cool room - costs shared with (KLCC)
- Website upgrade by IT professionals Andy and Jodi Reynolds
- Photos taken by Teresa Forbes
- The MOFTA group, headed by Col Willis and his grey cronies, who always support the club, helping out where necessary.

Very sincere special thanks go to our volunteers – forgive me if I have missed out anyone when I mention:

- The kitchen - Lynda Forbes, Maureen and Leo Welton and their team of girls who helped throughout the year
- The bar - Tony Illman, Ashley Dixon, Tim McEntee and Rob Walker
- BBQ area - once again run by Lynda and Maureen
- Handyman Wayne Hudson – what would we do without you?
- Uniforms - Tracy Hunt and Jane Vickery
- End of year function - Cath Timmell and Leone Meacock - a very professional job
- Social function organisers - Tim McEntee and offsider Stacy Tweddle. Very special thanks to you for the many events we have enjoyed - wine-tasting, sponsor nights and pub crawls. Without the time you donate and your dedicated efforts this club would not function.
- Minkey and Grads - Roger and Sheree Mellor and parents
- Juniors - Graeme Colman and Janine and Craig Tate - a huge job in itself
- Senior men - Vice President Gav Scally
- Second squad coaches - Richie Williams and Vicky Silich who have done a very professional job bringing coaching up to a new level.
- Top Squad coaches - Peter Freer and Sami Gale
- End-of-Year Book and Newsletters by Brad Wake.

I want to make special mention of Peter Freer, who, as well as Top Squad coaching duties, put an enormous amount of work into the Melville Talent Identification Squad (MTIS) program,

President's Report (contd)

making it the most successful scheme that we have undertaken. And to Peter's partner, Karen Bond, thank you for the donation of time and professional expertise given to the wellbeing and physio needs of our Top Squad. We really appreciate this help, so willingly given after a fourteen-hour day in your own business.

I have much pleasure in announcing that Peter Freer will continue as our Top Squad coach next season. Peter's very professional job with our boys has set us up for a good chance at the grand finals next year. (Task not finished yet).

To my committee members, especially treasurer, Louise Dixon, who probably has one of the most difficult jobs, I thank you for your support.

A very big thank you to parents, managers, coaches and supporters - there are many helpers in a club this large and it is impossible to name each of you, but the club is what it is today, one of the largest and most successful in the state, thanks to your efforts.

And so to Pat Hall and his committee for their professional management of the turf and whose efforts continue to impress the hockey world. You will hear more from Pat when he gives his "Turf Report". However, right now I want to say "Pat, not only have you done a wonderful job with the turf but I really appreciate the seemingly never-ending assistance you have given me and the club. Thank you for a job extremely well done".

Achievements of our state representatives, seniors, being:

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|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| • 2011 state selections | Jordan Hunt | Mark Brodie | |
| • U18 men | Tim Geers | Pat Lawther | Nick Tate |
| • U18 women | Megan Silvey | | |
| • Thundersticks futuristic squad | Jordan Hunt | Ross Hall | |

Congratulations to you all. You have ensured that our club is well represented at state level and have been a credit to our coaching staff and the infrastructure we have in place.

A sincere acknowledgment of our sponsors, we could not function without your ongoing support, your donations are very much appreciated by all the club members. Thank you. We look forward to your continuing support which is invaluable to the club. I know that members support our sponsors wherever possible.

As I reflect on the year, a year that proved personally very demanding due to the many goals we set, I can't help but feel satisfied that the club reached those goals, resulting in so many improvements. I believe what we have set in place will make next year a little easier and so look forward to leading you again in 2012. A final thank you to everyone involved with the club, congratulations to the achievers and most of all I wish you all a safe and healthy summer break. I look forward to next year, fit and healthy and ready to tackle the new season.

Yours Sincerely
Steve McEntee, President 2011

Finance & Sponsorship Report

From a finance point of view 2011 was a year where Melville City Hockey Club continued to shine and make a positive operating profit, however it wasn't without some crucial administrative decisions. In 2011 a motion was passed to alter the financial year end from 31 October to bring it in line with the Australian tax year of 30 June. In the short term this proved to be an administrative nightmare for our dedicated Treasurer Louise Dixon and her busy team of volunteers, however it has been executed to ensure the club's funds are able to be effectively managed into the future.

2011 saw MCHC embrace the technological era as we made online registration available to all members. Through the countless hours put in by Louise Dixon and the Reynolds the club was able to develop an easy to follow registration process through the club's website. Not only was the system highly secure, it also speeded up the registration process for the club members.

From a budgeting point of view, 2011 has seen predominantly favourable variances to budgets. Canteen trading has been up compared to last year. This is primarily due to its operations being brought back within the club and a huge thank you must go to Lynda and Maureen who have once again spent countless hours buying the fresh produce that is used to prepare the tasty food for us to eat week in week out.

The bar continues to exceed our expectations in 2011 and this again is primarily attributed to an increase in the number of volunteers who have donated their time to operate the bar and replaced paid staff. Chris continues to run a tight ship behind the bar and he has been in constant contact with the committee with strategies to implement more efficient processes, one of which included the purchase of an automated cash register. Our excellent bar trading profit was not only due to the friendly service of the bar staff but equally as important due to the valued club sponsors, Gage Roads and Old Bridge Cellars, continuing with their sponsorship of the club. As a result of their contributions, MCHC were able to increase bar margins as well as purchase a much needed new bar fridge to ensure our stock remained icy cold.

The continued support of our loyal band of sponsors has been critical to the successful running of the club. 2011 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 opposite. In addition to Melville Mitsubishi becoming a Platinum Sponsor in 2011, MCHC were also fortunate to have City and Inland Pest Control join the club as a supportive Silver Sponsor. 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. 2011 saw her continue to tackle the role of club treasurer. This role is extremely demanding and underestimated in a club of our size. In her second year in this role Louise has continued to streamline processes making tasks easier for herself and the club's members. Your work has not gone unnoticed and you have been an indispensable member to the committee in 2011.

Hamish Burton
Vice President – Finance & Development

Finance & Sponsorship Report (contd)

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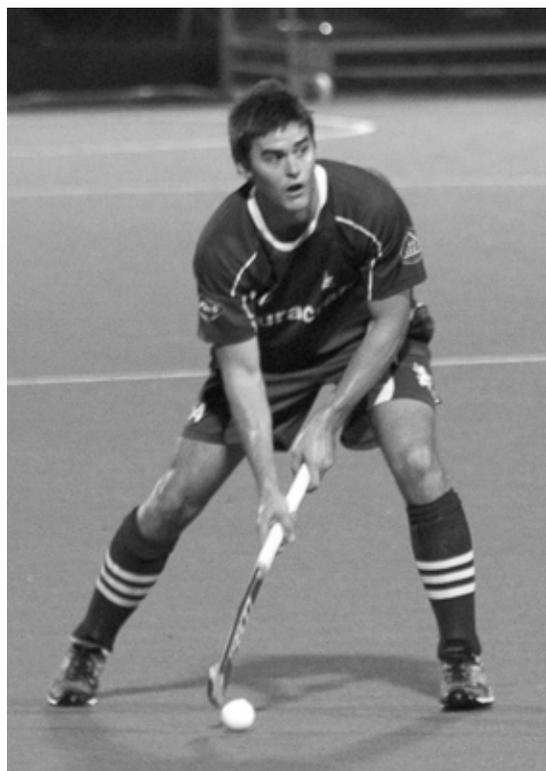
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Senior Administration Report - Men

For those of you who are used to Dan White's reports, this one will either be terse and poorly thought through, or mercifully brief. I will leave it to your judgement as to which camp you fall in.

This has been a learning year for me - last time I was on the committee I swear the club was half this size, and the complexity and sheer amount of work put in by the Committee is quite phenomenal. I can't express enough my admiration for people like Graeme Coleman, who works like a trojan on behalf of the club, and I would like to acknowledge his efforts as he finally, after years of threats, leaves the Committee. Thanks also to Steve McEntee for his help and his forbearance.

On field it has been a mixed year. We would like to have progressed further at the top of the Club, but continue to hold AHG and to strengthen through the 2's and 3's. There is an exciting group of younger guys coming through, but we need to recruit wisely and well to top up our talent and help us reach the next level. That will be the focus over the off season. I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of Peter Freer and the tireless Johnson Orr in their work with the top side. I would also specifically like to acknowledge and apologise to Richie Williams, who I more or less shoe-horned into looking after the 2's next year. Richie is a model clubman, who we are lucky to have.

We are working as hard as we can to provide different hockey experiences for different people, to meet their needs. We put an extra turf team in this year, to meet the growth in that need, and dropped a grass side. I am afraid that this trend is likely to continue, but hope that there will always be Saturday games on the grass for those who want them.

I'd also like to thank Chris Geers, Steve Walsh, Jim Pickering, Clint Dymond, Ben Rushton, Tim McEntee, Cam Porter and Jason DeWind, for their help though the year in getting teams on the park. I'd especially like to thank Mark Watton for helping to guide me through the maze that is HockeyWA.

Finally, thanks to the group of guys who I have used for advice at various times through the year. Not all of the issues at a Club this size are easy to deal with or come with obvious solutions, and I relied on Whip, Pat, Scans, Hans, Stef and Clemo as I worked my way through them. Thanks to all of you guys for your help, even when you didn't know you were giving it to me.

That's it from me, enjoy the night, and see you next year.

Gavin
Vice President - Men

P.S. - the highlight of my year was seeing DD back at the Club - welcome back you bald bugger.



Senior Administration Report - Women

After the highs and lows of last year, 2011 has slipped through the calendar with minimal drama (thankfully!). Our greatest disappointment after the loss of last year's promotion games to AHG was the subsequent loss of players to other clubs, and saying goodbye to coach Jiwa Mohan. There is no doubt that the club suffered from the player losses and as we look this year to finish in the bottom four of Willow Bridge League we can say that once again we are rebuilding our women's program and looking forward to future successes. We reinstated the Women's Action Group (WAGs) this year and I'd like to thank the WAGs delegates for their dedication to improving the women's program and the support they have offered to players, teams and the club. I appreciate all of your efforts, and as we continue working together, I look forward to the continued development of our women's teams in 2012.

New in 2011 has been our 1s coach Sami Gale, an accomplished player in both AHG and AHL and state coach, who has been working with many of our juniors, challenging them to dig deep and find those hidden qualities that take a player from being good to great. Our junior program is second to none, which is probably the major reason why other clubs are so keen to poach our young players, and another reason why our club is again showing so much potential. Sami has done a lot of work with the 1s and the top squad and we hope to see her playing with us as well next year.

Returning to coaching this year has been Vicki Silich who took our 2s from a group of disappointed and disgruntled players after losing Premier 2's last year and turned them into a positive and successful team in the top four of their grade, looking to reclaim a place in Premier 2s. This team has cemented itself as a strong force and been a pleasure to watch. We have every hope of going back up the ladder as a result of your efforts.

Dave Ogden has again coached the Provisional 1 team (our 3s) and worked hard on bringing up their fitness levels to enable them to be competitive in their grade. Unfortunately player absences and injuries have limited this team's success but with weddings, European trips and large swags of practical assessments for Uni etc out of the way, the team will regain its footing in the grade and look to improve their standing next year.

Our Provisional 2s team has done a great job this year under the guidance of Gerard Phipps and Craig Tate, who stepped in to help when Gerard was away. The strength of this team has improved beyond belief – their unity and drive is an example to many others – well done! With a finals berth on the cards, these ladies are primed for success.

Provisional 3s have had a chequered year – Mark Lyons was dragged out of semi retirement from coaching to run the crew and a keener bunch of ladies you have never seen. I've had the privilege of being at a few of their games and had a guest coaching spot, and I must say I enjoyed every minute of it. While not at the top of their grade, they can certainly teach the opposition about how to play as a team and what sportsmanship is supposed to be – again, well done!

Our Metro 1s, again guided by the legendary Jan Davis, have done us proud. Firmly ensconced in the 2.00 or 3.30 timeslot on a Saturday afternoon so that their socializing time isn't compromised, the girls have done a great job on and off the field. Sitting second on their ladder and looking forward to finals, this team is a mixture of youth and experience, and shows us all that hockey can be fun as well as rewarding.

The Masters 1s team (new name for veterans) has been decidedly unlucky with their season after winning the Division 2 comp and getting promoted to 1s. Irregular player numbers and injuries notwithstanding, the players have done their best under the guidance of Mark Rayfield and become an excellent team with a great social life. Our Masters 2s team is sitting in the lower third of the table, but again the injury and absences list has contributed to the stress levels experienced by our coach Steve McEntee and the team perhaps has not been able to maximize its potential. Here's hoping to better luck next year for both teams.

Still, with the 2's, 4's and 6's all facing finals, we have plenty to cheer for as the season comes to a close. I'd like to thank all our coaches, managers, players and supporters for their time and efforts this year and look forward to increased successes next year.

Senior Administration Report - Women (contd)

On a personal note, I would also like to thank the club for their support since the loss of our daughter Caitlyn as our Melville extended family has helped us through some very trying times. Our family has sponsored an award in her memory – the Caitlyn Ogden Memorial Senior Goalkeeper’s Award to recognise the contribution goalkeepers make to our club and our sport. While Caitlyn never was a player to seek the limelight, her commitment to the club was excellent and this award will acknowledge those players - our goalkeepers - whose efforts are often overlooked, but who are crucial to the game. There are many irons in the fire for 2012 and as we move into the Olympic year ahead, I am hoping that our women’s program will continue to grow and develop as we look to consolidate ourselves in the upper grades. I would encourage players to stay with the club and join in our summer season 7s competitions and indoor teams to keep fit for next season. See you at the club!

Nicola Ogden
Vice President - Women



Masters Report - Men

So another season is drawing to a close. 2011 saw a change in name from veterans to masters, a change that is taking some getting used to for some of us.

This season saw a total of eight teams entered in this competition: 4 in the 40s division; 3 in the 50s division; and 1 in the 60s. All teams have had some reasonable success during the season and some have struggled with lack of players and results at times. My thanks to all Managers for their efforts during the season to follow up on reports, results, nomination forms and anything else that came their way. Their efforts in these duties makes life a little bit easier to coordinate each week.

This year saw us nominate 13 plus players for Australian Masters Championships in Sept/Oct and 10 players being selected in various age groups. From last year's championships we had two players gain selection in their respective age groups in Australian teams. Congratulations to them both.

As we head for the finals, some teams have made the four, some are just outside with a couple of qualifying games to play. To all the teams, best of luck for the finals, and to all teams, thanks for a pleasant year with not too many problems. My thanks to Col Willis and Rob Walker for their help during the year and while I was away on holidays. To those people who umpired and organised umpires either on a needs basis or right through the season in the Masters grades - a special thanks for your efforts. Sometimes the Masters grades are not the easiest players to umpire. To those players who reached special playing milestones during the season, congratulations.

In the next couple of weeks we will be getting together with this year's managers to plan for the 2012 season. So if you could let them know what your playing situation is for next season, it would help to formulate and nominate teams for 2012 and not have a rush 2 weeks out from the first game.

Bruce Cadd
Vice Persident - Masters Men



MOFTA Report

1st M.O.F.T.A. Report 2011

For those who don't know about this group, here is an insight into how it developed.

About 10 years ago the late Ian Deveson (Life member), the late Max Reynolds (Life member) and Colin Willis (Life member) agreed to attend "Light Training" each and every Thursday evening between 6:30 and 8:00 pm regardless of the weather. They would meet and have a "Light" beer, and do a lap around the old original light tower holding their beers on their heads, hence the phrase "Training Under Lights". Ian named this the MOFTA group and was the inaugural President. "Melville Old Farts Training Academy"

Over the years a few others have joined this group on a regular basis to enjoy "Training" and have a meal from the kitchen. Barry Hancock (Life member), Bruce Cadd, Ranjith Weddikkara, Steve McEntee (Life member) and Rob Walker (Life member) have been socialising with other players as they came in from the real training track. We also train during the summer Vets competition on turf. Occasionally during the season, the wives and partners would be allowed to come and enjoy dinner with the boys.

This year we decided to formally acknowledge the group and have some hats made to commemorate Ian's brainchild.

We presently have 10 members and they must wear their hats to training on Thursday evenings.

Current members are: Colin Willis, Barry Hancock, Bruce Cadd, Steve McEntee, Rob Walker, Brian Spitteler (Life member), Johnson Orr (Life member) Ranjith Weddikkara, Wayne Hudson and Leo Welton. You will notice a lot of Life members in this group and it is good to see that they are prepared to stay involved even after their playing days are over.

Hope to see you all around the club next season.



Junior Administration Report

Our Junior division continues to maintain a strong presence with a total of 28 teams this season. Melville had around 380 eager young players taking to the field and with 280 in our Minkey and Graduates program, this makes Melville one of the biggest Junior clubs in the state.

Our Melville Talent Identification Squad (MTIS) program was the most successful to date. This is an invitation only program for our most talented juniors and we had 58 field players and 10 goalies who received top class coaching from State and Australian players during the off season. A huge thanks must go to Peter Freer for providing the coaches and the expertise to run the program. We will be running another MTIS program over summer in order to further enhance the skills of our talented junior players.

We also trialled a specialist coaching program in the April school holidays. Many junior players received coaching from State and Australian players over three days. Due to the success of the coaching we will be running a similar program again next year.

We reverted back to one day for grading our teams this year, making the grading process a huge task to complete within the timeframe, but due to the many volunteers the day ran smoothly. The weather was a lot warmer than usual, which made for some trying conditions for players, but it was great to still see the players giving their all. A big thank you must go out to all the coaches, selectors and umpires who volunteered their services, enabling the trials to run smoothly. Thanks to the support from our senior women who volunteered to select for the day.

The South-West Junior Hockey Carnival is held in Bunbury on the long weekend in June each year, and Melville has been entering teams in this competition for several years. This year saw us enter our biggest-ever contingent, with teams participating in the U11 Girls, U11 Boys, U13 Girls, U13 Boys and U15 Girls Carnival Division (Division 2) and an U15 Boys team in the Championship Division (Division 1). Over 80 players and their families travelled down for a weekend of great hockey and good fun.

Our teams performed extremely well. The U15 Boys played off in the "Blue Ribbon" final event of the tournament, the U15 Championship Grand Final, but unfortunately came home with Runners-up medallions after a close-fought game against arch rivals, Wolves. The U15 girls narrowly missed out on making the Grand Final, finishing third in their division. The U13 Boys and U13 Girls both made their respective Grand Finals, and both came away with Winners' medallions after the girls had a win and the boys a draw, winning on goal difference. The U11 Girls had a great weekend, finishing equal third out of thirteen teams, while the U11 Boys ended up in fifth place out of fourteen teams (despite only conceding 3 goals for the whole tournament. Lots of 0-0 draws cost them some valuable points.) We look forward to another strong showing at the 2012 Carnival.

Of the 19 teams in the 7/8 to 11/12 year groups, 11 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 rewarding season.

On a State Level we experienced another successful year for the club with 8 State Representatives from our junior division.

State 18 Men's – Tim Geers and Nick Tate
Australian 16 Schoolboys – Ross Hall
State 16 Schoolgirls – Kirsten Silvey
State 16 Schoolboys – Ryan Vickery
State 15 Girls – Ashleigh McNess
State 15 Boys – Bryn deBes and Jayden Lawrence.

Congratulations to all of these players for their achievements.

Keith Harper took on the Coaching Coordinator's role, organising specialist training for coaches and individual coaching for many players. Rob Fullarton took on the Umpire's Coordinator role this year and was responsible for sourcing a group of about 20 keen juniors who were called upon to umpire many junior games during the season. These enthusiastic umpires gained valuable experience and confidence in umpiring under the guidance of Rob Fullarton. Neil Ashley ran some umpiring courses for the group, to provide support throughout the season. Andre Gauci took on the Manager's Coordinator role this year and provided excellent support to team managers. Thanks to

Junior Administration Report (contd)

Keith, Rob and Andre for fulfilling these important roles. Year Coordinators again provided valuable support, special thanks to Jo Wade, Garry Evans, Silvana Clay, Corelle Coleman, Denise Miller, Rob Thorn, Lena Hopkinson and Colleen Moulin.

Enormous thanks must go out to all the Coaches, Managers, Umpires and the many volunteers who made this season enjoyable for all of our players. Without your excellent efforts our junior division would not survive.

A special mention and a huge thank you must go to Janine Tate, for providing valuable assistance and advice this year. Janine took on many of the behind the scenes tasks, which greatly reduced my workload. One of her major tasks was to organise the Bunbury carnival teams and accommodation this year. The carnival was a huge success, thanks to Janine's efforts.

A very special thank you also to Corelle, Brianna and Jake for their assistance and support throughout the season. I could not have done this job without them.

Great season, see you all next year.

Graeme Coleman
Vice President Juniors

Janine Tate
Assistant Vice President Juniors



Photos from MCHC website

Minkey & Graduates Report

Minkey and Grads continued with the great successes built up over the previous years at the club. With 238 registered players creating 26 teams, Saturday mornings were a busy affair at Morris Buzzacot Reserve. In the first few weeks of the season, you could clearly see 26 packs of kids chasing 26 white balls; However watching the same players at the end of the season running into space, anticipating the play, and passing the ball to their own team mates is a huge achievement and testament to the time and effort put into each player by the volunteer coaches. Imparting these foundational skills at this early age will provide a huge benefit to the club in the future as these kids progress through the junior ranks.

We would like to thank the regular helpers on Saturday mornings, in particular:

The canteen ladies for cooking an enormous amount of food for the parents and kids each Saturday morning. Not only does this satisfy the kids hunger bug each week, it also makes for a considerable financial contribution to the club, thanks ladies. Mason Mellor for voluntarily getting out of bed (big for a 13 year old) to help each week with the set up / pack up of the equipment. Steve McEntee, Club President and regular sausage chef, for helping out where ever needed on Saturdays. Rod West for helping with the set up on Saturday mornings and hosting a Friday night round. The Team managers for assisting with BBQ volunteers making the BBQ possible and supporting their respective teams. A special and big thanks to all the volunteer coaches who have worked with the kids each week in developing their skills and team work concepts. Most importantly of all, the kids for putting in 100% each week, listening to the coaches and umpires and playing in the spirit of the game and club.

To our grads players, we wish you all the best as you embark on your junior career. After a very successful season, we hope to see you all back in 2012 for another exciting season of hockey at Melville City Hockey Club.

Roger and Sheree Mellor



Photos from MCHC website



Melville City Hockey Club

Games Played Awards 2011

700 Games

Maris Margetts

600 Games

Keith Jackaman
Pat Matthews
David Porter

300 Games

Lewis Bint
Aki Etelaaho
Evan Kelly
Terry Parker
Cameron Porter
Dean Walker

200 Games

Carolyn Caydamar
Dylan Hadley
Jordan Hunt
Dennis Loffell
Tony Patton
Sean Ranford
Caitlyn Surman
Karl Tulloch
Matthew Wake
Susan Wilson

100 Games

Lisa Anderson
Callum Ashby
Aden Bocking
Grace Bowyer
Rhianna Clay
Jake Coleman
Debbie Constable
Helen Doyle
Timothy Geers
Shaun Gibbins
Mahri Glover
Jaimee Hadley
Madeleine Harper
Stuart Hennessey
Parrick Lawther
Britt MacDonald
Ashley McNess
India Nelson
Ashley Ranford
Theresa Rayfield
Kathryn Rule
Shailey Rushton
Victor Rypp
Annette Scholten
Jaspal Sembi
Ashleigh Sperinick
Michael Starling
Stacy Twedde
Ryan Vickery

50 Games

Joshua Antoncich
William Beddoes
Simone Brockman
Dallas Campbell
Jacob Campbell
Ee-Faye Chong
Tristan Clemons
Mason Cocliff
Shannon De Melo
Chris Deacon
Emily Duffield
Rebecca Dymond
Henry Edwards
Ashley Ellis
Sarah Gerrard
Eliza Girling
Alex Hackett

Amy Harries
Wayne Harries
Emily Hopkinson
Zoe Hopkinson
Matthew Hudson
Ryan Hyder
Nicholas Ireland
Daymon Joseph
Tim Jobson
Frances Mason
Georgia Mason
Alecia McCall
Janelle Miller
Claudia Morgan
Leanne O'Sullivan
Jonathon Palmer
Marcus Radunovich

Sean Robertson
William Ross
James Ross
Monique Sader
Olivia Silvey
Lachlan Sims
Matthew Stidolph
Eddie Swan
Jonathon Thorn
Austin Toogood
Jasmine Vico
Laura Walkemeyer
Allison Wheatley
Darran Wilson
Elyse Wilson

Major Club Awards - Seniors

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Caitlyn Ogden Memorial Senior Goal Keeping Award, inaugurated in 2011, is named for our former womens 1s goal keeper who tragically died in 2010. It is presented to the senior goal keeper who displays the greatest commitment to the club, their team, and their game.

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 2011

Division	Fairest & Best	Coach's Award
Girls 11/12A:	Kirsten Silvey	Rhianna Clay
Girls 11/12B:	Hannah Gibson	Tori Vince
Boys 11/12A:	Ross Hall	Luke Antoncich
Boys 11/12B Black (Maroon):	Callum Ashby	Chris Evans
Boys 11/12B Black (White):	Adam Hudson	Justin Pierluigi
Girls 9/10A:	Kathryn Rule	Annie Gleave
Girls 9/10A Reserve:	Brittany Lawrence	Tegan Stephens
Girls 9/10B Gold:	Avril Widger	Ainsley Flood
Boys 9/10A:	Jayden Lawrence	Chris McHugh
Boys 9/10B Black:	Jordan Templeman	Justin Brooker
Boys 9/10C:	Jonathon Cornwall	Caleb Crumper
Girls 7/8A:	Monique Miller	Tori Wade
Girls 7/8B Black:	Alice Marler Courtney Fullarton	Aimee-Lee Dowsett
Girls 7/8B Gold:	Claudia Sader	Sophie Hamdorf
Girls 7/8C:	Kate Davoren	Margaret Clarke
Boys 7/8A:	Callum Joynes	Jonathon Thorn
Boys 7/8A Reserve:	Lachlan Sims Matthew Dixon	Nicholas Page
Boys 7/8B Yellow:	Lachlan Deaville	Tony Ziegelaar
Boys 7/8C:	Sean Hird	Sam Skepper

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Junior Awards 2011 (Contd)

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

Ross Hall

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

Jake Coleman

David Porter Trophy:
Most improved goalkeeper

Jordan Moore

Ian Halliday Trophy:
Highest junior goal scorer

Justin Pierluigi

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Seniors Awards 2011

Founder's Shield: Fairest and best - men's top side	Tristan Clemons
Wiffen Trophy: Most improved younger player - women	Stacey Tweddle
Catherine Bayens Trophy: Player displaying most commitment to club - women	Lynda Forbes
Caitlyn Ogden Memorial Award: Goal keeper displaying most commitment	Tearne Latham
Premier 2 Men:	Patrick Welsh
Premier Alliance Men:	Mark Timmel
	Andrew Ricciardone
Willow Bridge League Women:	Megan Silvey
Promotion 2 Women:	Sarah Billingham
Provisional 1 Men:	Kyle Jamieson
Provisional 1 Women:	Liz Woodberry
Provisional 2 Gold Women:	Marion Vince
Provisional 3 Gold Women:	Melanie Leighton
Provisional 4 Men:	Alex Wragg
Metro 1 Men:	Todd Barrett
Metro 1 Women:	Simone Brockman
Metro 2 Gold Men:	Carl Antonio
	Andrew Criddle
Metro 3 Black Men:	Dean Walker
Midweek Masters Men:	Ben Rushton
Rae Blunt Pennant (Womens Masters1):	Natalie Johnson
Womens Masters Div 3:	Maris Margetts
Over 40 Div 1 Men:	Dennis Loffell
Over 40 Div 2 Men:	Geoff Currie
Over 40 Div 4 Men:	Tony Patton
Over 50 Div 1 Men:	Paul Meacock
Over 50 Div 2 Men:	Bill Morrison
Over 50 Div 3 Men:	Leo Welten
Over 60 Men:	John Smith

The Maple Leaf Cup

Presented by Kip Hladky - Inaugurated 1982



Paul Meacock	1982
Geoff Morris	1983
Alan Meacock	1984
Keith Jackaman	1985
Ross Read	1986
Wayne Atkinson	1987
Harold Farmer	1988
Keith Harper	1989
Graham Napier	1990
Wayne Atkinson	1991
Colin Willis	1992
Bruce Read	1993
Rob Walker	1994
Les & Rob Walker	1995
Colin Willis	1996
Johnson Orr	1997
Pat von Mollendorf	1998
Mal Farmer	1999
Nicola Ogden	2000
Keith Harper	2001
Graeme Coleman	2002
Alene Ivey & Guy Hickey	2003
Rob Walker	2004
Mark Tate	2005
Pat Hall & Steve McEntee	2006
Rhys Spedding & James Welten	2007
Wayne Hudson	2008
Leanne Jarvis	2009
Pat Hall	2010
Brad Wake	2011

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
Leo Welten & Wayne Hudson	2011

AHG League - Men

2011 saw 32 players represent Melville First Men's Team, that is an unbelievable statistics in itself. A Club that's strong enough to support that is a credit to the likes of Graeme Coleman and the fabulous Junior programme that has been developed over the last decade, combined with the likes of Rich Williams and John McKnight (Hooksy) who have motivated and facilitated a fabulous 2s group. We must thank these guys for their big contributions. Whilst doing this I want to acknowledge Richi's unselfishness in taking on the 2s again this year. Richi is an exceptionally busy man and has some big commitments outside Melville HC, but when he realised that there was no-one to take the 2s this season he put his hand up once again. And it is really history and the 2s report acknowledges how successful he has been. A very consistent approach to selections and playing style, and an undying persistence to play to a particular game-plan has seen the success. Well done Richi, I certainly will not forget the sacrifices you have made this year to help others in their hockey development.

Alongside Richi, we had Hooksy who has been a big loss to the coaching group in the Club. He is an outstanding coach as was testified by many in our MTIS programme, and by all the "wee lads" in the 2s who complemented Hooksy's coaching ability on many occasions. We hope Hooksy returns to Melville (& Bonita) soon.

Why were 32 players used, when on average 22 players play in a 1s squad every year? We have many representing WA at National Championships and also two who have had National honours this year. In one fixture we had no less than 13 players away with 9 of these being on higher duties for WA or Oz. This all goes well for the future of the Club. So many rising to become category one players.

Stats for the first team. We won 7 games, drew 4 and lost 10. To make finals we needed to win 10 games. We scored 43 goals and had 62 scored against. Note, the defensive record has come down from near 100 against to 62 this year which ranked as fourth best in the competition. Take out two big losses and we had the best performing defence in the League. We aimed to hit 55 goals this year and it is certainly in this area of attack that more work needs to be done.

It has been a prime aim over the past few seasons to have the side play an attacking brand of hockey whilst not conceding lots of goals. There has certainly been a marked improvement in this area, however we have more work to do in covering turnovers that can occur in our attacking 25, and also converting more goals.

On the whole many hockey experts who lead our State and country in hockey have commented on the more solid and improved Melville team in 2011. Of particular note was a comment from our current Australian coach on the smart way our team had played. This has certainly been an aim of mine, and this was pleasing to hear. If you saw the team's last two games you would have seen the team play their best hockey for the year, free-flowing attacking hockey with a very mean defence. All goes well for the future.

The team was lead by **Captain Clemo** as goal keeper. Clemo has had his best season ever, which results from a very dedicated approach to preparation and attention to detail to get his defence to minimise oppositions opportunity or at least make it extremely hard for them. Clemo is a fantastic Captain, leads by example, has a big say in selections and gives a Monday morning email feedback to me each week. He also has utilised a Sports Psychologist this year which he contributes much to his consistent form. Watch this space for the green and gold soon.

Ross Hall, came into the team half way through the season after showing off his talents to the Dutch and South African gals (I won't tell mum, Ross) in two overseas tours. By the end of the season Ross had taken an integral role in the teams defence. At 17 years of age, Ross has a great future as long as he keeps his head down to hard work and solid training. Ross can play in any of the 3 lines which is an added advantage.

Maverick Yow - a new recruit, well was he a recruit - he saw the light and wanted to be with a "Team" and mates that played for Melville. Mav has been a regular performer in the first team all year, with reliable marking. He is exceptionally competitive and annoying to opposition strikers. Whilst not bad, he needs to work on his distribution out of defence.

Johnboy (**John Rutgers**) - playing best hockey ever, so solid and reliable at the back, and also very strong and competitive. Four yellow cards during the season as he was always in there competing. Hopefully his new life as a fireman will still see him being able to play first team in the future, but we also hope that the comforts of homelife nowadays doesn't take away too much energy from his hockey.

Whip (**Ben Meacock**) - Ben took on the new role of Drag flicker in PCs this year, he can drag-flick the ball as fast as anyone, but needs to work on consistency in direction. This is a new pleasing addition to our team, as we see in many games this is a critical factor to winning teams, and certainly will help get the team over the 55 goal mark.

AHG League - Men (contd)

Matt Willis - a country singer from Tamworth and not a bad hockey player joined us through the AIS programme this year. An unassuming gentleman, but can he play the game, great balance and excellent receiving skills added a much needed defender/midfielder to our team. Enjoying the Club so much, Matt is keen to play for Melville in 2012 either as an AIS scholarship holder or not. That is great news.

Swanny (Matt Swann) - we didn't see Swanny as much as we would have liked this year, did hear reasons that he was looking after his gf, but I am sure it was other duties with the National Team or the Maroons on the other side of the country. Once again, Swanny has had a big impact on the Melville guys by the way he plays, and the experienced comments he brings to the team. We look forward for Swanny to be around the Club for years to come.

Henning - the gentle gentleman arrived from Germany earlier this year. In early days he struggled to last 10 minutes on the pitch before wanting a rest, but by the end of the season he was making huge impact as a tight defending, overlapping left half (can you remember Ricca's goal that Henning set up against Hale?) We just hope Henning is able to stay in Australia and be with us for a few more years yet.

Pat Welsh - played both 1s and 2s. but has developed much more quickly this season than any other season - well done, Pat. You have flair, but you are now a more complete player and tougher in the clinches of the game. A great future. We still need to work on the tight marking.

Hooky - played up until the half way mark, but was impeded by injury. We have missed his leadership and drive and annoying calling and hope he is back soon to assist the team move forward.

Ev - a tough season for Ev, played a lot of 2s and struggled in the early part of the season, but his efforts in the second round were very good and not gone without notice.

Steve Hunter (Shunter) - one of our Irish friends who proved a great boon to the Club with his layback Irish twinkle. He had very good skills going forward with the ball, and thoroughly enjoyed being at Melville as much as we loved having him.

Pete McDonnell - Steve's mate from Belfast. Steve had beautiful ball skills and relished playing in Australian weather and the different pace of the game. We tried working on Steve being able to pass the ball, which he found difficult but his final sum up is that he learnt heaps whilst with us. It has been a pleasure having both boys at Melville this year. They are fine men, and great ambassadors for their country.

Dirty (David Orr) - Dirty played as a striker this year and scored a few memorable goals, he is an uncanny forward who has been hampered by knee injury which we hope can be fixed quickly. Through his Indoor knowledge Dirty is an important man behind forward structures.

Doogs (Justin McDougall) - another very important team leader. A quiet member of the team who has a huge desire to help Melville get to the top. His leadership wisdom is so valued by myself and the team. A big competitor during the game time, Doogs needs to work on his consistency especially with receiving skills. However, he has a thundering hit as a few opposition goal keepers have found.

Jordy (Jordan Hunt) - Jordy has had a tough season but with highlights. He made the Thundersticks squad of 24 this season and went on one of their tours. He was also a main member in the victorious WA U21 team. With great perseverance Jordan finished off his season well. I am sure a refreshing summer break will bring back a rejuvenated Jordan for next season.

Rusty (Russell Ford) - our long term AIS scholarship holder. A delight to have as a member of our Club he is an extremely quick and skilful forward who you could only want the best for. He too comments on how much he enjoys Melville and we are hoping that he gets a regular gig with the Aussie team through next season and the Olympic games.

Brodes (Mark Brodie) - brilliant, Brodie made the U21s this year which was a huge aim of his. He made it for what he offers Melville, a dedicated, hard working approach and great team man. How many more Brodes can you have? He had numerous memorable performances in 2011 none-the-less the performance v Mark Patterson from Wolves when we beat them was brilliant. Keep working on goal scoring Brodes.

Gurbs (James Gurbiel) - another talent within the ranks who had a great 2s season, and played off the interchange for the 1s. He is trying to convert his 2s performances into 1s, so is off to Ireland with Mav to play in a very tough competition and further develop himself as a first team player.

Ricca (Anthony Riccadone) - had a big season playing both 1s and 2s, but his tough undying performances for the 1s were probably the best we have seen from Ricca in all the years he has played for the Club. Well done Ricca.

Karl Tulloch also made numerous appearances for the 1s in 2011, extremely fast, sometimes out of control, but a danger to any defence. Well done Karl and we hope to continue to see improved form next year.

AHG League - Men (contd)

There are many more, all who will be mentioned in the 2s write-up. They are: **Matt Bowater** (speccy GK), **Jordan Moore** (U17 GK who made 1s debut this year), **Sam Geers** (skilful, quick forward), **Tim Geers** (1s debut), **Denver Stone** (1s debut), **Ryan Hyder** (we missed him after early rounds), **Richi Williams** (great left wing), **Russell Lee** (filled in when needed and nearly scored on first touch, we wish he was still playing as has so much to offer), **Nick Tate** (1s debut), and **Pat Lawther** (1s debut).

Thanks for a great season. It was very challenging with so many missing at various stages. And also we were challenged in games when other teams were at full strength and our players were away, however we have moved forward and all is very promising.

In conclusion, I want to thank Maddie on behalf of the team. We are so lucky having such a good physio with the team who is always bright and enthusiastic.

I also heard one of the young guys say near the end of the season: "is it possible for someone to get two life memberships at the same Club?". They were talking with such great praise and endearment about Johnno Orr - what a complement that was and typifies what every player thinks about Johnno!!

Thank you so much Johnno!!

I would also like to thank Steve and Lynda who have given me great personal support this year and also to their committee who have backed me and the team as we try and climb to loftier heights.

Finally, the biggest thank you to Karen who is a Rock of Gibraltar for me.

Peter Freer
(Melville Head Coach - 2011)



Ladies Willow Bridge League

To my girls,

Another year has slipped by already, I find it hard to believe as we were catching up at the beach just yesterday to start our preseason running! I want to use this opportunity to thank all you girls for all the hard yards you guys put in for this year! I can imagine it has been a little different than the past few years, and I have had a great time with all of you! I am looking forward to next year with so much talent coming through, I hope to be there to see it reach its potential!

To my beloved Nic- I have enjoyed every chat and red we have shared, you are amazing to us all and the club! Sanj, needless to say you are my backbone and I'm sure I have widened your vocabulary over the year.. You really are something special, the girls and I love you to pieces!

I have had such a great first year with the club and all you girls, I will always protect you all from the opposition!!

Bring on 2012 girls, with some luck I'll be donning the maroon as well!

Bronwyn Bishop (Bron)

New to the club this year, we poached her from Freo! A fierce striker in our squad who always displayed desperation for the ball. The move to Melville has been an upgrade, as we convinced her, through persistent heckling, to convert from her old wooden stick. She's always pumped up and ready to get on that field to take on any opponent.

Grace Bowyer (Gracie)

Another young and upcoming star! Grace is a dedicated player who can easily hold her own against the senior players in our grade. Her commitment has been shown at training this year where she ran herself so hard that she had to vomit! Grace is also a very good ball magnet, unfortunately sustaining quite a few injuries. Gracie has stepped up this year, and shown great improvement throughout the season. We can't wait to see her continue to grow in the years to come!

Tracey Cousens (Squeak)

A new addition to our team this year. You can hear this fiery goaly coming from a mile away as she cranks her heavy metal on the drive to the game. Always positive and a great team player. Squeak has had some great saves this year and we are looking forward to another strong season from her in 2012!

Jeanette Leach (Netty)

Another newbie to the club this year, who fits right in to the Melville lifestyle. Innocent looking girl on the exterior, but on the inside, a tough country, Corrigin girl. Jeanette is all legs and can run til the cows come home. She spends half her time on the ground, slipping over because she's run the soles off her shoes. Always the first one to stick around and have a drink or two after a game or training. Netty loves socialising with the girls and has made many new friends at Melville. We hope to see you again next year.

Britt MacDonald

Britt is one of the stronger members of our team, with the ability to crack hard balls up to the forward line. She links consistently with her surrounding players and together they create a dominating force both offensively and defensively. Her goal shooting has improved this year and that has shown in each game this season. A solid player on and off the ball, Britt stands her ground, she cannot be moved. She is so good she even has her own cheer squad (scrubbers sending encouragement from the sidelines at training and games). In conclusion, "Leave Britney alone!!" (one of many chants devoted to Britt).

Helen Mason

With a strong start to the season, it was unfortunate that Helen was to miss so many games in the middle of the season due to her country prac. In her first game back after her mid-season break, she revealed to us that she had been keeping her fitness up by playing soccer with the cows, resulting in a rather sore and bruised Achilles. Helen has offered determination, strength and agility in the midfield this year and we hope to see more of her in the 2012 season.

Ashleigh McNess (Ash)

Ash is such a solid defender for one of our youngest and newest members to the Willow Bridge Team. She has risen to earn and solidify her spot in the starting line up. Ashleigh is not one to be pushed around and is not afraid to stand her own ground and put her body on the line for the team. She's her own worst critic, always too hard on herself as she consistently plays a controlled and skilled game. We know we'll see you for years to come as you continue to grow and develop into a talented player.

Ladies Willow Bridge League (contd)

Sally Meacock (Sal)

The centre of our team who runs and runs and runs! She can take on anyone – provided they are gluten free! Quite early on in the season, Sally put forward several dates where she was preparing to join a Vietnamese Outlawed Motorcycle Gang. Her initiation didn't go down too well, she resigned from her rebellious life, just a short couple of weeks later, returning to Melville with a burn on her leg. She's still tough to us though, she played hockey with one shin-pad for weeks!

Janelle Miller

Janelle, also sometimes called 'Jeanette,' by accident. One of the younger players in our team, but you wouldn't necessarily be able to pick that because of her skill (and height). Since the start of the season Janelle has continued to grow into a crucial member of the Willow Bridge team. She is a solid player, with a strong hit and a good tackle. She has often saved us from some sticky situations and possible goals in the back line. It's exciting to think a junior club member is playing confidently at this level of hockey! As she continues to develop, her skills can only get better! Janelle is going to be an important driving force in the years to come. Keep up the awesome work!!!

Rebecka Phipps (Bec)

Rebecka is one of our funniest team members. She's got some mad skills but sometimes she needs a little prod to get the fire going! Bec has been a bit of an all rounder this year, mainly situated in the midfield but sometimes having a little run in the forward line, testing her touch at goal scoring! Bec's confidence in her ability has continued to grow this season, resulting in a more composed 'Becksta' who is willing to take on any opponent. Congratulations on a good season Bec!

Kathryn Rule (Mouse)

The mouse of the team who has been our quiet achiever this year. Her strength on the ball and against opponents double her age has grown throughout the season. A new and upcoming future star for the club. Watch this one as her confidence continues to grow!

Kirsten Silvey (Kirst)

Kirst is another youngster of our team but she has more developed skills than most of the older Willow Bridge competitors. If you're an opposing offensive player, Kirst is like a mosquito, she's always hovering around and really annoying! She doesn't stop running until she gets the ball and is frequently winning 'turn overs' with her sneaky tackles. Kirst is strong despite her small stature, stands her ground, often giving opponents a rude awakening once the game begins. She is a player who you can put anywhere on the field, she has an excellent knowledge of the game and positioning and knows how to work on and off the ball. A priceless player and asset to Melville!!!

Megan Silvey (Megs)

The rock of our team. Hates playing fullback, but unfortunately, because she's just amazing, we just can't seem to move her. Her strength, consistency and ability to read play is invaluable in our team. She is always so positive and even though she is one of our youngest, she's our true mother hen. Can't wait to celebrate with you at our windup this year when you will finally be 18!!!! You're amazing Megs!

Elizabeth Stratton (Lizzie)

Our trusty captain! Lizzie has the determination! She has the skill and the knowledge! She has the speed! Lizzie is the one who pulls us all in together and gets us back on track. She feeds us with words of encouragement and keeps us all smiling. She has a cheeky streak in her though, always testing out the flexibility of umpires' decisions with careful prodding and questioning. Luckily, there were only a few green cards this year. It's also really exciting that Lizzie still has skin on her knees at the end of this season, as she usually ends up on the ground several times throughout each match. Well done Lizzie on a great season!

Caitlyn Surman (Chooky)

Another solid year from the Chookster. She has flourished, this year, in the striker role, and scored some specky goals this season. We've all noticed a massive decrease in the sugar intake this season Chooky, is it because you are getting your fix before the game or have you cut down? Chooky is one of those players, like the energiser bunny, who just keeps going, and going, and going! Even if she's sick and can't breathe! She works hard and innocently annoys her opponents. For every season in Willow Bridge, your ability and confidence continues to grow. Well done on a great season Chook!

Ladies Willow Bridge League (contd)

Stacey Tweddle (Stace)

I want the extra small skirt please! She may look sweet and innocent, but if you are one of the opposition and you so much as look at her the wrong way, watch out for those elbows! Stace is one of our toughest players on the team! She sometimes requires a gentle reminder from her team mates that the umpires are not opponents and they have some shiny cards in their pockets. Her aggression, leadership and her 'pep talks' have been a great asset to our team this year.

Sandra Orr (Manager)

Our amazing manager! She keeps us in line every week by making sure we have paid our \$7 and she has a full time job strapping Lizzy's knees! She loves a red wine and a laugh with the girls. Sandra does so much unrewarded work behind the scenes to make sure everything runs smoothly. We are very grateful for all your hard work! We love you Sandra.

Sami Gale (Coach)

Sami has brought a fresh approach to the Top Squad this year. We are lucky to have secured such a young, passionate and committed coach, who has stated, on many separate occasions, that if we ever make it to AHG, she will play for Melville! We've put that in writing now Sami.... so.....

Please sign here _____.

Her honesty and guidance are such fantastic qualities that have been invaluable to the playing group this season, however we aren't sure that all the umpires would agree. We love you Sami and we hope to play with you soon!

A massive thank you to all the other players who have filled in, often with little notice - at the drop of a hat. We really appreciate that you took the time to help us out and consider you all part of our team. Thanks to **Demelza, Sue, Gayzie, Holly, Morgan, Anna and Jess.**



Mens Premier 2

Rich Williams ("The Old Man")

Smithers brought the average age of the team up to 25. With his age he brought an ever-increasing desire for success and the early part of the season proved that. As coach of the 2's this year, he was supportive and tried to instil a strong and cohesive playing group. Rich is regarded as a valuable member of the backline, at training however he had most of the team scratching our heads as to where he was?? The return trip from the snow against UWA saw an injury to Rich's side muscles, must have strained it "skiing". All that aside, it has been a successful year and good to see you put your hand up to coach again!

Patrick Lawther

Alongside Richy in the 2s team, Patty has locked down the fullback role this year - apart from the occasions where, as a credit to him, he was called upon by Pete and the 1s side. He took both roles in his stride and performed extremely well. Patty's recent coming of age has seen him undertake a career change and become a Coolabah Wines specialist, while also undertaking strict fitness regimes to all hours of the morning burning holes in the dance floor at Perth night spots (after games of course). Another member keeping the team's average age below 12, Patty has a huge potential for the future and is an asset to Melville.

Steve Hunter ("Shunter")

One of the squad's two Irish imports for 2011. Shunter has departed our shores back to the mother country to start university, but not before leaving a substantial impact on the club. Foreign players can be a gamble. Luckily for Melville, Shunter's return has been better than a TAB Sports Multi bet. His work rate was a huge asset to the 2s, setting the benchmark for the team with his effort, often after playing a full game with the 1s. However, this stamina was not always transferred off the field as he often needed a nap before getting up to watch champion's league soccer.

Ross Hall

This year Ross was finally able to hand over the baby tag of the group and step into becoming a genuine senior leader of the squad. Ross spent a majority of the games controlling the midfield and attack. He soon found himself a regular part in the ones side. Rather than making the u9s Aussie side like last year, Ross was able to find himself picked in the u16s Australian side which toured South Africa in the middle of the season and I heard that he competed really well. I don't know how, but Ross seems to improve every time he gets onto the park, definitely one to watch in the future. And just an update on those hickeys, I think they have just left his neck.

Kyle McNess ("Killer")

Kyle has had a fantastic year that saw him have a very good pre-season and in 2011 he was selected to be the Captain of the 2's. Starting the year in the half back line, Killer quickly found himself being put up to the forward line where instead of stopping goals he was setting up dangerous attacking plays and putting goals in the back of the net. Killer not only puts in 100% on game day but he has been a leader at training and his work rate and desire has been outstanding all year. Great year Killer, let's hope you're not as whipped next year.

Karl Tulloch ("Karlos")

Never before have I seen every single person (including the coach) stop in the middle of training to watch someone line up for a tomma until Karl came along. But I think the best way to describe his game is a cross between a ninja and Usain Bolt. He can sneak up on a defender, steal the ball, and be 50m down the field before they even turn around. Not to mention his goal scoring ability, as the top scorer in the 2's. The only advice I would give him is to try and turn down the roadrunner legs sometimes, because it can make it hard to do something with the ball when it is 5 metres behind you!

Patrick Welsh ("Your Mate")

With some hard luck off the field in Perth's nightlife, trouble seemed to stalk Patrick even though he never asked for it. He became a 'thug magnet' and much to his annoyance, a situation completely out of his control saw him live up to this reputation and miss the first 6 games due to a tooth misplacement. The Melville boys were happy to welcome Pat into the halfback line in round 7. His excellent disposal and freakish skills saw him be involved in setting up many field goals and evolving into a ball magnet. P-Diddy narrowly missed out on making the WA 21'S state team but NT were quick to swoop on this and he became a valuable inclusion to their side. He has finished the season strongly and has developed a stronger immunity to what hockey and drunken thugs throw at him. Congrats on a fantastic season Patty.

Stu Hennessey

Stuie has only been keeping for a couple of years and had the opportunity to train with the 1s squad this year which has helped him improve exponentially. Stu has the capability to pull off miraculous saves, however due to his ridiculous work hours and consequential consumption of hazardous amounts of redbull and mother, we put these saves down to the fact that his perception of time is most probably 4 or 5 times faster than your average goalie. With more experience every year, Stu will continue to improve and maybe one day actually grow a pair of wings.

Mens Premier 2 (contd)

James Gurbiel

James had a successful 2011 season. Having a strong impact on both the 1's and 2's, Gurbs was potent in the forward line and dynamic in the mid field, as well as defining himself as a team leader. Was unfortunate with a hamstring injury, however recovered to finish the season in fashion. Look forward to seeing him find more of the back of the net next year.

Nick Tate

A skilful and inventive forward who reminds me a lot of Wayne Rooney. Not only does he look like the red devil soccer player but his skills and attitudes are of a similar standard. Early in the season Nick found himself stuck on the 3s but his talent and determination has seen him make the jump to the 2s as well as training with the 1s squad. I hope Nick continues to push himself at training and I'm sure he'll make the jump to the 1s before long. At only 17, Nick has a lot to offer Melville in the future.

Mark Timmel ("Stik")

Stik broke into the side in the second half of the year and hasn't looked back, putting together a string of fine performances at left half. Word going round is that Stik was the main initiator of the Newport brawl; he may not have thrown any punches but anyone with a turbo-cut hairstyle that rivals Rhys Palmer automatically demands attention. Word around Melville has it that Stik also has a right hook like Danny Green (Pat Welsh – take note). Stik's hobbies include heading to Metros, Clubba, Newport and the Kardy, not to mention preaching the Gospel of Turbology. We look forward to Stik helping the team win something his model Rhys Palmer, or the Dockers, haven't – a premiership!

Evan Kelly

Evan can be seen as the silent assassin for the twos team this year. Being the one man wolf pack that he is, Evan goes to work quickly and quietly. Being one of our key men in the midfield his work rate is unquestionable. A purely great bloke on and off the field, you can trust in Evan to have your back in any incident, such as the great name calling incident at UWA part way through the season. From being coached by Evan, to playing along side him, there is never a doubt of his ability. Looking forward to playing alongside him again next season.

Ryan McGeoch ("Gooch")

Ryan, but to all the boys he was known as Gooch. Gooch was a mixed bag this year with a lot of positives. He was in great form with his flicking come mid season and had a great defensive nature. Gooch was a team player, he not only helped the 2s to a successful season but also filled in for the 3s to add some fire power to their corners. With an increase in consistency mixed with his already tenacious on field self, we look forward to watching Gooch in the future.

Tim Geers

Tim undoubtedly has talent, displaying good skills and vision. Able to play most positions on the field, Tim has filled a variety of roles for us this year. Tim's temper has got the better of him on occasions this year and he needs to learn to control this in order to get the best out of himself. Thankfully Tim is young and has time on his side. Look forward to seeing you develop.

Henning Seibel

Who is Henning?? That's a question a lot of people are asked this year.... He is the German import who landed in Melville and left the opposition scratching their heads as he weaved his way through the field with skill, and a really annoyingly effective tackle. You couldn't ask for a more reliable person on or off the field. Henning was a blessing to the club and to the back line this year, and hopefully he might decide to return one day. Congratulations on an awesome season Henning, and good luck with your hockey in the future.

Sam Geers

Sam is one player who no one wants to mess with. Sam is a very skilful player and is an important midfield/striker in our team. Through using his quick skills and being able to get in great positions to receive the ball, Sam would shred other teams apart. Sam has a great attitude to hockey and is a consistent player week in week out. One piece of advice: I hope next year your aim gets better.

Anthony Ricciardone ("Ricca")

Some say he's the wild dog, some say he's next in line as the mafia's "book-keeper" but we know him as BIG RICCA! Ricca's been a top performer for our team with some great seniority and presence on the field. His skills are unmatched and at times can be a game changer. Great season BIGGG RIICCCCAAAA!!!

Mens Premier 2 (contd)

Sean Ranford (“Ramma”)

This petite little strawberry blonde has been the centre of our season’s entertainment! From week to week we were guaranteed to be either shaking our heads in disbelief, laughing at Ramma’s misfortunes, or begging him to stop clogging up our walls on Facebook with his one thousand plus likes..... a week!!

Denver Stove

Denver reminds me of the pet golden retriever I grew up with. He would chase a ball all day long, through thorny rose bushes, in and out of the water with no regard for his own well being..... It was all about getting that ball! As a dog owner this got tiresome after a while, which I am sure is how a lot of opposition forwards feel when they are marked by this man. Denver has the best stopping tackle in the team which has thwarted many attackers in the last line of our defence. Keep working on your distribution and positioning and you will get opportunities at the next level.

Johnson Orr

Johno’s 78th season as manager of the top squad has been another good one. Does the job with his eyes closed and makes coaching a lot more manageable. A huge support as always Johno, thanks very much.

John Hooks

Hooksy’s game day coaching role was a major factor behind the team’s success this year. His ability to analyse the game and make adjustments was of huge benefit. Unfortunately for us Hooksy decided to head back to Scotland in the latter part of the season, hopefully we will see him back at the club one day.

David Orr (“Dirty”)

Stepped up in Hooksy’s absence to run the bench and provide coaching on game day. Dirty has a good hockey brain and his guidance, particularly to the forwards has been fantastic. Dirty has an obvious love for the club and having him involved was greatly appreciated.

A big thanks to **Vickers, Rizza, Matt Bowater, Bryn De Bes, Luigi, Jayben, Jordan, Macca** and **Irish Pete** who all played roles with us at some stage during the season.



Ladies Promotion 2

The 2s has been a very well balanced team. They had an up and down start to the season, but near the end of the first half of the season it started to come together. The team has taken on some changes having players going up to the 1's, but we have been very fortunate to pick up some nice steady players along the way to add to the superb bunch of girls.

The team has formed a good defensive structure and our attack has just improved out of sight. We were just getting in a couple of short corners then we started to get in field goals.

Every player who has played for the 2's has contributed whether it is 5 mins on the turf or 35 mins on the turf. At times we have just had the bare 12 and managed fine. It is an opportunity for players to play out the game even if they walk off the turf tired; they know they have played a game of hockey. At 2's level there has still been pressure but players are still able to learn and improve their skills in every aspect. Even one game against UNI ASSOC we were defeated badly and yet the team still played as a team and it was not totally a game of defensive play by us. The score didn't reflect the challenge we put to them.

This bunch of girls has been a joy to be a part of.

Anna Belford

Anna played seven games with the 2's before flying out to the USA for 12 months. Her dedication to the team was unquestionable, so much so that she came to one game 2 hrs after a night in hospital with concussion!

Sarah Billingham (Billy)

Billy has worked tirelessly as right inner through the season. She has combined well with Sue (RH) and all the other forwards. Her stick work is something to watch and when she takes on the opposition look out. Always encouraging at training and on game day. She has loved the after game get togethers.

India Brockman

It was good to be able to call on Indi. She certainly slotted in nicely. Has a good eye, nice relaxed player and was able to play in a number of positions which was a great help.

Madelaine Brockman (Maddie B)

She wasn't sure at first if she was ready to come up. Had one game with us as a fill in and I think she liked it because she made the move to come and play with the 2's and hasn't looked back. She has filled our sweeping FB position alongside Gaye with ease and to think she is only 16. She plays like someone with an older head on her shoulders. Cool and calm under pressure.

Susan Clark (Sue/Suzie)

A truly very hard worker. Sue started the season at CH but just ran toooooo much off line, so threw her into RH and she never looked back. Has proved to be a great link with Morgan at RW and between them both have perfected the set up in the corner of the field. Sue just keeps giving at all times and is a very good team player both on and off the field.

Madeleine Dawe (Maddie D)

OUR PHYSIO as it has turned out, but that is not all she has contributed to the team. Has played at CF and is a hard worker putting pressure on the opposition. Has great movement in the forward line. It has been a real joy having the likes of Maddie join the 2's. She has combined so well with the other forwards.

Demelza Dravnieks (DEE Captain)

Demelza underestimates her own ability. She is a great asset to any team she plays in. Not the shrinking violet she was a few years back. She didn't think she was doing enough at CH through lack of fitness, but played Dee at FB against Rockingham and she quickly realised she was more than capable at CH. "One for the coach!"

Lauren Ferguson

Lefty, good solid, works hard. Lauren is a very handy player to have in any side. Listens and learns. She is a good team player who loves to improve. Holds back at times, but needs to believe she is capable/good enough. "And there is still a chance for 1's!"

Gaye Glaskin

Gaye has been another great asset to have in the 2's. Has the ability to play forward, HB or FB. We needed her to run as the high striking FB, has done a great job, but is sweating on a run on the forward line. Plays hard and gives 100% at all times. Has swapped to RH at times to give Sue a break/rest or we need to pull the reigns in on Sue. Age has no barriers.

Ladies Promotion 2 (contd)

Britt MacDonald

Britt has been moved between 1's and 2's. Came down to us as FB and I played her there but it was not her position that she liked or looked comfortable at. Played her at RH and she has just blossomed. She has listened and embraced how I needed her to play for the benefit of the team. She has also had a run at RW and other positions on the forward line due to players being away or injured. She has become my ruck rover with her versatility. "Just not a FULLBACK!"

Holly Menegola

Holly has fitted in very nicely with the 2's. She continues to improve with every game. Has a strong positive voice for calling where she wants the ball and is not afraid to give it a red hot go. I like the way she has come into the side and taken the position of LH and has had some very strong opposition to deal with. Player of the future.

Janelle Miller

Janelle started the season in the 2's at high FB before making her way into the 1's. She is capable of strong play into the RH position. A little more lightness of feet in her close marking contests will see her develop even further.

Jessica Mincham

Jess started out with the 1's, then went on holidays for quite a while, so on her return has been playing with the 2's. She has adapted well to our style and is becoming an asset around the goals and on the forward line. Her leading and back-up has been of value to the forwards. I am very pleased with Jess's progress and she has adapted well to whatever position I put her in.

Kathryn Rule

Kathryn has played a handful of games with us. Taken up to the 1's. When she did play she was strong and sure of herself in taking on the opposition. She doesn't panic and looks before passing the ball. She is strong and composed over the ball and has good anticipation.

Ashleigh Sperinck

Ash has improved so much from the start of the season. She is working very hard at training and it is showing on game day. Her calling and positioning is improving with every game. Ash was unlucky not to make the U/21's but with more work and fitness she will give it a good shake next year.

Melissa Wales

Young Little Mel. Started out as FB because of calf problems, then we fell short of forwards so switched Mel to LW. Well she blossomed. Danced around the opposition, knocked over, bounced back up, missed some goals, then Kapow!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Started putting them into the back of the net. She has adapted well to LW and combining with the other forwards.

Morgan Woodforde

Morgan has come up from the 3's and has adapted well to right wing. Morgan has been a big asset for the 2's and has worked very hard to improve her skills and team play. She and Sue have been magnificent on the right side and set up some good moves into the circle. Missed a few games with other commitments

Thanks must also go to **Tracey Cousens, Allison Hall, Jeanette Leach, Helen Mason, Rebecca Phipps, and Megan Silvey** who stepped in, sometimes at very short notice, when the 2s team numbers were short. The support and commitment of these girls to their club was outstanding.



Mens Premier Alliance

In 2011, we have seen the dream team re-unite after a long summer of way too many beers and too much Christmas Pudding. With the introduction of new players, this team has played a very solid year. Clubs fear playing the “dream team” and the games are always followed by a few beers to refresh Ramma on how many goals he missed or who is getting the highest dream team points. It has been a very good year and I would like to thank all the boys on their efforts and I look forward to hopefully holding another flag with all of you.

Mathew Bowater

Mathew “turbo” Bowater has had a very good season this year. Playing in the forward line he has been one of our top goal scorers. Matt loves to have a good cherp to the umpires every now and then, which amazingly sees him run more than 20 metres. Matt has been a valuable part of this team. Thanks for the great season, Your Turboligist.

Hamish Burton

Hammer time has had a solid year playing in between his body building comps. This guy has been our solid left half. Hammer is not only a great hockey player but can probably bicep curl more than fellow team mate Mathew Bowater. Hammer always gives 100%. Thanks for a great season!

Jason De Wind

Firstly I would like to thank him for his role as manager at the start of the session before he decided to go and play for another club. Jas is great to watch, often getting fired up when he missed a goal or trap or hears that Port Adelaide are getting beaten. We will miss you Jas thanks for all the effort!

Ash Ellis

The goal keeper. This guy is as useful as a garbage bin, but you love to hate him. One of the nicest blokes I know and is always trying 100 percent. When Ash wasn't here he was in Europe chasing girls but we won't speak about their ages. If Ash isn't in his net attempting to make saves, he's at the Deen. Great year Ash.

Christopher Geers

The coach. Chris has lead the boys in to battle this year and has been a great asset to the team. Chris spends more energy having a chat to the umpire than trying to run back in defence. If you can't find him he's usually sitting on the bench trying to get some air in his lungs or standing beside his mate Matt on the spot looking to cherry pick goals. On a better note thanks for coaching this year greatly appreciate it.

Nicholas Geers

Nick “fragile” Geers. I don't think I have ever seen a bloke get injured more times in a season. Nick's season has been short and painful as he has been injured for most the season, but when playing he has shown his strength even though he's skinny and as tall as a garden gnome. The opposition underestimate him and he takes full advantage using his skill. I'm thinking a very high protein diet and possibly borrowing some weight from your older brother will help with next season.

Stephen Gibson

Gibbo has come in to the team after Chris knew this guy could run about 100 kilometres more than him. Gibbo is a very strong basic player who has great skills. Chris is always happy to see you when he's about to go into cardiac arrest after running for just over 2 minutes and needs a break. Great season mate.

Jayben Lister

Jayben is probably the quietest bloke on the team. He has played as a full back this season and has had a fantastic year. Jayben obviously has an Xbox and plays a lot of FIFA as he loves the slide tackle and I don't know how he hasn't caused any serious injuries yet. Great season mate!

Daniel McEntee

Daniel “whipped” McEntee. This bloke doesn't play anything but left wing and if you even go to walk over to his wing you will either cop a stick to the head or be told where to go. Half way through the season he decided to take his girlfriend on a romantic holiday to Europe for 6 weeks. Dan has played a big part this season, not only on the field but as a leader. His knowledge and skill has been great all season. Thanks for the season mate.

David Ogden

Oggy the rock full back...who loves to run. This bloke is one of a kind. He is the hardest working full back I know. I get tired watching him chase balls and work back. Oggy has been a great asset to the team this year with his leadership skills and his positive attitude and surprising us with new tattoos. One of the nicest blokes I know and great to play along side, even if his hair, colour, style changes on a weekly basis.

Mens Premier Alliance (contd)

Jerome Paz

Jerome "I should play netball" Paz. Like his friend, Nick Geers, these two have been on the side lines with injuries. Jerome has missed a major part of the season but has played a few solid games in the forward line and half back line. Jerome is a great bloke to play with when he isn't complaining about his injuries or hair. Rumours have it the Melville netball team are looking for a GA and we have phoned and told them Jerome will be at their pre-season next year.

Sean Ranford

Ramma lamma ding dong what a bloke! If there was a hockey dream team you would want this bloke as your captain each week. He is not only the work horse of this team but the best looking as well. Ramma has shown great skill through the mid-field and as a striker this year and when he's not cutting through defenders like sliced bread, he's working back trying to help his fellow team members. Great year from the strawberry blonde.

Andrew Ricciardone

Luigi has been our attacking weapon this year, almost about to take over the lead for highest goal scorer. His ability to run at full pace and carve up the opposition, and to hit goals is something to admire. Great season this year. Look forward to seeing you hit plenty of goals in our finals campaign.

Nicholas Tate

One of the junior kids in the team. This kid has so much potential it's not funny. He started the year strong and his performances have continued just as well to date. With more experience this kid is going to be one to watch. Many will be mistaking him for Wayne Rooney as he looks like his twin brother and can hit crazy goals. Nick is not only one of the youngest, but has the ability to grow one of the most disgusting beards I've seen. Wondering why he's still single. We can only shake our heads. Great season bud!

Mark Timmel

Stickyyy.. where to start with this turbo. Firstly he supports West Coast, but I guess his sour taste in supporting such a rubbish team contradicts his hockey. Stick started the season in the 3's and when they finally realised this bloke that weighs 20 kilos can do more than drink litres of export, he was rushed in to the 2's line up where he has been playing great hockey. Mark is a hard working player who attacks the ball hard and always gives his best. All the best for future years and I hope the Eagles get flogged in the finals.

Ryan Vickery

Vickers is the second of our young attack and boy does this boy have some skill. Opposition often underestimate that kid and are left in his wake. Vickers has a very bright future ahead of him and with focus and determination I will no doubt be watching him climb the grades like a koala climbs a tree? haha. Great season buddy.

Would just like to thank all the 2's and 4's players who have stepped in this year. There are too many to mention, but you are greatly appreciated, thanks boys.



Mens Provisional 1 & 4

“Build it and they will come”

After a few years of debate about creating a fifth men’s turf team, the club finally listened to Kevin Costner and by all accounts it has been a great success. The availability of more turf places has attracted some really talented players who are new to the club and created space for some stalwarts who have been close to selection for a couple of years.

In another new development we also had one of the club veterans volunteer to coach our motley crew. Thanks heaps to Jenno Snr for taking on the responsibility for running training and coaching the Prov 1s on game day. Within just a week you managed to achieve the one thing that everyone before you had found impossible - having Mini Jenno be at training on time.

Also a big thank you to Cameron Porter and AJ Wragg who have taken on managing and leadership duties throughout the season - you guys are the ones who really make the teams work and all your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Early on it was decided to operate both the Prov 1’s and Prov 4’s as a single squad and both teams have had a reasonably successful season. It seems 2011 was the year of travel for the squad with both teams being constantly interrupted by people taking long term trips to far off places such as Europe, America, South Korea, and Adelaide. As it stands today the Prov 4’s are likely grand final contenders and the Prov 1’s still have a chance of making the finals if we can put on a couple of strong performances.

Michael Jensen (Jenno Snr)

After a couple of years of frustration watching our games from the sideline, Jenno decided he’d had just about enough and was going to step in and sort us out. He then set in place a clinically diabolical plan to mould us into a well-oiled machine through a program of soul-destroying exercise and complex drills. This plan was swiftly adapted in the first 10 mins after discovering we struggled to run around the block and that no one could understand any exercise that involved more than one cone. But he persevered and helped put together two passable seasons that were somewhat restricted due to ongoing changes in personnel.

Johnathan Colgan (Taps)

A new addition to our squad this year, Jon was a handy addition to our forward lines. Throughout the season Jon demonstrated some real versatility with outstanding games in both the forward line and the midfield. Towards the end of the season he has also become a real danger in front of goals.

Simon Carnevale (Chilli!!!)

That’s Chilli!!! with three !!!’s. We have Simon in a FOFI roster, on the weeks that we don’t need him he’s allowed to go do some work on the mines then we fly him back for the real important matches. Simon demonstrated early on that if you don’t do any pre-season and just roll up for the first game, then you WILL play rubbish, but after a little bit of practice his touch came back and he has been a solid contributor throughout the season.

Stephen Criddle (Goal Sneak)

After rolling up on Week 2, Cridds spent the early part of the season training with the squad, waiting in the wings for a game. Before long the call-up came and Steve didn’t waste the opportunity. It’s fair enough to say he’s not the most graceful forward you’ve ever seen but he made an impact where it matters...on the scoreboard! Steve is an outstanding example of perseverance and reminds us all that we should play because we love it.

Neil Ferguson (Fergie)

Neil had a great pre-season but almost seemed surprised when this resulted in being selected to start for the Prov 4’s team. He has been a strong reliable force in the team all year with his solid defence and mid-field distribution providing a great foundation for the outstanding season this team has had. Fergie is also generally just a great bloke, he’s always willing to participate and work hard - it’s a pleasure having you around mate.

Andrew Fry (Burt)

After Fry rocked up to pre-season with a beard, AJ decided that Fry had a very strong resemblance to the movie star Burt Reynolds, and spent the rest of the season trying to get this nick-name to stick. Apart from his devilish good looks, Fry has been a very vital part of the 5’s team. He has often had to hold down the defence on his own as the other fullback wandered up the field to more of a full-forward position, leaving Fry to be the brick-wall at the 25 line. Fry did this admirably and was a large contributor to the +70 goal difference by ensuring there’s not very many in the “Against” column. Great season Fry.

Mens Provisional 1 & 4 (contd)

Nicholas Geers (Unavailable)

I think Nick has played more games with the Prov 1s this season than any other team - a grand total of about 4. It's fair to say his name is now synonymous with the term 'Unavailable' as this is where his name has appeared most in 2011. A steady series of injuries have seriously restricted this dynamic mid-fielder and this has probably been to our benefit, in that he plays with us half-crippled rather than in a higher grade. Even with only one working arm and one working leg, Nick is still one of the most skillful and composed men on the field and always lifts the standard of the whole team.

Zane Hill (Cypress)

Zane has been a very talented player over the past few years and this year has been no different. Throughout the year, he has played very well on the wing and inner for the 5's team with good enthusiasm and a great athletic base. Zane's aggression throughout the year cannot be questioned with him being on the receiving end of a lot of verbal abuses from the opposition after they have copped his stick to the back of their head.

Kyle Jamieson

K-Jam came back this year after most of 2010 spent traveling the world and getting fat and slow. Despite being the most unfit player at pre-season Jamo hadn't lost any of his skills and was able to make an impact from the very start, and as the weeks went by Jamo's fitness returned and he was clearly one of our most important players. With magic skills, great work ethic and a willingness to step up and provide leadership to the team, Jamo has grown as a player throughout 2011 and has now become a player who can turn games, taking charge when things aren't going our way and changing the result. Jamo also got the opportunity to start providing this contribution to the 3s, and both teams have missed him since he went back overseas for the last few weeks. A great season mate, come back soon.

Matthew Jensen (mini)

FINALLY! Mini Jenno has arrived! This has been a seminal season for the young gorilla and he has really started to back up his good skills with hard work and consistency. Jenno has been one of our most reliable inside forwards and has begun to regularly make an impact on the scoreboard. Jenno is the only person I've ever heard complain about the USA because it was "too hot" - you're from Western Australia! But we're glad he didn't decide to stay there because we really missed him on the field while he was away. Great having you in the team.

Harrison Love

Harry is one of the revelations of 2011 that the new turf team has uncovered. After some time away from the game, Harry put his hand up for a return to the field and immediately cemented his place as the Prov 4's centre forward. But as is often the way with young talent, Harry's season has been as much defined by his off-field antics as those on. He missed many games due to crazy excuses like 'work' and 'I lost my licence', but when he has been able to make it Harry has been a fun and skillful member of the team. We look forward to a more regular contribution from the big man in 2012.

Alex Lynch

Our fourth goal-keeper of the season, Alex is extremely reliable - he is the one team member that can always be counted on to be there week-in-week-out, rain hail or shine, often playing two games a weekend to cover for injuries and absences. Alex, your contribution throughout the year has been greatly appreciated and your skills as a goalkeeper have also come on in leaps and bounds - we've even started to see some MAGIC! Our full-backs have assured me they were only letting those guys through to make sure you got some practice...otherwise they would have stopped them, honest.

Alex Macleay (Zander)

Alex is a very talented and tall man and he has used those skills throughout the year to cement his spot as an inner/wing in the 5's team. AJ decided early on that he had a striking resemblance to the TV star Zachery Levi, and spent most of 2011 trying to get the nickname Chuck to stick. It has only caught on with a few team members however AJ is still hoping next year he will be known as Chuck. Did we mention he was tall?... got long arms too...and those legs...reow.

Alex Wragg (Super coach)

After having the first few weeks off at the start of the season due to injury, AJ was convinced, by a very persuasive Walshy, to coach the 5's team on game day. He has relished this opportunity with the 5's team on the top of the ladder and a strong chance to be in the grand final. His hockey skill has also been very helpful this year with him being second on the goal scoring list for the 5's and also being one of the leading goal scorers for the 4's as well. His ability to play 2 entire games a weekend is a true show of his athletic ability and determination to strive to do his best, while also being universally well-liked, good looking and irresistible to the ladies. Keep up the great work Super coach; we are honoured to walk in the shadows of your greatness.

PS. He also writes a good year book profile.

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Griffin Thomas (ffriGin)

Griff has been a very welcome new recruit to the club this year and has proven to be a very handy inclusion in both teams. Griff helped form the core of the regular Prov 4's team, although no one is ever quite sure exactly which position it is that he's playing. When asked he kind of waves his arm in a gesture that takes in most of the field as if to say "you know...out there.... idiot". Griff's skill and confidence on the ball really helped control the flow of the game and turn them in our favour. It's just as well he knows pretty much what he's doing, because he's going to do whatever he thinks is best anyway. Griff will also be remembered for making at least one opposition team cry "...it's not fair! You guys are too good to be in our grade..." after putting in yet another awesome drag-flick short corner.

Jackson Thomas (One Leg)

Jackson was our other key power recruit, joining with his brother Griff a game or two into the season. Just like his brother, Jackson has fit in very well to the squad and the club, and we're delighted to have him. He is definitely the quiet assassin and his ability to hold the structure of the team together throughout the game while also making drives through the centre of the field has been a key asset to the team. He has also used his insight into the game to help AJ coach the 5's side. Welcome to the club Jax, great to have you guys on board.

Christopher Morrison (Lex)

Chris is now becoming one of the elder statesmen of the squad. He has been a solid rock in the Prov 1's team this year, screaming orders from fullback and controlling the halves with aplomb, and when that all fails he steps up to let the opposition forwards know how it's going to be. It is not just Chris' skills and physical strength that define his contributions, he is also a real motivator and ambassador for team spirit. Chris not only played every Prov 1 game, but he was also there to support the Prov 4s most weeks either from the sideline or by stepping onto the field as needed. Chris, you are a legend...but seriously - get a haircut.

Jonathon Palmer (Mrs)

Jonno is yet another of our team who decided it was acceptable to put international travel above his hockey, and we lost him for a number of games in the middle of the season. Jonno carried good form from the end of the 2010 season into 2011 and carried on as a strong member of the Prov 4's forward line. Jonno was immediately selected for Prov 1s on his return from holidays and after playing an absolute blinder was still heard to plead "Can I please go back to 5's?!".

Barney Skeggs (Forgetful)

Barney is another one of the new boys to the squad this year and his contribution, when he decides to turn up, has been one that has proven very useful to the teams. Barney's insight into the game is one of the best ones going around and he uses it on the field in a very handy way. If he could only use that hockey brain to remember his gear every week instead of missing warm up to go home to either get his top or shorts.

Cameron Porter (Rage)

One of the old stallions in the stables, though he certainly doesn't show it. He is out there keen as mustard every week to run himself into the ground for the team. Cam is a new-age sensitive guy and is never afraid to let his emotions show through - particularly after an opposition player whacks him in the head with their stick. He also decided to take on the managerial rolls for the 4's team again and I think this has aged him several years trying to organise umpiring.

Steven Walsh (No I don't qualify for Vets)

Being the eldest player to grace the field for the 4's team, this war horse has had to play in a new role for the end of the year. He has had to change from a goal sneak on the wing to a rock at left half. He has relinquished the role of squad coach to Jenno this year, yet his motivational speeches before the games always provide some inspiration to get the boys focused. Regardless of his own playing role, Walshy is never shy about letting you know when you need to pull your finger out.

Mitch Welten (Dexter)

After Jono had to miss a few weeks with work commitments, the captaincy was passed onto Mitch. We are still uncertain if this was a good move seeing as he has failed to win one toss. However his fitness has been surprisingly good as he had very little pre season and due to work commitments he is unable to train during the week. He has used his great fitness base in his favour having to play mostly in the midfield for the 5's team and he has proven to be very useful throughout the season. Mitch has a quiet cool exterior, but in a 'closet serial killer' kind of way...we're all waiting for the day he explodes, or we see his house raided on the news!

Mens Provisional 1 & 4 (contd)

Brad Wake (Striker)

Brad is one of the unsung heroes of MCHC, in addition to his efforts on the field for the grass teams and in the background of a number of the club's administrative functions, Brad this year added playing duties for the turf sides. Regularly playing 2 games a weekend for Prov 4s and Metro 1s, Brad frustrated the attack of many teams by holding down the last line of defence, but he has much more impact being the 'General' and marshalling the action further up the field.

James Welten (Wingman)

Jimmy is another extremely passionate member of our team, and can never do enough for anyone on or off the field. Jim is a genuinely good guy and takes great pride in his hockey as with everything else he does, Jimmy brings his "A" game every week and never stops running and working for the team regardless of what else is going on around him.

Liam Woodward

Liam talks...a lot. For those who know him this isn't new information, but for some of our new team mates it may have taken a bit of getting used to. But once you get past this rather quirky obsession you get to know another one of our rock solid defenders. Whether in training or games Liam treats every tackle as if it is the game saving tackle...and for any forward who thinks they can get away without wearing shin-pads then Liam is the man to set them straight. Liam's precision diving tackles are becoming legendary in the grade.

Joel Yates

Joel is another new recruit for 2011 and has settled in to the club and the squad with ease. He has helped to lift the average age of the team significantly, and his workman-like style sets a great example for some of the younger players. Joel combines a good feel for the game with solid skills and hard work making him a more effective player than some of his more 'flashy' counterparts. Joel also got significant grief from his teammates for having to 'check with the Mrs' on numerous occasions...I'm pretty sure they're just jealous.

Jason Tate

Jason is another of the new young members of the squad, plying his trade at wing and inside forward for both teams throughout 2011. Jason has steadily improved over the past year and will continue to develop into a strong player and leader of the future. Given he generally couldn't play on Sundays, his opportunities to do embarrassing things worthy of write-up have been limited. Watch out at the wind-up Jase - we haven't got you to do enough stupid things yet!

A huge thanks also to the many others who have made contributions on the field throughout the season (would have written you all write-ups but these things take bloody ages!):

Marcus Radunovich

Ashley 'Cheesecake' Ellis

Daniel Scott

Aren Gissing

Joshua Clarey

Stephen Gibson

Jayben Lister

Campbell Love

Jerome Paz

Joshua Antoncich

Luke Antoncich

James Pickering



Womens Provisional 1

Another year, another group of girls ready to play under the wicked task master. Good to see so many of the girls from last year remain committed to the team, and with a few added youths we approached the year with high hopes and the willingness to learn. However, the season started similar to last year, with many close calls resulting in losses to teams we would have beaten on our day and a few less than pleased people in the camp. From here, I am loath to admit, the girls had little hope of making finals. But as the second round of games has come around, we look to be a far better side. We have mixed it with the top couple of teams exceptionally, narrowly avoiding a win over top placed Uni in one of our better performances. Our appreciation of the need to keep the ball in the attacking half, maintain possession and use quick passing has gotten us to this level, and I am astounded by some individual and team performances over the year.

A few thanks... firstly to Nicola our outstanding manager - we couldn't have been as organised without her. Also to our juniors and fill-ins: **Amy Fullarton, Holly Menegola, Rhianna Clay, Maddy Brockman** and **Marion Vince**; thank you for making up the numbers throughout the year. Lastly to the girls; thank you for such a great time over the last two years. I have enjoyed seeing you progress individually and as a group and I hope you continue to do so in the future.

Kathryn Atkinson (Special K)

Big-hitting Special K has a wealth of hockey experience and is a key player in the team. Her loud voice coming from the back encourages everyone to follow suit and control the play. She has moderated her big hits into more accurate positional play and passing this year and has been a real asset.

India Brockman (Hobble)

One of our junior rope-ins, Indi was conned into being a regular team member early in the season. Quite a ball magnet, she has had a few injuries, but her work rate has been exceptional when she has been on the pitch. She has the potential to be a key position player, whether it be at center forward or full back. Good work Numpty!

Rhianna Clay

Rhi has filled-in for a number of games despite the pressure of juniors and senior high school. She has a good instinct for the ball and a great pace – definitely one to watch for the future.

Sarah Coggan

Sarah finally got to play Inner this year due to a few positional adjustments in the team and after begging me over and over again. Probably should have been playing there last year as her skill on the ball and her ability to drive forward then come back and defend are exceptional.

Brianna Coleman (Bree)

Utility player stepping up from juniors. Whether it's in the forward line or giving the half backs a rest, Bree fits in to the line-up with ease. Being fitter and stronger over the ball could see her progress to the next level.

Georgia Gibson (G)

Georgia got trialled in a few positions this year and with an increase of fitness (probably all that police academy training had a helping hand there) she has held her own wherever she played. Needs to just work on her passing and vision when she has the ball and would be a welcome contributor to top squad next year.

Jaime Greenacre

MIA to Europe and skipped half the season but was a pleasure to have her when available. Probably the best left half I have ever seen (male or female), Jamie has the ability to work back in deep defence whilst still being able to set up attacking play. Should be a role model for all juniors progressing to seniors in the future.

Jaimee Hadley

Our hockey player turned gymnast turned hockey player. The girls all feared doing the running at training against Jaimee due to her amazing pace. She has the ability to drive the ball up the line but having more aggression and strength over the ball would see her become a great player.

Allison Hall

The voice of experience in the team (many times pointing out thing I have missed), Alli has better fitness than many players half her age. She's a work horse who never gives up, although the lack of effort by others can really frustrate her (especially umpires). Her aggression then transfers into her play and her ability to take the ball off opposition defenders is second to none.

Chantelle Jamieson

Chantelle has progressed a long way this year. The transition from right to left side is hard for many players but she has made it look ridiculously easy. Her ability to run the ball up the line leaves my heart in my mouth at times but she more often than not manages to give it to our players. You should be proud of everything you have achieved this year.

Womens Provisional 1 (contd)

Tearne Latham (Big T)

Wow. There are simply no words to describe how far this girl has progressed over the year. With her confidence increasing every game, Big T has become one of our most important players this year. The scary thing is she still has more that she can achieve. Watch out top squad, the goalie in pink is coming....

Vanessa Martin

The quiet type. Ness is a solid contributor in defence. She is barely sighted... until she lays a crushing tackle on the attacker and clears the ball out of defence. She is another player who could use a little bit more confidence in her own ability and could easily take a stronger leadership role within the team.

Rebecca Oakey (Mrs)

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Bec went off and got married this year and since we can't spell her surname we stuck to calling her Oakey. Took two honeymoons this year so we missed her but she was a calming influence in the midfield when we had her around. The only thing left for her now is to learn how to dominate the game and she will be an outstanding contributor to top squad next year.

Ulrike Papendieck (German)

Our token German who took a quarter of a season to find, played a quarter with us then hit the back pack trail, only to come back again....

Denby Russell

When she isn't busy getting photos taken in nightclubs, working, or being a cripple, Denby decides that she might just grace us with her presence. With a little more fitness work she could be a dominant forward, and with a little more make-up she could be put on the club website.

Marion Vince (Maz)

Casually started as a fill-in and became a regular player. Marion is always a solid contributor and drives the ball exceptionally well for a center forward. May have shown her a few little tricks to help her eliminate defenders and better use her pace so watch out defenders!

Cindy Walker

Cindy is a strong leader, always making the effort to put her body (or face) on the line in games and at training. Carrying on her form from last year, she has made the important tackles in defence time and time again. One word of advice... don't miss pre-season to go to South Africa again. First games back hurt.

Elizabeth Woodberry (Liz)

Another wow. Maybe even a WOWWEEE. Liz has progressed further this year than I believed was possible. Last year she was a solid contributor... this year she was regularly in the votes. Her ability to use the ball effectively, make those important defensive tackles and get carded has been a pleasure to watch this year. She is another role model to younger players in the team.

David Ogden

Super coach with a passion for fitness, making the team alternately love and hate coming to training. Dave has sacrificed his aspirations to play higher level hockey so he can coach the girls and has put in an amazing effort to ensure that he provided training sessions to suit all levels of player, and regardless of however many showed up to each session. He has been a keen and committed clubman for many years, putting in time and energy beyond our expectations – remember he is only 19! Thanks Dave, for all your hard work and energy – it has been very VERY much appreciated.

Nicola Ogden

Committed to not only the team but the club, Nic has been an amazing manager over the past few years. She has done everything from sending out the near daily email (which does get slightly frustrating at times), to arranging fill-ins for games and bringing down the ever present lollies. She has kept me back from king hitting a few retarded umpires this year and always is as much a valuable participant in the team as the best player. If there was a medal of honor for Melville, she should get one.

Womens Provisional 2 Gold

We have had a wonderful season together as a team. Everyone has contributed to the success of this team in one way or another. There is always keen attendance at training so as to make the starting line-up on the weekend. Gerard has put us through our paces and made sure that each of us has had his share of badgering at training. During his absence on a much deserved holiday with his wife, we had Craig training us. He brought us some fine tuning on stick skills and some solutions to tough situations working out of defence. Many thanks to both Gerard and Craig for giving up their valuable time to train us this year.

Krystle Biffin

Krystle has had a solid year of hockey. Her strength and determination in the defensive line-up has been inspirational. She has lead the team not only as captain but as fitness coach and done a terrific job. Krystle has given up a huge amount of time this year at MCHC not only as a player but as a coach and this has seen her really develop as a player this year.

Brianna Coleman

What a wonderful hockey player Bri is and such a delightful person. We have enjoyed having her play for us in the later part of the season. She has fitted in well and given us her full focus and effort. Bri is a player to watch in the future!

Deb Crompton

Deb has had a steady year with a few minor hiccups along the way - sprained ankle and a nicely bruised face! Deb continues to give every effort on the field and has seen a number of positions this year.

Emma Douglas (Lightning bolt)

Emma was a new player this season and was initially quite shy...but it didn't take long for her to become involved in the club and team. She quickly became a popular team member. Emma is like a bolt of lightning and never seems to run out of puff. She has pushed herself all season and continues to improve and advance her hockey skills. Emma is an awesome hockey player, a fantastic team member and a great friend to have around.

Rachel Green

Rachel is a no nonsense girl. She is a strong, defensive player who is hard to get past. Rachel has showed huge improvements over the season.

Claire Hadley

Our reliable right half. Claire has settled into this position well. She is always stopping the opposition in their tracks down the wing. Claire has missed playing with her sister, Jaimee, however this year she has really got to shine on her own. Well done Claire on a solid year.

Kylie Hankinson

Kylie is our trusty Goalie who has an uncanny knack at playing a brilliant game, even when she is unwell. Kylie has played some outstanding games this year for us and we have seen her at her near full potential.

Courtney Jesinowski

Another fantastic import from the Eastern States, Brisbane must be short on good hockey players after our successful drive this year. We are very lucky Courtney started renting around the corner as we nearly lost her to Fremantle but luckily the turf looked too inviting. She has been a very solid inner and half back this season filling in where necessary. We have really missed her on occasions when her work commitments have interfered with her game. (damm snotty kids). Look forward to next season Courtney.

Sarah King

Sarah has an exceptional, wicked undercut hit. She has great stick skills and is able to work herself out of a difficult tackle. Sarah has had a great year and continues to develop good hockey skills.

Shannan Kuun

Shannan was new to us this year and we were so lucky to have such a terrific person join our team. She is a delightful girl who plays damn good hockey. Shannan was always the first to give positive feedback to everyone. It was sad to see her leave us towards the end of the season but we wish her luck in her future. Come back one day Shannan!

Tearne Latham

Tearne filled in for us when Kylie was unavailable as Goalie. She is a young lass with huge talents as a goalie. She played some terrific games for us and kept each of us on our guard.

Alecia McCall

Alecia is one hardworking woman! Her work committments don't allow her to attend full trainings however once she arrives she gives 150% effort. She is a solid defender with good skills and difficult to beat to get into the circle. It is fantastic to have you in the 4s Alecia! Your contribution to the team has been invaluable.

Womens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Sandra Orr (Noisy!)

Our trusty fullback, Sandra was always helpfully vocal on the field and very strong on the ball. Strikers tearing down the field on the break-away would often falter, metres before her, and that was just from the intensity of her stare. "Melville GET BACK" will ring in all our ears as that was Sandra's signature call. Sandra unfortunately suffered a nasty calf tear mid-season but made it back to finish the end of the season.

Shailey Rushton

Shailey has been an awesome player for us this season, sitting high on the wing. She has had plenty of great shots on goal, however the ball always seems to reach her spot on the post when she is on the bench. Receiving a black eye from Sarah at training was probably the low point of the season, along with turning 18 a few days after the pub crawl. A great season in the seniors.

Marion Vince

Marion is fast and skilled. She just needs to be more confident with own skills and run towards open goals and stop lying down in front of them (Haha). Marion has truly shone in our team and we are all more than happy for her to do all the running and tricky manoeuvres in front of the goals so we can get our breath back. Marion is going to be a player to watch at Melville in the future. We wish her every success.

Allison Wheatley (Shiner)

This year Alli was a real utility player - she managed to play just about every position on the field (and played them all well). Very strong in defence but menacing in attack - one of the team's highest goal scorers! Allison won the prize for the most visible injury of the season, after headbutting her own ball and consequently developing a shiner so big you'd think she had been in a street fight. Top season Allison!

Susan Wilson

Sue has had a wonderful season of hockey this year. Her experience has paid huge dividends in contributing to the team's overall success. We congratulate Sue on her selection in to the Master's Over 45s team and wish her luck for the Nationals coming up soon in Perth.

We wish to thank those players who assisted us: **Jaimee Hadley** and **Cat Zylberberg**, during injury or holiday absences.

Melville 4 girls would also like to thank the President, Steve, and Vice President, Nicola, and Committee members for all of their hardwork this year in running a professional hockey club. In addition, the bar and kitchen staff who have provided us with delicious food and drinks over the season.



Womens Provisional 3 Gold

It has been an interesting year with a couple weeks before the season starting it looked as though we wouldn't have a goal keeper and we just had numbers. As the season was ready to kick off we had a few more girls come out of the wood work to bolster numbers... but still had to "borrow" a keeper in our first game. Lucky for us Flick bought her friend Jen along and she put her hand up. By then our numbers had swollen to about 15 or 16, and with no injuries it was "interesting" running the bench. The season settled and we had the odd girl missing here and there so numbers settled, and then thru the middle a few decided to head south, east, "somewhere" for the winter and we had a couple of weeks with 10 girls (great effort to the girls who played out those games).

Chloe Corsini

Chloe is a skilled, reliable team mate. She knows how to read the field and uses this ability to position herself where she's needed most. Chloe is a very good listener, when we were trying to play in a certain manner she persisted, where others didn't quite understand what we as a team were trying to achieve. A great quality as this is the only way the girls learning the game will continue to grow.

Stephanie Dsouza

Steph played most of the year at inside forward where she had the high work rate that the position requires. It got a bit harder for her with shin soreness slowing her down as the season progressed. It was noticeable that Steph became stronger over the ball as the year wore on and opposition teams found it harder to dispossess her.

Lizzie Fairall

Good to see Lizzie again this year. She is a reliable player (always got to the game with at least 2 minutes to spare!) who played a few times when she was sick, played mostly at inside forward or centre forward. "Liz is a wonderful player. Not only is she one of the nicest people on and off the field, she is most likely to get the ball off you with a smile on her face!"

Alana Field

Alana with her experience was welcomed back. Alana played mostly at fullback where it was like she never left, but slipped into centre half a few times to give Mel a bit of well earned rest. With her knowledge of the game was able to bring her team mates into the play.

Emily Howells

A shy young lady who has shown great improvement as the season progresses. Always out on the wing making some great leads, but needs to shout a bit louder!! Has been in some pretty tough contests where she has won out by being strong on the ball and by showing a bit of guts and determination. With it being Emily's first year she has grown a greater understanding of the game as the season has gone along and as a result has got herself into better positions.

Wendy Joyce

Wendy, the team captain has been a very dedicated and strong team member all year. The star fullback is always willing to help everyone at training and in games. She has helped to guide the team like a mother from day one. Her strong hits, loud voice and team passion has made her a standout all year, well done Wendy. Like most full backs Wendy harbours dreams of playing in the forward line (and she had a couple of opportunities this year) but because she reads the play well and is one of the strongest tacklers in the team she had to stay a frustrated forward.

Melanie Leighton

Mel. Is Everywhere at once. Fantastic Go GO GO attitude is very competitive and a huge asset to the team. Mel played at centre half all year and despite her pleas of not being fit enough, she was thrown in the deep end and found her fitness very quickly! Great example for all the girls with her tenaciousness and work ethic.

Hayley Lyons

Hayley - a wonder woman who is dedicated to the team and a weapon at wielding her mighty stick – a winning wingman and inside forward (or should I say lady) on the turf and on pub crawls. Hayley has again improved this year and if we can just get her stick thin wrists a bit stronger she would be able to hold the ball with much more strength. Good to see a bit more passion, just needs to channel that into her game.

Jennifer McDonough

Despite being new to the team this year, Jen made friends quickly by offering to be our goalie, to everyone's relief! Every week she does a great job at motivating the girls from the back and has demonstrated her skills as a contortionist on several occasions through some very challenging saves. She is such a committed team member and has learnt and honed so many new skills in a matter a weeks. Jen has truly been a wonderful addition to the team.

Womens Provisional 3 Gold (contd)

Claudia Morgan

Claudia could be considered one of the quiet achievers of the team. Her strength, reliability and determination made Claudia a very valuable asset in defence, while her skill and speed created many offensive opportunities. Claudia is one of the quickest girls in our team, many a time she overlapped and the ball turned over so quickly that we didn't think she would get back in time to assist in defence. However, she almost always proved us wrong!

Felicity Packer

Felicity (Flick) is a very cheerful and good natured contributor to the team all round, on and off of the field this season. It was always good to see her zipping around with the ball and having a good go and she is a lot of fun to play with, during training (the ones we turned up to anyways) and the games. Her tackling skills improved greatly and she has demonstrated some very good play in the midfield. With it being Flick's first year she is still developing an understanding of the game. It has been good to see this progress through the season. Keep up the good work Flick!

Nadine Reghupathy

Nadine has played a strong season in defence. Her huge improvement and commitment to stop the opposition and eagerness to get the ball moving forward is great to watch. Nadine is keen to further improve her skills and is learning not to like her reverse side so much. Nadine always puts in 100% and often the hardest thing to do is slow her down! Well done!!

Jessica Sperinck

Jess played mostly on the wing but was also asked to play out of position a few times at half back (where she did a fantastic job) and once or twice a short burst as an inside forward. Jess is a strong player who gives all she's got and is a bonus to the team whenever she plays.

Jasmine Vico

Jasmine has been a massive contributor to the whole team by always being in that perfect position to receive the ball and giving it everything she's got to get that ball when it comes her way. She always runs her heart out in every game and has a really positive attitude towards the game no matter what the score board says... something some of us can learn from her! Jasmine has continued to improve not just in her ability but in her overall understanding of the game.

Laura Walkemeyer

Laura is a great team mate full of support and always good for a laugh, you can always hear her whether she's on or off the field. Laura is a strong player, concentrates hard during a game (there is a photo of Laura with her tongue sticking out in our Rockingham game) and is our highest goal scorer for the year. And Laura you really need to be fined for wearing tights, shorts and shin pads to training. :)

Catalina Zylberberg

Cat is a solid player who is happiest at fullback where she made many timely tackles and read the play well, in fact she reads the play so well that at times was seen playing in front of the centre half! If there is a downside to Cat's game it is probably her talking, she is a bit too quiet for a fullback. Cat just needs to lose her manners when she crosses that white line and tell the girls where she needs them to be.

While we didn't have many wins (or was that any? And probably mostly due to the poor coaching!) we never really got blown away by sides and were leading on a couple of occasions against the top sides. It was also great to see the continued improvement not only of the girls who were in their first season, but also the girls who have been playing in the team for a while.

A special thanks to **Natalie** our long suffering team manager (we really missed you when you went AWOL for those couple of weeks) she had the girls organised each week and things ran pretty smoothly as a result. I am not sure if she was aware that the umpiring would be so tough to organise as she started doing it about 6 weeks before our second lot was due!

AND! An extra special thank you to our committed coach **Mark**, who despite injuring his ankle prior to the season even starting, still was at our training and games - rain, hail or shine, sometimes coming to our game before heading to the opposite side of the metropolitan area for his own match. His knowledge, skills and patience with "his ladies" has been appreciated so so much. Thank you Mark.

Mens Metro 1

As I write this the Metro 1's are currently sitting in 4th with 2 games to go which is about par after a season that promised the world and delivered an atlas. Following the 'retirements' of a few of yesterday's heroes, we had an early surge of player interest to the point we had to go to mediation just to select a side. Typical of the Metro 1's, apathy struck by about round 3 and from there on in we were scratching for numbers with excuses ranging from running Iron Man's (yeah right), injuries (more believable), weddings, honeymoons, family holidays and well I'm not one to beat around the bush – even a Vasectomy or two. The season was a model of consistency based around staunch defence with the performance of the year coming down to either losing 5-4 in the last minute to the bottom team or beating the second placed side 5-0.

Thanks to all the guys for making it an enjoyable season, with special thanks to those guys who stepped in to make up numbers (and by make up numbers, I mean generally make the rest of us look like spastics) – **Jimmy, Cam, Dom & Matt.**

Ken Armitage

Ken's first year at the club has been an incredible addition to the rabble of the Metro 1's side. A State Volleyball player who could use none of his talents on the court in the game of hockey, blended in well with the side. Playing at either wing or inside forward, Ken has speed and lots of strength on the ball that helped propel the ball towards the goals. Often watched by his own team mates who couldn't keep up and stood at the centre line hoping for a goal. Another great young player who will be a big part of this team for many years to come!

Todd Barrett

It was great to see the T-Train put his hand up to play with the elite Metro 1s this year. After much deliberation and a shortage of numbers we included Todd into the line up to take on the hard nosed, throw your weight around full back role. Todd has made numerous intercepts and tackles this year. The loud clash of sticks usually resulted in Todd coming away with the ball. Todd is always learning, and has added the diving save to his repertoire this year. Although if he hadn't passed to the opposition in the first place he would not have had to make such a desperate save. Also a welcome addition to the Barrett family means the father – son rule should do us well in the future with Harvey 'banger' Barrett.

Joshua Brown

It was with great jubilation we received the news that Josh was pulling the boots back on in 2011. It was with great sadness we received the news Josh was taking them off again about 8 weeks later after doing his knee again. Nevertheless he has assumed the role of the half time pep talks that are completely unrelated to anything going on out on the field.

Michael Deveson

A relatively healthy season from Junior, only missing 47% of games was a big turn around on last year. But playing midfield and more importantly forward has given him an ongoing motivation to keep unwrapping the cotton wool 1.15pm each Saturday afternoon. At this stage looking like scoring more goals than Slug another highlight – but in Roh's defence, Junior also missed twice as many.

Adam Halliday

Adams first year in the esteemed Metro 1's side. A fantastic addition of pace that the side had very little of (except for Slug!). Adam doesn't need to work on much, just trying to stop. A rapid run down the side line leaving all players in his wake often resulted in him sliding over the baseline with too much momentum. Hopefully Adam and his good mate Ken will play on for many years to come as their youth is much needed.

Bruce Hancock

With a new baby now in tow, Bruce has calmed his aggressive exterior to be more like a flower girl. Who am I kidding!?! He still has the steely determination of the Little Train that Could mixed with a soft gentle aroma of some toilet deodoriser. At Fullback, Hank has the ability to look directly at you for a pass but never passes you the ball. Almost like you were a ghost! Hank hopes to achieve his 700 game goal in the next year or two which will be his biggest achievement in hockey.... The fact that people wanted to play with him for all those years! Maybe a move to the forward line will keep that fire burning!!

Brendan Joss

The good Dr was a late starter this year, allegedly due to the training for and completion of the Busselton Iron Man – no one can verify this as we were all in the pub. When he finally did join up, he was comfortably fitter than anyone else in the side* so we decided to believe him. Bear was happy to play where required this year which meant GK was about the only place he didn't play – which was only due to him being away when we needed him to do so. Regardless of the job asked of Bear, he took to it with aplomb, whether it be shutting down a right winger to doing the damage himself in the forward line.

* to be fair he was last year as well.

James Pickering

A move to the midfield this year hasn't diminished his output - which is mainly due to the fact the output level couldn't reduce any further without being comatose.

Mens Metro 1 (contd)

Matthew Read

Clearly the best in the team at holding the ball, and keeping hold of it, and as a matter of fact is still holding it. Matt is an easy target up forward. Well for sledges from his teammates anyway. He plays a pivotal role. Or should we say a pivot role. Doesn't tend to move around a lot but gets the ball, and on the odd occasion gives it off to someone who is clearly running faster than he is. Scored quite a few goals this season, but should have scored many more. Only Matt can miss the goal from 4 yards out by flicking the ball only 3 feet higher than the crossbar.

Ben Rushton

Marriage doesn't seem to have mellowed Benny, in fact quite the opposite. I can't wait til next season when he has a little angry running around depriving him of sleep. Benno has had another solid season no doubt aided by some top secret medical technology he 'legitimately acquired' from work keeping the run in the legs. In all seriousness, massive credit to Benny for taking over from Cookie running Thursday night training, and only using slightly less cones. Particular credit is due for the fact that he was often the only representative from the Metro 1's (at least until the bar opened).

Ryan Rushton

Ryan is our fly in – fly out player this year, well at least that describes his tackling. Unfortunately only managed a handful of games this season but still managed to laugh at and sledge the opposition at every opportunity.

Brad Wake

Brad was demoted from the Metro 2s after last seasons effort of taking out their B&F. Their loss was our gain with Brad slotting right into the Metro 1's (a move made easier by the 'retirement' of Gav) and starring in many early games. Unfortunately after a game where he appeared down on his usual lofty standards, we discovered he played with a torn quad. Brad's only downside is he is too nice, although we are getting him to follow Benny around to try and turn him into more of a!

Mark Watton

The year the old dog turned 40! Who would believe that such a young father and newly wed (to his lovely wife Emma), could retain such good looks. Must be the face masks and moisturiser he wears to bed each night. Watto's major achievement this year was to make the state 'Masters' team (aka Vets!). Just remember that you need to be in bed early and take your calcium for your old bones!

Roh Weddikara

Roh can play a variety of positions, high right wing, inside right wing, and defensive right wing. His form was good early, then he decided to honeymoon on Fiji and clearly his ball handling skills are not the same since he returned. His positioning is excellent, unfortunately his goal shooting is not. Averages about 10 shots per game and will occasionally score one. And yes I am talking about his hockey. He is also known to deflect balls across the backline that are going in the goals. And managed to lose the leading goal scorer bet of the year.

Scott Willis

Scotty started where he left off from last year, even anointing himself as Cookie's replacement as the player most responsible for opposition stick/shin guard damage. Rock solid throughout the year and although his defensive mindedness was sometimes beaten to a pulp by his overwhelming desire to overlap (which in turn was brought back in check by Toddy overlapping his overlap) he always ensured his winger was in for a tough day at the office.



Womens Metro 1

Well we are known as the social team and nothing has changed in that regard in over ten years as has our reign at the top of the ladder. This year we have noticed the opposition getting younger and faster but we are wiser (yeah right) and have still managed to maintain our spot in the four. At the present time we are 2nd but are a little concerned with the new finals system this year as there is no second chance. No preliminary final. Not to worry, we aim to win but should that not be the case we will celebrate our year anyway.

This year we had 2 engagements in the team. Congratulations to Deb and Anna, our two young runners, part of our rebuilding plan, fast and strong over the ball. Deb is such a keen team member, this year she even bought a house across from the club.

A couple of weeks ago on a cold rainy day, we were fortunate enough to get a forfeit from Fremantle, so we took the opportunity to go check out Simone's walls. A great house and a wonderful team building day. We are very happy that we were able to talk Simone into joining us this year.

At the beginning of the year when I was trying to sort out the numbers for our team, Carolyn told me she would be working most Saturdays and therefore would not be available for all games. I think she has missed one. Early start, short shift, sick leave. Anything to make the game. Good work Carolyn.

Mhairi has still maintained the "most on ground" title and with every fall, we hope she is going to get up and play on. Most times she does but otherwise a short spell on the side till the pain goes and she's back. Regardless of injuries she plays on, which is great for us as she is such a strong force in the centre. Mhairi too has had some time off to attend weddings and overseas trips and thank heavens we were not in the Challenge Cup this year, as she and half our team would have been away.

Lynda is still running like a twenty year old covering huge distance each game and then running back to organise the kitchen at the Club. We missed her social interaction but are in awe of her energy. This girl does it all. Good hockey, good food, good wine.

Helen has energy to burn which is just as well because bike riding was a big part of her life this year, but she has given that away in time for the finals. Helen is another player we are happy we talked into playing full time this year. Great player, great socialiser.

Jenny had a break from us mid season by taking a little trip to England for an art show and wedding but that's okay (lucky thing) she came back nice and refreshed. I would also like to thank Jen for doing the match reports for the team for the season. When she was away her replacement was just not up to scratch.

Dee is still racing to each game with kids and tent in tow and was given up as really late one week, only to find she was at the wrong ground. We don't always play at home Dee. Dee is our goal sneak. She is pretty good at it too.

Nic joined us some of the time this year, when she wasn't playing Mum to some other hockey squad somewhere else, usually overseas or taking time for VP duties, Oh and she did mention something about a dislocated shoulder, but we don't pay much heed to injuries and the girls seem to play on, as did Nic. It is always good to have Nic up the back, shouting orders that everyone can hear. The girls like the direction given.

Lindy is always first to arrive at the north of the river games, no traffic jams to contend with, but she travels quite a way to play with us each week, must be our charming company, because her loyalty to the team has seen her limp her way through the season with a sore foot. It does not seem to have disadvantaged her game though.

Paige has joined us this year as goalie, replacing Team who has moved on to higher grades. Hope that's not happening with you just yet Paige. Paige can play anything up to 3 games a weekend and we are thankful one of them is with us. She has saved our butts on more than one occasion this year. Getting better every game.

Womens Metro 1 (contd)

Last but by no means least is Maris. She claims to be slowing down and aching after each game, but I tell you, it is not obvious when watching her play. Retirement is obviously not on the agenda as she is building a house and it's not far from the Club. Another keen member. I would like to thank Maris for picking me up each week to take me to hockey so that we can get lost together (too much talking and not enough attention to directions) and pick up after each other.

Finally, I would like to thank all the girls for allowing me to be part of the team again this year, even though I am no longer playing. What would I do with my Saturdays if I did not have you girls to socialise with. Now girls let's go give the finals our best shot. Good Luck

Jan Davis
Team Manager.



Mens Metro 2 Gold

Carl Antonio (Half Back)

A new player to the club who provided us with great run from half back and some dogged defence. Hopefully he stays around with the club.

Shaun Bean (Full Back/Centre Half)

To say Sean has been a handy pick up is an understatement. Has been our best player on many occasions this season and combined with Carl provided us with great run and carry but at the same time great defensive work also. Great season Sean and let's hope you also come back next year.

Julian Bocking (Goalkeeper)

Julian filled in for us on numerous occasions over the year and did a stirling job. His first game was one I think he'd like to forget but from then on he went from strength to strength. Best of luck in the future with your keeping and make sure you give that gear of yours a good wash before next year!!!

Andrew Criddle (Full Back)

Andy has been as solid as ever this year, producing the last line defence that we so often needed, but at the same time creating drive from defence. Great work Cridds - and you didn't kill anyone this year!!!!

Chris Criddle (Utility)

Chris joined us about half way through the season and proved a valuable asset to the team. Cridds will happily play anywhere as long as there may be a chance he could come off for a rest. Great season mate.

Clint Dymond (Forward)

I use that word "FORWARD" very loosely. Tries to play like he did back in his early 20's but fails miserably and this probably contributed towards a busted hammy late in the season.

Nicholas Emmett (Forward)

Ahh young Nick. If only, if only. If only you got to the games on time. If only you could play like we all know you can, not just when you want to. If only you didn't have to work on Saturday morning then you couldn't use the weak excuse of "I'm tired". We still love you Nickie!!!

Joshua Harmon (Forward)

Does anyone know what happen to Josh????? After half a season he just disappeared.

Christopher James (Forward)

What more can be said about Chris than has already been said. A very passionate man on the field and this year actually managed to stay on it more than usual. Still is like a dog with a bone if there is a chance for a goal. Great work mate.

Neil Keene (Utility)

Another new player who hadn't played for a number years but fitted into several roles with no complaint. Always gave his all did big Neil, even when he had to put the helmet on and stand in goals. Hope to see you next year.

Daniel Pickering (Forward/Half Back)

Another stellar season from Picko. Always gives 100% and I think this year he enjoyed having a run up front. But like Dymo does try to do things he could do 10 years ago!!!

Denis Shiers (Half Back)

Denis is a man of few words but held up Right Half beautifully this year. Rarely beaten on his day, he did a great job for us on the right. Has a great tackle on him and undid many a left winger. Great work mate.

Gavin Tweedie (Full Back)

And big Gav, again not a man of many words but lets his hockey do the talking. Combined well with Cridds at the back and like Cridds saved our bacon many times. Great work Gav.



Mens Metro 3 Black

Well it was not our best season ever. We struggled with our extra numbers (all 21 of them) before they were slowly whittled down to only being 17 on the card each week. We started seeing more of the boys at training than ever before (often the only ones training) and saw some big improvements from individual players. Funnily enough, our best games this season were against Sami and the top squad girls (we still maintain that we won both games.) We saw Matt A.K.A "The Situation" win the tightest shirt competition (as the only entrant during these events); each week his shirts got smaller and tighter and we wondered if he would just rock up shirtless to training. Dylan played his best hockey EVER (funny what chasing a skirt does to his ability...). All in all, we all still had fun and have heaps of memories from the comedy nights and BBQ's we frequented.

Tristan Andrews (Thumper)

Definitely someone who stepped up this season and incorporated himself into the team well. Also know as "The Wall" (or on occasion the "Flying Wall") we saw many people try to tackle him, most survived, some came away with no injuries, but others came away flat on their face (one person actually blacking out for a small moment). A powerful hit and strong tackling style has added some muscle to our fullback and wing positions this year. He scored his first ever goal this season, and nearly made it a deuce while almost taking off Dylan's head in the process. We won't mention the time he winded one of the girls in our scratch match with a move best described as "The Superman"..... Along with James, the opposition must have been mad to keep attacking our backline – we have never seen such a beautiful (and brutal) attempt at co-ordinating the defence.

Simon Antonio (Gout 2.0)

One of the few players in the team in a solid relationship, Simon joined our team for the first time this year. While as yet we haven't been able to get him out on the town with us this year to corrupt him, Simon has been solid in defence when he was able to play and has improved steadily in clearing the ball from the D. Much like the previous Gout (Collin), Simon had a few injuries which put him on the side lines with many of us wondering what exactly he got up to before the game and what he does for a living. Clearly it's physical (or his partner is just too rough with him.....)

Colin Barnden (or, Sir Not Appearing This Season)

Well he rocked up for one social event and then we never heard from him again. Collin, if you're out there - you owe Dylan one beer!!! Oh, and we miss you. Please come home, your family has forgiven you. Call 9345 6275 if you are found.....

James Butcher (The candle stick maker)

Another year, another cry of 'what was wrong with that, ump?!' James' tackles have gradually increased in savagery to the point where we're beginning to suspect he's being sponsored by Atlas and Gryphon to break players' sticks and drive up sales. He still obstinately refuses to play in the forward line to put the fear of God into opposing defenders instead of attackers for a change, and for that we are grateful. James has also hired an apprentice, using his years of brutal experience to develop Tristan into his replacement when he finally moves to Vets. We shudder for the future oppositions as Tristan seems to be a natural protégé.....

Mario Coelho (Dr Mario)

This year Mario bought a new car and got a promotion, Jakob was healthy and older, and Brit put up with him for another year. All in all he had a good one. For some reason, he was reluctant to let the Scrubbers baby sit for him for fear of corruption and misuse (we swear we would NEVER use Jakob to pick up girls. Honestly. We promise.) There were a few excursions Mario was not able to attend, as such, but we looking forward to hitting the town with him next year hearing more stories from the Doc. Oh and he also played some hockey. As always, Muzz was solid in defence and was always the voice of support - counter to Tim's rants and curses. We moved him out of the back line and into the half line and he showed some definite skill - we are even considering him for inner next year.

Rick Francis (The graduate)

A new job and a move to Preston Beach (technically part of Antarctica) have turned Ricky into a roaming traveller. Props for commitment that he still comes up to play for us. He also scored his first goal ever this year - not surprising seeing as he has played almost every position on the field this year, although we think after his jump of excitement that he may want to try the high jump. Toyota has now spoken to him to initiate legal action over his use of their trademark jump. Ricky's game has definitely improved this year, possibly as we found a different person to harass, and he became a solid (and aggressive) presence in the half back line. Unfortunately Ricky's hamster from last season has disappeared and is presumed lost. If anybody finds "Snuggles", could he please be dropped off at the Bar for collection later on.

Dylan Hadley (Killer)

Who would have thought that Dylan of all people would be the truest Scrubber. More than anyone else in the team, Dylan displayed the true essence of a Scrubber by turning up hung over more than anyone else on our team. While he played a back seat this year in his personal endeavours (he told us no more "Ants in the Pants" stories) Dylan was committed to his personal development on the field. This year we saw Killer move away from his goalie roles and more on the field where he nearly broke a nail when nearly getting angry at someone and nearly getting into a fight with that guy. Nearly. Maybe next year we can see some more fire in his heart and a more aggressive Killer to become a "The Scrubber of Legend"..... Overall, when not injured, Killer had a good year and provided plenty of laughs.

Mens Metro 3 Black (contd)

Darren Kidd (The gorgeous Kidd)

As always a true Scrubber and a valuable player Darren has played well throughout the season, even if he was only able to play for half of it. Our strength as a team often depended on Darren playing to control defence. When not distracted by marriage (to a woman he stubbornly refuses to introduce to us - does she even exist?) he was an integral player in our defence. His leadership in the back line has proven as valuable as is his ability to push the play forward which nearly lost him from us to the 2's. Though we doubted his masculinity when he couldn't play due to a bee sting (soft!!!), he came good after frustrating the opposition so many times with his ability that they continued to take him out week after week.

Rory McDougall (The lad!!!)

Another one of the new recruits, Rory was saved from the Metro Twos at the beginning of the season. Two factors in our favour were his general lack of fitness and his remarkable talent for self harm. If he's not slicing his knee open when falling on his own stick after a dodgy tackle (or rocking up to games hungover) he's running his guts out in the midfield. Another player who is not afraid to use the "James" and "Tristan" style of tackling. Rory has a massive hit which helped clear the ball when we couldn't get through normally and also made the defenders at training run in fear. While hockey wasn't necessarily his strong point this year, his comic relief was. If he wasn't quoting terms from "Snatch" and "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels", he was being the centre of our enjoyment at the comedy nights, with one rather interesting discussion with a comic obsessed with cows in showers who thought Rory was a bit of "A Lad", though in actual fact, he was a bit of a

Timothy McEntee (The everywhere man)

Ever the mystery man, not much is known about this closed mouth fellow. He kept to himself for most of the year and didn't really say much at all and was very modest in his achievements. For those who know him, they know this is complete and utter bulls###!!!! He did the complete opposite! Tim can honestly say he played EVERY position this year including a brief stint in goals, reverting back to his traumatic childhood days. Throughout, Tim played a mostly consistent game, including a match where he pulled a goal from a place no one knows. For the first time in a long while, Tim was actually carded early on in the season, although it was surprisingly for a non-violent infringement (an interchange infraction...really??). Ever the balancing force to his side kick "The Situation", Tim did his best to control our Captain O Captain with limited success as "The Situation" was also carded later in the season for telling an umpire where to go. He also managed the team this year and tried to introduce a more consistent effort at attending training with the team on the training track two nights a week.

Paul Morris ("The Issue")

"The Issue", otherwise known as "The Situation's" prodigy, started a little late in the tight shirt competition. Although he is only "The Mild Inconvenience" at the moment, one day "The Issue" aspires to be a full blown "Situation". On a serious note, "The Issue" has really incorporated himself well with our team and has had some great improvements in his game especially when he committed himself to the ball/player. Comments though, can be made about his abilities in front of goals with no goalie present - funnily enough just like "The Situation"... "The Issue" has displayed a lot of skill and strength in the half line, though he is determined to take back his wing/inner position.....

Mark Myers (The purple snurple)

Mark was unable to play most games (always the purple supporter) but contributed well to the games he was here for. As a defender, Mark would literally throw himself at the ball - Skills it appears he passed on to Tristan. He is strong in defence and can clear the ball to the forwards like few can.

Joshua Smales (The hungry seagull)

A constant threat to everyone's goals with his seagulling techniques, Josh was for the first time EVER unable to deliver on his promise of a hat trick and saved "The Situation" a carton of beer. While Josh didn't score as many goals as we would have liked, he did create a solid presence on the Wing and was always trying to create a lead. He tried his hand at a few different positions such as centre forward and the like but he always found himself back roaming the wings soon after. After all these years we still know little about the man, the mystery. Surely one of these days we will all be invited to his house for a BBQ (please we won't make a mess. Ok well Dylan will, and Ricky and Paul might dress up.....) Ok, Let's not go to Josh's place then. Party at Rory's?

Brad Wake (The little engine that could)

(Well, he tried....) Well not much to say about this guy, mainly because anything too bad will be edited and cut. He was a goalie superstar when he did play with us and was funny as hell when he played on the field. I have never seen a more awkward grip on a stick or tackle than when Brad played wing for us against Pirates, but credit definitely has to be given as he gave it his all and ran more than our inners that game. It obviously served him well as the next week playing for another team he scored several goals. Wonders will never cease. While not an official Scrubber, he is the next best thing.

David Wake (Carson the shop-a-holic)

The only Wake who hasn't trained this year despite having the shortest commute in the team to the grounds (and this is a team with Justin Wake who hasn't gone to training for over 10 years), his patented move of pushing the ball into people's feet has frustrated many of our opposition players. He does lose points for failing to turn up to a game because of a shopping appointment over east. David, along with Ricky, was one of the few players who played inner well. Way to go you crazy inners you.

Mens Metro 3 Black (contd)

Justin Wake (Gallop)

A natural fullback, Justin has a penetrating hit that is first rate, so of course he had been trying to moonlight as a forward again this year. Finally we conceded to letting Justin have a run in the forward line and he did score two goals, but unfortunately with the year we had we needed a lot of strength in our defence so Justin had to return his skills to the back line. Without his skill as a defender, we would certainly have been in worse shape. We did see a shift in his activities away from hockey. He is still the tech geek who is more than willing to start a conversation about quags, neutrons and capacitors, debase any gaming myths and generally leave you scratching your head in confusion but we saw his interest in horses and photography and bike riding increase to alarming levels. 2012 may see an intervention for Justin as we are not sure if skin tight lycra is really a substitute for regular clothes. Especially when worn to the shops with nothing else.....

Matthew Wake (Trotsky)

Matty has put a lot of effort into improving his game this year; Matt was the first of the Wakes to make regular appearances at training. Shaving his beard seems to have helped his ability on the field, though "The Situation" has now suggested others areas to shave to help his ability in other fields of pursuit. We have seen Matt put his teaching (and beating) skills as a school teacher to use on the field and seen constant improvements in his game play this year. He has had a very consistent year and has done his best to overcome his bad habits, resulting in one of his better seasons with us. We also saw him at many of our outings including the comedy nights, one night in particular standing out in our minds where he had the comedian on the spot with his stoic responses. The guy couldn't get a rise outta him and it was piss funny...one of those things you may have to have been at, but great none the less.

Dean Walker (Owned by the baby)

His busy personal life has meant Dean needed to take a step back from the team this year. When he is not losing arm wrestling competitions to his baby boy Griff or playing on the field, he has been a solid rock in the goals, getting best player votes in several games. He has also filled in the regular umpiring duties by proxy in the form of his dad Rob. This has saved us from umpiring ourselves and this can only be considered a good thing. A regular sight around the club, even after he was injured carrying baby Griff. We still don't know how a guy as big as Dean can put his back out over carrying a two week old (6 lbs) baby when his wife Tab managed to carry him for over nine months without injury or lower back support. So we can only assume he himself, is one big baby. Luv ya Deano!

Matthew Willis ("The Situation")

"The Situation" has tried to improve his status in the team by wearing increasingly tighter shirts - all he needs now is some fake tan and whitening of his teeth and he will be ready for the next season of Jersey Shore; sadly for him this image has only worked on Dylan. He has held strong as an inner all season with the exception of the occasional yellow card for trying to flirt with the umpire in these tops. We assume "The Situation" is cracking under the pressure of trying to keep up with the new star inner, Ricky (who will therefore probably be demoted to waterboy next season). We saw a more vocal (aggressive) man this year as our leader had more fights and quarrels with the umpire than ever before. Clearly, being Tim's side kick for so many years has rubbed off on "The Situation", resulting in something of a problem.....

As always a special mention to our honorary Scrubbers who without their love and support, would not have produced half of our team (I'm talking about the Wakes :P). Rain or shine there was always a Wake on our sidelines offering support and guidance and upon the occasion the odd umpiring duty.

- Rob Walker for our consistent umpiring and moral support (and for supplying our goalie 28 years ago).
- Paige for being around, always, no seriously – always. But she is a Scrubber at heart :P
- Jaimee, Claire and their parents for also being around to make sure Dylan rocked up to games in some semblance of sobriety.
- Tab, for letting Dean play and bringing Griff, the only winning combo we had all year.

Other players who filled in:

- Andrew Gleave (4 games)
- Carl Antonio (1 game)

Honourable Mentions :

- "The Situations" effort at finding true love
- Tim's back stick goal despite telling everyone to stop using back stick
- Ricky's commitment to playing from Antartica
- A larger turnout from players at social events
- The Brains Trust evolving into a group consisting of almost the whole team

Dis-honourable Mentions:

- "The Situations" effort at finding love
- Tim's back stick goal despite telling everyone to stop using back stick
- Any party at Rory's
- Ricky – in general
- Pauls effort at matching "The Situations" shirt contest
- Deano losing the baby carrying contest to his wife
- Dylan – also in general

Mens Over 40 Midweek Masters

Like a phoenix, all good teams rise from the ashes to assume the mantle of greatness, and thus it has been with the Midweek Vets side this year. However, there has been no mystical third dimension involvement, just Crowley's aggressive recruiting in the draft period, aided and abetted by most people managing to stay fit most of the time. A huge credit to the conditioning and support staff for this feat.

The Midweek Vets competition swelled this year to eleven teams with most teams being highly competitive. There was more than one game where the scoreboard might have suggested an easy result but that was rarely the case. There were a number of cracking games throughout the season, with those against Mods, YM, Freo and Vic Park standing out. Mods have been a problem side in the past yet we took them down 7 - 4 in a shootout after bolting to a 3 - 0 lead in the first ten minutes. Unfortunately the week after we were on the wrong end of the same score line against YM, yet no one walked off unhappy given the high quality of the game. Freo, as always presented a much tougher proposition despite the fragility of their fullbacks. We'll save their first loss of the season for the grandy!

After last year struggling with Mickey's mantra, the hours of devotion in the lotus position over the summer obviously paid off with more of us being able to execute the game plan of trapping and then passing to a team mate, and more often than not meeting Super Coach Starling's list of KPIs. When that all looked like ending in tears, Jenno stepped in with some sage words and restored order. Job well done - great year. Looking forward to next year when all those other teams will be older and slower.



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Rae Blunt Pennant (Womens Masters 1)

The vets 1 team has had an interesting year. It is hard to be motivated when you are below the BYE on the ladder but true to the determination of the girls the team has gone out fighting every week. We have played well but have been up against one too many ex-Australian players and have often felt like the cones in a training exercise as they speed past us. All the girls have played to the best of their ability and a lot of fun has been had - thanks ladies - see you next year....

Lisa Anderson

Lisa started off the year with some great news - there were more defenders signed up to play - so she could move up to the forward line once more! She was great as a defender last year but has cemented her place as an inner running around lots and effectively getting the ball to the wings and centre forward. Well done on a great year.

Ann Armstrong-Boase

Well done Anne for;

- being such a great support in the backline
- always making yourself available to receive the ball, and
- remaining cool and consistent under lots and lots of pressure.

You are a welcome addition to the team this year

Deb Crompton

Deb is a GUN!!!! She is personally one of my favourite players as she never says die and will take on any position or roll asked of her on the day. I've seen Deb mark very good players out of a game, and although a certain goalie knows her weaknesses, these could change next week and take you totally by surprise. Deb is always trying to improve her game, always listening and taking in advice with good nature, and is a very vital member of her team. I'm personally always relieved to see her as I know she will give 110% every game and I hope to play along side Deb in Vets (1) for many years to come. LOVE YA DEB!!!!

Marie Farrow

Marie has always, and continues to be one of the hardest working players in our team. Her efforts on the field (despite a sojourn to the USA mid season!) have been fantastic in both attack and defence. Her sprints back into defence from our attacking 25 yard line to put herself on the line for her team are always value, with her stamina and fitness putting her in good stead to make these marathon sprints! Thanks Marie, as always it has been a pleasure to have you with us.

Gillian Forbes

When Gillian is able to play for us there is almost a sense of "relief." Gillian brings such strength, determination and skill to our team. She is an outstanding hockey player and always gives 110%.

Dehlia Goundrey

Dehlia is our skillful centreforward. Also plays very well on a wing too. Not one to take a backward step and always gives 100%. Limited opportunities for her this season but when she gets the ball, she sure can play! Great team player who combines well with our other forwards. Great season Dehlia.

Allison Hall

Allison has been one of our most consistent and reliable players this season – leaving a gaping hole in the right half when she couldn't play for a few weeks! Allison's commitment to running out on short corners resulted in some of the most extensive and impressive bruising I've ever seen! Between Allison and Nat they ensured that we always knew how many short corners we had given away – it is good to know that the number of goals scored against us in a game was always lower than the number of short corners!!

Natalie Johnson

Nat the ever reliable goalie. Always very encouraging and always LOUD. She very rarely misses a goal - what would we do without you - a great year Nat! Thanks.

Jane Manning

Jane, Jane - what a player - it has been great to have you play more games this year. You are a reliable defender who lets us all know where we should be and who is our player to mark. We love your skill and experience - come back again next year.

Rae Blunt Pennant (Womens Masters 1) (contd)

Frances Mason

Off the pitch Frankie is our entertainer guaranteed to amuse and elicit a chuckle. On the pitch she is our wing woman always strategically positioned along the expanse of our wing. She reliably darts up and down the wing waiting for the opportunity to receive and distribute the ball to her supporting network of players. She is a treat and it has been fabulous to share a season of hockey with her! Thanks Frankie!

Kylie Mishra

Kylie - Our legendary week about goalie who plays tag with Nat. Kylie returned f/nightly never missing a beat. What a fast beat she has to be ready to dance to, as we faced serious pressure all season.. Our team is totally blessed to have Kylie, our steadfast rock, holding us up from the back.

Robyn Pease

Well Robyn certainly started off her return season to hockey with a baptism of fire! An 8.30pm game at Rockingham, on the wrong end of a 9-0 loss and a broken thumb for her troubles. Undeterred though she returned to the Vets 1 ranks as soon as her thumb would allow and has been ever present during the second half of the season! She has proved to be a very useful utility player being equally at home playing in attack and defence. She always runs hard and tackles with purpose. A great new addition to our team!

Theresa Rayfield

She is like a fine wine and is improving season by season. Once a one-position girl, Theresa can now play right across the forward line with skill and speed. Her repertoire also encompasses chief organiser and manager duties which she does with accomplished style.

Donelle Smith

We welcomed Donelle back to the team at the start of the season after a year off from hockey and she has been an absolute star. Meek and mild off the field, she is strong and tenacious on the hockey pitch and has been rock solid in defence. We particularly appreciated her talking and calling as she marshalled the troops in defence. Well done on a great year Donelle!

Debbie Tyson

A newcomer to our team, Debbie has worked tirelessly to help control the back line. Considering we played the majority of our games in the defensive 25, she saw plenty of action and proved herself, admirably, to be a great asset.

Allison Wheatley

Allison must have played almost all the positions this year bar goalkeeper - though I am sure she would give it a go if asked. Your commitment to the team has to be commended and you always give it 110% . What a great year - you should be proud of your efforts.

Annette Williams

Annette played a great season mostly out on the wing. You held your position well and did some great runs up to attack. Unfortunately an injury took you out for a few weeks but you came back fighting.. Well played this year.

Mark came back for another season of coaching us ladies who like to think we know it all. It has been a tough season but when our team was wavering under the relentless batterings you stood tall and constant. Thank you for being the rock of the team. Your advice is greatly received even if it looks like we are ignoring you! Old dogs - new tricks - you know the saying.

Womens Masters Div 3

We started the season really keen and with a side of 16, but as the weeks went on we old boilers fell to the age old injuries of the hammy, the ankle, the usual.

We had Steve back at the helm to coach us this year and we did our best to frustrate him with some of our structure and he would threaten to leave us but then we would reel him back by a couple of fancy plays that left him dancing for joy on the side. Thanks Steve for your patience and tolerance... we do love you really.

We didn't always win but we had some memorable moments, some of them being....

- Maris for never giving up and after all this time still the best player on the ground and the best umpire.
- Jo for her quick sprints and the following torn hammy, Lacrosse is her game.
- Simone for the amount of times she ties her shoe laces, but mainly for her speed and energy and body pressure.
- Helen who has gained her energy back now that she doesn't have to cycle everywhere.
- Annette for her positioning and has only ever been known to swear once, surprised us that she even knew the words.
- Lynda who runs forever and even a major headache can't keep her from the field, a quick massage and a lolly and she was back out there helping her teammates...Her mojo is back.
- Nicola who has a dislocated elbow but refuses to miss her Wednesday night hockey and we need the lollies she brings, our sort of team member.
- Lindy- Lindi –Lindie-Lyndi-Lyndy she has been around awhile and saved our _____ more times than we care to remember but spell her name, Steve can't. The ever reliable kitchen bitch, although water instead of wine.
- Leanne Tinkerbell, whose run we miss, a calf muscle has kept her away from us. Was it a hockey injury? If not, no sympathy.
- Sonja who has so much going on in her life we are lucky to get her but we love her accuracy in the back line.
- Amanda who can run marathon distances but can't drive to Joondalup on a wet stormy night even though she had told Nicola she was on her way. Our communication on and off the field is second to none.
- Louise - it took her a while but she got her body back together, stopped taking holidays and came back to join us. What a great team player and always smiling. Love having you around Lou.
- Peta who has struck form as the season is ending, and is a great umpire as well.
- Teresa who, oh that's right I remember her, the princess who broke her wrist in the 3rd game, took her stick and went home. Sorry luv – we didn't even know you broke it at hockey, we thought it was on the way home from a big night.
- Vanessa who has only joined us for one game this year..The game at Rockingham – close to home.
- Athlene a distant memory. A call from Coober Pedy the last contact, abducted by aliens.
- Jan who is the voice, manager, assistant coach, counsellor, mediator, where would we be without you, Thank you.
- And last but not least, a big thank you to Mhairi, the soccer queen but a super centre forward and to Mini for answering the SOS and to CC...any excuse to leave work will do.



Photo supplied by team

Mens Masters Over 40-1

All through the off-season, are we, aren't we? We have to be, only fair that we are and so on it went. The endless speculation of whether we would or wouldn't be in Div 1; the weekly interrogation of Watto and then when the rumours were confirmed, the weighing up of personnel. So with the newly superannuated ex Metro boys joined by a few of the already retired, there was a squad assembled ready to take on the best of what could be thrown at us. The only problem was that with only seven teams in the competition there wasn't much to be hurled our way and we saw the various opposition teams with a little too much regularity. Who needs to play the red men three times in a season!

The season opened, as it always seems now, on a day better suited to beach antics than running around a hockey field against last season's premiers Aquinas. The opening round of the Whippet Cup certainly looked promising for us with early goals from the nippy Brad Potter and sundry forwards spraying a few other chances. Alas though, Reds were able to get them back and the game finished with Stef having to take a hacksaw to the prized cup. The tightness of this game was a forerunner of things to come and it wasn't until the final game of the round against YM where there was more than a goal the difference. Unfortunately we were on the wrong end of the scoreboard on this occasion. Revenge was sweet in round two. The other highlight of the round, apart from Cookie constantly going forward, and the occasional cameo from the man with the prosthetic hip, Stef, was the indecent assault of Pottz by the Kalamunda keeper at the top of the circle which, oddly, went unnoticed by the officials.

Dennis, the Duracell Bunny, had two cracks at scoring the goal of the year and got lucky with his second attempt, a beauty on the run from half back. His family need to be prepared to listen to that story for evermore. Crowey had a sensational year in the cage, ripping out some great saves and Aki collected the occasional one off the line as well as collecting the occasional forward further up the line. Kev and Wayne provided a bit of dash out of the right side of defence. Cookie and Statue shared centre half with both indulging in their predilection to wander forward whenever the opportunity presented itself. Just exactly how many shots at goal did you miss in the Kalamunda game Scanners? Becky was a bit like an old land rover in the inside forward spot chugging up and down all day but never getting anywhere particularly fast, while Clarry provided a bit of dash. Temps proved to be more than the super sub and surprised everyone by playing multiple games in a row - the hamstring transplant obviously worked a treat. Gav took over the super sub role, waltzing his way delicately through opposition defences and scoring at will. Andy, Ted and Brad loafed around up the front and even managed to score the occasional goal.



Mens Masters Over 40-2

At the start of the season, only half of the team had played together, this caused a major re-structure and major coaching changes by coach Greg Ross. Our first game loss against last year's premiers was played in 37 degree heat and all players felt the effect for the next 4/6 weeks. The umpiring bye was our highlight for the first half with some great umpiring. The second half was much more organised especially after a blast from coach Greg. "Useless, Gutless, Pathetic", was some of the advice given at halftime, we all picked up after that advice.

By the end of the season the "F" word was discussed, but after a few beers we changed to the "W" (wind-up). Next season looks a bit brighter, with a big pre-season and all team members understanding strategies and fitness levels required. Looking forward to 2012.

Ray Achemedei (Never Miss Ray)

Ray loved to tease the team by narrowly missing goals. This was obviously a strategic move to get everyone to strive harder and make them earn the goals. Apart from Ray's goal teasing, he enjoyed a terrific year running through the centre setting up many opportunities. Well done!

Lewis Bint (Lewey)

Lew had another great year, he even decided to put on the pads against UWA, said he could take out 4/5 players instead of the usual one. Played left-half and is always reliable to run all day, out playing the right wing every week. Must have a great mixture in that magic bottle.

Paul Christian

The English recruit was flown in to assess the team after our first four games. Paul added extra feed on the wing and scored much needed goals.

Geoff Currie (The Fullback)

Has had a busy year, with many partnerships in fullback, but Geoff has been the pillar, stopping the many attacking moves. Geoff had 7 partners in fullback in 2011, so with a normal year in 2012 - LOOK OUT!

Michael Currie

The quiet achiever, sneaks into the forward line from right half to often have a crack at goals. Ever reliable in the back line and has created a strong defence. Looking forward to 2012.

Derek Doak (Doakey)

Flys in each week, no warm up, no mouth guard, no shin pads, takes the hat off and plays. And he plays very well. This was one of Doaky's best years, great effort even with your new fancy boots.

Michael Girdlestone (Girdey)

Hit his straps mid way through the year, finding a niche in the halfback line. Needs a lot of water to keep the engine going, hence the largest water bottle, could also be used for fire rescue.

Geoffrey Ranford (Ramma)

Played more games than the rest of the team put together. The famous centre half loves to control the game, makes the wings run and run all game. The only player ever to be sent off by a 9yo umpire. Apart from that minor blemish, a fantastic year.

Mark Rayfield

Another new recruit to the team, fitted in very easily playing half back or wing. Mark had a few injuries during the year but played at 100% every time he played. With a pre-season running program, Mark could easily assist the team to a 2012 premiership.

David Ross

When he's not on holidays in Bali, Broome, Mt Buller or Singapore he plays for Melville, and obviously the training camps are working because he was our leading goal scorer and a great player at right inner. Well done on a great season.

Greg Ross (Coach)

Playing coach, decided to take on full time coaching after injuring a finger. Crowds come to the game just to hear Greg's half time speech (no kids allowed). We all sit, listen & get inspired.

Andrew Spear (Spearsy)

At the beginning of the season our new recruit was still playing ice hockey, but after a few 30 degree + games he changed sticks with great affect.

Craig Tate (Tatey [Masc])

Our new goalie was just starting to shine, taking out a few oppositions with great affect. Injury struck halfway into the season causing a stop to 2011. Hopefully next season will see Tatey at his peak.

Mark Tate (Tatie [Fem])

Started to show old form around goals, also advised some umpires on technical issues. Has been missed over the last part of the season due to work etc.

Robert Thorn (Robby)

4 Minutes on 7 Minutes off! But what a special 4 minutes!

Special thanks to the 14 players who filled-in in 2011 and to Crowley for helping out.

Mens Masters Over 40-4

This was our most successful year for quite a few years. At this stage it is looking like we will make the finals. The one good thing to see is the continuing improvement and contribution from all players. Losing Scott Girling half way through the season had the potential to derail the team but with the addition of Steve McEntee the team seemed to lift.

The fact that we have ended up as the second best defensive team is also a tribute to the defence. Many thanks to all those players who filled in and to Sean who umpired the majority of the matches. Already looking forward to next season.

Brett Gibbins (Goalie)

Each year Brett continues to improve as a goalie. Calls the play really well and has made some outstanding saves. The fact that we ended up with the second best defensive record is largely due to Brett's good work.

Scott Girling (Attacking half)

What can I say about Scott? The fittest guy on the team, great ball skills and the ultimate team player always gives 100%. Played half the season before taking an overseas posting.

Gus Ingenluyff (Attack or Defence)

Gus did a great job managing and organising the team. Unfortunately due to work commitments missed quite a bit of the season. Gus demonstrated his flexibility by playing in the front line and making the most of his opportunities.

Greg Kent (Right Wing)

Greg is a key forward in the team. Still has plenty of speed and readily takes on defenders. Sends some great shots across the goalmouth from the right wing position. Not only scores some great goals but is involved in setting up many others.

Matthew Knuiman (Left Wing)

Matthew is the other half of our front line. Good stick skills and always looking to create a scoring opportunity. Is an integral part of our attacking line up.

Steve McEntee (Forward)

Steve came into the team with the departure of Scott Girling. Had an instant impact and either scored or created many opportunities. Reads the play really well and may be nearer 60 than 40 but he is still competitive.

Ian Munns (Defensive half)

Ian was new to our team this year but fitted straight into the defensive line up. Proved to be a tough defender with great tackling skills.

Colin Oakley (All positions)

First year of hockey and you could see the improvement each week as his fitness and skills improved. Played in a number of positions from defence to attack. No doubt will continue to improve and have an even bigger impact next year.

Paul Paino (Left Half)

Fitted in the defensive line up really well. Good all round fitness and ball skills and seems to improve each year. Provides that essential link between defence and attack.

Tony Patton (right full back)

Tony is our right full back. Together with Ian, Gerald and Brett he has formed the second best defence in the comp. He has an amazing one handed tackle that makes it very hard for attackers to get past him and he has kept goalie Brett idle on many occasions. He also stood up as team manager when Gus' work schedules changed mid season.

Robert Preedy (Half Back)

Bob played at Right half for a couple of games before being promoted to the 50 Div 3s. Reads the game really well and always contributes 100%. Thanks for your help Bob.

Jaspal Sembi (forward and half back)

Jaspal has been a real jack of all trades this season. Reliably arriving at the last minute, he has played as inner, on the wing and as half back. To top it off he has been a real goal sneak scoring when the team needed it. He stunned the whole team during the Freo match when we found out that peaked caps are banned on the field.

Gurmeet Singh (centre half)

Gurmeet has been the secret tactician of the team. Whenever we have been stuck he has come up with a solution and before the matches he has revealed the mysteries of short corners. During play Gurmeet has played as defensive or attacking centre half and is one of the playmakers in the team.

Dean Stonehouse (right half)

Dean has played as right half for much of the season. Together with Gurmeet, Ian and Scott he has converted defence into attack time and time again. Filling in the forward line he has snuck in a few handy goals too and never stops running.

Mens Masters Over 40-4 (contd)

Gerald Tai (right fullback)

Gerald has been rock solid in defence. Together with Tony, Ian and Brett he has formed our back line. We have the second best defence in the comp this year which has been a huge improvement on last season. Gerald has a massive hit and frequently rockets the ball back up the left wing.

Andrew Toogood (forward)

Andrew Toogood is one of those guys who never stops running. He plays at the front, usually as inner and always runs back for a second tackle. Not afraid to put his body on the line he has taken more than his fair share of knocks this season and snuck in some handy goals.

Rob Whitelaw (forward and half back)

We welcomed Rob to the team this year. Being new to hockey he has been a very fast learner and has picked up very quickly. He has been rock solid at left half when Paul is away and chipped in a few goals at the front. He has also been very consistent at post match drinks.



Mens Masters Over 50-1

What a year for our boys with plenty of ups and downs. With the whole club watching this talented squad we didn't have it all our way this year unlike the last couple of years. In 2010 we won 15 straight and won all three Pennants and the Grand Final 3-0. This year with 16 in our squad we had some trouble finding enough fit players to fill a team. With so many away on holidays, sick or injured this was another big challenge. After all the distractions we managed to play some great hockey along the way. Had a few laughs, upset a few, had a few drinks and of course plenty of sledging. Well done guys on a great year. Thanks to Leo, Matt and Andrew for filling in for us this year and of course a big thanks to our loyal supporters who come and support us each week. Thanks to Wal, Beth, Catherine, Leonie, Tracey, Jodi, Frank and Will who help us out to manage this side and organise big milestones for this team to celebrate which this year was Pat's 600th game. Well done from all your team mates.

Ron Chesny (Ches)

Ches has had an up and down year. He's played some great hockey being our dangerous striker with his speed and skill. He runs rings around the opposition and has scored some great goals. He's had a couple of trips away and a couple of injuries along the way but when Ches is fit and well - watch out. Ches has also made the State O50 side. Well done on a great year.

Peter Dawkins

Our gentle giant of the side, Peter has had a great year. He played most positions with grace and style, a tower of strength with his long reach and clearing hit. He's one of our quiet achievers of the team. Well done and we will see you next year.

Daryl Dedman (DD)

Had a great start to the season with a hat-trick of goals, he's had a couple of injuries along the way. DD did some coaching as well this year, guiding the Under 15s Regionals to a great win. Well done. We hope the knees stand up for another year.

Hans Geers

One of our hard working full backs, Hans had a stop start season being selected to Manage the Thundersticks so he missed a couple of games but came back and played some great hockey. Always a tower of strength and has a great eye for the ball. He's good at giving the opposition player a couple of handy tips.

Keith Harper (Harps)

One of our loyal Dockers supporters who's missed a couple of games when the Dockers were in town, and also missing a couple more after getting injured umpiring. Played some great hockey during the season and even scoring four goals in one game. Keith has taken on the coaching roll taking the State 12's School Girls away to the East Coast for the fourth year in a row. With great patience comes a great reward.

Colin Howell

A very consistent year having had a great year roaming around the forward line with ease and took on every back line in the competition. One of our team leaders who studies the game very well and always has a plan to outplay, outwit the opposition. Well done on a great year.

Wayne Hudson (Wayno)

The heart and soul of our team; the man who did a heap of organization each week to get the team on the field (as well as contributing enormously around the club). By his admittance, Wayno had a slow start to the season in terms of his own form but played superbly in the last round and half. Wayno is an outstanding team man and a positive influence on all players. Thanks for your leadership Wayno.

Greg Hunt (Egg)

Described in the 1975 annual bulletin (Yep that's 36 years ago) as "A talented player who has mastered the difficult left wing position. Has strengthened his game during the year and has produced some outstanding feats". Ah yes we can reminisce but those qualities are as true today as they were then. His "tricky or is it cliky knee" seems a mere diversion and perhaps a good excuse for not running harder in games but no matter as he is quite comfortable putting on some close in "magic" with poise and due care and slotting that 'specky' goooooaaaaaaal. A fine team and club man with a discerning palate for a good red. Wine that is!. Is threatening to get the knee fixed in the off season suggesting a blinder in 2012. From hockey that is not wine.

Patrick Matthews

Patrick is one of the healthiest players in the team. Maybe that's because he doesn't touch a hockey stick over summer and lets the season's fitness unfold? Not true - I have it on good authority that the late afternoon flash (not flasher) that runs through the Point Walter Golf course is in fact Patrick. Pat's skill level is amazing and bamboozles his opponents and team mates alike. His shots on goals are pin point and his timing on tackles is a sight to behold. When Pat is on song - we win! Let's hope the song is sweet come September.

Mens Masters Over 50-1 (contd)

Paul Meacock (Whip)

His nickname may be Whip but maybe it should be Lip. Paul is definitely our mouth piece in most ways. His pre game and mid game talks give us the plan to execute – just sometimes we don't do it – not Lips fault. When an opponent needs to be TOLD there is no one better than Whip/Lip although sometimes Hans goes close. Whip has played a magnificent season mostly at full back, laying timely tackles and distributing the ball with absolute precision. His body has held up well this year and hopefully there will be many more years left in it. Whip has had a great season and is our barometer for success. Whip, we need clear skies and light winds come finals time.

Andrew Reynolds

With an updated stick, an updated chair and an updated car, Andy is the new age over 50 hockey player. His tackling, overheads and hitting has been a delight to watch this year and when the hammy holds up his burst of speed is amazing. Inclusion in the state Masters team has enthused him even more and he boasts being one of the fittest in the team (not hard – really). He is the all round player, able to cover all 3 lines and create goal opportunities or score them himself. Like many of us in the team, injury has hampered Andy's performances but only slightly – he plays through many injuries. Come finals time he needs only an updated hammy and we will be in with a great chance. Top season, Andy.

Brian Robinson (BR)

Sadly BR missed many games due to injury but when he did play he was our "General" in the midfield linking defence and attack. Never ruffled, always in control; a commanding player! We hope BR can play a full season in 2012.

Victor Rypp

Had a great start to the season playing mainly on the wing. Went on holidays and picked up a bug somewhere and missed a couple of games being sick and then took a couple of games to get his fitness back. One of our fly in - fly out players. Well done on a great year.

Russell Scanlon (Rusty)

Great to see Rusty back burning up the grass. Had last year off with long service but the temptation was too great to come back and play. A big pre-season saw Rusty back to his very best. Played most of his hockey playing on the wing taking on the opposition. A great team player. Rusty also made the 50's State Team. Well done on a great year.

David Timmel (Davo)

We thought he was lost to us for the year due to a work move to Melbourne; then he was back in Perth. Then he was back and forth between Melbourne and Perth – confused? So were we! Despite that; any game with Davo in it is worth being part of. The ultimate team and club man who played above all expectations this year. His season finished with a hip replacement surgery; good luck for your recovery Davo and we look forward to your return next year.

Neil Woollacott (Waldo)

What an achievement from Waldo! He captained us in last year's Grand Final after significant medical treatment and captained our first game this year after major surgery in the off season. Waldo gave his all in every game this year and set an amazing example of determination, team spirit and mateship. You have been an inspiration in every sense this year, Wal!



Mens Masters Over 50-2

The shake up from a poor 2010 season meant that the 50-2s decided to go for the youth policy. Pat Hall and Steve McEntee were traded at the beginning of the season and Muddy was de listed mid-season. Duncan was the only draft selection for the team for 2011. He is believed to have had the highest vertical leap and most flexible torso at the pre-season draft camp, qualities that would go well for his future development.

The changes were imperative for the club to build this team upon pace and the relentless frontal pressure that achieved premiership success in 2009. The team embarked on Year 1 of its rebuilding phase with a lot of shuffling (as opposed to running), a reinvigorated emphasis on frontal pressure and a strategy that was designed to rebuild from the back line first. This strategy was executed with perfection given that during the first complete round approximately 90% of game time was played in our defensive half. The only blip was against Willetton which have been rebuilding over 25 years and have perfected the strategy of superior loss to win ratio. We were sitting equal last with Willetton and Rockingham at the completion of the first round with one win apiece.

Enter the second half of the season and a review of our game theory that redirected emphasis to the midfield and forward line by inviting them to participate in the games. This had immediate impact with victories against our old foes and accomplished actors third placed Aquinians, Rockingham and Willetton, a draw against top placed Mods followed by a thrashing at the hands of Guildford.

Unfortunately the season grew too short for us to realise the new strategy and play finals however at the time of writing the team had shot to 5th position which was a fantastic result given the loss of experienced players earlier in the season (not sure where we put them though). The highlight of the year was undoubtedly when Billy took on and clubbed Danny Green into submission during an away match against Whitfords although obtaining front row seats to watch Aquinians toss their toys out of the cot was comparable (Although Slats thinks it was his first goal in 20 years).

Chris Avent

Google 'silly old bugger' and a picture of Grandad comes up. He is a morale boost for the rest of the old guys who plod around the field on Saturday afternoon with low esteem because after spending time with Grandad none of us feel so silly, so old or so foolish. Granddad still struggles to get to a game on time and when he does everyone else feels nervous because we all think the game should have started. When he gets on the field he is solid in defence and has cut short many an opposition attack with flair and finesse. 2011 health analysis update – still no calves but has grown two extra chins.

Noel Backhouse (Achy Brakey)

An excerpt taken from the U17 North team Profile 1974 about Noel – "Played as right inner and worked hard to get that ball into the circle and past the goalie, with good success." Achy Brakey no longer plays with the club however there are many fond memories around of his antics. Needless to say he got married earlier this year in Singapore and is now scoring in a different arena.

Lindsay Borthwick

Longreach Lindsay worked up a disturbing amount of sweat this season and obviously needs a bit of coaching from Gramps and Slats about how much effort a full back should expend per game. Nothing this season has been so sweet as to see Aquinians bouncing off Lindsay like lotto balls bouncing around in the barrel. He never loses his cool and seems to be able to cover half the field with one step which can be an advantage when playing on our home paddock. Still learning the art of woodcutting, he is coming along nicely and even brings his own chainsaw and block splitter to the games now.

Terrence Brooks

Brooksie is the driving force behind the Frontal Pressure philosophy that is being postulated by the backs to try and keep the ball coming their way. When the Frontal Pressure manual comes out the forwards may understand what it means. A great backup goalie for when Mike can't make it. When Brooksie has made it to the field he has proven courageous with his aggressive attack at any unsuspecting opposition forward who dares step on his sacred turf. This year his head says 'go' and his body says 'maybe'. After playing many hard fought campaigns over a lot of seasons covering two centuries, the old war horse bares the scars (but you should see the other guys). We should put some gaffer tape in the first aid kit to keep Brooksie out there for the next 30 years. Even though you are a Collingwood supporter we still like you.

Graeme Coleman

Graham's best friend is short term memory loss as the opposition teams get older and forget they are supposed to mark him. This season he found plenty of space, but that could be because the backs simply forgot where they were or fell into one of the pot holes at Buzzacott. Borat is well rounded in attack and often is seen deep in defence – so keen is he for the ball to be passed to him that he can lead in two directions at the same time. Pity the backs took a vote at the beginning of the season never to give him the ball.

Mens Masters Over 50-2 (contd)

Pat Hall

Angry Pat has not been seen much this season. Rumor has it that he jumped before he got pushed. There have been reports that he has been running around the paddock with the over 70's because he qualifies from the looks and birth certificate front. He is a solid performer on the wing or at half back and doesn't stop trying all day. He also changes from pasty pale to bright red like a ripe tomato through the game. Pat is the only person we know who understands the rules so he gets frustrated at the referees when they make a wrong call and gets all worked up and goes an even brighter red. Pat missed a chunk of the season to go and be with his son Rossco in Africa where the very proud Dad saw his boy do great things playing in our national team against the South African national team. Ross we are all proud of you and your achievements to date and look forward to more in the future. Thank goodness you got your mother's hockey skills.

Michael Jolliffe

Before the implementation of the Frontal Pressure strategy Mike had quite a work out. Sometimes there were so many shots on goal Mike looked like he was re-enacting a scene from the Matrix. Once he realised he had to pay the full backs to stop forwards getting into the D, his fortunes improved. Mike missed a few games due to his appearances on Australia's Got Talent but his vocal talents came in useful in directing the structures of his defence i.e. yelling at the top of his lungs "get back here you scurvy dogs" or words to that effect. Still for an oldish chap he moves well as long as he doesn't think about it and even stopped a penalty flick much to his own surprise.

Robert Knyn

Sensai Robbie is crucial in the frontal pressure strategy as espoused by the Guru Brooksie. Integral to the right sided attack he combined well with the Panther, Borat and the Joker to strike fear into goal keepers and full backs. Bursts of skill surprised the opposition (and himself) and added a touch of flare to the forward line. Even the odd pass to the Panther was rewarded by forays into the D. Now next season the job is to put the small white round thing into the back of the net and we mean the ball and not Brooksie.

Stephen Llanwarne

Startled astrophysicists studying Stephen's performance for the year have noted a strange correlation between the number of planets with possibility of life vs those with known life when compared with data on goal scoring opportunities vs actual goals scored. Sounds good but don't write it up yet boys – discovery of further life forms could be just around the corner. To give the other goal scoring machines in the forward line a chance to catch up, Stephen took a bit of time out this year to pick up a few tips from a certain football club, these were obviously well received and passed on. During these sabbaticals we missed Steve more than the opposition's net, we rely on him as Mr Morale (that's with an "e") for his precision attacks (at half time) – some of which are about as original as Grandpa's knees, and morale building speeches.

Duncan MacPhail

Duncan wins the team's best first year award for his efforts on the park this year. Not coming from a hockey background, Duncan was able to sub onto the left wing during most games. Unlike the frontal pressure tactics applied by the more experienced forwards, Duncan's game plan was executed to perfection by hugging the boundary to draw a defender away from the centre corridor, allowing the more experienced forwards greater freedom of movement. This game plan came unstuck against Rockingham when Duncan, who had obviously been carefully observing mentor Al's position play, was found to be applying frontal pressure tactics in the attacking D when he pounced like a puma onto a loose cross near a crowded goal mouth and pinged his first goal for the team. His own jubilation was shared by his team mates much to the disgust of the Rockingham players who couldn't believe he had ventured away from the sideline boundary. Congratulations Duncan.

John Maher

Still has the Mr Nice Guy award since Pat has continued to go more feral in his old age. John is a quiet achiever who is very handy at either half back or in any forward position. He covers more territory than anyone in the team. He starts the game very pasty and pale then by the end he is bright red like a very ripe tomato from all the hard work. One day when the Village People mustaches come back in fashion John will look modern but till that time he will look like a relic from a time long gone. Best quote of the season from John was "I need to move to the forward line as this center half business has me all at sea". He has had a great season.

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Alan Marshall

A strict diet and exercise routine (running after the CAT Bus) keeps Al trimmer than one of Grandpa's calf muscles, allowing him to continue his flamboyant lifestyle and still fit into those shorts from Under 13's. We're all doing our bit for the environment Al but it wouldn't be too extravagant to give them a wash in the intervening years. Al was the shining light of our forward line and managed to be in just the right place at the right time on many an occasion to give the legendary "oh what a feeling" leap. Upstaged in the match against the Aquinians, Al made a comeback to the big screen when someone whacked him with a stick at Guildford but it could be crucially too late for award nomination.

Steve McEntee

The new look Steve Mc is in great shape after a total overhaul over the off season, he has trimmed down, sorted out the old war wounds and come back to hockey with a vengeance. With the shoulder getting better each week Steve has bagged a lot of goals and is still a very dangerous forward. With the massive demand to play in our elite team and the other Melville sides struggling to get 11 able bodied warriors onto the paddock, Steve has helped out other teams and has been seen running around with Angry Pat.

Bill Morrison

When he first joined the team some years ago, Bill told us he had a few good years of hockey left in him, he failed to mention the bad ones. One of the few "follically challenged" regulars remaining, we were concerned earlier on in the year that the sharp increase in the cost of nose jobs would force Bill into "early" (it's relative to hair length) retirement, however Billy returned to be stalwart of the midfield and worked hard in the engine room all year. As usual, Bill also obligingly provided target practise for the opposition when called upon and spent many a short corner trying to pacify the back line troops prior to leaping over the line. Bill is also known for soldiering on with his "remaining positive" speech at half time. Yes Bill we are positive...

Eric Nell

Eric "the Drifter" Nell had a very entertaining year and acting on the theory of Frontal Pressure often felt the magnetic lure of the goals and supported his forwards (often from in front of them). Not bad for a half back. You can be guaranteed that Eric will give it his all every game even if that means he runs out of steam halfway through the second half. He developed a new technique of luring the opposition into thinking he has lost his forward only to cut off their pass and immediately turn defence into attack. The only man brave enough to attempt over head passes achieved a 4 out of 5 success rate. Now if only the forward pack were expecting them to work we could have got a lot more goals.

Mike Pitcher

Known as "The Panther" due his uncanny resemblance to the 1970's Leyland bus of the same name, "on ground" Pitch has all the grace of a 2 door fridge sliding down a fire escape. Watching Pitch enter the circle is like watching the final few seconds of a ten pin bowling bowls flight path, you know something's going to happen and it's probably going to all wind up in the gutter. After losing his job at the brewery as social functions coordinator, Pitch was able to concentrate fully on his fitness. This culminated in a late season peak against Rockingham where he was allegedly seen running, onlookers however quickly realised that what was thought to be sweat was in fact Dencorub being shed by the layer as Pitch reached previously unheard of velocities. Good luck with that new career in baking, Pitch.

Colin Slattery

Once again unanimously voted "Best Dressed" on ground Slats had a few pressing problems early in the season but quickly got them ironed out. Sad to think an embarrassing laundry injury could threaten the potential of a career fullback. However, after intensive cuticle therapy and round the clock manicuring, Slats was able to return to the paddock for a timely and colour coordinated return in what turned out to be a virtual tree felling extravaganza against our old friends from Mt Henry. Early on in the season Slats became famous when he accessorised with what could possibly be the 2nd most unlikely goal of recent history. After a relentless hour or so of precision attacks (on the goalie, the back line and the post) our forward line had come up as empty handed as a verge collection at Al's place. Slats took matters into his own hands and the rest is, as they say, history.

Gary Thomas (Muddy)

An excerpt taken from the U17 North team Profile 1974 about Muddy – "The team captain, always interested in the team's progress, and continually encouraging the other players to give of their best. Normally played as centre half or full back. Our strong short corner hitter. Has had a good year for his last year in the junior ranks." Rumour has it that Muddy had hair as recently as 1974 and was working on some lamb chop sideburns at that time. As for his hockey this year, Muddy mainly played across the half back line which combined with a seemingly early retirement meant that he was not able to register on the scorecard at all, unlike his effort against Aquinians last year. The question is "has Muddy retired or is he still in recuperation from implanted cranial hair surgery?"

Mens Masters Over 50-3

A good year, some ups and downs, but in all played well. Well done team.

Roger Bell (Goalie)

Roger is our goalie and plays a surprisingly good game when he is given a look at the ball. Roger marshals the team from the very last line of defence and during the 70 minutes of play Roger gives a running commentary on what we are doing right and what we are doing wrong. More importantly, Roger is our Team Manager, chief organiser, cook and bottle washer, he organises our umpire and makes sure that we all know where to play, when to play and what to wear. He makes sure that we have a full team every week (with reserves) and it is the organisation that Roger provides that makes playing hockey in this team an enjoyable weekend game that we all look forward to.

Gary Bowater (Centre Forward)

A hard working forward who created many scoring opportunities for our team. With typical versatility he was able to fill in in the midfield and play any forward position. Like the rest of us, glasses don't seem too far away or the goals are getting smaller. Nevertheless, his skill has not declined and he has been a very important part of the team all year. A great year Gary.

Tony Ganzer (Left Wing - Goal Posts)

Tony said thanks Jeremy. When the team was against the wall, short on the field, no not Tony is short on the field, the team was and Tony presented himself for another year. Still a sneaky little goal maker. Each week Tony annoys the opposition back players, christ the Kalamunda Goalie biffed him to get him out of the way, now that was a surprise.

Matthew Hudson (Right Wing and other places)

This man has skill, ask the umpire as they often give him a rest for his tiring efforts, though he is yet to determine what gift he will get. Although he is one of the greyhounds of the team and can carry the ball from one goal to the other and also can play it with a hockey stick. With all that he did manage to score and told us all about his new son, on top of that two goals.

Tim Jobson (Forward/Midfielder/Back)

A good utility player, has the unique ability to be able to play anywhere on the field and play the position well. He tends to like the forward area staying away from the grumpies at the back, hmm he has not scored either – make room at the back guys.

Roger Kent (Second Reserve -Forward Line)

A fantastic running inside forward. Roger's ability to run all day at pace belies his age and makes a mockery of the accord sticker on his car. Unfortunately, Roger was hampered early this year by a knee injury which forced him to miss a few games. His return has been strongly aided by a stylish knee brace which has a number of unnamed team members (like Leo) whispering things like "man up princess". His ability to harass and press has won many

turnovers leading to a number of team goals. But his finest skill is a world class stick check, Roger has honed the deadly tackle into a thing of sheer beauty. Roger has clearly mastered a genuinely timeless skill wasted on the less educated and especially on Neil who's only recognition has been to hand out a number of different coloured cards.

Jeremy McGready (Inner Left/Right)

The new boy, thinks he can play hockey huh, let alone tell the time or read a schedule. Came back out of the traps scoring a goal each game, well that lasted well not very long, probably for two seconds after he told his family. At this end of the season three other players know his name, well they know who the new boy is??

Roger Nottage (Right Midfielder)

Roger plays a specialist right half role and although he is strong right across the half back line, he really does dominate this position and dominates any team that plays against him. Roger has a fast and tenacious game and likes nothing more than driving up the field creating countless opportunities for our forwards. Roger is a closeted sharp shooter and will take any opportunity to sneak into the circle for a shot at goals. Roger plays his hockey fair but hard, always has a smile on his face but generally takes no prisoners.

Johnson Orr (Left Half)

A defensive half back, Johnno constantly turns the opposition players inside out with his brilliant blind turns and low sweeping tackles. There are just not enough superlatives to describe Johnno's value to the team. There are also not enough swear words to describe the occasion he nicked off half way through a game to help the 1's leaving us short. Fortunately the team collectively suffers from Alzheimer's so it's unlikely any of us really remember his selfless acts of helping others. More importantly Johnno is the ultimate team player, he includes those around him, always makes the right decisions and makes every game a joy to be involved in. Johnno has also stepped up as our penalty stroke taker. Traditionally the side struggles to convert strokes and a number of limp wristed efforts by others has forced Johnno to display his manhood and step up by taking on the role. As a "gloved" player, Johnno was forced to replace his much loved glove with a newer more stylish fashion piece after a wardrobe malfunction akin to the Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake mammary gland fiasco forced him to buy a new one. Some commented that the glove actually makes him move more like the other Jackson. Johnno's plays include stealing the ball like a smooth criminal, setting up absolute thrillers, dancing around the opposition like a ghost before executing pin point passes and finally, grabbing his groin and moon walking his way back to cover his frustrated opponent. Referred to (behind his back) as "the Gloved One or just Bad" his resemblance to Wacko doesn't just finish there, it's said that after a hard match while sitting quietly waiting for his customary guinness he looks exactly like Michael does today.

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Bruce Porter (Midfielder Centre)

Bruce is the engine room of the team. He works tirelessly in defence and in attack with the occasional rush of blood in attempting to score. He has been the player all other teams try to nullify, but without success. Bruce has had a great year and as Captain has lead the team to the top of the ladder.

David Porter (First Reserve - Forward)

David recently earned his 600 game cap with the Club (he reckons if he counted all his hockey life there would be well over 1,000). David has a masterly understanding of the game, the tactics and the abilities of our competing teams and we all appreciate his generalship from the sideline. A dicky knee means that he only puts in brief appearances on the field but still remains significantly amongst our goal scorers. David's knowledge, enthusiasm and steady hand is well appreciated by the team.

Robert Preedy (Right Fullback)

Bob has had a fantastic year in deep defence. He has a steely resolve and very subtle skill in dispossessing or eliminating a forward. His wise use of the ball when releasing from the defence enabled us to launch many attacks during the year. A very impressive debut year with the team.

Leo Welten (Right Wing)

An extremely skillful forward who prowls the right side of the field constantly carving through the oppositions back line. With exceptional stick skills, Leo is a prolific goal scorer who often attracts much larger opponents intent on gang tackling or crunching him out of the game. In Leo's case "a much larger opponent" is just about anyone over five foot six inches and not wearing a gnome outfit. Being regularly crunched has allowed Leo to participate in his other passion as an aspiring olympic diver. His ability to round off a stick check with a reverse pike with forward twist, incorporating a triple tuck, while maintaining a degree of difficulty of 6.2 has earned him a number of frees and short corners. Unfortunately the judges scores have tended to be pretty low because he fails to keep his legs together - thank god for the skins he wears under his baggy shorts. However, Leo is an outstandingly creative and attacking player who has another important role for the team as our short corner maestro. He has single handedly raised our conversion rate this year to a staggering 3% of short corners taken. Making last year's 2% looks positively anaemic. Like all good forwards, Leo is also very capable of providing our backline with constructive advice and insights from 80 metres away. Which our defence, like all good backman, completely ignore.

Geoff Widdicombe (Left Fullback)

A strong reliable last line of defence "full back" seen on the rare occasions that the ball actually crosses the 25. Geoff is known not to tolerate such impetuous behaviour from opposition forwards by either smashing the ball back down the other end or just smashing it over the sideline.

He "doesn't really mind which, just so long as the ball is not where he is". A superb reader of the play, Geoff has the ability to close down the opposition's attack just as it's set to break out. He constantly sets up an impregnable defensive brick wall with his defensive partner before setting up our next attacking move from the ensuing turn over. Tactically Geoff's a strong believer in "I hit it, you lot get it". A reliable full back who marshals the back line but does have grandiose ideas that he can actually give meaningful advice to forwards as well. Stuff like "if you guys hit the ball in their goal more times that they hit it in ours, we'll win!" No matter what is happening in a game, his biggest asset to our side is keeping our goalie company while the rest of the team slog it out down the business end of the field. Geoff has vast legal experience to argue the finer points of umpiring decisions but chooses to use the more traditional methods of stick throwing, mouth guard spitting and just plain abusive language to get his point across. A genuine quality player.

Frank Williams (Midfielder)

Frank never seems to age and is always a hard working mid field player. Frank has excellent skills and created many attacking moves by linking with the forwards. His timely passes created many scoring opportunities for our forwards. He was one player who tried to use the ball rather than run the legs off the opposition. Good year Frank.

Andrew Wood (Right Inner)

Andy is one of our hard working inside forwards and will play left or right (depending on how he is feeling for the day). Andy's presence on the field is always dominant and while extremely competitive, he remains a great team player and has laid up many balls for others to score goals. Andy's only weakness is the Fremantle Football Club and opposing teams pray that the Dockers' game happens to clash with our fixture because we all know Andy won't be playing hockey that day.

THE PROFESSIONAL (Hit man) **Neil Ashley**

We have a mate who serves us well with friendship and merriment after the game. A valuable member of the squad and someone we are proud to call a friend. But once the whistle blows "watch out" or you will suffer from a quick Traffic Light direction and a tour of duty cheering on the team from behind the goalie. I can't remember if it goes Red, Yellow or Green or is it flashing Yellow before the Red. We had a game recently where the card didn't even have to be shown as the player sent himself off, that's the respect our umpire commands. Really at the end of the day it doesn't matter what colour, as you have probably earned it and the subsequent rest will help you recharge anyway, "I hear you say". The grief your team give you isn't worth the argument either, Team First always. We are very fortunate as a team to have Neil at our disposal and I personally believe the team plays better when he is on the field. So there are really no grumbles and we have an impressive Win/No Loss average. So don't take a shot at our umpire as that truly is a waste of time and you won't like the reply anyway, you always lose.

Mens Masters Over 60

The O60s have had their best year for quite a while, winning the majority of games, not losing any game by more than a goal, and maintaining a top four position for most of the year. Well done guys. Let's hope we can carry our top form into the finals, and give them a real shake. However this works out, it's been a really good year, played with great spirit, on and off the field.

Robin Bailey

Another very good season for Robin. Never seems to miss a game and always plays a consistently high standard of hockey. He can be relied on to be in position and ready to receive a ball or tackle at any time. It must be the oranges!

Bruce Cadd

One of the three 600 gamers in our team, Bruce shows great passion for his hockey, team and club (particularly in his role as Men's Vets Coordinator), and does a great job as result, on and off the field. Although Bruce's passion sometimes boils over in the heat of battle, the camaraderie, goodwill and help he shares with everyone make him part of the heart and soul of the team. Thanks for another great year, Bruce.

Geoff Corlett

A typical winter Saturday afternoon preparing to do battle and into the midst of the team huddle confidently strides a MCHC version of 'Michelin Man' - yes, it's Geoff Corlett, rigged out in goalie gear that has seen far flung state and Australian service. Confidently, Geoff C announces the moves for the first half: "A to B after 10, B off, C on for 10 in A's position, ". On another occasion, Geoff was heard to say something like: "Why the @\$% doesn't he listen? He only had to look left and ... !" These comments reflect some of Geoff's character - a great organiser, passionate player and committed team captain. Well done Geoff and good luck playing for that other 'Maroon Zone' team in the upcoming Australian Masters' Championships.

Ray Domingo

Ray started the year in great fashion scoring regularly at centre forward, and helping us get our season off to a flying start. He's one of the quick movers in the team, with the skills to get past opposition players in mid field, and a powerful hit in front of goals. Although sometimes frustrated by missed opportunities, Ray is always a goal scoring threat, with the capability to be a match winner on his day.

Michael Goodman

Called in and out of retirement several times through the season, Mike has only played 4 or 5 games so far, but has played well and made valuable contributions whenever he has. The fitness challenges we all face as O60s, and Mike's dedication to supporting Dockers home games, may make it difficult for us to call Mike out of retirement more frequently from now on. Let's hope not, as Mike still has plenty to offer, and will certainly be welcome back anytime.

Pat Hall

Pat joined us part way through the first round, initially as a 'utility' player, in a variety of roles midfield and forward, all of which he fulfilled very well. Since then, Pat has played most games at full back, where he has shown great poise and dash, leading to best player votes on a number of occasions. However, I get the feeling that Pat would do equally well in almost any position. Welcome to the team Pat. Your contributions have been greatly appreciated, and we look forward to playing with you again in 2012.

Tony Illman

Tony has had a much improved year in 2011, showing not so many signs of injury or pain after a game. He has been a regular and very consistent player, playing mostly at right inner. He has made a very good contribution to the team, scoring goals from time to time, at every opportunity. Congrats Tony, for a good and pain-free season! We look forward to having you next year, hopefully with another improvement to our position on the ladder!

Keith Jackaman (Skinter)

I have tried to find out the origin of Keith's nickname, but the replies I have received vary widely. It does not seem to be related to the timing of his arrival at the hockey field, which in the past was very close to game start time. Whether this was due to his desire to let others start on the field is not known, but his punctuality has definitely improved. However once on the field he always performs very well. He does not flaunt his skills in any exaggerated or showy manner, rather he just plays consistent and steady hockey at full back. It's good to have him in the team as we can rely on his consistency and good play, and also because he is just a good bloke! He has now played more than 600 games for Melville which is a great achievement.

Mens Masters Over 60 (contd)

Steve McEntee

Thanks to President Steve for helping us out on several occasions when we were short, and for your great play and leadership each time this happened. We look forward to the time when we can welcome you to the O60s on a more permanent basis.

Kingsley McGuire

Fullback and a valued player. Has a good eye for intercepting the ball and stopping attacking players with a good hit to clear the ball. Always ready to give advice and share his experience. Kings is a great team member and is always terrific to play with.

Terry Parker

It's been great to be able to welcome Terry back as a regular player, at left inner, from the start of the season this year. Terry adds great skill and poise to our midfield, and is a key link man, who always works hard to build good structure and team play into our movements between defence and attack. As a result, it was no surprise when Terry was selected in this year's state O60s team. Congratulations for this Terry, and thanks for a great year.

Keith Platel

Keith started the year in outstanding fashion, with four goals in our first game. Since then, he's continued to bamboozle opposition defences with excellent right wing play, and can always be relied on to find his way past defenders, outrun nearly all of them, and swoop on any opportunity in the circle. As a result, Keith has led the goal scoring for our grade throughout the year, and is one of our not so secret weapons for success in the finals. On top of that, Keith's a great team contributor, as shown by the very enjoyable team BBQ he organised for us in May. Many thanks Keith.

Geoffrey Riley

Geoff Riley – our team manager (ably assisted by Mary) and Mr Everywhere Man! Consistently in the top players each week, Geoff always knows where to be and repels many opposition attacks each week. Every now and then when the defence are under pressure and an opposition goal seems inevitable, Geoff appears in the last line from nowhere and clears the sideline. Geoff's sweaty face after each game is testament to his work rate each week. Geoff's other claim to fame is that each week he brings along our most ardent supporter – wife Mary. Another great season Geoff – well done.

Tom Rushton

Tom is one of the team's accredited "utility" players. With the way the game is now played, having a person like Tom in the team allows great flexibility to set game plans and team strategies. Probably one of the fittest of the "old fellas", Tom is looked upon as a secret weapon, when the rest of the team goes into relapse, out pops Tom, fires up the attack and away we go again. Sadly, at the time of writing this, Tom has played just over 50% of games - I believe he is saving himself for finals, where we'll see him shine and perform to his excellent standard. Glad to have you with us Tom.

John Smith

John has been the stalwart of the Over 60's team, playing at centre half. He has been as determined and effective at defence as assisting the forwards in attacking the goal. We have missed him in the forward line as he is an effective forward, but he has been most effective in the centre half position. A great season John, well played.

Kelvin Woodward

Although Kel has missed a number of games this season due to work commitments, he has still made a very solid contribution. Whilst usually a defender, we have experimented with Kel on the left wing with some success and, with some coaching, he could potentially be a "dark horse" as a forward. Hope you are available more regularly in 2012, to make full use of your "young legs", Kel.

This year, we've been very fortunate to be able to call on **Piet Speyers** to umpire for us on most occasions. Many thanks Piet – this has been much appreciated. It's also been great to see you overcome your lingering Achilles concern, and be able to start playing again near the end of the season. Hope this signals a full return to battle next year. Thanks also to **Neil Ashley** and **Tony Ganzer** for your help with umpiring, and to **Murray Parker** for filling in as goalie when Geoff C was away.

Girls 11/12 A

India Brockman

More maniacal than a box full of kittens. This girl wouldn't hurt an armadillo. Never a questionable word or look from her and the perfect player who will never give up. Her kind nature has some drawbacks as forwards can run past her easily. A very important part of the team.

Madelaine Brockman

Indie's sister. Living in the shadow of her sister must be tough for this girl but one way to get noticed is to show up at training with some interesting and suspicious marks from that weekend. Besides this we can all appreciate her importance to the team and how consistent her top class performances were this season. A sign of a good player is just this.

Rhianna Clay

Constant ear bashings from this girl who reaches new decibel levels with her verbal onslaughts. By far the loudest member of the team who has improved fundamentally throughout the year, increasing skills and productive assessment. Please tone down the noise and a "well done".

Amy Fullarton

Fully, Stop growing! Showed some really good skills and poise throughout the season and has great potential. Pink socks at training were very expressive and cheeky remarks to coaches usually ended up in sprints. Overall a great season from a good hockey player.

Madeleine Harper

For a black belt.. we were expecting more India Brockman like tackles and karate chops through trainings and in games. Besides this disappointment, Maddy's efforts this season have been gallant and she has become a very solid defender.

Paige Hudson

Orange pads. Playing 15s and 17s the entire season Paige did extremely well. Saving us on many occasions. Next year we expect to see some sliding and diving though. And a lot more talking!! Well done Paige.

Georgia Mason

Ladsy as she prefers. Georgia would go into any contest without fear. Thinks she can beat the coaches in any sport thrown her way but is clearly underestimating how good the coaches really are at everything. Besides constant blows to the head, Georgia is a hard working and important asset to the team.

Holly Menegola

Hawthorn one week, Fremantle the next and West Coast the next... we all know she supports the Melbourne Demons. Holly really stood out this year with her ability to tomahawke from anywhere in the circle..... and miss, which amused everyone. Holly has stepped up a lot this year and has taken on a big responsibility for her team in our defensive structure. A solid season.

Kirsten Silvey

Toe cramp, away in Melbourne, missing from a game for a dinner dance. When she trains or plays with us and Indie isn't taking her head off in rugby, she can control the game and play effortlessly well. The future is what you want it to be. Be one with the ball.

Ebony Stove

Ebony has astounded us this past year with her sophisticated and intellectual persona. Her ability to communicate the English language effectively in the competitive environment is of the highest class. Eb played sooooo sick hey, she's hell speedy and has mad skills, bet all her opposition are helllllll cut they can't catch her. A heaps good season Bra.

Georgia Wade

Wow. A special case indeed. 80% of trainings were entertainment for Gurbs and Dirty with this girl there. Examining the difference between a jumper and a shirt does prove to be a complex task at times, whilst comprehending some of the more intrinsic exercise activities comprised at our training sessions occasionally provided a exigent proposition from this girl. Hockey wise, a strong forward with a great improvement and understanding this year.

Louise Watson

Well there's too much to talk about with this girl, we just can't seem to keep her quiet. Louise is actually the quietest person we have ever met..no joke. She is an amazingly talented hockey player, which she has proved many times in tight positions during games. Razzale Dazzale

We would also like to thank all the girls who filled in for our team throughout the season. Especially the 15s girls. You all showed that you are great players with an enormous future. Thanks again.

Girls 11/12B

Sondren Bailey (Centre forward)

Sondren has had a really good season which she started at full back. But after 2 amazing game saving goals against Hale Blue(?) she has been put into a forward position and has been a strong force up forward.

Shannon De Melo (Left/right inner)

Shannon has been a brilliant midfield player and week in week out she gives a consistent performance. All season long she has worked really well with all the girls in order for her team to get across the line.

Emily Duffield (Goal keeper)

Em has been an awesome goalie and has really progressed as the season goes on. With a bunch of game saving saves, I'm sure all the girls are happy to play along side her and with her constant chatter she keeps the girls in line.

Hannah Gibson (Inner/wing)

Hannah has had a great season so far and has impressed the coach with her skills in getting the ball up the field either by passing or taking it herself. She has managed to score 1 goal so far and hopefully she can add to that in the last games.

Shireen Gibson (Centre half)

Shireen has had an outstanding season. Although at times she tries to do it all herself, she has been able to create plays in order to push forward. With a great set of ball handling skills she has been a great addition to the team.

Cara Lawther (Half/full back)

Cara started out as a fill in player but soon found out she wanted to actually play for the team. Since then she has played successfully at half and full back and with a strong hit she has proved that she is a strong defender.

Janezza Lymbery- Joyce (Wing and full/half back)

Janezza has been one of the most improved players on the team. The last month she has shown us that she can play hockey by mixing up her game and playing in the back line and being successful at it.

Caitlin Toogood (Wing/inner)

Caitlin is a well rounded player and has proven that by consistently performing at a high level. She has all the basic skills that are needed to progress into a great hockey player.

Isabelle Tyson (Forward)

Izzy is a strong player whom is very consistent with the way she plays. With her strong play at the ball she is able to open the play up in order to create opportunities for her fellow teammates.

Tori Vince (Full back)

Tori is one of the most well rounded players and has had a brilliant season in defence. With her attacking style, the coach has been really impressed with her progress throughout the season. Tori has always been able to make the play either clearing the ball or stopping the attackers.

Alexis Young (Wing)

Alexis has missed a majority of the season with a broken nose. But with her recent return she has proven that no skills were lost in her time away. With a few good performances she has shown that she is quite a competent player who can manage her position well.

Boys 11/12A

This is a team that had more interest than the Reserve Bank. High expectations for the defending premiers where glimpses of true potential were seen was the roller coaster that was the 11/12A Boys season. Many people were peeking through the curtains to see just what these young men were doing and their interest is fuelled by the capacity of this team when playing fluent hockey. Like Jekyll and Hyde, you were never sure which team would turn up to play, nor for how long. Some of the team members would enjoy living in the US of A – where vocalising every thought that pops into your head is encouraged – sometimes it doesn't quite fit on nor beside a hockey pitch. The young men follow their own path and perhaps now appreciate (I hope) why you catch more bees with honey than you do with vinegar. As the team decided, actions speak louder than words – always.

I've left it to the coaches to describe the young men but suffice to say when the Ferrari is fuelled, tuned and every cylinder is firing it cannot be beaten.

Thanks also to the young men from the other grades who made it possible for this team to be competitive – thank you to Jayden, Justin, Jake, Josh, Matt, Bryn, Ben and Ashley – my sincere apologies if I've missed anyone.

And it would be remiss not to offer a huge thanks to Ev and Pat, who in the latter part of the season enjoyed using the early release of the iPad 3 during the games, for doing a sensational job and coaching the young men and providing (but not necessarily being listened to) sound, simple strategies that win games of hockey. I suspect they thought they were in the middle of negotiations for hostage release at times but to their credit they navigated their way to ensure all survived.

Of course, thanks also to the crowd for their loyal support – it was and is appreciated. (And we all hope we are reading this after having won another premierships!.)

Luke Antoncich

I think Luke played in just about every position this year, and it was great having someone very adaptable in the team. He was able to break through lines and set up plays from the midfield, and then drop back to fullback and make some important tackles. Keep your composure when you have the ball and try not to force too many passes because if it rebounds back it just means more running for you. Congrats on the great year and good luck with seniors.

William Beddoes

Will (or Willy as Jack would say), has had a good season, when he's not out at the 'Deen! Although Will has seen the wrong end of a few team jokes, he hasn't let it get to him and gives it back just as much which is what I admire. His determination on the field sets him up with some of our best players and his performance this year has been the result of a massive improvement from last year. Great work Will!

Timothy Geers

Not only does he have the skills to draw attention but the mouth too. Tim can be seen on the field not only dominating the opposition, and letting them know about it, but giving the umpires a few pointers too! Unfortunately the latter has got him in a bit of hot water at times but he has improved and has recently played the best hockey we have ever seen him play. Tim is also one of our senior players and his experience gained from seniors and representing WA is shown in his dominance of this grade, has been a good season Timmy - great work mate.

Shaun Gibbins

The gym junkie of our team and his fitness levels show on the field. Shaun is a great player and as a younger member of our team, he has proved himself in our forward line by getting in the right spots at the right time and getting those touches in goals (mostly from Tim haha). I hope Shaun has learnt from this year with the older boys and has an even better season dominating 17's next year.

Ross Hall

Our team captain and someone who has showed leadership on and off the field helping us keep the boys in line when necessary. Ross has some unbelievable strength and skills for a 17s player and his opportunities in seniors this year has been a result of such. As a coach, Rossco has made our job easier with great maturity and work-rate both in training and games, however like Timmy can occasionally let the umpire know which way he should be pointing. Rossco's had a great season and year of hockey including representing Australia, great work mate!

Jack Hallam

Anyone would think Jack was playing ice hockey the way he slides around the pitch in desperation to get a touch on the ball! This leads me to my next point, that no-one can doubt your commitment to the team. Your work ethic is a definite standout in your game and gives you an edge on the opposition. Just try to be a bit more aware of what is going on around you in terms of your positioning and what passes are available. But it's easy to see you have a great enjoyment of the game, so keep it up.

Boys 11/12A (contd)

Cahill Hunt

Cahill loves to use his skills to drag around people so much that sometimes he does it to the same person 3 times in about 10 seconds. I would really like to see you develop more of an ability to use those skills to beat the first guy when you need to and find a pass to a team-mate. You definitely have a great start with your basics and skills so I'm looking forward to your improvement next year as you gain more experience.

Campbell Love

Cam has an amazing knack of picking off the opposition over and over again. Usually he is cool and calm at the back, providing the other team with some insightful comments about how their game is currently progressing. Although a couple of umpires have felt his wrath due to their "interesting" decisions. Keep working on tightening up the defensive structure by moving the other guys into the best positions. This will just polish your game and make life easier for you by cutting off their long passes.

Samuel Mazzer

Sam was lost to another code part way through the season and left Cam and Jordy with no-one else to talk to down the back. Sam's speed was missed down the back but the team overcame his absence but without doubt he was missed.

Jordan Moore

The last line in our defensive efforts and Cam's partner in crime about letting the opposition know what they're doing wrong. You had some absolute blinders this year and really kept us in the game in some close matches. I'm probably not too qualified to give you much goalkeeping advice, soooo.....keep stretching those hammies....? But other than that try and set up your defence as early as possible to eliminate those breakaways and easy goal shots. And stay away from those canoes!

Nicholas Tate

Nick is not only the 17's leading goal scorer, but the 3's as well. So as you can tell he is a very dangerous player in the circle, and has probably one of the hardest hits in the whole competition. His skills and elimination ability are also very advanced. Although his work-rate and concentration can drop off at times, he has identified this and worked really hard the last few games to try and turn it around. Nick has a very promising career in front of him and I am excited to see his development continue. Congrats on scoring a few goals at the under 18's nationals!

Ryan Vickery

Ryan has had a great season and when he scores one he usually scores a few! Although Vickers is generally quiet and it's not easy to be outspoken in our team he has shown he is not to be taken lightly from his talent on the field with great attacking abilities. When Ryan plays well we look very dangerous as a team with his great abilities in the D and his ability to hit team-mates with great passes going forward. His selection in 16's schoolboys this year has been a tribute to his great ability - congrats mate.

And for the guys who did more than fill in for us. Unfortunately the start of the season saw us having tight numbers and the loss of a valuable teammate from our team only exacerbated it. However we have had some brilliant players come up from the 15's team and Justin from the 17A reserve side fill in on many occasions to see us field a team. A massive thanks to **Justin, Jayden, Josh, Jake, Ben, Bryn, Matt** and **Ash** not only have you helped us out but you all stole a few MVP votes which is great to see, thanks Boys.

Coaches Report

It has been a bit of an up and down season this year. When the guys turned up to play they were basically unstoppable, and I'm sure the crowd will back me up on that. However, at other times there seemed to be some confusion and disorganisation which resulted in a few easy goals being let in. I think a lot of this is to do with experience and I have no doubt that they will be able to play better for much longer periods in the years to come. And boys, I hope you have learnt to let the umpires do their job and concentrate on the game!! Even if their decisions are sometimes "questionable". Although I think we as coaches can learn a thing or two in that department as well. All of you have amazing skills for guys so young and it has been a pleasure to coach you guys and help with your development. I'm looking forward to the challenge of finals so the other teams can really see what you're capable of! Thanks for your great effort this year boys. And thanks to the parents and spectators for coming down and supporting us each Friday night.

Boys 11/12B Black (Maroon)

This was mine and Henning's first foray into coaching and, although it took a while to adapt to it, we can safely say that it was really enjoyable. We originally signed on to both coach the Maroon team, however we wound up coaching both teams simultaneously which was close to a baptism of fire. At the time of writing, Maroon sit third with a game in hand and look to be serious title contenders as we are beginning to play some of our best hockey with finals season looming ever closer. A special thanks to Garry Evans, our amazing manager, for the wonderful job that he does week in, week out, your efforts are much appreciated!! Hals-und Beinbruch for next season!

Callum Ashby

If Connor is the heart of the team then Cashby has to be the brain, as he is the main playmaker of the team and responsible for many of our most dangerous attacks. If he manages to put on a few kilos over the summer then he'll easily be capable of playing in the higher grades and is certainly one to watch for the future.

Lucas Dival - Young

Quite possibly the quietest member of the team, narrowly beating off stiff competition from the likes of Joel and Blake. Always in the right place at the right time, Lucas possesses amazing pace and can often be seen in the distance with a dust cloud following him and leaving bewildered defenders in his wake.

Christopher Evans

Chris has got to be one of the few people to be selected as centre forward, only to turn around and say that he preferred to play as full back. However this has paid off in spades and Chris has proven to be an excellent full back who enjoys nothing more than shoving an unaware centre-forward out of the way to get to the ball.

Christian Gallagher

The other half of our dynamic fullback duo, Christian possesses a devastating hit and great positional awareness which enables him to get us out of many a sticky situation. Christian's also one of the quieter members of team who always turns up to training and is happy to listen and, hopefully, learn.

Brent Gauci

The day that Brent learns how to pass the ball will be the day that we stop screaming at him. All jokes aside, Brent is quite a good little forward whose main aim at training seems to be pestering Henning about how to say new things in German but never lets this get in the way of being an extremely dangerous forward.

Kieren Hill

Our left half-back extraordinaire, and apparently token wranga, Kieren is a tireless worker up our left side and offers an excellent outlet with which to launch counter-attacks.

Ben Joseph

Always the first to whinge about the weather, school and my fashion sense (or anything in between) but when on song, Ben is an excellent keeper. However if Ben put half as much effort into hockey as he did abusing Henning and I (or finding excuses to play on the field) then he has a bright future in this sport.

Leigh Kannemeyer

Our super call up from the 9/10s, Lee often turns up to games having just played his own game hours beforehand. However, regardless of having to play roughly 2 hours of hockey non-stop in the same morning, Lee always puts in an excellent display with his scintillating skills and preference for a spectacular tomahawk.

Conor Noone

The heart and soul of the team, Connor never stops running and is seemingly everywhere at once. Even on the rare occasion that he does lose possession of the ball, the opposition quickly find out that they haven't seen the last of him. Connor is an excellent captain who always leads by example and is also one of the few players to never question me about my fashion sense.

Joel Scott

One of the few quiet members of the team, however beneath this quiet demeanour lies a fierce competitor who loves nothing more than to get forward and terrorize his opposing wings. Joel quietly goes about his business and is an integral part of the team with his incredible reliability.

Blake Thompson

Another one of the rare "quiet" types, Blake is a hard worker and one of the few consistent members of the team who turns up to training each week. As a result, his hockey has improved drastically and he is now one of the most consistent performers each week.

To our many subs (far too many to name here), thank you so much for coming and playing for us when we were frequently a man or two down! Especially considering many of you came straight from your own games and still managed to get to our games before some of our regulars!

Boys 11/12B Black (White)

The step-child of the Melville family, Henning and I only began coaching this team after a crushing 6-0 win in the first round so the pressure was on from the beginning. Unfortunately we lost the next game but it always takes time to adapt to new management!! Since then we have been steadily improving with the highlight of the season being defeating the Maroon team 3-1 in the Second Melville Derby. Currently sitting in fifth place by 2 points, things are looking very encouraging for the White team as we're beginning to play some of our best hockey heading into the business end of the season and should hopefully clinch a finals place.

Hals-und Beinbruch for next season!

Rowan Ayris

We've only seen Rohan in action a few times unfortunately as he chose a luxurious hockey tour to summertime Europe instead of cold, wet Sunday morning games. When he did return, he managed to get injured and needed surgery so was out for 6 weeks. The little we have seen has been good and he has shown that, with a bit of training and dedication, he can improve his game by leaps and bounds.

Aiden Bedford

The other half of Aiden2, Aiden's quality tackles have often saved us from the brink of defeat far too many times throughout the season. One of the few who regularly attends training and whose improvement throughout the season has been very impressive as a result, things can only get better from his notable commitment.

Aden Bocking

The quietest member of the team by quite some distance, Aden is one half of our full-back line (Aden2). However, unlike most of the other full-backs in our competition, there is far more to his game than simply hitting the ball as hard as he can 99% of the time as a fair number of our offensive forays have begun with a splitting ball to our inside forwards direct from a 16 yard hit. A good year from Aden who can only get better with age.

Lachlan Dymond

When not cruising the neighbourhood on his longboard, Locky happens to be quite a talented hockey player who somehow manages to be late to every home game (even though he lives down the road). Capable of playing anywhere along the midfield, Lachlan's high work-rate and ability to pressure defenders has often been the impetus behind many of the teams highly successful attacks.

Luke Hobley

Questionable music taste aside Luke is an invaluable member of the team as he has made the defensive midfield role his own. His man-marking and positional play is second to none and he is also more than capable of helping out in the forward line throughout the game. Great season, hopefully this continues well into the finals!

Adam Hudson

Possibly the smallest member of the team (excluding me of course), Adam shows us week in and week out that there is far more to hockey than brute strength and power. Capable of incredible guile and some wonderfully deft touches that often leave opponents in his wake wondering what, exactly, just happened to them.

Sean Mansfield

The captain of the team, Sean has got to be one of the most passionate and committed players that I have ever seen. Always eager to play, once we fix up his cricket style shooting he'll definitely begin to fulfil more of the talent that he possesses.

Thomas Mansfield

Little brother of Sean, Tom narrowly pips Adam for being the smallest one on the team. Tom is our super call-up from the 9/10s and our resident right wing who is never afraid to show the older opposition his skills which frequently leave them stranded and wondering whether or not he was a mirage. Once he adds a bit of strength to his game, hopefully by growing a few feet, Tom will definitely be leaving many defenders wondering what just happened to them well into the future.

Justin Pierluigi

Justin is capable of pulling off both the ordinary and the extraordinary (often in the same two seconds). Fortunately for him he manages the spectacular more often than not and, when on song, is one of the most deadly players in the competition who should be pushing for the higher grades next year. At the time of writing, Justin is the top scorer in the grade with 12 goals to his name which is something to be very proud of.

Jai Price

Our left wing extraordinaire Jai can often be found playing high, waiting for the perfect opportunity to launch a counter attack. His positional knowledge frequently allows other team-mates to work in the space left behind and launch our devastating attacking moves.

Boys 11/12B Black (White) (contd)

Kieran Smyth

An enigma of a player, I've never seen him at a training session but miraculously appears whenever I'm not there. That said, Kieren is an extremely consistent player who gives it his all at both training (apparently) and game days and has a tenacity that few can match. Quality season and hopefully a stepping stone for bigger and better things.

James Whiley

Is it a coincidence that James' best hockey has come since he decided to shave off his poor excuse of a moustache? We suspect not. That said James' improvement since the season began has been pretty significant and if he's not careful he may very well find himself playing fullback on a regular basis such are the excellent performances that he frequently puts in there.

A special mention to Wendy Hudson for volunteering to be our manager, certainly made both of our lives much easier on game day! Another thankyou to everyone who came up a few grades and played for us when we were frequently down on numbers, I'm sorry if I yelled at you to run more!



Girls 9/10A

At the start of the year we didn't know how we would go with two young Irish guys coaching the girls. But with their good humour and great hockey knowledge the girls have learnt a lot throughout the season. Even when Steve used to rock up with the red cordial in hand and the sunnies on, we knew that sensible Pete would take over. I should also commend the parents on never yelling at me when always asking for some more money. We have a lot of helpers this season which the girls really appreciated. They continued to laugh and learn all season and the team moral was excellent. Thanks very much to our two coaches who have already left the Aussie shores and hopefully it was memorable for them to coach such a fun group.

Thanks

Lisa - Manager

Grace Bowyer (Forward)

A natural inside right who has great link up play. Grace is at her best when she drives at defenders and takes them on. Easily the most dynamic player in the team with a bullet of a push out at corners. Not so good when you run into your coaches at training though! Work on getting your head up while dribbling to avoid future collisions.

Natasha Clay (Forward)

Tash has impressed me with her stick skills. Being one of the younger players, she has shown endeavour and her skills have developed well. Keep working on your hard hitting and you'll be a goal scoring machine in no time because you have the skills already.

Sarah Gerrard (Inner/Forward)

Sarah has shown massive improvement since April. The introduction of a new stick has done wonders to her game, especially as she was playing with a plank of wood early in the season! Work on your first touch and close control and you'll be magic. Also.. BACKSWING

Annie Gleave (Halfback)

Annie has the ability to learn quickly. I've seen massive improvement in her game over my 5 month period here. This comes from listening, acting and vitally good coaching... Next step for Annie is long range passing (slap/upright strikes). When I come back, Annie will be the complete left half if she continues to push herself.

Rachel Harrup (Forward)

A natural games player who has a good hockey brain. Rachel obviously has talent and athleticism. I'd love to see her attack more from midfield into the space in the front line. Use your pace and run around the back. She also has a great eye for goal scoring a handful of wonder goals, lethal in the circle.

Paige Hudson (Goalkeeper)

By far the best keeper in the team, who possesses great skill in saving shots with her stick like an outfield player would! She needs to work on clearing the ball away out of the circle after she makes the save. Great to see her around the club, a truly devoted member to the team and club who never misses a session.

Lucinda Lefroy (Inner/Forward)

My question to Lucy is how are you so good? It's only your second year of turf hockey! Lucy shows extraordinary flare and talent. Love Lucy's enthusiasm for the game, you can tell she loves getting the ball and beating defenders. An exciting player to watch who is never afraid to attack.

Serena Matthews (Inner/Forward)

A consistent player who ticks all the boxes. Great close skill, hit and defensively sound. A possible future inside forward for she always wants to pass. She has the ability to open defences wide open when she takes on defenders and dribbles down the right and around the back.

Ashleigh McNess (Fullback, Captain)

Composed is the word. She never seems rushed, which is key for a full back and a Captain. Her partnership at the back with India was a perfect balance, their unique styles complement each other. Even after senior hockey on a Saturday she always gives the team everything. And she's always the first person to mention my somewhat tired state on a Sunday morning! Thanks skipper!

Janelle Miller (Halfback)

A very talented player who didn't do a lot wrong. One of the most dependable players who never has a bad game. I'm sure I tell her every week to attack down the right flank from right half but she's much too cautious. Now and again take a risk in your game and go score a few goals from right half. Just for kicks.

India Nelson (Fullback)

With a great eye for the ball and a terrific corner strike, India has a lot to offer Melville in the years to come, unless she continues to break out in giggling fits with Ash. A vital corner strike, scoring important goals for the team.

Kathryn Rule (Anywhere needed)

A truly gifted individual who almost definitely has super glue on the end of her stick! And the players she plays against don't get far away either. Defensively superb, I doubt her opposite number ever walks off the pitch thinking she's better than Melville's midfield maestro. Hopefully she's learnt a lesson to always wear a "gum shield" after getting a split at training. I've forgotten the culprit.

Girls 9/10A (contd)

Alison Watson (Forward)

I still don't know how she does it but Ali rarely loses the ball when it's on the end of her stick. Her control and close contact with the ball somehow draws fouls. Ali should work on her 3-D skills and dynamic play, take risks in the game and try new skills. Forever lurking in and around the goal mouth, well done Ali!

Wayne - Although he wasn't selected for the team this year, Wayne continued to come to all training sessions and games. Pretty sure he was at more sessions (and definitely more matches) than me. Thanks for all your support and watch out, it won't be long before Paige will be telling you how to be a keeper.

Don - Now there's a man who knows his hockey. I'm very grateful for Don's input when he's in town. A great bonus to the coaching team who's passion is infectious. Thanks a million!

My thanks to all the parents for their continued support. Will see you all in a few years!
Steve AND Pete....



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Girls 9/10A Reserve

Dallas Campbell

Dallas proved to be a very strong player this season, tackling hard and never giving up. Her ability to read the play made her a real asset in the centre. Next year I'd like to see you a bit more vocal on the field Dallas - perhaps you should practice yelling at your brother Jacob in the off season?

Ee-Faye Chong

Super fullback extraordinaire, Ee-Faye could always be counted on to be in the right spot at the right time, constantly shutting down the opposition's attacking plays. Ee-Faye and Amanda worked exceptionally well together to control the back line and provide a solid platform from which we could push forward.

Maddy Harwood

At the start of the season Maddy played a few positions, before finding her prime position on the right wing. Maddy blossomed on the wing and mastered crossing the ball from the sideline, setting up some excellent goals. You should be very proud of how well you've played this year Maddy.

Erin King

A versatile player, Erin is able to play both in the half line and the forward line with skill. Although not shy to protest against the Thursday night fitness sessions, she still turned up every week and did what she was asked (secretly I know that you really LOVE sit-ups Erin!).

Brittany Lawrence

A real workhorse, Brittany always put in a top effort at training and it showed as her game improved steadily throughout the year. Her hitting got noticeably quicker and stronger, very important for those taking short corner hits! Keep working hard Brittany.

Madison McLerie

A strong super keeper, Maddie made some great saves this year. We had some tough teams in our division this year and they really put the pressure on. Good job under fire Maddie.

Malorie McLerie

The other half of our goalkeeping duo, Malorie did a top job as keeper this year. She made some amazing saves - one even with her helmet!

Amanda Mitchell

The other half of our specialist fullback pair, Amanda is one of the team's strongest tacklers. Amanda running towards them was a sight that stuck fear into the hearts of many strikers (and rightly so, not many made it past her). Keep up the top work Miss Mitchell.

Fallon Ogilvy

Our trusty inner, Fallon did plenty of hard work this season in both attack and defence. Fallon's positional play got much better throughout the season, mainly due to her increased ability to read their game play. Top season Ogilvy, see you next year for more.

Nina Rowe

Our team's top goal scorer. When Miss Nina Rowe showed up to a game with a fire in her eyes we knew the opposition were in trouble. With a cracker of a hit, Nina is one scary forward. After kissing the ball with her lip in the first game of the season, she recovered and came back for more!

Tegan Stephens

After winning the team's beep test (even beating the coaches), Tegan was pushed to run LOTS every game. A versatile player who can play both inner and half, it is her "that's MY ball" attitude which makes her such a strong player.

Demy Stroobach

While most of us would return from Europe in holiday mode, a mid season holiday didn't stop this forward. Demy's regular attendances at training improved her stick skills and the accuracy of her passing dramatically over the course of the season. A few more goals would've been nice... Maybe next season? :)

Asami Wakasugi

Our Japanese exchange player, who'd never played hockey on a grass field! She did very well to cope with changing between grass and turf, proving to be a solid halfback. Asami left us half way though the season to concentrate on her studies. Good Luck Asami.

Elyse Wilson

The Griffindor Quidditch team tried to poach Elyse, but we didn't let that happen. With a top hit and the ability to read the play well, Elyse was a very strong player this year. Next year we'll perfect that tomahawk and you'll be unstoppable!

Girls 9/10B Gold

During the course of this season the Girls 9/10 B Gold players developed into a group with a wide range of experiences and skills. Our team grew in confidence with every game and provided many special moments during the season for our loyal supporters. Every single player has developed new skills working with new team mates and hopefully everyone has enjoyed a hockey season where committed participation was the most important factor.

It is also not every team that can boast 14 goalkeepers! Early in the season we had to rely upon the tension filled lottery draw from the fabled "Calico Bag of Destiny". However, as our team matured, players clamoured to nominate for the fixture in which they could shine wearing the impressive blue polypropylene pads of power!

A big thank you to Colleen and Mick for their vital role as our Co-Managers during the year. Without all the behind the scenes work the clockwork precision of our highly tuned unit would not be possible and as a coach, it is great to know that there is a strong support team making things happen each week.

Special thanks must go to the help provided by our volunteer umpires Scott, Ben and Jude - umpiring a hockey game is, as the girls would say, "a tough gig". Without an umpire the team cannot play and it is difficult to put a value on a role (at any level of our sport) that has to manage the interaction of one ball, 22 sticks and 44 feet all moving around on a bumpy grass surface!

The tremendous support offered by the parents and siblings during the season must also be officially recognised. Our group of supporters provided not only the weekly taxi service but adopted a role providing endless encouragement, support and barracking from the sidelines. This emotional investment offered during some of our toughest games helped the whole team become better each week.

Rhianna Brims

Rhianna is a midfield player with a high work rate and a good understanding of where to pass the ball. As with many of our team members, Rhianna was called upon to play in a number of positions during the year and she has developed into a versatile player, with good pace and great ability to cover defend.

Tanesha Chellew

With a move from the goals to a field role for 2011, Tanesha dominated in the half line and also worked hard as a member of the attack, usually as an inside forward. Many games saw Tanesha carry the ball from halfback into the attacking circle, surprising the defenders and firing a strong shot at the goals.

Emma Coughlan

Emma returned to hockey this year after several years away from the sport, with her skills improving each week. She is an enthusiastic member of the group and late in the season took on the key role as a high playing wing, forcing the opposition defence to ensure that it assigned a player covering a possible dangerous deep pass.

Ainsley Flood

One of our key strikers, Ainsley used her speed and natural ability to break through the defence. Always willing to try a new option she managed to surprise many of our opponents with a sudden change of direction from the centre start or a quick sprint into attack to get behind the defenders.

Eliza Girling

As one of our most versatile players, Eliza was called upon to play a striker in attack and a fullback in deep defence. Despite an impressive preseason injury, Eliza bounced back to participate in many of the team's most memorable attacks, leading high and using her pace to outrun defenders.

Alice Graham

Alice is another of our key midfield players. With her deceptive speed and long reach, Alice was often called upon to make the crucial tackle that held up an attack. She is a dedicated team member with a good game sense that invariably allows her to choose the best option when under pressure.

Girls 9/10B Gold (contd)

Cara Lawther

Cara played in both defence and attack for the team during the first half of the season, before moving up to the 11/12 grade. With a strong hit and solid tackle Cara is a valuable utility player who was also one of our key penalty corner shot takers during some of our toughest matches.

Loren Morphew

Loren has developed into an effective, hard working forward this year with great enthusiasm for hockey and her role in the team. Loren covers a lot of distance each game and always strives to put her opponents under pressure. A great team person who strives to do her best every time she picks up her stick.

Maddison Moulin

As one of our two regular deep defenders, Maddie is a strong and consistent defender. At her best when taking the ball calmly away from a frenzy of activity in the circle. Maddie also played a key role in marshalling others into the best defensive position when the team was under pressure, particularly during penalty corners.

Chloe Rattray

Chloe is at home on the wing and although one of our quietest players she was invariably in the right place at the right time with a good trap out wide. As the season progressed Chloe's ability to read the play and pass the ball quickly through to other forwards, was a great asset for the team.

Elena Ryan

A powerhouse in the midfield Elena used her high work rate and strong tackle to support many of our best attacks. Another player who was called upon to take on different roles during the season, Elena strived to deliver her best every week. Her determination and quick thinking when under pressure converted defence into attack on many occasions.

Gillian Walker

Gillian established herself as one of our regular midfielders and always put in a strong effort each week, supporting our forwards and working back in defence. With a good sense of when to tackle and an understanding of the importance of moving the ball quickly, Gillian's confidence in her natural ability continues to grow.

Amarisa Wangpen

Risa, one of our fast strikers, managed to juggle her valuable role with our team with her other commitments as a State lacrosse player. Her ability to trap on the run and accelerate quickly away from opponents makes Risa a dangerous forward, particularly when a quick pass allows her to burst through our opponents' defensive line.

Avril Widger

Although she is a member of the Dynamic Duo Dominating Deep Defence, Avril also played in the half line with great effect. Another player who works hard to support her team mates, Avril was able to use her strong hit to convert a dangerous situation deep in our backline into an opportunity for our forwards waiting half the field away.

I hope everyone has learnt a little this year, enjoyed the best bits that happened during the season and appreciate that every game delivers a little life lesson that makes being part of a team a very rewarding experience. May I wish every player the very best for the future and thank you for being there in 2011. Gareth

Boys 9/10A

Joshua Antoncich

Josh has a lot of talent and is yet to reach his full potential, but has shown glimpses of brilliance throughout the season. Always keen to learn, Josh has 3D skills that will give some AHG players a run for their money.

Julian Bocking

It takes a very skilled and strong individual to put the pads on. Julian possesses both of these qualities and has been the rock in our defence, pulling off spectacular saves game after game. Julian just needs to keep focused and set goals for himself as he has a very bright future ahead of him at Melville.

Jake Coleman

Jake has the uncanny ability to play any position on the field. He has all the essential skills that a defender needs, but is known for being dangerous in the attacking circle. Jake has shown great development over the season and will be someone to look out for in the future.

Jack Davoren

Although Jack is new to the club he has fitted in well with the team. He possesses what takes some players years to learn, and that is putting your body in to save goals or make tackles. We are very lucky to have Jack come to the club this year and he has filled a very big hole in our defence. Jack is still learning but will become a very hard player to get past in the future.

Bryn De Bes

Bryn is a very talented individual but it's how he is able to influence games and lift the team mates around him that makes him shine. Bryn goes into the contest without hesitating and his workrate is excellent. If Bryn keeps his desire and attitude right he will have a very promising future.

Fraser Hay

Fraser is one of the most exciting forwards to watch, you don't know whether it's going into the top corner or on to a bloke's stick on the post. Fraser has developed out of sight this season. If he keeps increasing his work rate and getting outcomes in the D, whether it's a short corner or shot on goal, he will be a very dangerous player in future years and will be one to watch. Great season Fraser.

Jake Jonas

Jake has had a good year in our defensive structure. His work rate has been up there with the best in the team and his desire to get the ball is great. If he continues to develop his decision-making and strength on the ball and in his tackles, Jake will be a very solid player in years to come. He has been a pleasure to coach.

Jayden Lawrence

The second of the new players this year, Jayden is one of those players who you can stick anywhere on the field and he will put 110 percent into it. He has come to the club and stood out this year not only because he is one of the biggest guys on the team, but also because of his stopping tackles in defence and his drag-flicking on short corners. But what pleases us coaches the most is his attitude to learn at training and during games. Jayden will be a player to watch as I have no doubt we will see him climb the grades and go places. Great season mate.

Christopher McHugh

Chris only needed a chance to step up and play A grade hockey. He has taken this opportunity with both hands and has some memorable goals to show for it. He might not know it, but his stick skills are amazing at times - he just needs to focus and develop them. Easily one of the fittest and fastest players on the team, he uses this to his advantage. Keep focused, Chris, and you will have some great hockey ahead of you!

Ashley Ranford

Ash has stepped up to the 9/10 level and has been a key to our defence this season. He has the ability to hit through lines and has some great stick skills. If Ash keeps on track he will go far. He's shown leadership qualities throughout the season and even threw on the pads! If playing on the field doesn't work out he has a promising future in the net!

Frank Reynolds

This is one player who will never give up. Frank shows that size does not matter because teams often underestimate him and he makes them pay! His ability to go in hard and get the ball is what separates Frank from others. His workrate is easily his strongest attribute and he is very smart on the field. Frank, you have been a superstar this season, keep going and developing.

William Ross

Will is there at every training, willing to learn, and this year has stepped up in some key games. He's able to hassle the opposition and passes the ball well. Thanks for the great attitude this season Will, it has been more than a pleasure to coach you.

Matthew Tate

Matthew has been a pleasure to coach this season. His attitude to want to develop as a player and learn is sensational. Matt has been a target up in the forward line and his ability to use his stick work and create attacking plays was great to watch. Matt is the youngest player in the team and has so much potential in front of him, he just needs to stay focused on his goals and stay positive, and he will be a very good player in years to come.

Boys 9/10B Black

We have had a challenging season this year. The grade was evenly matched. We won when we played well and fell behind when we didn't. It was very pleasing to see all players starting to play structured hockey. Maintain the focus and the hockey will continue to improve. Thanks to Greg for managing the team and Jerome and parents for umpiring and assisting during the year.

Justin Brooker (Right Full Back)

Solid defender and big improver #2. Has learnt better body position for defending technique. Has started to provide good build from defence.

Jacob Campbell (Center Half back)

Mr Skills in the middle. Suffered a minor flesh wound on the head but has returned looking better than ever.

Chris Deacon (Right Half Back)

Ever reliable and has provided lots of drive down the right side. Not sure about the headband though.

Leigh Kannemeyer (Center Forward)

Head honcho at the front. Scored some superb short corner goals when the team really needed them - remember - bottom left always.

Thomas Mansfield (Left Wing)

Lightning fast down the left wing. Has improved his technique to drag right and drive into the D rather than tomahawk across.

Andrew Metcalfe (Right Wing)

Surprise packet for the year. Unfamiliar position but made many penetrating runs into the D and was rewarded with some good goals.

Jack Paterson (Left Full Back)

Solid defender and big improver. Made some spectacular but unconventional saves on the goal line during short corners.

William Ross (Right Inner)

Big year and rewarded for effort. The harder he worked the better the team did. Scored a classic death knell short corner goal to win the game against Riverside Lions.

Peter Smits (Goalie)

Played with good skills and commitment.

Jordan Templeman (Left Half Back)

Good year at left half. Has learnt good structure and will develop into a very good player.

Austin Toogood (Left Inner)

Did plenty of work this year in attack and defence. Looks sensational when dragging right around players.

A special thanks to **Steve** for coaching and for the encouragement of the team throughout the year. Especially from the side lines. And we are sure everyone on the team will remember to always go right.



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Boys 9/10C

Managing a team of hormonal teenage boys can be very challenging. Between girls and the need to stamp their mark on society things can get very hairy. Thankfully the boys of the 9/10C team were not so frightening.

There are no “egos” in this team and the natural support they have for each other both during and after a game is wonderful to observe. They play well as a team and are willing to share the ball around in order to move it forward. They have never stooped to the tough physical game some of our opposing team’s play, which is a credit to them.

Over the weeks they have put a lot of practice into their short corners and developing alternate plays which now appear to be paying off. With finals looming the key word is teamwork and given the boys’ current form they have an opportunity ahead of them to succeed.

Jonathon Cornwall

Jonathon started this season returning to the halfback line where he was asked to take control of the centre of the field. This is a demanding role as you need to be strong in attack and quick in defence. Jonathon possesses a very strong directional hit which always found its target. Whether he was utilising a long pass or square pass into the D, he had the ability to put us in a scoring position on many occasions.

Caleb Cumper

Caleb is a very strong defensive player and an even better fullback. As a pivotal member of our back line his role was to support our goalkeeper and drive the opposition out of attack. Teaming with Alex he became confident in his ability to intercept the ball and overturn the play. Caleb was never one to shy away from a challenge and was willing to ask questions in order to understand his role better.

Nicholas Dumas

Encouraging a player to stay on the wing can be difficult. As the weeks progressed, Nicholas began to see the advantages when he was able to run the wing without opposition. A quiet player, his confidence and ability has grown. He is willing to back himself in a tackle and regularly comes out on top. The development in his game has seen his team mates embrace him and utilise his positioning more and more as the weeks progressed.

Nathan Elston

Or perhaps it’s Samuel? Nathan has a natural ability and plays well in the forward line. He shows a fierce determination to succeed and has the skills to run circles around his opponents. A key attacker in short corners he had the power to score goals. Unfortunately a broken wrist saw him miss several weeks but since his return he has shown the same fierce determination to return to his peak form.

Samuel Elston

Is it B1 or B2? It became very noticeable that these boys were tricksters but once we realised they played with different coloured sticks it became easy to tell them apart. When Samuel joined us he lacked the confidence of his brother. The ability was there it just needed to be harnessed. It was decided that the role of halfback and the removal of the opposing wing from the game would fall on Samuel’s shoulders. This was a task he relished and achieved with much success. His strength has grown and now his ability rivals that of his brother.

Alex Hackett

The ever reliable Alex has become an even stronger fullback this season. His confidence has grown enabling him to develop his game further. No longer is he content to wait for the ball to come to him, he has shown an aggression in his attack and a determination to overturn the play. Alex has often used his strength to run the ball up the field in order to clear it from our defensive zone.

Nicholas Ireland

This season saw Nicholas move from the defensive line to the forward line to take on the role of inner. The strength he gained as a defensive player last year saw him become a force to be reckoned with. His speed was pivotal in our attack and his perceptive ability to read the play was an advantage that often enabled him to manoeuvre the ball around his opponents.

Adam Kelly

When Adam came to us he was a confident player who displayed some amazing stick work. However it soon became evident that he liked to take on the opposition by himself. Over the weeks he has learnt the fundamentals of teamwork which has improved his game. Working with his fellow players, he has developed his game to take advantage of the early passes by listening for their calls.

Boys 9/10C (contd)

Jordan Kirk

Jordan joined us from the 7/8s to fill the role as our designated goalkeeper. The boys in this grade can be very rough and it is easy to forget how young he is because of his height. Despite playing two games a weekend Jordan's enthusiasm has shone through. He has become determined in his defence and has made some amazing saves. As his confidence grows so too will his ability.

Crawford McCaw

Crawford has shown a thirst for knowledge which has seen him become a formidable halfback. Under pressure he is dependable and on numerous occasions has shut the opposing wing out of the game. When running the ball forward he is determined to maintain possession, however if he loses it, he responds quickly to reclaim it often surprising the opposition with his tenacity.

Jordan Munns

This season Jordan stepped up and took on the position of centre forward stamping his own mark on the role. His natural ability to read the play permitted him to control the centre of the field and force the ball forward. Jordan was never intimidated by the opposition and was always prepared to tackle them head on. His strength and determination will see him go far in the future.

Sean Robertson

Sean is one of our quiet achievers and this year was asked to play on the forward line. This proved to be a clever move as his understanding of the role of a wing saw him instrumental in pushing the attack forward. Over the latter weeks he has asked to play a more defensive role and again has been solid in his drive to protect our goals and overturn the play.

Throughout the season we have called on several players to help us out when we have been low on numbers. Without the assistance and enthusiasm of **Matthew Dixon, Mason Cocliff, Harrison Ollier, Cassandra Drayton, Katherine Dumas** and **Danika Kirk** we would have struggled against some imposing oppositions. We would like to take the opportunity to thank these players for their help and wish them all the best for next season.

The parents and I would also like to thank **David Dumas**, our umpire. He regularly gave up his Sunday mornings to umpire the boys' games and offered encouragement to them at both training and after the match.

Finally I would like to thank our coach **Brandon Dowling**. Brandon's enthusiasm is second to none and as a parent it is obvious how much the boys enjoy his style of coaching. (Brandon has also indicated he would love to coach these boys again if the opportunity arose). His dedication to the boys is clearly evident as he travels each week by train from Rockingham to coach the boys. At 18 years of age this is a big responsibility as he has no siblings in the Club. However given he has recently become a father I am sure we can expect his son to follow in his footsteps and play hockey as soon as he is old enough to walk.

As I close this report we have only a handful of games remaining before the finals. I am certain the boys will continue to play in the manner they began the season with which earned them the respect of their opposition. They are a credit to the maroon and white uniforms they wear and it has been my privilege to manage them throughout the winter.

Congratulations on a great season!

Girls 7/8A

The objectives for the 7/8A side were to build a strong team, for each player to develop, introduce tactics/set plays and hopefully make the top four. Setting team rules and values and giving each player a mid year assessment has meant a different experience for the girls but they take in their stride all the zany things the coaches throw at them!

We have been fortunate that we have a very versatile side.

Three of our members – Olivia Silvey, Eliane Gebauer and Monique Sader played for the winning U13 South Metro team in the Regionals competition this year.

Bronwen Anderson (FB/HB)

Bronwen has an amazing hit which has resulted in goals or goal assists. A key improvement this year has been her tackling and stopping shots on goal – fantastic to watch.

Eliane Gebauer (HB)

A quiet achiever. Eliane is versatile and an excellent defender. She is an intelligent player and she CAN hit the ball well!

Amy Harries (FB)

Amy is the only other player beside Emily to play only one position this year. She has had a stellar season and is able to read the play well and pick off attackers.

Emily Hopkinson (GK.)

Emily has had a fantastic season with some awesome saves and noticeable improvement on last season. With only 11 goals scored against us this year, we have the second best defence in the competition.

Zoe Hopkinson (5/6 Sub)

Thanks Zoe for being such an able sub on many occasions. The other girls have great confidence in you and look forward to future years playing in the same team.

Natalie Matthews (LI/CH/LH)

Natalie has finesse and style with her stick work and has become a great user of the ball which has helped her develop as a Centre Half and Inside Forward.

Monique Miller (CH/FB)

Also our captain! Monique has developed well as a centre half. She is a dedicated trainer and applies everything she learns. It is great to watch her glide out of defence.

Georgina Moore (Forward)

Georgina is one of our top goal scorers. She has perfected the reverse toma and has provided a focal point for our attack.

Hannah Robson (Forward.)

Hannah has been a steady improver over the years and has been rewarded with her first season in As. She is strong and athletic and best “second effort” player in the team. She also scores goals!

Monique Sader (Forward)

Monique is a very strong player and has a great reverse drag to get around the opposition. She has been one of our top goal scorers. Monique always gives 110%.

Olivia Silvey (RHB/FB)

Olivia is a very skilful player with natural leadership. Due to her great positional play and hitting she has been a key part of our attack on the right.

Sophie Somerville (Forward.)

Sophie can play anywhere in the forward line but is most dangerous on a burst on the right hand side or running down attackers. Fearless and a game changer.

Sushmita Tantry (LH)

Sushmita is also a versatile forward but has found herself as our main left half this season. Sushi is an expert tackler and has the pace to run down an opponent.

Victoria Wade (Forward.)

Tori has been a great skill improver this season. She is an excellent position player, has pace and passes well. Has potential to score more goals!

A big thank you to our umpires this season – **Kurt, Patrick, Kirsty** and **Megan** and also to our STAR manager **Stuart Wade**.

Wayne Harries & Steve Silvey

Girls 7/8B Black

The girls should be really proud of their performance this year. From round 1 everyone stepped up and started playing great hockey, a lot playing in new positions this season. We should finish the season strong in the top 4 and have a good chance of winning the grand final. A big thanks to our managers Annette and Rob Fullarton for organising the team and our umpire for the season Amy. Thank you to Andre Gauci for stepping in as coach when I wasn't available. A special thanks must go to Tearne Latham for helping me out at training. Also thank you to all the parents, the team wouldn't have performed as well without your support all season. I really enjoyed coaching the girls this year and I wish you all the best in the seasons to come.

Brianna Coleman - Coach

Melanie Brown

A strong fullback. Mel has a great tackling ability and could always be relied on to clear the ball well from defence. It has been great to watch her grow and develop her skills and confidence on the ball throughout the season. Mel's simple approach to the game has been a key to the team's success this year. Good luck in 9/10's next year.

Ciara Browne

Ciara came into the team a few rounds in due to an injury and fitted into our forward line so easily. Her ability to receive the ball and quickly attack was a real asset to the team. Ciara has great elimination skills and always worked well with the other forwards resulting in her scoring a lot of goals this year. Good luck next season in 9/10s.

Charlotte Coggin

Charlotte is a solid defender who is not scared by the opposition. On many occasions she would clear the ball well from defence and deliver it to the stick of our forwards or halfbacks. Charlotte has a hard and flat hit which was a real asset to the team. A little bit more work on your hitting accuracy and you will go very far with your hockey.

Phoebe Cumper

Phoebe played between centre forward and fullback this season. Her strong hitting and great ball skills made Phoebe a great forward and defender for the team. With a bit more concentration and determination Phoebe has the potential to be an even better player. When you had the ball you were pretty much unstoppable. Good luck for 9/10s next year.

Chloe Dawes

Chloe is a very aggressive forward and is currently one of the highest goal scorers in the 7/8B Black competition. It was hard to believe that this was Chloe's first season playing hockey. Chloe improved every week and she is a really positive and encouraging team member. As she develops her stick skills, Chloe will become an even more dominant forward. I hope you continue to play hockey for many years.

Aimee-Lee Dowsett

Aimee-Lee was a pleasure to coach this season, settling in well at right wing. She was a good listener at training and on the field and she was always willing to try new positions. It was fantastic to see her skills develop every week. Keep working on building your strength over the ball and confidence in the game and you will do very well in the future.

Rebecca Dymond

Bec was put in almost every position on the field this season and did well wherever she was asked to play. She is very strong as a defender and skilful as an attacker. Bec played her best games in right side positions and her ability to run the ball on her stick gave the team real attacking drive. Congratulations on a great season Bec and good luck in 9/10s next year.

Courtney Fullarton

After starting the season at centre half, Courtney was moved to right half and gave the team a lot of attacking drive. Her strength over the ball, strong tackling and great hitting made the opposition on many occasions stand back or risk getting smashed. Courtney could always be relied on to deliver the ball hard and fast to our strikers and set up some of the team's best goals. Good luck for 9/10s next season.

Girls 7/8B Black (contd)

Kirra Gauci

A few weeks into the season Kirra was moved to centre half and fitted in there very well. She is a great distributor of the ball and has the ability to eliminate any opposition player with ease. Taking free hits through the centre, Kirra's hard hit would regularly find one of our striker's sticks and set up some great team goals. Keep building your strength on the ball and you will be an unstoppable player.

Siobhan Maguire

Siobhan played left half for almost all of the season and could always be relied on to mark her player and clear the ball out of defence. She kept the ball moving to the forwards, on most occasions delivering the ball to one of our player's sticks. Siobhan reads the play well, consistently making a high number of intercepts during games and making strong tackles on opposition forwards. Good luck in 9/10s next year.

Alice Marler

Alice played mainly between left and right inner this season and was a great midfield player for the team. She has great pace and ball control, running down the field working with the other forwards. Alice was one of our most consistent players this season and could always be relied on to give 100% every game. Alice was a solid contributor to the team's success this season. Keep up developing your skills and you will go very far.

Karolina Olszewski

Our team goalie. Karolina played some great games this season and she always gave positive support to the team. Throughout the season she showed some great signs of improvement in her mobility and shot stopping skills. Karolina has the potential to be a wonderful goal-keeper, keep up the good work.

Trilby Widger

Trilby played between left and right inner this season but was by far a more dangerous player on the right. She has an amazing goal sense scoring 4 goals in one game this season from straight goal shots. Trilby played consistently well all season as an inner being the linking player between the half backs and the strikers. Good luck for next season.

A special thanks also to **Malorie McLerie, Cassandra Drayton** and **Katherine Dumas** who filled in for us when we were down on numbers.



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Girls 7/8B Gold

After a great start to the season, the girls hit a 'slump'. After battling through and being rejuvenated after the school holidays, the girls' improvement was impressive. They have continued to grow in ability and confidence and should end the season on a high.

This of course would not be possible without the fabulous efforts of our coach Bruce Vanderzwan. He has ridden the emotional roller coaster that is a 'hockey season' and is still intact (just). We are all appreciative of the time, effort and expertise that he has brought to the girls' game, not only as a team but also as individual hockey players.

Kate Atkinson (Left Wing)

Kate is a competitive and determined player. Her efforts this season have been rewarded with several goals. Her skills during the season have cemented her as a reliable left wing and she should be proud of her efforts.

Paige Brickhill (Half Back)

Paige had a very consistent and steadily improving season. She is an extremely capable and reliable half back with impressive tackling skills. This together with her happy, chatty persona makes her a great team member.

Tanya Brits (Full Back)

Tanya's strength in defence was impressive. Her strong hits, strong tackles and ability to read the play made her an invaluable part of the team. Tanya's improved skill level has also contributed to her successful season – she makes it look easy.

Sarah Cocken (Full Back)

Sarah's season was one of great improvement. She has developed into a very capable full back as her confidence has grown. Towards the end of the season she also had a go at half back and did an impressive job running down her opponents.

Kya Cromb (Goal Keeper)

Kya once again volunteered to be the team goal keeper. Her improving confidence and skills were valuable assets to the team. Like all good goal keepers she showed no fear for the ball (or opposition) and had a very positive season.

Sophie Hamdorf (Full Back)

Sophie's strength in defence was impressive. She showed great ability in intercepting the opposition and was confident in ball disposal. Sophie had a very consistent season and always put in her best efforts for excellent results.

Bailey Irvine (Centre Forward)

Bailey's speed and skills ensured that she was a formidable force on the forward line. Her precision with passing the ball always ensured that the opposition was on the 'back foot'. This together with a great disposition made her a great team member.

Claudia Sader (Right Wing)

Claudia did a fabulous job in right wing this year. Her ability to consistently penetrate the opposition and provide goal scoring opportunities was impressive. Her strength, speed and precision made her a formidable opponent.

Hattie Steele (Left Inner)

Hattie's strength over the ball is one of her great assets. She is consistent and gives 100% at each game. She was rewarded this year with her first hockey goal (and the match winning goal). Hattie may be the quiet achiever but her efforts and abilities must never be underestimated.

Mikayla Stephens (Right Inner)

Mikayla was another team 'pocket rocket'. Her speed, skill and agility made life for the opposition extremely difficult. Her persistence in getting the ball through proved her to be an invaluable asset to the team.

Sonia Urbano (Inner, Wing, Half Back, Centre Forward)

Sonia was the team's most versatile player. With her willingness to have a go at various positions (several in each game) she gained great insight and skill throughout the season. She has continued to improve as a hockey player and had a very good season.

Jade Vanderzwan (Half Back)

The pocket rocket showed that size and age mean nothing when it comes to hockey (for her anyway). Jade's skills, speed and determination made her first choice for centre half back. She was also the bravest team member who did not let minor injuries or incidents hamper her efforts.

Rebecca Vanderzwan (Half Back)

Rebecca's strength over the ball and her ability to read the play made her an invaluable asset to the team. Not only did she improve all season, but the level of maturity she showed both on and off the field was to be commended.

Every one of the girls has brought something special to the team with all their personalities making this season a memorable one. Thank you to all the parents for their support during training and at the games. The girls should all be proud of the season they have had; their performance, persistence and sportsmanship.

Girls 7/8C

Aki Etelaaho (Coach) – Year in review

It has been a tough, but rewarding year; the girls have developed to form a strong and tenacious team that is willing to work hard for each other. Regardless of not winning many games, the girls have been able to hold out some of the stronger sides, but not scoring goals has been the only downfall. It has been great how all the girls have had a go in the goals, without many asking for the opportunity, well done.

Many thanks to all the parents for your support and to Carol for your great assistance and help in keeping everyone informed of training, game locations and start times.

Ines Argvijo (Centre Forward)

Ines, this is her second year of playing hockey. She has been helped by Kimberley to move the ball from defence to attack on many occasions, being unlucky not to be rewarded for her work by scoring more goals this season. She has the ability to hold on to the ball when tackled and encourages players around her to create goal scoring opportunities.

Margaret Clarke (Centre Half)

Margaret is a tenacious player, who is in the thick of play both in attack and defence, able to move the ball forward, by skilful tackling and running. She is the player who most of the girls hit to in the defensive line to link the ball from defence to attack. She is very confident and keen to improve as a player and contributor to the team.

Kate Davoren (Full Back)

Kate joined the team mid-way through the season and was warmly accepted into the group. She is a strong player over the ball, good in defence; she moves quickly around the ground stopping many of the attacks by the opposition. One of the rebound players from defence to attack, Kate is always dependable and never gives up.

Ellen Dowley (Wing and Full Back)

Ellen started as a winger then moved into defence; she is one of the team's strong defenders. She has a good hit, tackle and is reliable, rarely beaten one on one. She has repelled the opposition's offence time after time, like most of her team mates; she always puts in 100% and endeavours to learn more about the game and improve her skills.

Katelyn Etelaaho (Full Back & Half Back)

Katelyn is one of our defensive players, stopping the opposition in their forward attacks, allowing her team mates to get back and defend. Courageous, she always plays for the team, enjoying their friendship and company. She was a confident and very effective Goalie when she gave it a try, stopping many shots on goals.

Megan Etelaaho (Wing)

Megan, playing her first year of playing hockey, was taken from the 5/6B team to make up numbers. She has found it a bit daunting playing against the bigger 7/8 girls, but lately she has grown in confidence and is getting more involved in the game. She always has a smile and does her best to get into a good position.

Jane Fruzynski (Inner and Half Back)

Jane, in her first year of playing hockey, was taken from the 5/6B team to make up numbers. She has a great ability to stop the opposition, cutting off many attacks with confidence and helps move the ball forward in counter-attacks of our own. She is very energetic, a prankster and runs the entire game.

Olivia Fruzynski (Half Back and Inner)

Olivia is very tenacious and has a great ability to stop the opposition, cutting off many attacks with confidence and strength. She is very keen to learn the game and always puts in at training and on game day. Her tackling and hitting has improved greatly over the season. She now has gained the confidence to move up into an inner position.

Mia Kelly (Inner and Half Back)

Mia is very strong on the ball with great running, usually running end to end for the entire game, with penetrating hitting and hard tackling. She is a good solid player who can play most positions, she is the quiet achiever of the team. Her confidence has grown and she is a good contributor at training.

Erin Robertson (Full Back and Wing)

Erin prefers to play in a defensive position, but gave wing a go during the year. She has developed into a very solid defender, and usually gets the role of tagging any player near our goals. Her confidence has grown and she always likes to be involved in any discussions.

Kimberley Steffe (Wing)

Kimberley has one of the big pushes in the team and uses it well with her ability to chase and tackle the opposition. She is the player that most of the girls hit to in the defensive line to drive the ball forward to the goals. She is very confident in playing her wing position.

Rhiannon Wickham (Wing and Inner)

Rhiannon, likes to wack the ball, she has worked hard to modify her T-ball style to a more conventional hockey style. She has played mostly in the forward line and scored one of our few goals for the year from a terrific pass by Ines. A talkative participant at training, she enjoys the company of her team mates and having fun.

Lauren Abrahams, Luka Mellor, Cassandra Drayton & Claudia Holsgrove.

THANKS for helping our team when we were struggling for players; we all greatly appreciated your help this year.

Boys 7/8A

Richard Beddoes (Midfield)

Rich has had a great season; his slick skills and ability to carry the ball at pace have always been a trade mark of his game. It was pleasing to see a significant improvement in his strength over the ball become evident this year, allowing him to break through tackles and continue to break lines. I would like to see Richard continue to improve his passing game and ability to link up with team members through the midfield. Rich, I'll be recommending you as the back-up goal keeper for 15s next year, are you sure you don't want to play in the net??

Bailey Brown (Defence/Midfield)

There is never a dull moment at training when Bailey is attending, whether it be, the limitless amount of excuses not to do the running, a 'ya mum' joke (that never makes any sense) or a classic quote from a movie he always has something to say and you can't help but laugh. Despite his larrikin attitude at training, when it comes to game day he is focussed and ready to do the hard yards. He has been excellent for us at half back this year; his ability to read the play and make intercepts has improved out of sight along with his composure on the ball and passing game. With a focus on improving his tackling, channelling and marking over the summer, I look forward to watching Bailey become a well-rounded defender next year and into the future.

Henry Edwards (Midfield)

Henry has been impressive this year with his sharp skills and passing ability. These skills along with a high hockey IQ allow Henry to play a very effective role as an inside forward, creating numerous attacking opportunities, while being very accountable in defence and shutting down his opposing player. With a bit of a growth spurt to come and more hockey matches under his belt for Melville and his school, I look forward to seeing Henry continue to improve and become a very accomplished hockey player and make sure you keep that yellow headband going.

Sammuel Cocks (Defence)

Sam has had a fantastic season, demonstrating huge improvements throughout his game. His strong tackling, tight marking and effective passing have become trademarks of his solid defensive style of hockey. A bit more composure when in possession of the ball will allow Sam to initiate more attacking opportunities after he has made a tackle or intercept. Well done on a great season, best of luck next year and in the future.

Ben Hall (Defence/Midfield)

Ben's versatility and work ethic was an enormous contribution to the U13s team this year. Able to play across the back line as well as inside forward Ben strengthened the defence when needed and created opportunities up front when we needed to score. Ben reads the play especially well from the back line and as a result was able to create numerous turn-over's through intercepts and stopping tackles even using his head to stop them from scoring. I would like to see Ben continue to work on his channelling, rather than rushing out to make the 'one-off' tackle, I would like to see you prop and channel the player into a strong tackling position. Great work this year Ben, keep it up.

Callum Joynes (Midfield)

Despite his objections Callum was played at centre half for the majority of the games this season and was a critical component to the success of this team. His ability to eliminate and break lines along with his strong tackling and passing skills allowed him to dominate the position and the games. Continuing to excel in these areas coupled with improvements in his leading will see Callum become a well accomplished hockey player in the future.

Jonathan Rayfield (The real goalie)

There only needs to be a few words to describe Jonno. One being outstanding. Jonno will be very much one to watch in Melville's future and hopefully representative teams. His presence is definitely felt on the field, whether it's from his bright orange hair or not, he is an asset in this side. Jonathon has definitely saved this side a few times. Just needing to raise your voice a little more to move your defence around. Keep up the good work mate and look forward to seeing you playing first grade one day.

Alex Rayfield (Striker)

The Daniel Sampey double. Alex spent a majority of the time playing high striker and was one to look out for up front, always trying to create opportunities. Alex was always hanging out for the call for a drag flick on every short corner. Definitely something to continue working on, Alex and it will be a very strong part of your game. Over the summer make sure you improve on your running, fitness and awareness around you. At only 12, Alex has a bright future in front of him.

Jamie Ross (Striker)

Jamie was the little sly, mischievous one at the back of the pack. Always looking for some way to annoy you (and it worked). Jamie again improved as this season went on. Up front he was able to provide some great attacks and shots on goal, unlucky not to put a lot more away. Jamie's change of pace was a great asset in his game, able to turn and beat a player with ease. Remember to keep your head up and don't get frustrated with yourself, I have no doubt that things will happen for you.

Boys 7/8A (contd)

Jordon Rutigliano (Defence)

Jordy spent most of his time in this team in deep defence, sticking to his player like glue and clearing the ball as wide as possible. Jordan was always lively when it came to training until the word run was said (never wanting to do it). It would be great to see you improve your hitting and passing over the coming months. Over the summer try and work on channelling your player rather than diving in early with the tackle. Great season Jordy and look forward to watching you progress and improve more.

Conor Thompson (Striker)

Conor spent most of his time down the wing, controlling his opposing player. With a strong hit at the top of the circle, Conor was never far away from a scoring chance. Conor was able to improve as the season went on, providing us with some great runs and opportunities down the wing. Run the baseline more, and improve your change of pace around your opposition players and you will be able to create a lot more opportunities up front and into the circle.

Jonathon Thorn (Defence)

The rock at the back. Johnno was a massive part of our defensive structure, playing every game at fullback. With such defined hitting Johnno was always clearing the defence and creating numerous opportunities for our strikers. The quiet assassin, Johnno was always keen for some practical jokes amongst the boys at training but when it came to game day Jonathon was able to block everything else out and concentrate on his game. A bright future ahead for this young fullback.

Great season boys, was really good to see us progress as the games went on. To whoever is sticking around in this team next year, we look forward to coaching you guys again but for the guys moving on to the 15s, all the best and we will see you around the club.

Special thanks goes out also to the boys who filled in for us down in Bunbury, where we came home with the gold and all the boys who helped out ball boying for the Ones this season.

Another thanks goes out to Dave Ross who stepped in to coach while we were away. Thanks to all the parents for their help this season. Whether it was with oranges, lifts to the game, or umpiring, it's great to have such a supporting group of parents. Finally, massive thanks must go out to Tony Brown. You won't find a nicer person let alone manager of your team. Tony was always one step ahead of everyone and has everything organised well in advance. His emails were also a great way for us to know where to go on the weekend. Thanks heaps Tony.

Great year boys, look forward to seeing you all, either in this team next year or around the club.

Jordy, Kyle and Sam.



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Boys 7/8A Reserve

A season of what might have been. A mixture of sizes, abilities, experience and attitudes resulted in a fairly clear division in where I played the guys this year. Generally speaking, the bigger bodied and more experienced players filled the backline and midfield, and the livewire younger guys made up the forward line. My emphasis over the season was fast, simple hockey coupled with good basic skill. To a man, the guys accepted all of the boring training drills through cold, pouring rain and harsh winds, the testing, bumpy grass and the faster tests presented on turf. The result - a style of hockey that really challenged the top sides who weren't prepared for the immediate auto-plays, fast, obvious passing to a Melville shirt, midfield control and searing through balls. Where we fell down - in the "D". Finishing the job proved to be our stumbling block. If statistics could win games, we'd be fairly near the top of the table with the amount of possession, attack and short corners that we earned.

My rule-of-thumb to the guys was "eliminate, pass off, and run to space". I should have added "SCORE". The season was, apart from this, very satisfying from a coaches point of view. A coach will always look for improvement from an individual and team perspective and this was definitely the case with the 7/8A Reserve team in 2011. Well done boys.

Many thanks to manager Jacqui - a sterling effort in keeping the team ever informed, to our umpires, Briony, Sue, Marco, Rohan and Gerrard. To the guys who filled in for us when needed - Dan, Mack and Nick. Also to all the parents for getting the guys to the games and training, and, of course, for the oranges.
Andy Reynolds.

Brysen Cadle

Brysen came to the team from the 7/8Bs and immediately proved a valuable asset. Tigerish and tireless running and a stop-at-all-costs tackling style made Brysen a worthy flank half. Nice work Brysen - remember, work on those skills and don't panic!

Nicholas Camer Pesci

A solid and reliable defender for the team, Nick is one player who can gel a midfield together. Mature and dependable, Nick cleared many situations (wide) with a calmness and wisdom that released the team from pressure situations. Thanks Nick.

Benjamin Clark

Eager to be the best he can be, Ben played multiple roles in the team in 2011. From full back to high striker, Ben showed the flashes of canny ability that will develop with experience and discipline. Focus on all that hockey can offer you Ben, realise your potential.

Mason Cocliff

Over the course of the season, Mason really began to absorb the theme of play that we were trying to establish and became one of the team's integral playmakers. It was captivating to see the process of maturity and hockey thinking that Mason developed at CH. Well done.

Mathew Dixon

A considerable amount of hockey ability in this guy. A huge heart paired with sound tackling skills made Matt a crucial member of the defence. Always reliable over the entire gametime, Matt' speed and bustling style proved a headache for all oppositions. Work on that hit Matt.

Jordan Kirk

A whole new world for Jordan at GK this year. A noticeable increase in ability and approach resulted in a representative spot in the U13 South Metro regional team. Work on particular skills training and full game concentration Jordan - yours is a big future.

Harrison Ollier

Harry played most games as a high striker and wing attack and was constantly getting in behind defences to pressure the goals. More success will come in future with your ability, and dedication and commitment on the training track. Keep up the good work Harry.

Nicholas Page

Talented and passionate, Nick was a stable and reliable inside forward and midfielder. For his size, Nick's work rate was a credit to him, matching it with much bigger and faster oponents. You are headed for a bright future in hockey Nick, keep it up.

Will Reynolds

Approaching all tasks with a dogged determination, Will was another utility player that showed noticeable progress over the season. Fanatically wide ranging at right wing or tenacious marking at LH, Will demonstrated potential that will be exciting to see realised.

Lachlan Sims

An excitement machine, Lachy has had a great season. Consistently turning defence into attack and cover defending with a mighty determination, Lachy was never out of any game. Future hockey grades will see a real all-round talent emerge. Well done Lachy.

Eddie Swan

Something clicked in Eddie in the second half of the season. He went from a dangerous touch striker to a hard working midfielder intent on controlling a position. Eddie's fierce determination only needed this injection of earnest endeavour to round him off as a valuable forward.

Joshua Watkins

Josh has the sweetest hit in the team and many shots on goal put pressure on goals. Playing most of the season as a forward, Josh demonstrated that with extra application, he has a big future. Learn as many positions as you can Josh, then apply your talent.

Boys 7/8B Yellow

This year has been a good learning experience for most of the boys. Although they only won a few games they had fun and it made those wins far more special! Thanks to the Widger family who helped with umpiring and to all those who supported us this year. A special thanks goes out to Cassie Deaville who has been a great team manager! Each player should be proud of their efforts this season. Well done!

Cameron Addison

Cameron doesn't say a whole lot but he does show what he is made of on the hockey field. Cam has been a very important member of our team and has demonstrated some very good halfback skills. He is a talented player who will only get better as his growing stops. Well done in a tough season.

Connor Deaville

If we didn't have the Hulk like strength Connor showed in the backline we would have been beaten by even bigger margins. The ball hardly ever got by him. Connor shows some very promising defending skills and if he continues to work on his basics from the back line he will progress even further.

Lachlan Deaville

Lachlan is a workhorse. He is relentless and never gives up. Throughout the season Lachie has been a strong influence on attacking and defending. He has an amazing ability to be able to run back after he has just attacked multiple times during a single game. Keep up the hard work in seasons to come.

Benjamin Hawkins

Ben has developed a fair bit this season. As his basics improved so has his ability to show more presence on the field. The next thing for Ben to work on is positioning as this will make him an even more dangerous attacker. Thanks for your efforts this season.

Mitchell Hayward

Mitchell is another quiet achiever who has tried very hard this season. He has learnt a lot this season whilst maintaining a good understanding of where he should be on the hockey field. Thanks for the effort.

Hamish MacPherson

Hamish is a quiet achiever in the forward line. He has pleasantly surprised me more than once this season with some of the things he has done helping his team members. Continue to work on your basics and you will improve. Thanks for your effort this season.

Eduardo Olivares-Mason

Eddie has done some great things as fullback even though he dislikes playing there. He has good skills with the ball and has been very useful on the field. Keep up the hard work.

Jackson Parker

Jackson has been a valued player in our team this season. It's been useful the way he is able to play many positions around the hockey field. Jackson has also pulled off some unexpected goals! Nice work this season.

Matthew Stidolph

Matty, our rock in goals, has saved us many times from even bigger defeats. Matthew is a skilled goalie who could take his hockey further. Thanks for a solid effort this season.

Daan Van Lieshout

Daan has been a quality player this season. As a fullback he has defended well and then fed off to the attackers to help the game move. If Daan trained like he played he would have made even more progress this season. Well done.

Mitchell Widger

Widger has very good basics and has been a valued player in our forward line. He has had some good scoring opportunities in a low scoring season. Keep on trying and you will succeed.

Tony Ziegelaar

Tony has worked incredibly hard this year and has demonstrated some flashy skills. If he continues to work as hard as he has this season his hockey can only get better. Well done Tony.

Boys 7/8C

Congratulations to the team for getting off to a strong start with some good wins, a draw and a couple more wins later in the season. Unfortunately the team struggled from week to week with low team numbers. It was a shame as the team was cohesive, got along very well with each other and worked hard. I'm sure that if numbers had been consistent the boys would have done extremely well. Many thanks to Fiona Gilbert for managing the team, Leigh for his wonderful umpiring and his parents Dexter and Cheryl for bringing him to the game each week. Thanks to the parents of the boys for the oranges and treats and of course thanks to the boys themselves for the great effort this season.

Ben Myers (coach)

Ryan Breuer (Inner/Goals)

Has been fantastic in goals – saving us more than once! He has been just as reliable in offence – with a cracking hit, sometimes clearing the field! Ryan has played consistently all season and has been a real asset to his team. Ryan shows great potential.

Seth Butler (Inner)

What an effort! Seth is forever running. He's a reliable team man with great enthusiasm. He displayed plenty of speed and skill with many hard runs. He has developed into a very good position player. Seth has put all his effort into every game that he has played.

Alec Dorrington (Half Back)

Alec showed that he was capable in half back and was always a willing player. He worried the opposition with his chasing and is a great team player. A mighty effort from Alec this season.

Benjamin Gilbert (Half Back)

Reliable and strong in defence. Ben always gives one hundred per cent and tackles opposing players with tenacity. He's like a terrier at the ball! He has cleared the ball many times and always gives chase. He shows good potential for future seasons.

Liam Hill (Full Back)

Liam is a strong defender and never, ever gives up. He has won some great battles! He's a great team player and has been consistent for the team. Liam is very well liked by all team members.

Sean Hird (Hirdy Centre/Half)

Classy work from Sean this season. Hirdy has been one of the team's strongest players. He hits hard at the ball and shows no fear. He is tireless in offence and defence. Sean is a great player for the future.

Liam Pratt (Wing/Goals)

Very solid in offence and attacks hard. Great work in the D, which produced good goals through passes or achieving them on his own. Liam attended games regularly and provided much needed consistency for the team. A fantastic effort for the season.

Joel Raja (Full Back/Goals)

Joel joined part way through the season and what an asset he has been. His confidence has grown steadily and he has done very well both in full back and in goals with some fancy footwork! Joel is developing into a great defender and will continue to develop as an excellent player next season.

Rowan Reynolds (Full Back)

Has been solid in defence with some great steals and clearances. Rowan is always tenacious, chases hard in each game and never gives up. He is a tireless and consistent performer.

Sean Reynolds (Inner)

Sean has been great in offence this season by always working the ball forward. He has shown great teamwork and put one hundred per cent into every game.

Samuel Skepper (Half Back)

Samuel is super consistent and has always been there. He is a reliable player and rock solid in defence. He has a strong tackle that allows very few of the opposition to get past him. Samuel has attended games regularly and as we've had such a problem with numbers this has been greatly appreciated by the team.

Milorad Ujjesinovic (Wing)

A great wing player – getting a bag of goals. He's a tenacious player and when he gets that 'look in the eye' watch out – you know he's going to get the goal! Milorad has not missed a game and has been a tireless player. He's had a great season and runs hard for the team. What an asset he is.

Dylan Wetmore (Inner/ Centre Forward)

Dylan helped our low number problem by registering half way through the season and was warmly welcomed. He is a great team player working passes through with his offence. He is well liked by all the players and has developed his skills as the season has progressed.

Girls 5/6A

Generally, teams take a while to settle in and develop friendships, but this team formed bonds very early in the season. It has been a tough league to play in and we have been on the receiving end of some last minute losses, but the girls have shown great character and tenacity. They have worked hard all season and improved their individual skills. As a team, they have had some great positional games and have given it their all. Well done team. Thanks to all the parents for the support they gave the girls (remember that 7:30 am game?), to Sondren for her umpiring, to Emma for the behind the scenes management and especially to Jenny Ross for helping with coaching every week (and those dreaded fitness sessions).

Lauren Anderson

Lauren has great stick work and developed a good clearing hit. She has shown her tenacity all season and has mainly played left half, which is a position she has made her own fortress. That said, when given the chance to play elsewhere, she relished the opportunity and did really well. Her season will be remembered for her rallying cry – “bring out the inner mongrel”.

Maddy Bedford

Maddy is a self-declared wing. She has the speed and stamina to run up and down all game. Through the season, she has improved hugely in her ability to get the cross in to the circle and in working back to cover in defence (without even being shouted at).

Abigail Bell

Abi is a player with a lot of self drive. She listens well and takes her hockey seriously, yet is always ready with a smile. She has learnt to hold her position at half-back and does well at inner when given the chance. She recovered well from some spills early in the season and has developed great confidence throughout the season.

Grace Clavey

Grace has played full back, centre-half and centre-forward for us this season. In each position, she has been able to carry the ball strongly and offload to the girls around her. She is a quiet achiever, takes on board any suggestions, and is a pleasure to coach.

Neasa Flynn

Our pocket rocket, Neasa is a bundle of energy and speed. Our youngest player, she often gets picked up by Molly, but she is more than capable of holding her own on the field. Coming up from grads she has had to adapt to a more structured game and it has been a pleasure to see her develop. If there was a terrier award, she would be the frontrunner for her persistence on the ball.

Lisa Gleave

First and foremost – thank you Lisa for keeping goals for us all season. Lisa has shown great commitment to her hockey, doing extra training with Craig’s boys team and even they can’t scare her. She had some memorable saves and almost pulled off the save of the season with a palm-off well above her head. Oh for legalising growth hormones....

Molly Hagen

Molly is the bubbles at training. Hugs all around and an incurable show-off of singlets. She has combined well all season with Maddy on the left side of our forward line and has put awesome pressure on the opposing 16’s. She is tenacious when chasing back and will not shy away from a tough tussle.

Emily Hardbottle

Emily has had some awesome games where she has run absolutely everything down. She has great strength on the ball and a really strong hit. A standout memory of her season was her taking the ball from half way into the circle and converting into a convincing goal. And that against the top side in the league. Awesome.

Zoe Hopkinson

She has handled the centre-half position all season for us and we notice it when she is off the pitch. Zoe has a great work rate and is often the one rallying the troops. Her confidence on the ball, and the fact that she looks up and finds open players, has given the team a lot of its go-forward. Zoe is always working hard in cover defence.

Kirsten Loffell

Kirsty is a quiet achiever who has improved her hitting out of sight this season. She has held up the full back position despite nagging the coach to release her for other duties. She has been great at trapping and has grown in confidence. She will often have a word of encouragement to other girls and has been great at dovetailing with Amy in defence.

Amy Ross

It’s fitting that Amy’s report is right next to Kirsty’s – they have been the defensive tag-team most of the season. Amy’s reliability in the tackle and her strength on the ball after the tackle have been great to watch. That said, she has carried the ball well and worked hard when given the opportunity to play up front.

Aysha Stroobach

Aysha has good speed and can carry the ball well in attack. She has had her best games when she worked her way wide up the wing. When we attack up the left she has worked hard into space in front of the goal. She is confident on the ball and will get around players if given the space.

Girls 5/6B Black (Maroon)

It's been a building year. My main focus has been to improve the girls' basics and most of all make sure all the girls are having fun. The girls have shown great skill improvement from the start of the season until now. Sadly we haven't scored lots of goals, however the girls continue to praise each other on and off the field which is wonderful to see. The girls always come off the field with a smile on their face and their heads held high. I'm so proud of how lovely the girls get along and how they have all improved in some area of hockey whether being skills or positioning. I wish you all the best for your future years of hockey at Melville and look forward to seeing you around the club. Thanks to my team managers I couldn't have managed without you. Big thank you to Britt for helping at trainings, as well as the Willow Bridge Ladies who also have helped out at various trainings.

Madeline Alder

Wow haven't you got a strong hit now Maddie! Your hitting and trapping has improved so much. It's wonderful to see improvement every week. Every position I have put you in you have tried your heart out and have never given up. Take this determination into your future years of hockey!

Emma Armitage

Emma is our pocket rocket! She is always hungry for the hockey ball and never gives up. Often giggles on the field if she makes a mistake. Emma is defensively very strong against tackling opponents. With great speed and skills improving Emma is transforming into a brilliant little hockey player. Keep up the good work Emma!!

Samantha Chisholm

Sam the little ballerina can tackle hard!! Sam has a wonderful trap and can clear the ball wide when under pressure. Extremely reliable and always gives her best on any occasion. Thanks for being such a great communicator on the field. Keep up the good work!

Rachel Clark

Rachel is strong in defence and makes it hard for any opposition to beat her. I can hardly believe this is her first year of hockey! Excellent at clearing balls wide and strong tackles when under pressure, saving many goals from going in. Wow can this girl hit the ball!!! Thanks for all your hard work this season.

Zoe Elliott

Zoe is brilliant on the wing, her positioning is fantastic!! Zoe always listens to advice and takes it into the game. Your hitting is improving and the slap shot hitting will come after more practice. All the best Zoe and thank you for being a delight to coach.

Alice Haigh

Alice started on the forward line and then moved to halfback position. You have a wonderful slap hit which will help you well when you commence playing on the turf. Your hitting has also improved - keep working on the reverse traps. Alice you have been a delight to coach this year, and I wish you all the best with many years of hockey!

Ella Hall

Ella is our little chatterbox, who is friendly on and off the field. Her cheerfulness and lovely personality is a wonderful motivator for the team. Ella has improved trapping the ball 'lower'. Plays every game out hard and never gives up, with great Melville team spirit. Good luck for your future years of hockey!

Samantha Harwood

Sam is a lovely team player who is flexible with positioning. The first few games getting a little bored on the wing, but as the season went on, seeing more of the ball and getting the fire in the belly to attack at the goals made the game more fun. Thank you for your hard work and funny conversations!

Charlotte Marshall

Charlotte has played most positions on the forward line and positions herself well. Calling loud for the ball and attacking well. Improving well on her hitting and trapping. Great positive talking on the field.

Bryanna Martin

'B' as we like to call Bryanna, when fired up is dynamite. She gets her head down and tackles hard till she wins the ball. A versatile player slotting into different positions along the forward line throughout the season. B takes instructions well and puts the information into play. I can see lots of goals scored by you in the future B!!!

Tedra Morgan-Hind

Tedra is a great communicator and so strong in defence. Tedra puts the opposition under a lot of pressure when she runs out on defensive short corners. At training she would often comment how I needed to tackle the girls harder so they would improve for the games. Thank you for all your hard running. I wish you well.

Eilidh Rayfield

Eilidh is an all-rounder who can be put into any position. Eilidh understands the game brilliantly and often intercepts the ball from the opposition. Strong hitting and an excellent right drag. Keep up the positive talking on the field and all the best for your future years of hockey!

Amelia Swan

Fullback, Halfback, Goalie, Inner. Where haven't I placed you Amelia? You get so low when you tackle, making it almost impossible for the opposition to get passed you. Amelia never gives up and with such fitness can run all day. Thank you for having such a positive attitude on and off the field.

Finally thanks to all the parents who supported me and the team during the season. It was wonderful to see so many come along each week and encourage the girls with praise on and off the field. A big thanks to those who helped out with umpiring and those handy tips on game day.

Girls 5/6B Black (White)

As the 2011 season draws to a close, I reflect on my apprehension at being asked to coach. After all, how bad could coaching young girls be?

I have never seen a group of players come together so quickly and play like they have been a team for several seasons. With only a handful of girls having played together before, it was amazing to watch them develop and support each other. They have bonded both on and off the field and have been an absolute pleasure to coach. I don't know what I was so worried about.

Our focus for the season was to primarily have fun, learn as much as we could and play as a team. To their credit the girls have excelled in all areas. Their parents have been very supportive and have thoroughly enjoyed watching them play.

Stella Brown

Stella is one player I can rely on to give her heart and soul to the game. Her confidence and stick work has grown over the weeks as she develops her game as a wing. Playing on the wing is never easy as it is difficult to hold out wide when the ball is in the middle of the field. Over the last few weeks she has realised the advantages of holding wide as she has had some great breakaway runs to get the team into a scoring position.

Eva Cocks

Eva was given the task of playing Centre Forward and her natural teamwork with Katherine saw them swap positions throughout the game. Eva has become a driving force in our attack feeding the ball to the inners and wings. She is a very supportive player who is there when required. Eva is equally strong as a defensive player and is not afraid of getting back to defend our goals. She has become a pivotal member of our defensive short corner team as one of two runners.

Emma Donaldson

Emma reminds me of "Goofy", she has a bubbly personality but stumbles over her own feet. My aim at the start of the season was to teach her how to play on the wing and give her the confidence she needed to believe in her own ability. After scoring her first goal and defying the attacks of the opposition, her confidence soared beyond expectations. With her new found confidence she is now learning to apply her skills to the role of Left Wing.

Cassandra Drayton

Cassie was again asked to take on the role of Left Inner which requires you to be able to read the play and manoeuvre the ball around your opposition. Never one to be frightened of running with the ball, she consistently fed the ball to the wings and was there to assist if needed. Her teamwork with Luka on short corners has been a great pairing. Cassie has shown some great stick work throughout the season and her use of her back stick left many an opposition player stunned.

Katherine Dumas

Katherine settled in well to the team and was given the task of playing Centre Halfback. This role required her to be strong in attack but also push back and defend when needed. As a runner in short corners, her speed caught the opposition unaware and often resulted in turnovers. Her quick thinking on free hits saw her play-on which resulted in the five metre rule being invoked on many occasions.

Grace English

Grace is one of the quiet achievers of the team. She has quickly stamped her mark on the role of fullback. At training she has listened intently and then applied those skills learnt to her game. A very solid defender, she is not frightened of running the ball out of defence and up the field. Together with Emily, she has mastered the seesawing positioning of the fullback and the art of clearing the ball wide of the D.

Poppy Goerke

Last season Poppy played on the forward line however her strong defensive skills saw her better suited to the role of halfback. Given the sometimes difficult task of tagging the wings, she never let me down especially in our toughest matches. She consistently kept the opposition out of the play whilst still working with the inners and wings to push the ball forward. She is now developing her positioning on attacking short corners which is seeing much more success for the team.

Sophie Hackett

Sophie is a coach's dream as the most versatile player on the team. She is capable of playing both as a forward or defensive player. She has the ability to execute any task given her from driving the ball forward in attack to being strong in defence and push the ball wide to the wings. Ideally she is suited to the role of halfback and is ferocious in her ability to mark players. But it is her versatility which will see her become a much sought after player.

Girls 5/6B Black (White) (contd)

Emily Hutchinson

Emily came to us having played last year as a utility player but it became very noticeable that her forte was defence. Slotting into the role of fullback, Emily has developed her skills on reading the play and tackling the opposition using a variety of techniques. She has never shied away from attacking the ball and her teamwork with Grace has frustrated many of our opposing teams and left our goal keeper "bored" on occasions.

Danika Kirk

Danika put her hand up early to try her hand at goal keeping and with no set goal keeper the intention was to rotate the role. However Danika's natural ability shone through early and her enthusiasm for taking on this task made her a natural choice for the season. She has become a very accomplished goal keeper who has learnt to confidently kick the ball away. If she continues to pursue this path she will undoubtedly excel in the role given the right guidance and training.

Luka Mellor

Luka's ability to run like the energizer bunny made her suited to the role of inner. Despite being one of the shorter team members, she had the tenacity of a terrier which caught many of her taller opposition off guard as she swooped in and stole the ball from them. Her teamwork with Cassandra on short corners has resulted in some text book goals, and she is now developing some alternative plays to compliment this.

Bryanna Miller

Throughout the season we have called on Bryanna Miller to help us out when we have been short of players. Bryanna joined us from the Regional side and slotted easily into the team. She has shown great strength filling in as a fullback or halfback and has always taken direction very well. Bryanna we thank you for all your help and wish you all the best for next season.

Ellen Rolls

If only we could harness her energy and balance it out with positioning she would become a force to be reckoned with. Ellen switches between the roles of halfback and inner both of which require excellent fitness and stamina. As an inner she has been instrumental in getting the ball into a scoring position. As a halfback she is driven and shows determination in marking her player. She is so persistent I have seen the opposition swap players time and again to put her off but to no avail.

The parents and I would also like to thank Jonathon Cornwall our umpire. Jonathon has umpired all our games this season and his confidence has certainly grown as is evident by how loudly he blows the whistle. (Or perhaps it's because the girls zone out and don't hear it if he doesn't). It's very rewarding to see our Junior players give back to the Club by assisting other teams with umpiring, coaching and other roles. Umpiring at this level is a great way for Junior Umpires to find their confidence and I would encourage more juniors to give it a go.

Finally I would like to thank Helen Hackett. Without Helen's support my role as coach would've been more difficult. Her welcome emails for match reminders and orange rosters; organising a team get together and completing all our reports for Hockey WA have taken a huge weight off my shoulders and enabled me to focus on the task of coaching. Thank you Helen, I know I speak for the whole team in saying you have been an integral part of our success this season.

As I close this report we have only a handful of games remaining and the girls have exceeded my expectations. No matter where they finish on the ladder they are all winners worthy of a gold medal. Their sportsmanship and the manner in which they took to the field and played is a credit not only to the Club but to themselves.

Well done girls!

Girls 5/6 Regional Black

Coaches: Jim Moncrieff, David Beckwith

Assistant: Catriona Adams

Well, what a fantastic year!! For the majority of the girls, this was their first year in juniors, so it proved to be a huge learning curve for them. We started off the season quite slowly, losing the first game 1-0, but picked up nicely and by round 3 we won our first game 2-1. The first game back after the holiday break, was a bit scrappy, with the girls seeming to lose their momentum over the holidays, but they still fought well to only lose that game 1-0. The highlight of the season was in round 10, where we only had 8 field players, two of whom had just played a game, and a goalie, who had also just played the previous game, and still managed to draw 0-0. All in all, a very good season, and the girls should be very proud of themselves, as should their parents.

Many, many thanks go to Jimmy and David for their brilliant coaching, and their brilliant patience. You both made a world of difference to the skill levels of these girls.

Thanks also to David for being our resident umpire, you did an outstanding job.

Thanks to Catriona for all your hard work and effort in assisting Jimmy and David, and running the subs on and off the field.

Now to the players:

Alana Baskerville

Alana started out the season well, but broke her arm early in the season and could not come back until round 7. She came back in with a bang and proved that she didn't miss much during her convalescence.

Sophie Beckwith

One of our tallest players in the team, Sophie is a strong defender, often playing in fullback position. She has a good hit and a strong tackle and always plays her best.

Annabel Drane

Annabel is a good, reliable all-rounder, with good running ability, who always puts in 100% in the game. Unfortunately she broke her toe during the holiday break, but she was only out for a couple of games, and came back like a trouper.

Zoe Jarvis-Smith

Zoe is a very good runner, and an all-round go-getter. She is a good attacker, but equally good in defence. Zoe's improvement during the season was remarkable.

Hannah Jones

Hannah is one of our other tallest girls in the team. She is very good in defence, very strong in fullback and is rarely beaten one on one in a tackle. Hannah always gives 100%.

Nadia Konagai

Nadia is a good player with great running ability. Her confidence has improved with her skill level and she will do well in the future.

Phoebe McWhae

Phoebe is another good all-rounder, with her shooting around the field in different positions. She is very quick on her feet, and is the team's quiet achiever.

Bryanna Miller

Bryanna started out the season playing wing, but soon showed her talents were best utilised in the position of centre half. One of the team's main goal scorers, she has a good solid hit, and always plays her best.

Issabella Moncrieff

Bella is one of our other great defence players, with fullback as her main position. She is a good little fighter and doesn't take no for an answer in a tackle. She is always looking for the right position to hit to.

Kayla O'Sullivan

Kayla is our little fighting devil. She is our centre forward and our other main goal scorer. She is a great forward, who has a good future in hockey.

Eva Quattrini

Eva has had a really good start to junior hockey. She shows great promise and her level of skill and confidence has really come along in leaps and bounds.

Ciara Thompson

Ciara is a great winger. She is always there ready for the ball and is a great runner. Her improvement during the season has been out of this world and it's great to see what a difference that has made to her level of confidence.

Maartje Van Lieshout

Maartje is the last of our tall girls. She is a solid forward, who likes to play up the field, but can also run back in defence. She is not one to quit on a tackle, either.

Naomi Yuen

Naomi played both in defence and in the forward line this season. She is brave in the tackle and has improved quite solidly during the season.

Boys 5/6A

It has been a great season for the boys under Craig Tate's reign. They have progressed really well in the area of skills and game play. Craig put in a great deal of time training them twice a week which reflected on the skill improvements. Our position on the ladder didn't really reflect the matches this season as some of our best games this year were losses. Every game was extremely close and we never lost by much at all. We have had a great bunch of parents, making the season very enjoyable indeed. To the boys going up to the next grade, we wish you well and thank them for what they have contributed to the 5/6 A's.

Teresa Forbes (Manager)

Oliver Bodlovich (Speedy Gonzales - Right Wing)

Oliver is happiest when he is running, many opposition players ate his dust this year. He has worked really hard at training and constantly improved each week. Oliver is a valuable and popular member of the forward line and with his speed was able to stay ahead of the forward play when needed giving the boys more options going into the D. His hair do each week would rival any Loreal commercial, thanks for making the effort for us Ollie!

Nicholas Deluca (Mr Reliable - Full Back)

This is Nick's second year in the A grade, he is a solid defender who is always there when needed. He has a good hit and has worked with the defenders well, improving every week. He loves the game and constantly works to improve where he can. Nick doesn't panic under pressure which serves him well in the back line. We will miss him next year and wish him well in the 7/8's.

Timothy Dickson (Inspector Gadget - Wing)

Tim has been a great asset to the team this year, he doesn't say much but you can always depend on him to be exactly where you need him to be. He has a good hockey brain and continues to improve every week. Tim has a positive attitude and a natural ability that will only get better and better. He is a team player and has a great attitude to the game.

Dylan Forbes (Jink Man - Centre Forward / Right Inner)

Dylan approached his second year in the A grade where he left off last year, he is a determined and highly skilled player who gives his all every week, he never misses training and soaks up anything new with enthusiasm. He has excellent hand eye co ordination and has greatly improved his back stick skills this season. His favourite trick this year was the "Jink" and he loves to put it in his game. Dylan has a great attitude to hockey and it has been a joy to watch the passion he brings to his game. Watch out Kookaburras, he's on his way!

Mackenzie Love (Slugger - Full Back)

Macca is the backbone of the back line, don't let that tough exterior fool you though as we are sure he may have a soft interior, not that he will ever admit it. He is a dependable player and can always be relied upon to clear that ball in the last line of defence. He has thrived in the back line this year and takes his position very seriously. He is dependable and a great team player, he makes jokes about avoiding running but is surprisingly fast when he gets going. This was Macca's second year in the A grade and he has been a big asset to the team.

James Manassis (007 - Wing / Half Back)

James is a determined forward but has also shown that he can play well in defence. His never say die attitude has served him well this year as he has continued to improve each week. He has a drive for the ball that is great to watch, you can see on his face how badly he wants that ball. We believe his "just got out of bed look" for the games is a tactic used to scare away the opposition.

Samuel McKinnon (Cannonball - Left Wing)

Sam is a quiet lad who has worked hard this year. He has shown determination and drive and has been a dependable forward. A good attitude to the game and a drive for goals has seen him improve each week. He has made a big effort to play the wing to the best of his ability, and his ability to read the play improves every week.

Thomas Moulin (The Joker - Goalie)

Tom is the larrikin of the team, never turn your back on Tom! As the A grade goalie this year he has progressed in leaps and bounds or should that be kicks and slides? He is developing well under Craig's watchful eye and will prove to be a good asset for the club in later years. He is growing in confidence and is starting to take control of the back line directing players as needed. He has had some fantastic and exciting saves this year which were a joy to watch. He is also noted for forgetting something each time he leaves the ground.

Boys 5/6A (contd)

Daniel Paino (Silent Assassin - Half Back)

Daniel has been the quiet achiever on the team, doesn't say much, just gets on with the job at hand. He has grown in strength every week, working hard on his skills. He has a great attitude to hockey and training and has become a dependable player in the back line. He shows determination going for every ball and never gives up the chase. His love of the game is obvious and if he continues the way he is going he will be a big asset to any team going forward.

Kyle Potter (Austin Powers - Centre Half / Centre Forward)

Kyle has had a great year this year and his skills are only superseded by his confidence. It was his second year in the A grade and his hit is stronger and he is faster making him a defender's nightmare. Listening may not be his strong point but we think he was just in "The Zone". Kyle is a team player with great agility and is passionate about his hockey. As a natural athlete he was a valuable member of the team, when he wasn't there it was noticeable. Well done Kyle!

Henry Rogerson (Red Dog - Half Back/Wing)

Henry is like a dog with a bone with that hockey ball, do not try and take it from him, he will hunt you down! His game has gone from strength to strength each week and not much will get past him. He has worked hard all year and the improvements to his game are obvious. He has a desire for the ball and reads the play well. Great hand eye co-ordination saw him cut off many balls this year in the press. He has a great attitude for one so young.

Mitchell Tate (The Terminator - Centre Forward / Inner)

Mitch loves his hockey and it shows in every game he plays. As the coach's son with a family reputation for great players, we expected great things from Mitch this year and he didn't disappoint. He runs hard every game and will always chase a player no matter how hopeless the situation may seem often catching them and winning the ball ("I'll be back"). His skills are sharp and he shows such determination and tenacity in his game. A reliable and dependable team player.

Daniel Whibley (Greggy Norman - Centre Half Back)

Daniel has a hit that most hockey players dream of. (Occasionally lethal when it resembled a driving golf shot though.) He managed to get through the year without killing anyone which was a great relief to his parents and coach. As a tall boy for his age he was heard to tell the opposition when asked how old he was, that he was 18! On a serious note his passion for hockey has kept him improving every week and he will be missed next year when he moves to the 7/8's. He has worked hard all year and has been an asset to the team.

Special Thanks to our umpires this year **Matt Tate** and **Brad Potter**, it was great not having to stress over umpires. Thanks to the parents who managed to get the boys to the games on time, almost every one being really early and far away. Most of all thanks Craig, you put so much of your time and effort into coaching, it was encouraging and positive and the benefits will be long lasting as the boys go forward. Craig also did the Bunbury Carnival, coaching the 5/6 boys. One last item to note, Craig took A grade 5/6 goalie Lisa Gleave under his wing this year as well, she joined the boys at training, I hope she's not too mentally disturbed by it! Thanks everyone, see you next year!!!



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Boys 5/6 Regional Black (Maroon)

The Mighty Melville Maroon Boys 5/6 Team. Bringing together a mix of experienced Grade 6s, a couple of returning Grade 5s, some boys up from Grads and a couple who had never played hockey before. With only a few games left in the season, the Boys can be mighty proud of their achievements. A couple of draws in the early part of the season and some BIG BIG wins. If they can remain focused they should at least go through the season undefeated - which is an incredible accomplishment at any competition grade.

Regan Bright (Right Inner / Forward)

Skilful player, fast, has had some great runs down the right hand side this year resulting in Goals.

Daniel Brown (Half Back)

Daniel is a good solid defender who does everything asked of him.

Cohen Burgess (Burgo - Strike forward/ Half back)

In his second year but is improving nicely. Has scored a few goals close-in.

Sean Curran (Fullback / Half Back)

One of our very reliable defenders, never complains and just gets on with it.

Lochlann Downey (Lochie - Right wing / half back)

Up from Grads. One of the most improved players this year. Has had some great right wing runs down the field with penetrating passes.

Jesse Floyd (Centre half / forward)

Jesse is a very skilful and solid Centre Half who has set up many moves into the strike zone, also with some excellent strikes of the ball from the top of the circle resulting in goals.

Austin Hall (Left / Right wing and Half Back)

A very quiet player who gets in and under and doesn't stop until he has the ball.

Tyron Lombardo (Goalie)

New player who has never played before and when asked to play in goals he didn't hesitate. Since being there he has done a great job in the goals. Not an easy task and sometimes boring especially when in some of our games the ball didn't even enter the circle.

Jordan Lukan (Inner / Strike forward)

Has scored a lot of goals this year. Jordan knows and has the instinct on where to be in the circle.

Mitch Scally (Centre Half / Inner)

Mitch is an excellent player who works very hard whether he is in attack or defence. Always asking great questions to improve his knowledge of the game.

Joshua Scanlon (Half Back / Wing)

Another one who loves to get in and under to get the ball. Josh loves to attack and has linked very well with the Forwards when he is at half back.

Henry Scurry (Fullback)

The other of our very reliable Defenders who shows great poise when coming out of the back line. Henry always listens and is willing to try the things that are asked of him.

Stephen Simpson (Forward / Halfback)

Stephen is another of the players who is improving every week.

The team has done an excellent job this year in coming together and learning off each other and also playing as a team. The Boys have taken on the Structures set for them with great enthusiasm. Thank you all who have filled in when I have been away. Mark has done an excellent job as Team Manager which has made my job as coach very easy indeed. Also a big thank you to those who have helped out in Umpiring.

Boys 5/6 Regional Black (White)

The year began with a good showing at grading day. From there it was a tough grounding and some big losses. Most would have dropped their bottom lip and given up, but this group of guys just turned up, trained hard and kept plugging away. Now here we are nearing the end of the season, giving sides that beat us convincingly in the first round a good run for their money. It took us four games to score our first goal, but now we score consistently. Our play now looks structured; we chase back, call, use the wings, and play as a team with responsibility, courage and pride.

The boys are all respectful and do the Melville shirts proud.

Thanks go to our manager Julie, and the help of Alistair, Marc and Jeremy at training and on Saturday's, and Leona for the match reports. Also, parents and sibling support was terrific and greatly helped, especially in the lean times.

It has been a pleasure to coach such a nice group of boys, thank you, we have come a long way – be very proud of yourselves.

All the team & supporters hope Keegan continues his recovery and is back on the field for next season.

Keegan Barnard

A great full-back, either left or right side with a good hit and a solid tackle. Very reliable and gave 100% each week. Keegan sets the standard at training, thrives on a high work rate, and is a pleasure to coach. Keegan unfairly had his playing season cut short, but that didn't stop him coming to see his team mates whenever he could. Once fit and healthy, Keegan will continue his development into a class hockey player.

Mitchell Batten

Loves the forward line. No matter what position he is given, he will gravitate to up front. Mitch missed a few games midway through the year, but then came back very strongly to play his best hockey. He loves to run with the ball and looks best when it is out front. Working back in defence is something Mitchell needs to work on, but this will come with fitness once he has an uninterrupted season. Many goals will be coming his way in future years.

Mathew Beck

Mathew held down the centre half spot for most of the year. He always trains well and is an extremely likeable kid. We always know when Mathew is around. His attentiveness at training becomes evident on Saturdays when he puts into practice what we did during the week. He has perfected making holes for the full backs to pass through to the forwards. He has a tremendous hit, though just needs to remember not to try and hit too hard. He is going to score a lot of goals from penalty corners.

Lewis Berry

One of the best goalkeepers in the competition, but also very handy on the field. He is a good forward and a good defender. Played very well at centre half when given the chance, which may be his calling if his fitness and work rate can step up (that is if he decides not to be a keeper). Either way, hockey will benefit with Lewis playing and he really enjoys the game.

Isaac Boyes

Started as a forward and did very well, but then showed some remarkable skills on the backline where he played some of his best hockey. Very good reflexes and stopping shots at goal in defence. Isaac trains well and works back hard in defence when required. A good strong hitting technique will complement his game.

Harry Branley

Harry has tried a few positions around the field, but in defence he has played his best hockey. He showed how well he can tackle, and with his size and reach makes a formidable back. Development of a strong accurate hit will complete the package. Harry enjoys his hockey, trains well and never complains.

Brendan Delaney

Brendan is one of the best at training. He is attentive and always puts things into practice. He is easy to coach. A great right half, he puts the opposition winger out of the game with good tackling and then provides great attack down the wing. He has an extremely strong and accurate push, but also needs to remember to keep developing his hitting. Brendan reads the game well and is going to play very high level hockey.

Matthew Harrup

Great full back as he has a very strong, reliable and accurate hit when taking the 16's always clearing the ball. He prefers to play in attack, but perhaps one day he will enjoy the backline more. He runs well with the ball, and if he can apply that strong hit up on the forward line and on shots at goal, then he will regularly be on the score card. Matthew trains well and enjoys hockey.

Boys 5/6 Regional Black (White) (contd)

Matthew Munro

Played a lot on the wing and has scored multiple goals. Has a habit of being at the right spot at the right time, which means he reads the game well. Surprisingly, when switched to full back, he played his best game of the year. Very quiet, but the opposition found out he was there the hard way - when he stopped almost every forward thrust. He trains well, never complains and always does as asked. Good skills, and once his confidence improves (which it will) he will be a dominant player.

Daniel Page

Daniel has had a good year. He has moved to different positions around the ground. Played a good game in goals one week, to then move to the forward line the next week and score 2. Versatile is the best way to describe him. He seems to be particularly focused when in the attacking circle, and seems to be able to smell the goals. Quiet, he lets his hockey stick do the talking. Always at training and never any trouble. Once his hitting gets stronger, he will score a lot of goals.

Nicholas Parker

Had an interrupted year with some nasty injuries. But came back and his confidence has steadily improved. He has a strong hit and good stopping skills. He runs well with the ball, and once he learns to follow through after passing, he will cause havoc with the opposition defence. Good attendance at training and listens well. I feel Nicholas will really step up next year.

Oliver Spear

First season for 4 years, Oliver has done very well. Had to get used to hockey on grass, not ice. He has played mainly on the right wing or half. A strong and accurate hit, Ollie always delivers the corner hit outs to the top of the 'D'. Has a good tackle and does not give up. Confidence in running with the ball will be an asset to his game, and this will come in time. A strong desire to score goals will, I feel, be fulfilled soon enough.

Flynn Stephens

Pocket rocket. Started out as a fullback, and then transitioned into our highest goal scorer at right inside. Flynn has exceptional ball control and speed. He reads the game very well, always thinking ahead. Unselfishness is always on display, passing to others better positioned for scoring shots. He has a strong accurate hit, and not much gets past him. Chasing back and doing the hard work also comes naturally. He trains hard and it pays off.

Kelvin Vester

Kelvin has held down the left half position well for a lot of the year. His 1st attempt in goals was a real surprise, did very well and set the team up for one of our best performances. Building up hitting strength will greatly improve Kelvin's game. He has good stamina and trains well. The improvement throughout the year is a result of the hard work he has put in. Never complains and puts the team first.

Jacob Watson

Played in defence, the half line and on the wing. Then once given the opportunity as centre forward showed his true explosive pace and left the opposition behind. I've never seen anyone chase back as quickly as Jacob. As first runner on defensive corners, he never let the opposition get a hit. Courage was what led to his knocks and bruises, as he never backs off. He will score a lot of goals and his pace is a real asset.

Boys 5/6 Regional Red (Maroon)

Taj Alder (Right Back)

Taj has played reliably at the back for the team, rapidly increasing his confidence and skills. He's courageous and determined and very cool under pressure. Some more work on skills and fitness will see him become a truly awesome player!

Nathaniel Bufton (Left Back, Goal Keeper)

Nathaniel has had a fun time, and stepped in as goal keeper whilst Joel was away. If Nathaniel could pay a little more attention and focus on his skills he'd no doubt enjoy the game even more. Be determined to try harder next season Nathaniel!

Thomas Hamdorf (Centre forward, Right Wing)

Thomas has started to improve and seems to have more interest in the game than at the start of the season. A little more attention to skills and coaching advice would see him get much more out of the next season. Good play at the front. More focus next season Thomas!

Braden Jones (Centre forward, Right Wing)

Braden has improved dramatically over the season, and is flexible enough to play most positions, he's fast and effective. With a little more skills practice Braden will be ready for bigger challenges next season. Huge improvement over this season, well done!

Matt Kuzich (Left Half Back)

Matt had a slow start to the year. More focus on skills and learning some understanding of the game will help him get more out of it; as would a little more effort in our training sessions. Getting more involved with the sessions will really help your enjoyment Matt!

Austen Ladhams (Centre /half back/Centre Forward)

Austen has been a great player for the team, always works hard, runs hard and is very skilful. He needs to use other team members even more during games, but has worked to improve this. Austen is really ready for a bigger challenge in hockey next year. Excellent performance this year Austen!

Dylan Miguel (Right Half Back)

Dylan's confidence has improved dramatically, he's confident on the ball and a strong tackler, he's fast but could be faster with improved fitness. His skills are coming along well. He's a key member of the team, and is due for bigger challenges next season. Well done Dylan, great effort!

Kaleb Milson (Left inner/Right Halfback)

Kaleb has come on in leaps and bounds, always attentive and flexible he can play a number of positions well, skills are improving, but any gaps are more than made up for in his determination when playing. Kaleb has a bright future if he continues to build his skills and keeps his enthusiasm up.

Mark Ogden (Right/Left Inner)

Mark is a solid reliable player, he's very tenacious and determined and is great at getting the ball off the opposition, huge improvement over the year which he can build on next season. With a little more focus on fitness, Mark is ready for bigger challenges next year. Extremely well done.

Harrison Rayment (Left Back)

Harri has played steadily and well this season, he's very effective in the back and has a very strong tackle and a determination to get the ball. Harri really has made an effort to keep focussed. More work on his skills will dramatically improve his performance next season. Well done Harri!

Cameron Surtees (Right/Left Wing/Inner)

Cameron is fast, has a strong hit and a good eye, he's a great attacking player and good with the ball. He uses his team mates well and can read the game very well, improving this over the year. Cameron is overdue for bigger challenges in hockey next season! Very impressive performance this year Cameron keep it up!

Ned Tydeman (Left Back, Left Half Back)

Ned has made a maximum effort this year, he always puts his all into the game and tries his hardest. He can play in a number of positions well and is beginning to build his confidence and self belief. A little more skills practice and fitness exercises will see him reach his full potential, keep up the excellent effort Ned!

Joel Walkemeyer (Goal Keeper)

Joel has proved to be the surprise find of the team, perhaps the smallest goal keeper in the league, he doesn't let much passed him, confident, cool under pressure it's pretty much like having a brick wall across the goal mouth. We really felt it when he missed a couple of games in the season. Joel is ready for bigger challenges in the next season. Stunning effort this year Joel!

Ben Whitelaw (Left/Right Wing)

Ben is probably one of the team's fastest players on the ball, the speed he moves down the wings is impressive. Ben has worked very hard to improve his skills this year and it's worked; some really impressive play making. Ben is ready for bigger challenges in hockey next year. Excellent effort this year Ben!

Boys 5/6 Regional Red (White)

Sean Flexman

A player who is passionate about defence. Sean has grown in confidence and ability to become a valuable right back defender this season. I have seen improvement in his game especially tackling opposition players and direct passing towards attack.

Kristian Frossos

Kristian gave us his best efforts as goal keeper early in the season before playing as a defender who is capable of holding his own out on the field. Kristian's efforts were rewarded with improvement throughout the season when tackling and passing to team mates. Well done Kristian.

Josh Hardbottle

This boy is like a tornado he has so much energy and running ability. For his first year of hockey, Josh has had a great year and been a regular contributor to the team's efforts. Every game Josh has stepped up his skills and has been a pleasure for everybody to have on the team. Showing good potential in attack, Josh has had some of his best games when playing in defence. Great season Josh, keep up the effort.

Matthew Harvey

From the very first training sessions of the season Matt has shown determination to put every effort in to his hockey. As an attacking left inner, Matt has used his impressive skills to dominate forward strikes and work the ball into numerous scoring shots. Matthew's efforts on the field are inspiring to others who play around him. And to watch him hit at goals from a short corner is truly awesome.

Timothy Harvey

Tim has filled the role of a team leader, who leads by example every time he steps on the field. His ability and vision has lead him to become a player who turns defensive efforts into driving attacks, and passing into countless goal scoring opportunities. Tim's desire to win every contested ball has opposition teams often having to play more than one opponent on Tim at a given time.

Lachlan Knowles

Lachlan grew throughout the entire season to become a good left wing player. Each game Lachlan played he would offer more opportunities for the team to be in a winning position. Great season Latch, your ball and stick skills have really improved over the season.

Joshua Lawrence

Josh is a determined player willing to learn and take on new roles for the team. He has developed a powerful defensive game and shows good knowledge to read the play and cut off attacking opponents. Josh has also shown his versatility as a forward in several games during the season. He is a valuable contributor every time he steps on the field, and always plays the role that is asked of him.

Benjamin McGrath

Ben has built upon his skills throughout the year to become a versatile team player who can play in multiple positions effectively. From his outstanding goal keeping skills to an attacking player who has an ability to read the play and contribute from his position on the wing making him a valued member of this team.

Harrison McKinnon

Harrison really applies everything that he learns at training to become an effective member of the team. Harry has versatility to take on many roles including a game as goal keeper and a reliable mid fielder.

Zachary McKinnon

Zachary has a great spirit and endeavour to improve at every opportunity allowing him to become a valuable player each week. Zach's efforts in defence have been commendable, while also showing promise as a valuable player on the wing.

Benjamin McVeigh

As the team's left back, Ben is a reliable player capable of holding out many good attackers and passing through to the mid field. Being rock solid throughout the season, Ben has taken a couple of striking blows to bounce back and show true character and determination. Ben has increased his stick skills throughout and has grown in confidence to become valuable team contributor. Great year Ben, a pleasure to have you on my team.

Ben Munnings

A season to be remembered. Ben has developed a great flat passing hit valuable to get the team into attack and is always looking to move in to space. Ben's contribution in every game has grown as his skill and control with the ball has developed to build him up to the player who has a lot to look forward to with his hockey.

Harry Watkins

What a great season Harry had playing attacking and defensive roles throughout the year. Harry may yet prove to have his best years as a left half where he can use his speed and consistent passing ability to drive forward into attack. Harry has the opportunity to become a leading player and I hope he pursues every opportunity to become a great hockey player.

Thanks to Tracey McVeigh as team manager for all her efforts.

Thanks to Craig Tate for providing his expertise early in the season at many games and training sessions, his help was invaluable to the development of the boy's skills.

Coach Paul Harvey

