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# Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

## Life Members

### Men

V. Dalton (Dec'd)	1959
D. Spitteler	1969
P. Noad (Dec'd)	1971
R. Halliday	1972
B. Spitteler	1975
M. Currell	1978
W. Meacock	1979
K. Timmel	1980
W. Forward	1982
J. Cole	1984
M. Reynolds (Dec'd)	1985
B. Hancock	1987
I. Deveson (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
P. Hall	2011
B. Cadd	2012

### Women

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

# Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

## Club Administration 2013

Patron:	Mr Russell Aubrey, Mayor, City of Melville
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# President's Report

At the time of writing this report we on the committee were all very busy. The teams who made it were playing off for finals and top squad ladies were in a promotion battle. Our club was administratively in full on work mode trying to pull it all together for the admin pinnacle of our year which is the summation of all that happened over the hockey season and the year milestones and achievements that need to be entered into our year book and presented at our famous presentation night. The small army of volunteers were in full swing.

This being my first year as President of the club I have learnt that this small army of volunteers are truly the backbone of the club. There are many and they are a diverse group. Only a few will be honoured publicly as the awards are shared amongst the best for this year. I truly thank each and every one of you for coaching, managing, coordinating teams, running the bar and kitchen, looking after the clubrooms, making the repairs and completing renovations, repairing equipment and running our uniform shop, the Minkey BBQ..... It is truly inspiring to see all the time that is put into these very necessary jobs and functions to keep us running as a top club.

We were asked at a recent committee meeting by Peter Churack (CEO HWA) and Tony Lalor (President of the Board HWA) how we do it. How do we run such a club as Melville City Hockey Club with such high member numbers so efficiently and maintain our high standards, ethical process and true spirit which is so noticeable within the WA hockey society? It was hard for us to answer this question, at the time, but the volunteers mentioned is one facet. The committee did not say too much as they see this as normal for Melville. I will say it for them, it is in a very large part the committee themselves which come from our membership which create these standards which are upholding our culture and the legacy of past committees.

Our committee has been excellent this year and have guided the activities, events and structures which must be in place for you, our members, both Juniors and Seniors, to take advantage of every day. I thank this wonderful, modest and selfless group of fine people for all their hard work and leadership this year. You are inspiring.

We enjoyed once again the Patronage of our Mayor Mr Russell Aubrey who, along with the City of Melville Council, supported us through a very diverse year. Our desire for a second turf with a sustainable process in the future is understood by our council, and we are comforted by the fact that being supported by our council during this very tedious process and during our normal season requirements is very important to each and every member. We thank Russell and the council.

There have been many achievements this year with our top squad men playing excellently and our coaches Peter Freer (Head Coach) and Charlie Gaudoin (Assistant Coach), with total support from Johnson Orr (Manager), have put in place a process for coaching and fitness with John De Bes (Fitness Coach) which will see us well into the future. Although not in finals this year we are on the march upwards. With the same dedication of this fine team of young men and group of coaches and managers I am positive we will be there next year.

At this time our top squad women are playing finals and for promotion in to the Premier 1 League division. The magnitude of this achievement is hard to over state. They ended up top on the ladder, highest goal scorers and least goals scored against. The spirit and dedication of this group of young women is great. Led by Blake Burrows (Head Coach Women), Steve Silvey (Assistant Coach and VP Women) and Di Silvey (Manager), the team has made their own destiny. I have every confidence that they will be in the Premier 1 League next year and I say that without knowing the end result at

# President's Report (contd)

this time. Watching the games has been truly exciting and as a hockey player I can see they deserve all the accolades they receive from this incredible season performance.

I cannot forget our Juniors and Seniors who have had a wonderful year and congratulate you for playing hockey in great spirit and making us a great club. Too many to name personally in this article but fully listed in this book, you our members make up this club and are the reason we are here today. To all who made finals and simply had a good year, thank you and well done.

To the players that have achieved excellence this year, I congratulate you. It was great to have Russell Ford, Tristan Clemons and Matthew Swan in our Ranks once again. You bring an international level to our game which is absolutely essential for us to understand how to move forward in the future.

To the many players which have achieved National, State and Regional levels in your particular age group and as listed in this year book, we congratulate you and thank you for representing our state, country or region but equally as important, for representing Melville City Hockey Club.

Our sponsors have been, once again, magnificent and we truly thank them for their support. Although more will be said by Peter Oudejans (Assistant VP Finance and Development) in this section of the book, I would like to thank Peter personally for the wonderful job he has completed this year. Without him the sponsor support and club interfacing and business of coordinating sponsors would not have occurred to this fine level. To all club members I say support your sponsors they support us.

Personal thank you and congratulations must go to the following:

Steve McEntee and Pat Hall who have supported me and given me a great handover in the new role as president which allowed me to hit the ground running.

Maris Margetts for bringing our documentation and records up to such a high level.

Jodi and Andy Reynolds for such a fine job with all our IT and Web Page requirements and particularly for bringing out our new web page "The Pride".

Lynda Forbes and Maureen Welton for the running of the kitchen and BBQs. Your efforts have been magnificent.

Ryan McEntee for his unwavering attendance to bar duties which often I know intrude on his private life.

Tracy and Greg Hunt and the Uniform shop team - what a great job done and so appreciated by the club.

I have a particular fondness of the Minkey program Hookin2hockey having put four kids through Melville programs and soon to be grand kids reaching this age going through as well. Shauna Miller and the army of Coordinators, Coaches and Managers have been truly inspiring with the running of this program.

From the club, I also would like to say thank you to Lachlan King and his GC staff for looking after the turf and club members throughout the year. This high standard facility is so good because of you guys and we know that you are always called upon to do those little extra things. You are very appreciated.

To you the members, I say your club is in good hands. We would like more hands to share the load. So if you are this way inclined please step up, we would like to see you in a volunteer role.

# President's Report (contd)

In closing, I say proudly, we are a great club and have a great future ahead of us. It is a pleasure working with and being a part of our organisation. I look forward to being with you again next year and making even more progress with our goals across the board.

Well done this season and wishing you all the very best for the new season and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Gary Bowater  
Club President

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**BREAKING NEWS:** After only two of the Promotion / Relegation games, our ladies top squad secured their promotion to the Premier 1 League, or presently Melville Toyota League, for year 2014. At the time of writing, MCHC has defeated the two present Premier teams (Aquinas and Fremantle) in the first two games.

This is of huge significance to MCHC as we are now a Premier League Club in both the men's and women's competitions and this is a first in the club's history. We now have Super Club status.

We are so proud of the team:

Courtney Pickford (C)  
Megan Silvey (VC)  
Sarah Bowyer  
India Brockman  
Aimee Clark  
Briony Clark

Tracey Cousens  
Miya Eum  
Sami Gale  
Helen Grant  
Preah Hetherington  
Ash McNess

Nikki Rollason  
Kirsten Silvey  
Lizzie Stratton  
Sehee Tak  
Stacey Tweddle

Coach: Blake Burrows  
Assistant: Steve Silvey  
Manager: Di Silvey

7 of the girls, Megan, Sarah, India, Aimee, Briony, Ash and Kirsten began playing hockey with Melville at Minkey level.

Sehee and Miya are from Korea, Helen is from England.

Courtney, Nikki and Preah are new to the club this year.

Tracey, Sami, Lizzie and Stacey are long time servants of the club.

# Finance & Sponsorship Report

Being the new kid on the block, 2013 has been a real induction for me. After offering to help Gary Bowater with this role it was like most other positions on the committee, a big commitment. I, like Gary last year have been a bit daunted as to how large the club is and the effort required to make things run smoothly.

## FINANCE

There were a few items in the closet that needed to be addressed and having dealt with these, and with the assistance of our hardworking treasurer Louise Dixon and of course our President, I am pleased to report the club is in a very good financial position with all revenue centres working well. Big thanks to both of you. Furthermore our financial position is due in part to the working efforts of volunteers. This includes the kitchen, bar and many other fund raising activities run by the club. We can't thank these people enough for the revenue raised which contributes greatly to the clubs financial well being. Thank you once again.

I thank and congratulate the committee for the great effort and achievements made in 2013.

## NOW FOR THE SPONSORS

Contacting our many sponsors and trying to meet them all prior to the season starting was a real challenge. I found that many of these sponsors give without expecting very much in return. They have a love for the club, hockey and its community. A special thanks once again to Andrew and Jodi Reynolds, Reynolds Graphics and Multimedia. These club members and sponsors continue to work hard for the club and are always there to assist no matter what the challenge. To see some of their wonderful work just check out our wonderful website.

There are many other generous and talented individuals in the club, often business people who work tirelessly to make the club a better place. For those people, on behalf of every member of the club, I thank you.

# Finance & Sponsorship Report (Cont)

For the generous sponsors of the club we thank you. Please use their services when you get a chance. Let them know you are from MCHC. The sponsors for 2013 are:

• Duracraft Panel and Paint	Dan and Steve McEntee	Stadium Naming Rights
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• Gateway Printing	Richard King	Bronze Sponsor
• Moncrieff Realty	Jim Moncrieff	Bronze Sponsor
• Spearwood Wool Handlers	Rob Thorn	Bronze Sponsor
• Waste Water Services Pty Ltd	Johnson Orr	Bronze Sponsor
• VIP Home Services	Bruce Cadd	Bronze Sponsor
• Mouth Guards	Shane McCormish	Bronze Sponsor
• All Sports Trophies	Jan and Bob Davies	Bronze Sponsor

To all these fine businesses and their principals we thank you from Melville City Hockey Club and we look forward to our ongoing relationship in 2014.

Peter Oudejans  
Finance and Sponsorship

# Senior Administration Report - Men

The end of another season - seems to have come around very quickly this year.

I would like to start the same way I always do, by thanking the rest of the committee at the club - the task of running a club of our size gets bigger and more complex every year, and without the volunteers who are on the committee things would very quickly go awry. I would like to specifically thank Janine Tate and Steve Silvey for their support and for the challenging discussions we have throughout the year as we try and get things right for everyone at the club - getting the right balance is not always easy and I appreciate your patience as we work through the process.

Next – a huge thanks to Gary Bowater, in his first year as President. We have known each other for a very long time, and share the same goals for our Club – for it to be a strong, united group that manages the balance between on field success and providing an environment that players of all levels can enjoy. I have appreciated Gary's support immensely, and it has played a major part in me choosing to stay on the committee at the club as other demands escalate.

For the first time in my 30 plus years at the Club, I am sitting here in August as we contend for the Finals in the Top grade of competition in WA. I believe that our 2's side has been the best in the comp for the last two years, and the 3's are sitting second but are a great chance to win the whole thing. We should all stop and reflect on this; how far we have come, and the success we are experiencing based on our policies around developing our own and promoting them from within, and topping up with quality personnel.

But this is not the end game for our Club - the bar gets ever higher. We must continue to improve and entrench ourselves as perennial finalists in the same way as other Clubs in the competition. This means we have to continue to strengthen through the 2's and 3's and to get valuable experience into our younger cohort, but also when opportunities arise we must recruit wisely and well to top up our talent to help us reach that next level, and to provide cover for our younger players as they develop. As this happens, it will become harder and harder to break into our top side – and this is the way it must be if we are to have continuous, sustainable success. One of the new skills we must ask our younger players to develop is patience – success will come, but only on the back of hard work and persistence.

I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of Peter Freer and the tireless Johnson Orr in their work with the top side, and to thank Jordan Hunt for his efforts with the 2's, and to welcome Charlie Gaudoin to the Club – he has been a breath of fresh air through the year, and it is fantastic having his passion and experience at the Club.

# Senior Administration Report - Men (contd)

We are working as hard as we can to provide different hockey experiences for different people, to meet their needs. We put another extra turf team in this year which was immediately over-subscribed; we will likely add another turf side for next year again. I would like to commend the lads in the Metro 2s this year, who coped with a plethora of changing personnel, and provided a great experience for a number of Juniors who got their first taste of seniors, and by all accounts had a great time. My thanks to you. The fate of grass hockey is difficult to judge at the moment, but I personally am hopeful that we will continue to have two grass sides next year – but time will tell.

Thanks to Stick, Picko, Tristan, Teddy, Aidan and little Jenno– I don't care how old you get, you will always be little Jenno to me - for their help though the year in getting teams on the park.

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 Old Man Whip, Pat, Sticky, Scans, Stef, Potts, Doogs 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



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# Senior Administration Report - Women

Preparation for the 2013 Hockey Season commenced at the end of the 2012 season. Our focus was to maintain the efforts that Nicola Ogden provided the program in previous years. The outcome of this planning was to have a smooth transition for our playing members and committee. Largely with the help and co-operation of many people, I feel we achieved this. However, there are areas in which we need to get better and these will be addressed on an ongoing basis.

Thank you to Gary Bowater and fellow committee members for their passionate and unrelenting support. Behind the scene issues produced many challenges and were handled very professionally throughout the year.

Thank you to all coaches and managers of our teams:-

Blake Burrows, Di Silvey	Promotion 1
Craig Tate, Mark Tate, Bec Savill	Premier 2
Greg Hunt, Susan Wilson	Provisional 1
Dylan Hadley, Jaimee Hadley	Provisional 2 Gold
Wendy Joyce	Provisional 4

Thank you also to Jan Davis for her enormous work for our metro and masters teams. Special thanks also to Sue Clark, Susan Wilson and Brianna Coleman for assisting with the running of teams.

Our 1's team remained focused on achieving success at the highest level in the Promotional 1 competition with a firm aim of achieving promotion through the playoff series at season end. At the time of writing, this team had qualified for the promotion series with two home and away games remaining.

With Blake continuing as coach in 2013 after a very encouraging 2012 season, this was the first time in five years our top team was able to start a season without coaching changes. Blake has lead with great passion and determination by firstly adding to our playing list with quality players with an eye on improving the team to compete with Premier League teams.

Part of this recruitment involved having two outstanding players from Korea, Sehee and Miya. Both provided outstanding performances for our Club and gave us a great insight into Korean culture. A huge thank you to Sarah and Owain and Donna and Michael and families who took these players into their homes and provided support for them while living in Australia. This is a prime example of how proud we should be with Melville members offering help of this nature.

The entire squad of players were outstanding in the commitment they have displayed. The result of this hard work was on the back of the outstanding input from John de Bes in turning out our players in peak physical condition. The time and effort is respected and appreciated by all of those who were involved.

The promotion fight has been, and will remain, a huge challenge but with HockeyWA agreeing to expand Premier League to 10 teams in 2014, albeit with some hurdles put in front of those trying to advance, we as a Club can feel proud of the fact we have left no stone unturned in our efforts to win promotion.

Thank you also to Gavin Scally, Peter Freer and the men's program for your support and encouragement.

Our 2's team entered 2013 on the back of winning promotion to compete in Premier 2 division this year. This was going to provide our Club with quality competition for our second team. Craig Tate continued his role as 2's coach, which is one of the hardest positions in club hockey.

The results to date have been outstanding, and as such we have retained 2A status with two home and away

# Senior Administration Report - Women (contd)

games remaining. Craig and players achieved this without having any Core 1's players being available to play in 2's fixtures. The development of players in this squad has been invaluable and puts the women's program in a strong position to sustain continued success.

Our 3's team got off to a slow start but with Greg Hunt taking charge and through perseverance and skill development were able to turn the season around and roar home with a chance to play in finals. A tough year with injuries, absent players but a true indication that results will be achieved only by the effort we are willing to give.

Our 4/5's teams were well coached by Dylan Hadley and his efforts cannot be underestimated as we fell short in sourcing a coach for each team. With the assistance from Jaimee Hadley and Wendy Joyce we were able to field teams with good numbers and were competitive in all games. With our Club growing on a yearly basis the importance of our lower grades cannot be dismissed, as they provide an important level of hockey for all members to enjoy, especially with many of our juniors progressing to seniors.

To summarize the season, I feel very lucky to be able to work alongside so many quality people. It has given me a huge sense of satisfaction. I remember when all women members were together in our discussion on providing a better playing environment and the wise words of Alison Hall "the more you give, the more you will receive".

In a sporting club that is reliant on volunteers to operate, this was a very rewarding year for me and I feel privileged to operate as Vice President – Women's Administration this year. However, due to business reasons, I will not be taking on this role next year but hope to be helping out in any way I can. I would also like to bring to your attention the work my wife Di has done behind the scenes. I thank her for the support over the last couple of years.

I encourage anyone to come forward and offer assistance of any type and enjoy the satisfaction of being involved with such an outstanding Club.

Steve Silvey  
Vice President  
Women's Administration

## MOFTA Report

Thanks to all members for another great year of social engagement. Thanks to those, who behind the scenes, took on duties around the club. A special thanks to Barry, Steve and Bruce for their assistance and support when I have not been around.

We are pleased to have 3 more inductees into the fold this year in Lynda Forbes, Hans Geers and Greg Hunt. Which now brings our membership to 20.

This group has shown that even when your playing days are over there is no reason why you can't still enjoy each other's company and the atmosphere of this great club.

Great to see the top men's and women's teams doing so well. Good luck for the finals.

Congratulations to Steve on his recent 60th birthday.

See you all again in 2014.

# Masters Report - Men

With writing this report a bit earlier than last year due to being away for the last 6 matches, at this stage we have had a mixed bag of results. A lot of new players in several teams have helped those teams have many more wins than in previous years.

Midway through the season, during school holidays, it was difficult to make up numbers in several teams, but it was great to see the various managers getting together to fill the gaps. To all the managers, thanks once again. Sometimes it is easy, and then something comes out of left field that must be solved. You've all done a great job! Thanks once again to John Crowe for organising the O/40 divisions.

A big thank you to those who helped with volunteering duties around the club to make the club run each week. It was pleasing to see help in our kitchen with the food, and to those that didn't get a chance to help, there's always next season.

Thanks to all who did umpiring duties during the season to make it possible to have a game and to control some of the more aggressive players etc. Special thanks to Neil Ashley for helping us out with the new rules for the season. Also to the regular umpires who made sure we covered our duties so as not to incur fines etc.

The advice from the MOFTA group was appreciated to point me in the right direction during the season and for the help to sort out a few difficult situations. Thanks to Pat, Bazz, Steve, Colin and Gary for carrying the flag when I have been away. This year, nominations for the Australian Masters Championship have been done on a direct basis with HWA. To those who have been selected, we wish you the best of luck at the championships.

This year we had the opportunity to participate in two hockey carnivals organised by the WA Sikh Sporting Organization on our turf - great hockey and a lot of good Indian food was enjoyed by all. Thanks to our club members who helped with the galvanization: umpiring; manning the bar; etc. Thanks for your efforts. I hope we have a similar opportunity next season.

To the teams that are heading into the finals after this last 6 weeks of games, I wish you well. I hope to be able to see Melville teams in the finals so we can celebrate at our annual Wind up night in October.

Bruce Cadd  
Masters Co-Ordinator

## End of Season Results:

With 8 teams in the Men's Masters competitions, it was a great effort for us to have 5 teams playing finals hockey. Even more impressive, it was a fantastic season for the Melville's Men's O/40 sides, with all four teams playing finals this year. Congratulations to:

O/40 Midweek	3rd
O/40 Division 1	3rd
O/40 Division 2	2nd
O/40 Division 4	1st
O/50 Division 3	2nd

# Junior Administration Report

It is hard to believe it is already seven months since we opened registrations for the 2013 season! As usual it has been a very busy time for the Junior section of the club. Once again we had 28 teams taking the field every weekend, 14 girls' teams and 14 boys' teams, as well as a huge number of Hookin2Hockey and Grads teams playing at home each Saturday morning.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the members of the Junior Committee for 2013:

Assistant Junior Co-ordinator:	Graeme Coleman
Hookin2Hockey/Grads Co-ordinator:	Shauna Miller
Year 5/6 Girls Co-ordinator:	Vanessa Cornwall
Year 5/6 Boys Co-ordinator:	Colleen Moulin
Year 7/8 Girls Co-ordinator:	Lena Hopkinson
Year 7/8 Boys Co-ordinator:	Kate Page
Year 9/10 Girls Co-ordinator:	Denise Miller
Year 9/10 Boys Co-ordinator:	Mark Rayfield and Chris Cocks
Year 11/12 Girls Co-ordinator:	Leona Stephens
Year 11/12 Boys Co-ordinator:	Corelle Coleman
Equipment Manager:	Mark Rayfield
Junior Coaching Co-ordinator:	Keith Harper
Junior Managers' Co-ordinator:	Emma Bell
Junior Umpiring Co-ordinator:	Rob Fullarton
Junior Registrar:	Theresa Rayfield

I would also like to make special mention of Silvana Clay, who began the year as Year 11/12 Girls Co-ordinator, but unfortunately her daughters were unable to play this year due to study and work commitments, and she handed over to Leona. Another person who put a lot of time and effort into getting us ready for the season to start was Annette Davoren, who cleans, sorts and stocks all of the First Aid Kits. Most of the people on the Junior committee have been involved for several years, some of them for five or more. I cannot overstate the contribution they make towards helping everything to run as smoothly as possible.

Two people who deserve special thanks are Jodi and Andy Reynolds, who maintain our club website, set up our online registration system each year and manage our member database. With such a huge group of players, more than 360 Juniors and just over 200 Hookin2Hockey/Grads members, it would be impossible for me to keep track of everyone and maintain regular contact without their assistance.

A highlight of the year for many Juniors is the annual Southwest Junior Hockey Carnival, otherwise known simply as "Bunbury". Again efficiently organised by Vanessa Cornwall (thank you!), we broke our record for the number of teams and players who travelled south on the June long weekend. This is a fantastic weekend of fun, friendship and hockey, and if you haven't yet had the pleasure of participating, make a booking now for 2014!

On field it has been a reasonably smooth year for the Juniors. We had a few hiccups at the beginning, trying to balance numbers in each team, and making sure each team was in an appropriate grade for their skill level, but with a lot of hard work and patience from everyone, we solved most problems. We had another tricky year in the J11/12 grade, with the "half-cohort" of children, created by the new school starting age, now in Year 11. At the beginning of the season, we had enough players for one and half boys' teams, and one and a half girls' teams, and I would like to thank Graeme and Corelle Coleman and Leona Stephens for all their work to organise our combined teams with Willetton-Aquinas in this age group.

As always, Grading Day was a huge undertaking, and ran relatively smoothly considering the huge

# Junior Administration Report (Cont)

numbers of players and helpers involved. Selecting players is a difficult task, and there will always be some players who believe they have missed out. Please be assured we do our best to give everyone a fair go. We are always looking for ideas to make the process more accurate and streamlined, so if you'd like to help out next year, please let me know!

We once again had teams in every Junior A grade, as well as six out of eight A Reserve grades, B grade teams in every age group, and also C or Regional teams in the younger age groups. This means that we have a team appropriate to all skill levels, from beginner to advanced, and we can cater for both serious and more social players. Of our 28 teams, nine finished the season in the top 4, with another six finishing in fifth. This is a pleasing improvement compared with 2012. There were, of course, some teams that struggled, but the reports I have had indicate that all teams gave their best every week, and went out and proudly represented the club.

I would like to congratulate the following players, who represented the club at State level:

U12 State Schoolgirls:	Neasa Flynn and Jade Vanderzwan
U13 Girls State Team:	Abigail Bell, Molly Hagen, Jessica Hood and Jo Snyman
U16 State Schoolgirls:	Monique Miller
U16 State Schoolboys:	Ashley Ranford and Matthew Tate
U18 Women's State Team:	Aimee Clark, Preah Hetherington and Ashleigh McNess
U18 Men's State Team:	Ryan Vickery

Special congratulations to Matt Tate, who was chosen in the Australian U16 Schoolboys' team and will travel to South Africa in July next year (hopefully accompanied by his proud mother!) to play against the South African National U18 team. Matt started playing Minkey at Melville at the age of five, and has progressed through the Junior grades to play J11/12A this year, as well as some games in the Senior Men's Melville Toyota League team. He is an example of the opportunities we provide for all of our Juniors at Melville. This is the third time in four years that a Melville player has been selected in the Australian Schoolboys' team – a great achievement for everyone involved in Juniors over the last ten years.

Which brings me to one of the most important thanks of all – to our amazing coaches, who give up their time to train teams once or twice a week, as well as attend games. The players mentioned above wouldn't have reached the standard they have without the dedication of a number of coaches over several years. The simple truth is that no coaches = no teams. This year was one of our most difficult ever when it came to finding enough coaches for all of our teams. It went right down to the wire, with a couple of coaches only appointed in the last two weeks before the first games were played. Many of our coaches are Mums or Dads of players in the team, but a number of our coaches are Senior players at the club, who give up their spare time to share their knowledge and love of the game with their young teams. That shows real loyalty to the club and dedication to the game, and I would encourage you to support these players and show your thanks whenever you can. Thank you also to the parents who volunteered as Team Managers – you are also an essential part of the Junior section at Melville.

Thank you again to Graeme Coleman for all of his advice and hard work this year. This is his final year as a Junior parent, but I'm hoping that he and Corelle will continue to be involved next season. I'm sure I can find them both a job or two!

Finally, thank you to my ever-patient family, Craig, Matthew and Mitchell, for allowing me the time to do this job. I couldn't do it without their support. See you all again in 2014!

Janine Tate  
Vice-President (Juniors)

Graeme Coleman  
Assistant Vice-President (Juniors)

# Hookin2Hockey Report

Minkey and Grads (now called Hookin2Hockey) was another enormous success this year. With 23 teams comprising approximately 200 kids it was certainly a busy Saturday morning affair. We continued with our Grads program from last year, incorporating Fremantle Hockey Club's Grads team into our competition. This worked the same as last year, in that each week one of our Grads teams was fixtured to play Fremantle at Stevens Reserve. We had a few issues with grounds sometimes not being available at Stevens, but we always managed to play a game. They, in turn, came to our Friday night sessions and played our Grads team on the turf. This worked out to be very good for the Grads players, and their parents, as it got them into the swing of juniors with the travelling. This is what Grads is all about – the transition from Minkey (Hookin2Hockey) into Juniors.

Our Hookin2Hockey 1, 2 and 3 teams (and their coaches) worked really hard throughout the season, with their efforts being rewarded by the level of improvement seen at the end of the season.

Big thanks go to everyone who helped out over the season, with special thanks to the BBQ ladies, who satisfied the hunger of many kids and parents; to Todd Elliott and Guy Dyson, who were a huge support to me in organising the teams, fixtures and being on the ground for two of the three Friday night fixtures when I couldn't attend. Thanks also go to Kirsten Clements who helped with a lot of the groundwork at the start of the season. Thanks also to Peter Miller, who is a fantastic support, even coming straight off a night shift on more than one occasion to set up and run the Saturday mornings.

And finally a BIG, BIG thank you to the coaches and managers, who, without their support and work over the season, the program could not run.

I will not be running the Hookin2Hockey program in 2014. I will be handing the reins over to Roger Mellor, who, incidentally, I took over from, and Lauren Costa still with, I think, some help from Guy Dyson. I wish you all the best in the 2014 season, and hope to see you all again in Junior hockey.

Shauna Miller

# Melville City Hockey Club

## Games Played Awards 2013

### 800 Games

Kingsley McGuire

### 500 Games

John Cooke  
Mark Watton

### 400 Games

Ben Rushton

### 300 Games

Gary Bowater  
John Crowe  
David Orr  
Gavin Scally  
David Wake  
Justin Wake  
Kelvin Woodward

### 200 Games

Neil Ferguson  
Adam Halliday  
Kylie Mishra  
Greg Ross  
Rhys Spedding  
Nicholas Tate  
Alexander Wragg

### 100 Games

Joshua Antoncich  
Robin Bailey  
David Beckwith  
Simone Brockman  
Jason De Wind  
Marie Farrow  
Russell Ford  
Tony Ganzer  
James Gurbiel

Eric Nell  
Roger Nottage  
Keith Platel  
Andrew Ricciardone  
Kate Sparkes  
Elizabeth Stratton  
Matthew Tate  
Alison Watson  
Darran Wilson

### 50 Games

Ray Achemedei  
Lauren Anderson  
Tristan Andrews  
Ann Armstrong-Boase  
Rowan Ayris  
Regan Bright  
Benjamin Clark  
Charlotte Coggin  
Jonathon Cornwall  
Tracey Cousens  
Michael Currie  
Connor Deaville  
Brendan Delaney  
Nicholas Deluca  
Timothy Dickson  
Aimee-Lee Dowsett  
Cassandra Drayton  
Dylan Forbes  
Courtney Fullarton

Kirra Gauci  
Brett Gibbins  
Shireen Gibson  
Dehlia Goundrey  
Molly Hagen  
Sophie Hamdorf  
Bailey Irvine  
Wendy Joyce  
Lucinda Lefroy  
Kirsten Loffell  
Mackenzie Love  
Jordan Lukan  
Janezza Lymbery-Joyce  
James Manassis  
Bryanna Martin  
Oliver Mills-Edward  
Jordan Moore  
Paul Morris  
Daniel Paino

Paul Paino  
Jackson Parker  
Henry Rogerson  
Amy Ross  
Claudia Sader  
Mitch Scally  
Joshua Scanlon  
Hattie Steele  
Dean Stonehouse  
Mitchell Tate  
Glen Templeman  
Jackson Thomas  
Griffin Thomas  
Jade Keely Vanderzwan  
Victoria Wade  
Gillian Walker  
Mitchell Widger  
Maverick Yow

## Major Club Awards - Seniors

Melville City Hockey Club has a long and proud history of recognising players and club members for their efforts within our club. Since amalgamation of the men's and women's clubs in the 1990s, we have had multiple awards which the club is now amalgamating in the interest of further unifying the club community. The 2012 awards will be:

The **Hladky-Bayens Award** for Clubmanship in Melville Hockey Community.

This is an amalgamation of the Maple Leaf Cup, originally donated by Canadian Kip Hladky, and the Catherine Bayens Trophy. Both original awards were to encourage members in service to the club over the season. The award recognises a member's commitment both on and off the field, through playing, administration, volunteer positions, etc. and may be awarded to either a playing or non-playing member of the Melville Hockey Club.

**Club Champion** – Male and Female.

Formerly known as the Founder's Shield for men and the Wiffen Trophy for women, the club champion award recognises the fairest and best player from each of the top squads. By identifying both awards as Club Champion, the club recognises the impact of the efforts of these players in furthering the development of the hockey program within the club.

The **Caitlyn Ogden Memorial Senior Goalkeeping Award**. Awarded to the senior goalkeeper who displays the greatest commitment to the club, their team and the sport (players who also qualify for a junior award are ineligible).

**The President's Award.**

This 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 the players, but coaches, managers, parents and friends of the club who have given outstanding service to the club and to hockey in our community.

**Melville Turf Inc. Merit Award**

This award was initiated in 2012 and is presented by the Melville Turf Committee to an individual who has made significant contributions to support the ongoing operations of Melville Turf Incorporated.

## 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.

**The Life Members' Trophy** is presented to the junior player 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 presented to the junior goalie considered to have had an outstanding season.

**The Ian Halliday Trophy** is presented to the junior player scoring the most goals in the current season.

# Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

## Junior Awards 2013

Division	Fairest & Best	Coach's Award
Girls 11/12A:	Grace Bowyer	Serena Matthews
Girls 11/12A Reserve:	Bonnie Fitzgerald	Ellie Weir
Boys 11/12A:	Fraser Hay	Jake Coleman Jack Davoren
Boys 11/12B:	Jordan Templeman	Jack Paterson
Girls 9/10A:	Eliane Gebauer	Alice Marler
Girls 9/10A Reserve:	Aimee-Lee Dowsett	Olivia Sillvey
Girls 9/10B Gold:	Sonia Urbano	Hattie Steele
Boys 9/10A:	Alex Rayfield	Sean Hird
Boys 9/10A Reserve:	Hayden Lock	Eugene Tang
Boys 9/10C:	Ryan Breuer	
Girls 7/8A:	Zoe Hopkinson	Eva Cocks
Girls 7/8A Reserve:	Cassandra Drayton	Ciara Thompson
Girls 7/8B Gold (Maroon):	Emma Shaw	Jaida Christie
Girls 7/8B Gold (White):	Ellen Rolls	Jessica Wenham
Boys 7/8A:	Daniel Paino	Regan Bright
Boys 7/8A Reserve:	Lochlann Downey	Brendan Delaney
Boys 7/8B Gold:	Joshue Hardbottle	Mark Ogden
Boys 7/8C:	Joel Walkemeyer	Ashley Dunlop

# Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

## Junior Awards 2013 (Contd)

### Division

### Coach's Awards

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Girls 5/6A:	Neasa Flynn	Chloe Forbes
Girls 5/6A Reserve:	Ella Redman	Kate Edwards
Girls 5/6B Gold:	Madison Hollander	Erin Miller
Girls 5/6 Regional Gold (Maroon):	Charlotte Bunn	Lana Christie
Girls 5/6 Regional Gold (White):	Shaya Pillay	Erinn O'Donnell

Boys 5/6A:	Flynn Stephens	Brad Dowie
Boys 5/6B Gold:	Michael Odingo	Tom Williamson
Boys 5/6B White:	Oben McHoull	Levi Cosgriff
Boys 5/6 Regional Gold:	Ethan Elliot	Jarrod Dunlop
Boys 5/6 Regional Sand:	Lachlan Drake-Brockman	Zachary Swinton

<b>Junior Loyalty Awards:</b>	Julian Bocking	Jake Coleman
	Annie Gleave	Paige Hudson
	Serena Matthews	Ashleigh McNess

<b>Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy:</b> Most promising junior progressing to seniors	Aimee Clark
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<b>Life Members' Trophy:</b> Junior player displaying most commitment to Club	Paige Hudson
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<b>David Porter Trophy:</b> Outstanding goalkeeper	Jessica Hood
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<b>Ian Halliday Trophy:</b> Highest junior goal scorer	Fraser Hay
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# Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

## Seniors Awards 2013

**Club Champion:**

Fairest and best - men's top side

**Ross Hall**

**Club Champion:**

Fairest and best - women's top side

**Miya Eum**

**Hladky-Bayens Award:**

Member displaying most commitment to club

**Sean Ranford**

**Caitlyn Ogden Memorial Award:**

**Tracey Cousens**

Premier 2 Men:

Pat Lawther

Premier 2 Women:

Shahni Chiswell

Premier Alliance Men:

Matt Bowater

Provisional 1 Men:

Lloyd King

Provisional 1 Women:

Gaye Glaskin

Provisional 2 Gold Men:

Jackson Thomas

Provisional 2 Gold Women:

Rachel Harries

Provisional 3 Gold Men:

Rowan Ayriss

Provisional 4 Women:

Jenna Powell

Provisional 4 Men:

Tim McEntee

Metro 1 Men:

Richard Williams

Metro 1 Women:

Jolene Olde

Metro 2 Gold Men:

Daniel Bontempo

Midweek Masters Men:

Ben Rushton

Masters 2 Women:

Kylie Mishra

Masters 3 Gold Women:

Maris Margetts

Lindy Coss

David Ross

Masters O40 Division 1 Men:

Ray Achemedei

Masters O40 Division 2 Men:

Ian Munns

Masters O40 Division 4 Men:

Andy Reynolds

Masters O50 Division 1 Men:

Bill Morrison

Masters O50 Division 2 Men:

Tony Patton

Masters O50 Division 3 Men:

Terry Parker

Masters O60 Men:

**Melville Turf Inc. Merit Award:**

**Barry Hancock**

# The Maple Leaf Cup

Presented by Kip Hladky 1982 - 2011



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
Janine & Craig Tate	2012
Jodi Reynolds & Steve Silvey	2013

# Melville Toyota League Men

To miss out on second spot by just two games, which also meant we missed out on even making the final five this year, after sitting in third spot for most of the season is hard to fathom. In 2013, we bettered our performance and once again improved our win loss ratio. For the first time in history we had a positive goal difference scoring 63 goals and letting 53 in. We should have scored more and created lots of opportunity, but the critical factor is that we let too many in, by not maintaining midfield control in particular sections of the game which occurred on too many occasions. This often meant a winning situation was given away to draws or even losses. Very costly in the end.

Many have been very happy with renewed improvement in the first men, however, if we don't do something about the above, we will not get to finals joy!

Many changes were made to our programme this year.

Firstly, John de Bes was appointed as Strength & Conditioning Coach. This took a great weight off my shoulders and enabled someone with superior and cutting edge knowledge to develop the core strength and conditioning of our team. Recognition had been given in previous seasons re Melville being a physically weaker side than others in the competition so John's expertise has meant we have taken big steps forward in this direction. I still don't think we are fit enough so there are challenges for all players to lift the bar here. A huge thank you to John for his commitment to an enjoyable and beneficial programme which has taken the team a step forward in the physical area of the game.

Secondly, the big coup was when Charlie Gaudoin joined us. In Charlie we gained a guru of hockey knowledge, an understanding of peak performance and a passion to be successful as the prime aim. Maybe some of our players were shocked with Charlie's honesty and strong opinion on each player's performance, but to have this meant that many players showed great individual improvement and collectively as a team we became tighter in the way we played. It is my complement to Charlie to acknowledge how easy I found working with Charlie. That is a true complement because often two people with strong opinions can fight for acknowledgement of their own egos, but for Charlie and myself this was never the case. We wanted the best for the players and the team. Charlie you are a brilliant coach and thanks for all your support and actually making my life easier this year.

Thirdly, unfortunately Maddy couldn't continue on as our full time physio this year, and we were lucky to find such a fine replacement in Laura who offered great expertise in such a professional manner throughout the year.

Fourthly, Jonno Orr continued on with the team management which once again was done with aplomb, how many games has Jonno managed - however he still wants the best for the boys and team, and still gets incredibly nervous prior and during games. You are very special Jonno, and I am glad you were around especially if it was just to appreciate Charlie's jokes. Thanks for all you do. Hopefully the team will return great rewards to you in 2014.

## Melville Toyota League Men (contd)

**Doogs (Justin McDougall)** took over the Captaincy this year after doing such a fine job when Clemo went away in the last few weeks of the 2012 season. He now has a very good win record as the Team Captain. He is the strong, silent type who leads by example, he played some of his best hockey as a result this year. Well done and thank you, Doogs.

**Doctor Clemo (Tristan Clemons)** gained a full AIS scholarship this year and progressed as a Goalie by having his first full overseas tour with the Aussie team. Clemo won HWA Goalkeeper of the year this year, so we have in our midst the best GK in the comp and one of the best in Australia. His keeping is a significant factor in many of our wins, and his continued leadership a big factor in team knowledge improving. He has also just received his Ph.D in nano technology, which is a fantastic achievement given everything else he does.

**MattyB (Matt Bowater)** also played a number of games as Goalkeeper of the 1s. His form this season has been outstanding, his training intensity to improve is always first class - he is very special to the group and offers great leadership also. Let it be said that MattyB could definitely play first division at most other Clubs, but his heart is truly with Melville to help the teams he is involved with achieve the Holy Grail. MattyB wanted to play just on the field a few years ago, but after a chat decided he would also continue with goal keeping. Unfortunately, playing on the field this year has meant that MattyB did not achieve his aim of being a goalkeeper in his winning 2s team. But MattyB keep doing all you enjoy doing!!

**Russ Lee** continued on for another season and provided great stability and experience at the back. Simply, Russ was very good this season. Russ announced his retirement after our last game, I find this news quite sad as he is an integral part of our improvement. However, even though Russ has retired before, I believe this maybe it this year after many years of top class hockey playing. We should never forget Russ's huge contribution to Melville staying in First Division and moving so closely to playing in Finals. Always respect what Russ has done.

**Rosco (Ross Hall)** has been Russ's understudy for 3 years now and has developed into a very good hockey player. Rosco won HWA's Youth Player of the Year this season, and also has won the First Men's Team Best & Fairest. These two awards reflect very much what the greater hockey community think of what Ross does for his Melville team. Rosco also gained a WAIS scholarship in 2013 which has meant that he has greater access to the best support network in WA. This has been reflected in Rosco's onfield performance, but there have been a number of areas in Rosco's game that have been recognised where he can make improvements. This will take him to NL and Aussie level if he heeds and performs what he has been told. We are all with you Rosco.

**Ev (Evan Kelly)** found renewed talents this season and has been a big factor in the team's improvement. Ev found his home at LHB and has been a tough defender and very creative attacker in this new position. He has reveled in a wonderful relationship with Charlie which has helped his hockey no end. Well done Ev.

# Melville Toyota League Men (contd)

**Stick (Mark Timmel)** - it has taken a little while but Stick was realising the factors required to be a solid first division player instead of being flimsy. He was playing his best first division hockey ever up until the last 7 games when he took quite ill. It was not only devastating for Stick but also for the team as Sticks playing has also made him integral, and had created greater options on the selection table. I am sure Stick will be back in 2014 with greater desire and passion for success than ever before.

**Matt Willis** - another who has gained recognition at the National level and performed extremely well in his internationals this year. He is so close, frustratingly so, to being a more permanent member of the Aussie team. Matt has been a significant contributor to our team's midfield, he is very quick, does a huge amount defensively and then linking in to create much of our final attack. We are right behind him as he helps us achieve our Team & Club goals, and whilst he works hard to achieve his personal ambition.

**Brodes (Mark Brodie)** - the wild man from Siberia - yes, we followed in Collingwood's footsteps this year and sent Brodes for some extra training in Siberia, you may have noticed new foot skills as he has added Russian Cossack dancing to his repertoire. You know what you are going to get from Brodes 150% always, he works hard to make intercepts, tackles and upset opposition, he is very effective here. We are now working on some fine tuning with his pass and scoring skills so he can be even more damaging in future years. Mark made the Thundersticks squad this season and so is also held in high regard.

**Whip (Ben Meacock)** - the Dad of the team and a very powerful and successful PC flicker. Whip has had an up and down season, but we should never forget his courage after coming back from his head injury last year. Whip has true desire to see his team in the Finals.

**Jordy (Jordan Hunt)** - Jordy took responsibility for one of the midfield spots in 2013. He showed some very good form in some games, and lacked consistency in others. To be fair, Jordy has had a lot on his plate this year as he has just finished his degree and also committed himself to coaching the 2s. Jordan has very good knowledge of the game and his imparting of this knowledge to our 2s has been a major step in the development of the 2s both as a team and as individuals. This has been part of the bigger picture of the Club. We are hoping that in 2014 Jordy will take big steps forward to be a major and consistent performer in the 1s.

**Swanny (Matt Swann)** - he didn't play a game for us this year which has been unfortunate; we certainly missed Swanny especially in the last few critical games when we came up against other teams stacked with major Aussie players.

**Rusty (Russell Ford)** - our Porsche style player who has smooth and silky skills and great scoring prowess. Russell played 16 games for us this year and he aided us both in scoring numerous goals and helping the team develop our young forward line. Russ has now been with us for 8 years, and this is his home in the West.

**Timmy (Tim Geers)** - a very interesting character, Tim has the ability to break any game apart, and often plays very well when he thinks the coach is not giving him a fair go. Tim is getting there and like others he is acknowledging more that he must continue to develop the defensive aspect of his game if he is to go to the next level. Tim proved to be a goal sneak a couple of times this year scoring critical goals when needed. Very talented.

**JBQ (Josh Byrne-Quinn)** has shown greater maturity as a strike forward this year. As he gains confidence in his own ability he will become a very damaging striker for the Club. Josh is not only a team man, but a great Club man, always willing to give positive help when needed.

# Melville Toyota League Men (contd)

**Bryn de Bes** - another one of Melville's young breed who has had a great season in his first year in first division. Athletic, skilful and smart, watch out for Bryn - he will be even more damaging than this year. He listens to coaching and works hard to improve.

**MattT** - the youngest in the team at 16, with lots of raw talent and a gifted athlete. Matt has had a very good first season also, and who knows where Matt can go with his hockey. He does have x-factor abilities, and is developing his knowledge of the game. He needs to work harder on skill specifics and develop confidence to perform his skills under match pressure at all times.

**Carlos (Karl Tulloch)** - started the season very well with a number of goals but got injured and never quite got back to his initial form. He also is in his first professional year with requirements to work until very late at night, which has been great for him professionally but made hockey performance more difficult.

**Dirty (David Orr)** - it was with great pleasure to see Dirty back on the training track mid season with "newish" knees. It didn't take him long to be selected in the 1s and given, his now older head, to work well with the other strikers, especially Rusty. We look forward to having Dirty as part of a winning combination in 2014.

**Nick Tate** - Nick made his mark this year. Nick has had great ambition to play 1s, but he hasn't controlled his controllables to do that in the past. In 2013, he has played with far greater effectiveness and maturity so forcing his way into 1s. We won't forget the class he showed in scoring his first, first division goal against Subs. Nick needs to get fit, he has been given an opportunity this year but that opportunity could slip by unless he does the hard work with no excuses in the off season.



## Melville Toyota League Men (contd)

**Rizza (Ryan Hyder)** - what talent, we wish he was consistently a first team player as he could win a game off his own stick. Unfortunately Rizza didn't complete much of our preseason and has been a little behind others in that area. Career has to be acknowledged here also, but it would be great to get Rizza to be fighting fit again.

**Bryn Hayward** - Bryn returned to hockey this year and found a new Club in Melville. Bryn played only a few minutes in the 1s, and showed fierce competitiveness and great intent to do well and for the team to do well. Thanks for backing the team up Bryn and we look forward to seeing you at the start of preseason in 2014.

That is player 22 now mentioned, but our squad also played Mav Yow, Johnboy Rutgers, Bobby, Jimmy, Richo, James Gurbiel, Killa (Kyle McNess) and Ricca (Anthony Riccardone) in the team. So to play 29+ players in our first team is a credit to the Club. I will leave it to the 2s report to make comment on these players.

I have mentioned this before but whilst many get exposed in the top team we have too many Category Three players in our greater squad. We have 4 Category One players, 6 Category Two players and the rest are Category Three and Four players. For us to be successful we only need 6 of the next 20 players to step into Category One or Two. It will be at this time, the Club will start seeing consistent top three spots each season. Who is going to rise to the challenge?

In wrapping up, I have been truly appreciative of the outstanding support given by Gary Bowater, Steve McEntee and Pat Hall as administrators etc of the Club. Their thoughtful direction of the Club and support for me has been above and beyond. Thanks very much.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support in my coaching of the Club over the past 5 seasons. We have moved forward, but there are still some crucial elements that need to change if September glory is to be Melville's.

Peter Freer



# Promotion 1 Women

## **Sarah Bowyer**

Sarah continued to harass and outrun the opposition this year although a few uni interruptions got in the way. Her dedication to our team cannot be questioned though and is now a whiz on the electric knife. Good job Sarah.

## **Aimee Clark**

Combining Year 12, juniors and a role within the leadership group shows just how much this young lady has to offer on and off the field. U18 state selection capped off another brilliant year for Aimee and oh! what a beautiful nose ring!

## **Briony Clark**

Welcome home Bri. It was fantastic to welcome back Briony and see another set of sisters into the top ladies squad. The “webbed toe brigade” were in full force this year, who would have thought?

## **Mel Clayton**

Special thanks to Mel who joined the team when a number of our players were away and/or injured. Thanks heaps for filling in when needed and continuing to support our quest as we look forward to the end of the season.

## **Mi Young Eum**

What Korea lost, MCHC gained. For all of us at MCHC we have been mesmerised by the amazing skills of Miya and more often than not also applauded by the opposition. Many many thanks Miya for your contribution to our team. English is now no barrier.

## **Sami Gale**

Our rock, Sami again this year did the commute from “Bun Vegas”. Her determination, not to mention her silky skills, have once again been an invaluable asset to the team. The miles Sami travels are huge but hopefully next year we can reduce that for you.

## **Helen Grant**

Sometimes it's not what you know, but who you know. Helen joined us from England and we hope that it will be a permanent move to the maroon zone. An amazing ability to put the ball in the net, even on one leg. Thanks heaps Helen.

## **Preah Hetherington**

Collie has produced some fantastic hockey players and Preah is certainly one of them. Joining MCHC this year after spending her youth in the South West was certainly a coup for our club. U18 state selection again this year and all that done with half a thumb. Check it out.

## **Ashleigh McNess**

Our other “baby” who also combined Year 12, juniors, as well as gaining selection in the U18 state team. Whilst comfortably mixing it with the big kids on and off the field, Ash, I won't tell anyone about your “blanky” you took on our road trip to Busselton.

## **Courtney Pickford**

Pre-season saw the arrival of Courtney from our southern neighbours. The reigning U21 WA captain was welcomed with open arms and quickly showed the qualities that are required to achieve at the highest level. “Captain Courtney” she became, and one that we are really proud to have at MCHC. You are certainly our Diamond.

## **Nikki Rollason**

She with the bright pink shorts. Nikki joined us from the northern suburbs this year and quickly fell into the Melville way, as well as being named in our leadership group. A great year behind the mask and pads as well as state masters representation.

## **Kirsten Silvey**

Fez improved throughout the season swinging between striker and defender, settling into her role the further the season progressed. Rebounded off some bigger opposition at times, but I'm sure you will keep working on those guns.

## **Megan Silvey**

A stellar season from one of the younger members of our team. With the role of Vice Captain also this year, Meg rose to the occasion time and again. The arrival of Laaambert was worth the wait.

## **Elizabeth Stratton**

Liz was having the time of her life this year until struck down with the dreaded calf injury. The sooner we can get Liz off the bench, back on the field and adding to her goal tally, the happier we will all be. Hope to see you back on the park in time for finals.

## **Se Hee Tak**

MCHC reaped the rewards of Se Hee's explosive power and her contribution to our team cannot be underestimated. Her vast array of skills, in particular her sizzling slap hit, kept the opposition on their toes. Thank you Se Hee, you have been fantastic.

## **Stacey Tweddle**

Stacey has played an amazing mental and physical role within the team this year. To sustain the mindset of playing a dual role is one of the hardest jobs, which makes her one of the most valuable players within our team. Thanks Stacey.

# Premier 2 Men

## Joshua Antoncich

Earned himself a new nickname this year, 'Mouse', basically because he is as quiet as one. Although this was his first year of seniors and he is still playing in the club's U17's team, Josh made the transition without any difficulty. Josh has had a great debut season, playing consistently well at half back. His high level passing and elimination skills have allowed him to be the catalyst for many of our attacking opportunities. Great season and looking forward to you breaking into Melville's top team in the coming years.

## Mathew Bowater

Matty B or 'Hollywood' as dubbed by the commentators of the Melville Toyota League show, has been excellent in the net for the 2's; making some unbelievable saves to keep us in games; all the while organising the defence to keep clean sheets on numerous occasions. Clearly it was all getting too easy for him early on in the season, so in an effort to keep things interesting it seemed booting in an unforced own goal was the way to keep the pressure on. Matty has developed into one of the leaders of this team, not afraid to make mention of some harsh truths when necessary. Unfortunately a shoulder injury ended his season prematurely.

## James Gurbiel

It has been great to have Gurbs back in the team this year after gallivanting around Europe for last year's season. His creativity and goal scoring has been a great addition to the team along with the leadership and passion he brings each and every week. Working on consistency in his game will see Gurbs maintain his position at the top level.

## Bryn Hayward

New to the club this year and he was welcomed with open arms; this had to happen or we probably would've been on the wrong end of a pool cue. Needless to say we were happy to have him in our 2's team, not only to play a strong defensive game but to ensure any young forward he was marking was more worried about receiving a sledge from the "guy with the sleeve" than receiving the ball.

## Ryan Hyder

Rizza's one on one elimination skills are as good as any, to the point where you would back him 1 v 3 on most occasions. His "stir the pot" move is well known amongst the Melville top squad, that doesn't mean he finds it any more difficult eliminating any of us at training compared to the opposition on the weekend. The amount of times someone in the crowd has yelled it out once he gains possession only to be delighted by him then actually doing it, because hey, well you said to. His ability to break lines and his strength in our mid-field have been a big boost to the team and we are certainly glad he saw the light and made a return to the club. If only your FIFA 13 skills were as good as your elimination skills.



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# Premier 2 Men (contd)

## **Patrick Lawther**

Pat's season and development of his hockey can be directly correlated to the growth of his hair. It was probably the best bet that Pat has ever made (not cutting his hair for the entire season). Not only did he pick up some much needed coin; he also proved that curls really do get the girls; all the while the 2's team was getting some great benefit from Pat's excellent hockey. Great bet and great season Pat.

## **Daniel McEntee**

Macca started the year on the fringe of the 2s and 3s. As the season progressed he played his way into being a regular starter for the 2's team. He provides some much appreciated experience and leadership for the team, often leading by example through his tireless work rate, the same work rate that saw him run 48mins for the 12km city to surf. Imagine what time he could run if he actually rocked up to all our training sessions. Looking forward to seeing a few goals scored in the finals with the trusty chip.

## **Jordan Moore**

A back injury has seen Jordan miss the majority of the season. Thankfully his recovery was quick; Jordan happily made himself available for us when Matty B's injury ended his season with two games to go before the finals. Great club man and goalkeeper. Thanks again.

## **Craig Orr**

"Cactus" - our captain for 2013. His leadership and knowledge has been a critical component of the team's success this season. An interesting situation this year considering not long ago Cactus coached us in Under 17's. Unlike his hairline, his hockey skills have not diminished over time, his ability to read the play and help those around him focus on the basics have been an asset for this team. Thanks for a great season.

## **David Orr**

The majority of players in the Melville over 50's division still probably run around with better knees than the two that dirty has, and as such it was only late in the season that the 1's and 2's were able to utilise Dave's excellent hockey ability. Not only does he bring a mean beard to our team but a high level of basics and good flicking ability which he was happy to show off on numerous occasions during the season.

## **Sean Ranford**

Began the season as a fringe 2s / 3s player. Like his hairline though, that fringe status has significantly receded as the season has progressed, so much so that Rama has become one of our most consistent performers. His strong basic skills and high level decision making has turned Rama into a very effective half back.

## **David Richardson**

David "My Jaw Hurts" Richardson. Attacks the ball harder than anyone else and the majority of the time comes away with it! Richo is a great asset to this team as he brings to the table a great tenacity, which can lift our team when the game is in the balance. It's great to see a quality inner get marked by Richo and have a shocker. His toughness has seen Richo suffer injury on a few occasions; he must cop a few knees to the face at times because we always hear how his jaw is sore the morning after a game! Great season again mate.

## **James Robinson**

Possibly the only Melville top squad member to have never visited Metropolis Fremantle - that will have to change before next year as it has been discussed that it is going to be part of the selection criteria. Perhaps his trip around Europe with his brother (a frequent visitor of the 'Big House' and other such establishments) will change this. James has had another great year, a very versatile hockey player who will be missed in the finals.

# Premier 2 Men (contd)

## Thomas Robinson

Thomas 'Bobby' Robinson has had another great season for the 2's team which was cut short by his decision to visit greener pastures in Europe; instead of cutting some of the grass at Melville. His hockey ability is at a level which will see him push for a top side position next year, mostly due to not only his incredibly long arm span which sees him pick off the best strikers, but his toughness and passion for his team-mates' wellbeing when the going gets tough.

## Jon Rutgers

When he is not out saving lives or taking care of brides-to-be on hen's nights (not sure which sort of fire fighter he is yet), Johnboy is organising the backline and making life miserable for opposition forwards. John provides great leadership and experience to our relatively young team and some much needed size. Always amazes me that of all the guys on our team you are the one opposition teams want to fight. Great season mate.

## Karl Tulloch

Karl has had a season full of ups and downs between 1's and 2's mostly due to work commitments seeing him at his office until the late PM's. This hard work is not limited to his office job either! We were glad to have him in our 2's team this year as his tenacity up front sets the benchmark for every forward and lifts the standard of our press. Karl is also one of the tougher guys in our team and injury or sickness will not slow him down - he will still cause havoc up front as per usual.

## Ryan Vickery

The strike line is always more potent when Vickers is playing, whether he is scoring the goals himself or using his silky skills to create opportunities for others. Vickers has had another great season capped off by selection into the WA U18's team. If Ryan was to put as much effort into his defensive duties as he does his one liners, he would be making some serious progress towards breaking into the club's top team.

## Maverick Yow

Maverick "Toyko Drift" Yow manages to spend quite a bit of time sliding around the turf, this is due to the tackling and pressure he puts on the attackers being nothing less than 100%. It has been great to see Maverick back in the team as he is another member who has been travelling the world. Now that he is back in town he is happily helping others plan their trips around the world. His solidarity and ability to make intercepts at the back for us has been a blessing and he will be playing a big role in finals this year. Great season Mav and we look forward to seeing what you bring to the table in the future.



# Premier 2 Women

This season has had many challenges as we moved up into Premier 2 grade after our Grand Final win in Promotion 2 last season. It is a strong grade, with many experienced and skillful players, and most of the other clubs within this Grade have a top team playing in the Melville Toyota League. Our main goal for the season was to support our own top team as they strive to make the transition to MTL next year. I was very proud of the way the girls came out and gave their best every week, even when the opposition tried to “stack” their team with a few of their 1s players!

We finished in 8th position (out of ten teams), but only 1.1 points behind sixth place, a great result for our first season back in Premier 2. This means, therefore, that we will maintain this grade for the 2014 season. That is very important for the future development of our young members, as Premier 2 provides the ideal pathway for players wanting to make the transition into Melville Toyota League.

I would like to thank Billy and Demelza for their leadership as co-captains of what is a relatively young side. I had two assistant coaches, Don Miller and Mark Tate, who were both very generous in giving their time and sharing their extensive knowledge of the game with the girls, both on training nights and at the games. Thank you also to John de Bes, who designed and ran a wonderful pre-season fitness and conditioning program for the girls, then also ran sessions to maintain their fitness during the season. A big thank you to Bec, who managed the team AND played, for making sure everyone knew who was playing each week, and where and when to turn up, not to mention putting up with my last-minute match reports each week.

Craig Tate  
Coach

The following player profiles were written by the team members about each other:

## **Sarah Billingham** (Billy)

Sharing the captaincy with Demelza, Billy played a major role in the 2's this year, and was a great leader, always positive and eager to pass on her knowledge to the younger players in the team. Even when she was out of action for six weeks with broken ribs, she was there to support the girls at every game. Billy comes complete with her own cheer squad, Emily, Sophie and Chloe, and if they are even half the player their Mum is, they will be future members of Melville's top squad. Thanks for a great year, Billy!

## **India Brockman** (Indi)

Indi was arguably the team cripple this season and was like an advertisement for rock tape with at least 2 body parts consistently taped. A definite highlight for Indi this season was managing to hit herself in the butt with the ball one training session, demonstrating coordination at its finest. India, like the country, as she used to inform people, is one of the most solid players in the team. Her aggression and composure makes her a dominant and reliable figure at the back. She has really stepped up this year as a leader. Her talking from the back has been crucial during tough games. Great season Indi!

## **Madelaine Brockman** (Maddy)

Maddy, or Indie as Mark would say, is one of our team's solid defensive players, who always puts 100% into her games. This season she has consistently played well and adjusted very nicely in her first season playing senior women's hockey. Due to Maddy's bubbly personality and humour she is always great to be around and play alongside. I look forward to many more seasons to come playing alongside Maddy. You have had a great season Kent (couldn't leave that nickname out) and I'm sure there is more greatness to come in your hockey future.

## **Shahni Chiswell**

Shahni provided many highlights this season, both on and off the field. As a player, Shahni was a key team member. Her consistency and strength in both the forward and midline made her a valuable and dominant player. Off the field proved to be an expensive season for Shahni as she accumulated many fines - turning up for training when it wasn't on, running from the cops and forgetting her shin pads when she didn't actually forget them! Over all a great season for Shahni.

# Premier 2 Women (contd)

## **Tracey Cousens (Squeak)**

Squeak is one of our more senior and experienced players. She always has positive criticism and feedback for each match. On the other hand, there are also often awkward comments followed by silence and then laughter. Her leadership is admirable and focused on the job at hand! Her goal keeping skills have been amazing this year with countless specky saves in critical situations! Squeak has also taken on a coaching/mentoring role with the club's many Junior keepers, spending hours coaching them every week. This has been very much appreciated by both the players and their parents. An amazing season!

## **Madeleine Dawe (Maddy)**

We were so sad to lose Maddie not long into the season. Maddie's selfless work for the club is appreciated by us all. Many players would not have been out on the field without her behind the scene efforts. Maddie's positive attitude was great to have out on the field. We hope she gets better quickly and has a fantastic season in 2014.

## **Demelza Dravnieks (Dee)**

Playing mostly at left fullback and left half, Demelza was co-captain this year, and was a fantastic role-model for the younger players in the team. Always ready with positive advice, on and off the field, she led by example during games, never giving up and making life tough for the opposition forwards.

## **Courtney Ferguson**

Courtney has been a great asset to the Two's this season and providing many great runs down the right wing. Not many defenders can keep up with her. Courtney has even proved to be the player you don't want to get angry, with her wild swings at players and even the odd Green card! Thanks Courtney! She has even managed to give us many funny moments, especially at the Mexican night when Bec said "Do you want to have a fish bowl" and Courtney said "No I don't like fish"!

## **Amy Fullarton (Fully)**

This was Amy's second year playing in seniors, and it was great to see her gain confidence as the season progressed. Playing as a striker, her speed and long reach often forced the opposition into making the wrong decision. An important part of the short corner battery, she always put herself in the right position for a deflection past the keeper. Towards the end of the season, Amy learnt an important lesson – when two umpires make opposite decisions, the player always loses!

## **Jeanette Leach (Netty)**

The crazy girl running up in the forward line screaming for the ball, running circles around the opposition - she always came off the ground absolutely buggered. Netty was the quietly aggressive one with an assassin's smile and it was always brought up at half time if we didn't give her enough of the ball. Unfortunately we lost Netty to some guy in Canada in the last games, but we think it's because she didn't want to pay her fine for forgetting a sock.

## **Britt MacDonald**

Britt has been a very positive influence on the team this year. She shows good strength over the ball, has effective tackling skills and possesses a great slap-hit, and this made her a danger to opposition teams. She somehow managed to juggle her weekend work at Claremont Football Club with hockey commitments, and always felt guilty when she had to miss a game. We look forward to seeing more great hockey from Britt in 2014.

## **Courtney McCartney**

Courtney made a great start to the season, playing in the midfield. In fact she was so good, that the 1s had their eyes on stealing her! Unfortunately Courtney sustained an injury that caused her to miss the majority of the season. She is a great club person, still turning up to training when she could, and also coaching a Junior team. We look forward to seeing a fit, healthy Courtney back on the field in 2014.

# Premier 2 Women (contd)

## **Kelly Meacock**

Kel returned to hockey this year after a 3 year break and fitted right into the 2's team. She's played all positions on the field but her best work has been in the backline with her strong tackles and long reach. She even tried her hand at umpiring from the bench which resulted in Craig getting a warning! Kel is always ready for a chat and a good laugh with the girls. We've loved having you back on the field again. Great season Kel - you're a ten :)

## **Sally Meacock**

Even with a lack of gluten and minimal body fat Sally was one of the most dynamic players this season. Her fitness and speed showed her as a crucial mid field player. Learning the hard way why you never go on holiday during the season especially when trying to learn how to overhead. A stick throwing incident was one of her white line fever traits but did not out shine her experience and talent on the field. Melville had missed having Sally around and has proved this year what an asset she is to the club.

## **Holly Menegola**

Like the "Road Runner", Holly is fast and can run all day! She is the quiet achiever of the team, always carrying out the role assigned by the coach. With strong tackling skills and a hit that improved during the season, Holly was an integral part of our midfield. She is always positive, always smiling – the perfect team-mate!

## **Monique Miller (Mon)**

Monique, the youngest in the team, has developed into a talented player who is always prepared to do whatever is asked of her, and is thought of very highly by her team-mates. Playing both left half and fullback, she was effective in shutting down the left side. We look forward to seeing her continue to develop next season, with her eye on being a member of a future MTL team. Congratulations on being selected in the WA U16 Schoolgirls State Team, we heard you did your state and our club proud.

## **Rebecca Savill (Bec)**

Bec took on the dual roles of team manager and player this year, a difficult balance but she did it well. After only a couple of games we thought we had lost her for the season with a serious back injury, but she fought back and managed to rejoin us for the last few rounds. Bec was always ready with lollies to keep us going at half-time, and words of advice for her team-mates. She was also very efficient at keeping an eye on the opposition's playing list, making sure they weren't trying to beat us with ineligible players! Great work Bec!

## **Caitlyn Surman (Chooky)**

If you say Caitlyn, nobody knows who you're talking about! We were very lucky to have 'Chooky' double up for the 2's this season and produce some of her freakish skills down the centre. She always seemed to find space, and to be in the right spot at the right time. Chooky added dimension to our forward line and put some very specky goals on the board.

## **Stacey Tweddle**

All the 2's have enjoyed having Stacey on the team this season. Stacey's positive friendly nature make her a pleasure to play with (though the opposition may not think so when they come up against those sharpened elbows). Stacey is fast, confident and always ready on the post to seagull the goal. Stacey's effort is never less than 100%.

## **Georgia Wade**

Georgia is a talented player who has shown that she is a great asset to the 2's team. She always works hard and is great in our forward line. Georgia has had some highs over the season, especially with that impressive goal that was scored mid air. But she is also one of the blondest players in the team! She has provided us all with lots of entertainment with her stupid comments at training and doing many things such as leaving her phone on top of her car at UWA. Although her biggest achievement is being the winner of the Melville wet shirt competition! Georgia you need some clothes that are not white and bras that aren't pink for the rainy training sessions.

# Premier 2 Women (contd)

## **Craig Tate** (Coach)

Craig's generous donation of his time has been amazing. He is always at the club helping minkey, junior and senior players alike. Craig took on the role knowing that it would be a tough season due to the promotion in grade. Through his tireless efforts the team has held the grade and developed their skills over the season. Craig is the friendliest and most caring coach who has supported and developed young players and fostered the development of a tightly knit team. Thanks Craig you have done an outstanding job!

## **Mark Tate** (Assistant Coach)

The guy who put it to us straight! If we wanted to win, we had to score goals. If we wanted to be a better team, we had to get aggressive. Mark was a wonderful sidekick to Craig and we appreciated the time he gave up to come and tell us how to do it. Mark was like the little devil, or it could have been angel, sitting on your shoulder during the game telling you what to do. Run harder, your player is getting away, stay with her or just hit that ball! We thank you Mark for all your effort and helpful advice, we needed someone to counterbalance Craig's 'fluffiness'.

## **Don Miller** (Assistant Coach)

Our fly in / fly out assistant coach. Don's dedication to our team when he was in Perth was awesome. He has a vast knowledge of hockey and generously shared it with us all. Don provided individual support and coaching that was highly valued by the team. He always had an encouraging and friendly manner while coaching. Don stepped up to help us out at matches while Craig was absent at the start of the season. Thanks Don, we really appreciated your efforts.

We would also like to thank Kat Atkinson, Sarah Bowyer, Sue Clark, Brianna Coleman, Sophie Heal, Kate Jones, Tearne Latham, Eliana Gebauer, Monique Sader, Taleisha Power and Kirsten Silvey who filled in for us during the season.



# Premier Alliance Men

## **Evan Bowater (Ev)**

A slimmer (or so he says) Ev has come back to play with the 3's this year. It has been a great year for Ev who has helped us get up in some really close games. Ev likes nothing more than when a striker strays into the top of the D on a breakaway – his eyes light up and Ev goes to say hello the only way he knows how “ball and all”. Rizza if you're reading this make sure you get those beers mate :)

## **Mathew Bowater**

Matty B could easily be described as the best field playing, goal keeper Melville has ever seen, possibly even in Australia. He is constantly willing to throw his body around, most often trying to score goals, but possibly just to make sure the opposition gets a glimpse of his biceps, either way his pressure and energy on field is a great example to the younger guys in the team. Unfortunately Matt will miss the Finals Season due to injury (good one Gibbo!!) but no doubt will be on the side lines cheering the boys along, whilst still flexing his biceps. Looking forward to having him on the field again next year!

## **Jake Coleman (The Snake)**

With confusions often arising with Jack, newly nicknamed Jake the Snake, as Morri likes to call him, would have to be the most casual player you will ever meet. With an appearance of not a stress in the world, he has been used all over the park this year and done an outstanding job wherever needed. Jake steps up to full seniors next year and no doubt be part of the 3s and 4s.

## **Jason De Wind (Dewinda)**

The coach. Where to start with Dewindy, starting the season through the mid field and playing like a true leader. His knowledge and leadership is something this young team looks up to. Just recently I walked in to the change room and saw him writing his name at centre forward, I'm still not sure if I'm more shocked at this move or the fact that the Power may play in September. Great season mate, your leadership on and off the field is exceptional. Great season Jase.

## **Samuel Geers (Geersy)**

Sam's ability to turn people inside out on the hockey field has led Sam to change the sport. Every time Sam takes the field, he turns a game of hockey into a game of rugby. Never have I seen one player tackled to the ground so heavily on such a regular basis. This is credit to Sam's incredible hockey ability showing he is one player opposition teams must prevent from getting into the game. When Sam isn't on the pitch you'll find him in the bar sipping on a red wine whilst watching his beloved Arsenal.

## **Stephen Gibson (Gibbo)**

This season, instead of running kilometres on the open road, the dodgy South African was back with a stick in his hand. Gibbo has bought much needed experience to the team and also ensured the coach was not the oldest player on the field. On the field, Gibbo can be described as a true leader and has helped the 3's achieve the goal of finishing in the top two. Gibbo, I thank you for all your help this year, you have definitely helped to make this job more enjoyable.

## **Jack Hallam**

Jack is dedicated to the team, always turning up to training and willing to play anywhere on game day. He slotted into his new position as striker breaking a mid-season drought by scoring a back stick deflection lob over the keeper, nobody knows how he did it but he claimed it with a big celebration. Jack is always keen to give everyone pointers and on occasions offers welcomed coaching suggestions.

## **Chris Hill**

Our import from the UK, Chris is unlike a normal import as although a great addition do the 3's, he was not paid a cent. He has been a gritty little player who has put countless pressure on defenders, known to cause turnovers and score goals. Having returned to England half way through the season would have to be the only downside to having Chris in our side, but in hindsight may have been a good thing after the recent ashes results.

## **Campbell Love (Cam)**

A man who thinks Uni is simply a case of staying home and learning online, maintaining the position of fullback for the third year running, he still insists on asking if he can go to half back, to have the coach duck for cover and laugh it off. Despite making the occasional error, ie. Throwing an overhead to the centre forward on a 16, Cam has played some solid hockey, he just needs a good pre-season under his belt and no doubt he would make an appearance in the 2s.

## **Oliver Mills-Edward (Ollie)**

Ollie came out of retirement this year to reignite his love of the hockey stick this year. Although rumour has it that this could be a case of a 'one hit wonder' and he looks to hang the stick back up. Ollie would have to be the most unlucky forward as one on ones never go his way or the coach would deny him a goal on the scorecard. Ollie has grown every game and started to show glimpses of his younger days but like several other players in the team their bodies seem to be ageing quicker than they actual are.

# Premier Alliance Men (contd)

## **Jordan Moore (Jordy)**

Our first of many keepers this year, Jordy started off with the 3's but had to withdraw due to serious injury. Jordy was great value to the team, always enthusiastic to play and ensured that everyone around him was also. Hopefully we will see Jordy back down at the club next year, if not he better start giving me cheap beers at Lemnos.

## **Christopher Morrison (Morri)**

Joining the 3's late in the season, Morri has stepped up to be a brick wall at the back. The man may look 40 but his ability to run and call lines all day is admirable. Hopefully he will be part of a double premierships with the 3s and 4s, and we will see him again next year, in the 3's, to see him rekindle the form he had as a junior.

## **Ashley Ranford**

With the same attributes as his brother (watch out ladies), the youngest of the Ranford clan has improved every game he has played with us this year. This constant improvement was still evident within tasks that he somewhat did not like i.e. Left Half. Ash is a privilege to coach and is always willing to listen to both his coach and team mates. If he begins to realise that he is faster than he thinks, he will most likely be pushing for a 2's spot next year, and with that I wish him all the best.

## **Sean Ranford (Ramma)**

Ramma's contribution to the 3's this year can be compared to that of a fridge. Where fridges lack pace going forward, they make up for it with practicality. The development of his skills and experience all over the pitch really cooled the momentum of opponents throughout the season and acted as a real catalyst to the success of the team. Rama has real talent, however if he were to apply his efforts focused on lurking Instagram, Facebook, being appalling in FIFA and reaching the ton, to hockey he could poll an unprecedented 86 votes in the 2014 Olympians medal. Great season Ranford, you deserve a clap.

## **Frank Reynolds (The TANK!!!!)**

Frank the tank if only he was, then he may be a bit scarier on field. Frank may be small but he plays with his heart on his sleeve and shows size does not mean anything. I look forward to seeing Frank in a full season in seniors next year and no doubt be pushing for a higher grade.

## **Andrew Ricciardone (Luigi)**

The other half of the Ricciardone brothers, Luigi has had another great year and remains a pivotal part of the men's top squad. We are always amazed at how Luigi can turn so many times in such little space and still look like everything is under control. When he is not playing in the sand Luigi is one of the top goal scorers and a great bloke to have around the team.

## **David Richardson (Richo)**

Richo like the coach is a Port Adelaide fan so now there are two people in the corner of the bar cheering on the power. Richo plays with courage, tenacity and hunger which is a great example to the younger players in the team. He may look funny when he carries the ball or when he attempts to tackle but it somehow works which is an added bonus to the 3's.

## **Patrick Rundle**

Pat was a new recruit from WASPs this year and one of many young fellas Jason had to babysit on a weekly basis. He has provided the team with drive and skill up the front resulting in many attacking plays scoring a bag along the way. Patty is the second highest goal scorer in the team which shows he has a knack for scoring goals. The experience gained by playing against some thugs for defenders will do him well in senior hockey next year.

## **Joshua Wakefield**

In his first year of seniors Josh has shown both class and skill on the field. When not on the pitch you can find him chatting away to his mate Vickers, even more concerning Vickers comes to watch him play.....Should we be concerned boys? During games Josh would overlap at any chance he got and always find his way into the attacking 25. Likewise to Ash, Josh most probably will not be with the 3's group for long as he showed potential that he could hold his own in 2's. With a little work on his drag he will no doubt be a player to watch in the future.

# Provisional 1 Men

## **Michael Ashley** (Stick)

Stick kept up his good form from last year and again put his hand up to coach, keeping us in line when he had to. Stick's circle work is second to none; showcasing it whenever he could along with his well-timed tackles he has been solid as ever at fullback. Must be commended for being the person who got fined the most two years running.

## **Ashley Ellis** (Ash)

Ash had another good year in goals, fitting us in around work and a trip to Europe to reunite a bromance but still managed to stand in goals with some pads on occasionally. Must be hard for Ash to be in goals and not fall asleep during some of our games but he always kept the ball out when it counted.

## **Casey Ellis** (Junior)

The team's resident wild card, always fun to hear what he'd been up to during the week. Casey played some awesome hockey working well with Lloyd and getting a lot of reward for his hard work. Sadly trying to keep up with Griff saw him fall in a heap towards the end of the year. Rocking up to games and golf in some amazing Hawaiian shirts has definitely set the standard of attire for the team.

## **Christopher Geers** (Geersy)

Geersy was his usual pocket rocket self, dazzling opponents with his drags and then wandering past them at top speed. He could always be relied upon to take off up the field on a lead or running with the ball then if it happened to turn over he was our high forward option. Played a good season and still shows some of the younger guys how it's done. Got credit for introducing the cow boy outfit at fines meetings-what ever happened to that?

## **Stephen Gibson** (Gibbo)

Gibbo offered his services while we were suffering from players being away and we didn't let him leave. Massive work rate and was one of the few guys not to get stuck into any umpires. He realised how much fun he was missing out on when he came along to golf. If Gibbo drops some skill he might blend in to the team better for next year!

## **Gabriel Godson** (Gabe)

Gabe was new to the club this year and slotted right into our midfield with ease. He got into the spirit of things and put in a lot of hard work at trainings and it showed in the games. Gabe could have scored a lot more goals but he always did the unselfish team thing and passed to someone else in a better spot. Sadly an ankle injury saw him out for a chunk of the year but he's back for finals and hopefully back next season.

## **Kyle Jamieson** (Jamo)

Jamo gave us a scare at the beginning of the season saying he was going overseas but sadly for him that fell through, leaving him stuck with us. Had a great year on the field running amuck most games, even on his worst days he was a cut above the rest. If he went a game without a turf burn it was a miracle. Let's just keep you away from hoses and Cus so we have you next year.

## **Lloyd King** (Lloyd)

A new addition to the 4's forward line and was averaging two goals a game until slipping a cheeky 5 past Peel. Lloyd also boosted our turbo ranks and was always counted on to provide a spark up front. Lloyd offered some maturity when needed with some of the usual leadership group away. After a night out for Porter's wedding it could be an interesting night if we win the flag.

## **Jayben Lister** (Jibba)

It was always an added bonus when Jibba was back in town giving extra strength to our midfield. Jibba's ability to read the play and make some amazing tackles throughout the year has kept us in many close games. Claims to have lost fitness but nobody could pick it. Let's hope he gets it back for next year or he might be stuck with us for another season.

# Provisional 1 Men (contd)

## **Christopher Morrison** (Morro)

Spent most of the year as our trusty fullback who could always be relied upon. About half way through the season, Morro got bored of playing in the all-conquering team and decided to play 3s as well, where he excelled and this highlighted his potential. Morro is always one to want to move up the field and play in the forward line, and the highlight of his season was scoring a goal after the final siren off a corner to win the game. Morro also showed the team the benefits of coaching one of the ladies teams, despite trying to keep his budding romance a secret from the rest of us...

## **Cameron Porter** (Ports)

Ports was back with a vengeance after a serious ankle injury at the end of last year and came out firing better than ever. He missed half the year due to getting married but we can forgive him for that. His bucks' party was the reason for 90% of the team being hung-over for a game but that was probably the most ball movement we'd done due to nobody wanting to run. Played some great hockey when he was around and teamed up well with fellow turbo Lloyd.

## **Marcus Radunivich** (Cus)

Possibly the only guy I've seen score a goal off a long corner from dragging every player with ease then shooting from the base line. Getting involved in short corners was a great move, scoring flicks by aiming at the defenders feet is one way to do it. Cus played a few games with the 3s and showed off his skills. Should look at playing the higher grade more often.

## **Brad Wake** (B-rad)

Brad was always there to step up and fill the goals when Ash was away and did so with gusto. While he is a little quieter than Ash he would make the right calls and get everyone where they should be, if not he'd just make the save and tell us all about it.

## **Steve Walsh** (Walshy)

Walshy is the ultimate team player, always encouraging, positive and telling everyone to stay out of the umpiring - sometimes falling on deaf ears. While still running riot up forward he also played a bit of left half where his right wing never touched the ball because he was too quick for them. Bring it all on again next year.

## **James Welten** (Jimmy)

Jimmy played more hockey in one weekend than half the team would in a month, often getting fined heavily for it but that never stopped him. Can't fault his work rate, always giving 100%. Jimmy was always getting thrown around the field to wherever he was needed, probably the most versatile player in the team. Quickest hands I've seen when around food, just ask Liam.

## **Liam Woodward** (Turbo)

The original turbo. Started the season off as left half but got let loose on the forward line occasionally and made the most of it. Was set for a good year but then did a serious ankle injury. Still managed to be in fine form for the half year golf day and Porter's wedding and bucks night. Highlight of Liam's year was eventually giving in to Fry's demands to wrestle and getting him on the floor in seconds. Well done Turbo!

## **Alexander Wragg** (Aj)

Aj started the season but then decided Europe was a better option, but got in a solid three games. His antics have been missed and it has been hard to fill the shoes of "Super coach".

# Provisional 1 Women

## **Kathryn Atkinson**

I love the passion Kat has for the game, her teammates and her club. She always give 110% and has been inspirational in deep defence this year. Her commitment to the team was unwavering. Many could learn a lot from Kat's desire to improve all of the time and I am glad and grateful for the work she does with the younger girls within the club.

## **Susan Clark**

Sue has had a great season, performing at her best in nearly every game she played. Her dedication to her task and to that of the team is remarkable, and injury, sickness and even holidays did not affect her performance in any way. Sue is capable of playing in any line and leads by example wherever she plays. Oh to have had the luxury of playing you in the forward line... Thank you Sue for your commitment this year, and for the many things you do behind the scene for the club in general.

## **Brianna Coleman**

Brianna is such a talented player with silky skills that sometimes gets her into trouble, but mostly gets her out of trouble setting up her teammates with exceptional passes. She is a pleasure to coach and shows dissatisfaction with herself when she doesn't perform to her best. Brianna has a deep love for her club and she has shown this over many years of service, and again this year her commitment to club has been sensational.

## **Gaye Glaskin**

Gaye has showed her class this year by figuring in the best players nearly every time she takes to the field. After swanning around Europe for half the season, she came back and was probably best afield straight away. Gaye is an inspiration to those younger players in the team as her capability to adapt to changing game situations and her stamina to push through to the end is amazing.

## **Sophie Heal**

What a coup it was to have Sophie play while Gaye was away! Now that Gaye is back, we will not let Sophie go as her dominance in the middle of the field has been awesome. Sophie has such a cool head and never looks flustered or under pressure. She soaks up the attention given to her and provides the way forward for our strikers.

## **Sarah Jarvis**

Sarah is quick! And I didn't see many defenders run with her for long this year. She doesn't take second best well and berates herself when she doesn't meet her expectations. Sarah has great skills and added spark to the forward line this year.

## **Kate Jones**

Kate has a great work ethic and a huge 'engine' and can run all day. She also showed a lot of 'smarts' when played as an inner. She is strong on the ball and passes extremely well. Kate was eager to learn this year and I have seen an improvement in her skills and game play as the year has gone on.

# Provisional 1 Women (contd)

## **Tearne Latham**

What a great goalie! And what a great girl! Tearne 'lives' at the club more than most of us. Whether she is sharing her expertise with younger goalies, or training with other teams to improve her own ability, or just to give these teams a target, or working in the kitchen, Tearne gives so much to the club. But best of all Tearne can KEEP! Not many goals have gone in the net against us this year and that has been in part to Tearne's ability.

## **Melanie Leighton**

Mel will run all day! Give her a job to do and she will not let you down. Her skills have improved over the year and she plays with a real confidence. She will not be beaten and will work her heart out to win the contest. Her commitment to the team has been fantastic and coaching her has been an absolute pleasure.

## **Rebecca Neil**

Bec has deceptively clever skills and has scored some sensational goals this year. Give her a shot in the circle and most times it hits the target. Bec can run the ball well and as a high striker worked well with her teammates this year.

## **Michelle Regan**

Michelle loves to run and work hard. The harder the training session, the more she enjoys it. Strange girl.... However Michelle was probably the biggest improver this year. She hardly missed a training session and continually worked hard to improve her individual skills. Michelle was fantastic in the inner position and was a thorn in the side of anyone she played on.

## **Susan Wilson**

Sue was the glue that kept the team functioning this year. She again took on the manager's role and did an amazing job. As mother hen, she coerced and cajoled all of us into doing what had to be done and when there was no one to do it she quite often did it herself. On the field, she showed unbelievable skills. Left wing was HER spot and she played it well. Sue holds the ball well and showed many a right half how to play the game. Sue gave me great support this year and I thank her for that.

I must thank a few others who either played or participated in the teams activities this year. A big Thank you to Nigel Atkinson for filling the coaching role whenever I couldn't make it. His many years of playing and watching hockey is a great asset. The Womens management team of Gary, Blake, Steve, Craig, Di and Rebecca has helped make the season develop the way we all hoped and brought the success to this stage that was expected.

To those who helped on the field this year, a big Thank you. Our wonderful junior girls, our fit and fantastic double up 2s, Marie from our Masters, Claire Timmel and our German blonde bombshell, Olli – thank you.

Its been a pleasure working with the young and not quite as young women of the club this year and I am sure the success the club deserves will come.

Greg Hunt

# Provisional 2 Gold Men

Started off weak, grew well into the season following the regime change at the top when the previous incumbent decided that he would do well living somewhere where he might look semi-decent at cricket. At times the season was challenging, I don't think we had a single time we had the same line-up 2 weeks in a row with everyone deciding that money was more important. That being said, it was still incredibly enjoyable and when everyone turns up (on time, right day, right ground) we can play some pretty good hockey. Occasionally got confused about the overall aim though and didn't put the ball in the net which probably didn't help our cause. Hopefully see the lot of you back next year. Considering banning snapchat in the changerooms too, but only for Griff.

## **William Beddoes**

The bloke in the middle of the park who always has about 20 words too many for the umpires. Held the team together on many occasions and was easily one of our best players over the season. Was great to see him helping out the younger members of the squad around training as well, I'm sure they appreciated the extra help. Still hasn't realised that wearing camo skins isn't a good idea in a team where fines occur though. And needs to learn to take a bit more responsibility when it comes to taking the card. It doesn't bite mate.

## **Johnathan Colgan**

The disappearing man. When he played, he was predictably solid at right half but his time was unfortunately split between us and his ice hockey team. Which when we found out was non-contact was nowhere near as impressive. Somehow manages to maintain his skill level despite never being around and is a great guy to have around. Special mention also for that jumper he wears to games. And for keeping it in the family.

## **Chris Criddle (Cridds)**

Our solitary Criddle for the year. Unfortunately lost him due to general weakness a few games in, only for him to magically reappear and play for 3 minutes at a time before shouting for a rest. A rock at the back who raised the average age of the team significantly and proved to be a goldmine in the fines meetings.

## **Tom de Bes**

I don't know how he does it but he manages to run all day and never slow down. Can barely tackle but makes up for it with the sheer amount of times that he gets into position to be able to try it at least. Don't think he ever came off the field either and I can't remember him missing a game. Great addition to the club and to have round the group.

## **Neil Ferguson (Fergie)**

Our second disappearing man. Ex-Captain Courageous was a big loss this year due to some idiots hiring him to actually work somewhere. When he was down though, he added a lot at his trademark left half. Almost switched to right for a game before realising that he was lost and had no idea what he was doing before retreating to his familiar little corner of pitch. Still manages to show some great leadership qualities and hopefully we get to have him for a bit longer next year.

## **Andrew Fry (Burt Reynolds)**

That beard. Constant source of entertainment and amusement, especially when he played as a kicking fullback and it almost caused him to not be able to breathe. Fry has also learnt to hit flat(ter) this year so that when he passes to us we almost have a hope in trapping it. Still imagines that he would be a great forward but in reality he should stick to what he does best - traditional crunching full back tackles and scaring the hell out of opposition forwards. Also needs to learn to be a better goalie.

## **Brent Gauci**

The only juvie of the team this year, joined us half way through and never looked back. By far his best moment was when he picked the ball up, ran down the wing, into the circle and tomma'd a shot off the keepers shoulder and then apologised for not knowing what to do. As a hint, keep doing that and you'll be fine mate. He finally turned 18 and could have a beer with us after games, this quiet guy should be a mainstay with us for a few years to come.

# Provisional 2 Gold Men (contd)

## **Gabriel Godson (Gabe)**

Wish we had him more often. A new addition to the club, he was poached by the dregs of the club and they only let him out to play with the stars a couple of times. Unfortunately got injured and then left to stay with 100 other men so we were deprived of him for a lot of the time. When he did play he added a lot to our forward line and scored some cracking goals. Cheers for coming down and 'supporting' a few times while injured as well.

## **Kieren Hill**

Another of the disappearing players, we don't even know where he was half the time since he doesn't have the convenient excuse of working up north. Still improving since he first came and joined us a few years ago, he makes tackles that he doesn't even know how he manages. Think he was thankful this year of no longer being the youngest as well. Also has the bad luck to have a sister dated by one of his team mates. And for having red hair. Hope to see more of you next year, always a great guy to have around the team and on the field.

## **Matthew Jensen (Jenno)**

Got promoted this year when they learnt that AJ had a secret desire to be even whiter and took over the running of the team. Often had the unenviable task of leading the line and trying to find enough players to fill out a team each week. Gave some inspirational team talks which spurred the team on to greater heights and still believes that Liverpool are the best team in the world.

## **Glenn Linstead**

Someone who didn't play with us any where near as much as he should have and I have no idea why. Has some silky skills when he decides to use them and started a lot of attacks from half back with them. Along with Cridds as the grandfather of the team he provided a helpful older, if not calmer, voice in the team. Look forward to seeing him again next year.

## **Rodney Lorrimar (Ramrod)**

The man with the bike. This guy rides every where. Literally, everywhere. Playing in Rockingham, he catches the train to Rockingham and then rides from the station. If he wasn't half exhausted by the time he got to most games, who knows what he could have done. Unfortunately for Rodney, his season could only go downhill after he stepped into the D in his first ever game for the club and smashed it into the top corner to win the game with minutes left. Thankfully though it didn't drop too far and he was consistently one of our best players. Big thank you as well for helping out with all the duties we had, was a great help to have you put your hand up to assist with both kitchen and umpiring. And another one for providing us with the greatest moment of the season when you tried to ride home from Ash's place and had a grand adventure which kept us laughing for weeks.

## **Christopher Morrison (Morro)**

He came, he played, he didn't score. Another full back who has delusions of being a forward. Put him up there and all he crows about for weeks after was "I came that close to putting it bottom corner!". Thanks for filling in on occasion and the helpful words of wisdom through out the season.

## **Jonathon Palmer (Jonno)**

I think it was little coincidence that when he left for his trip we fell into a hole. One of our best players and by far the fittest in the entire squad. Came back from his adventures in Europe and even his first game back where he was "out of touch", "unfit" and "hungover" he still managed to run all day and pull off a diving tomma. Great laugh around the change rooms and the group, and is someone we hope to have the services of a lot more next year.

## **Griffin Thomas (Griff)**

He got this. His brother somehow managed to convince his company to give him a job so we unfortunately lost him for over half the season. Almost gave us all a heart attack when he paid his brother's game fees for the first time ever. Amazing stick skills and a wicked drag flick, he plays everywhere on the field and has one of the best bromances ever. Note - Shouldn't ever be allowed to use snapchat.

# Provisional 2 Gold Men (contd)

## **Jackson Thomas**

Got his brother a job to the great detriment of the team. Like his brother, has some impeccable stick skills and a great mind for the game. Thankfully for us he managed to be down here for most of the games because if he wasn't we might have had a bit more trouble. This year he also refined the art of managing to not look like he's trying at all, especially when he runs from full back to centre forward because he "can't see" any options and not at all because he's showing off. Very sad to lose you next year, good luck in your new job and hope you can drop in for a few guest appearances.

## **Brad Wake**

Ahhh the goalie.... What to say about him. Manages some extraordinary stick saves because he can occasionally refuse to move his right foot and didn't take a single person out this year which we were all very disappointed about. He also managed to not stink which for a keeper is a massive achievement. In all seriousness though, he's Mr Reliable and probably the best club man I've ever seen. Except for when you decide to bugger off to New Zealand and stuff the rest of the team up for the weekend. Great season mate.

## **Bryce Wilson**

To do a Bryce (verb) - to turn up at the wrong time or game, call someone to find out where everyone is and then try and lie about the fact you've gotten it so wrong. Returning to the Melville fold this year, Bryce provided what is probably the stuff up of the year by managing to turn up at Rockingham on the wrong day and then stressing out about the fact that nobody had turned up apart from him. Apart from that, someone who ran his guts out every week for us and terrorised the opposition with the massive wind up on his hits. Always happy to play wherever we asked, even if he insisted at times that full back was actually in front of the opposition's goals.

## **Alexander Wragg (AJ)**

The deserter, the ex-coach. Decided that he would have better luck in England (HA) than here and left us 3 games in. Still contributed to the team, mainly through abuse on Facebook. But we missed him here, both on the field and on the bench. No one else has the combination of looking so out of control and yet still having the ball and complete lack of interest in chasing back. Still haven't decided if we missed him enough to want him back though.

To everyone who filled in for us, Morro, Chris, Steve Crids, Teddy and anyone else I've forgotten (unintentionally) thanks for putting your hands up. To Stick, thanks for running training every week and organising the lot of us (though forgetting to tell us about kitchen duties). Our supporters, mainly the extra Criddles, thanks for making some noise at least and helping to contribute to the fines kitty. And to anyone else I haven't thanked, you're either not important enough, I don't like you, or I've just forgotten, you can pick.

# Provisional 2 Gold Women

## **Beth Antonio** (Centre Half/Forward)

A centre forward/centre half, Beth has the most technically correct game in the whole 4/5s squad. She stays low and always connects well with the ball. She and Britt put the effort in each week at training and it really shows. Unfortunately she didn't get much time up at centre forward scoring goals this year. That's entirely your fault Beth you are much too good a centre half to have free reign.

## **Brittany Antonio** (Inner)

Britt is one of the Antonio sisters who we eventually learnt to tell apart. A solid inner and one of the unsung workhorses of the team. Britt keeps the ball mobile and the forwards cohesive in attack better than anyone. If there was a naughty and nice list for attending training Britt would be perma-stamped at the top of the nice list. Good skills, situational awareness and great work ethic.

## **Chloe Corsini** (Fullback)

Chloe came up from the 5s this year. 4s is a different game to play and she really applied herself to playing at a higher level. Chloe is a fullback who makes good decisions and works the ball confidently and well..... except when switching. Even then it was only occasionally panic inducing. A solid fixture both on the field and off it Chloe!

## **Sarah Dagleish** (Inner)

A wandering migrant from the 5s, Sarah is one of our regular inners. Another unsung workhorse of the team she stepped up this year and made some great improvements to her game. Where she is now as a player compared to where she was at the beginning of the year is impressive. Sarah thinks about her hockey and has some great basic skills. Not that she can't do the fancier stuff, she just has a way of making the simple stuff look good. A pity she missed a few games due to work commitments.

## **Nia Goodhand** (Goal Scorer)

The 4 who wasn't supposed to be. Nia filled in when we were short and proved to be just too good. A great attacking player in the D. Nia brought a real sense of purpose to the top of whoever's D she was playing in that week. She did so well she was top goal scorer for both teams at one point.

## **Jaimee Hadley** (Wing)

The team manager, Jaimee has some great organizational skills and made some absolutely delightful colour coded contact sheets. She also has a great burst of speed out of the blocks and a mean drag. Jaimee is getting some mean skills and should be going up a grade easily next year. Her ability to intercept passes and punish autoplay on free hits has been a real asset. She also has the distinction of being the only player in the 4s to play every position except goalie. Also prone to falling over.

## **Rachel Harries** (Fullback)

The second third of our fullback combination, Rachel kicks all kinds of arse in the backline... and the ball. She runs and runs and shows just what a speedy fullback can bring to a team. Not afraid to take a hit and not reliant on dishing them out. Definitely a contender for fairest and best. Skills, determination and disciplined play mean I'll probably have to do some kind of dodgy backroom deal to keep her in the team next year.....

## **Jessica Holmes** (Wing)

A migrant from The Red Enemy, Old Aquinas, we all grudgingly accepted her into the squad, but we're really happy with what she brings to the team. She's a solid halfback and an aggressive forward. This one is definitely a keeper. A friendly and enthusiastic player, Jess is always willing to let us play her out of position. That goal she scored against Aquinas was hands down the most baffling goal of the year. Not sure how she scored off that and not the reverse baseball swing shot from the same game.....

## Provisional 2 Gold Women (contd)

### **Ella Joynes** (Fullback...no wait...Wing!)

A fullback who migrated into the forward line, Ella has shown some great improvement. There is nothing quite like taking a back and making them look a bit lost in the forward line. Good thing this one's such a fast learner. Good dragging and leading means that she gets the best out of most one on one contests. She also brings a solid hit to the D whether it's a short corner or in general play.

### **Niki McGowan** (Goalie )

Goalie No 2. The junior goalie who was game for anything, Niki tore it up like a boss in her first game for us. Rockingham are an aggressive top of the table team and by all rights she should have been deadlier than a shrunken head at a hackey sack festival. Instead she played at the centre of one of the tightest defences I have seen any women's team play. The co-ordination in defence from Wendy, Rachel and Niki was fantastic. Not bad considering they don't play in the same team.... If Niki is any indication of the depth of junior goalkeeping coming into the women's club, someone coaching in juniors is doing a fantastic job.

### **Kate Sparkes** (Centrehalf/Forward)

The other half of our centre forward/centre half combo along with Beth. Kate puts 100% into each game and aside from her own skills brings some much needed muscle into our half line. When you watch Kate play you can always see that there is a plan in place and when things go wrong she breaks up other team's attacks solidly.

### **Ashleigh Sperinck** (Goalie #1)

Goalie No 1. Our easily concussed goalie Ash plays some great hockey and has some great skill. I was pretty happy to have a goalie like her drop into the team at the beginning of the season. If she could stop injuring herself that would be cool then we can see those skills shine. Though I do feel guilty about telling her to be more aggressive only to watch her dive head first into someone else's leg bones.

### **Tegan Stephens** (Halfback)

Tegan filled in for us briefly and played a very good game. She even had an older woman bounce off her during the Southern River game. Right in front of her parents. We look forward to seeing her in the squad next year.

### **Krystal Walker** (Halfback)

A fullback who we made play mostly halfback. She gave us so much flexibility with what we wanted to do with the squad as a whole. Which is a pity because I don't think it let her play to her full potential this year. We will try to get you playing fullback again next year! A solid team player and in her own words 'a bit of a biter'.

### **Kimberley Welten** (Fullback/Halfback)

A versatile player Kim plays half, fullback, centre forward and wing. Which is a pity because she's still a Welten. A cool head under pressure in attack, Kim was good at working shots at goal and linking up with her fellow halfbacks. She definitely brought some knowledge and experience to the team exactly where it was needed. A punching free hit on the side line helps too.

# Provisional 3 Gold Men

As the curtain falls on yet another season, it is time for us to reflect on the highlights and achievements of the season spent. For some it may be finals success, alas for they are the lucky few. From a team that contested the grand final last year, we found ourselves rebuilding and bleeding a number of promising young players. Whilst not winning as many games as we would have liked, there were plenty of positive signs and we did not finish far outside the finals.

For those of us not contesting finals we may measure the season by personal goals, personal growth and the friendships forged over the year. Some will move onward and upward and to you I wish the best and hope to see you around the club. To the rest I hope to see you back next year.

Expanding the squad from two to three teams posed many challenges on training nights and player availability on game day. A big thanks must be passed on to all those who volunteered their time and effort managing our squad and teams. When I reflect on the season I am pleased that despite all the challenges, our squad came together to support each other on and off the field, and this is something Melville can be proud of...

## **Sam Applegate**

Sam, aka Apples, is a new signing to the Melville Hockey Club after some intense negotiations with the Halls Head Hockey club. Sam fitted in well with the Melville 6's both on and off the field. Adding to the culture of the 4's, 5's and 6's squad, Apples was often the first to help out with managing the team or assisting in the kitchen. A good club man and a solid half back, the club needs more people with your positive attitude.

## **Rowan Ayris**

Rowan made his debut at the final training session before the season started. First year out of juniors, a baptism of fire with the 4's working him over the first time at training. Possibly the only player to not miss a game this season, his early form at training was no indication of the talent this young player possesses. Instrumental in every victory this season, it is fair to say that Rowan saved more than he let in, in fact he saved more than the rest of the team put in for the whole season. Keeping our losing scorelines to something respectable, I am sure with a little more support, Rowan will prove over time to be a force in the Melville Club.

## **Andrew Criddle**

Andy showed us all on the team why he is one of Melville 6's better players. Andy proved a rock in defence holding down one of the fullback positions. Whilst not spilling any blood on the turf, Andy was not shy to let the opposition team know he was there. Not only the last line of defence, Andy frequently turned defence into attack. Always armed with a packet of Allens Snakes to help the team make it through the game, it certainly kept the half time chat to a minimum. On occasion one might have thought Andy and Griff were having a bet on who could throw the most over-heads...

## **Stephen Criddle**

Stephen, was a menacing presence up forward who was often on the receiving end of the Criddle brothers 1-2. Not as many goals as he would have liked for the season but proved a handful for the opposing defence.

## **Tom de Bes**

An aggressive pre-season trading period saw Tom lured to the lush turf of Melville. Playing the first half of the season in the 6's, and possibly backing up for the 5's. The quality of the player apparent, Tom soon cemented a regular position playing for the 5's. Playing mid-field and forward, Tom was a solid performer no matter what position he played. The 6's loss was the 5's gain. Great season, hope to see more of the good form next season.

## **Christopher Evans**

Picked up in the pre-season draft, the 6's paid two second round draft picks, three goats and a camel to secure the services of Chris for the season. When asked what position he played, was either too slow or failed to answer and as a result was started at fullback. Unfortunately for Chris it took a long time for us to find a serviceable replacement and he spent most of the season in defence. On the rare occasion we were able to secure the services of an additional fullback, Chris was released in to the forward line. Despite limited opportunities to roam up forward, Chris ended the season as our highest goal scorer with some precision short corner shooting. A spirited challenge from the 5's to lure him away with the promise of fame, riches and finals hockey, Chris stayed true to himself and his team playing out the season for the 6's.

## **Andrew Fry**

With an interrupted season due to work commitments, Fry settled in as a regular player in the second half of the season. A solid player and a good clubman, Fry's speed across the backline and solid defence proved to be a great combination with the workhorse Andy. A good communicator on the field and likewise over a few beers after the game, hockey is always enjoyable when Fry is around.

# Provisional 3 Gold Men (contd)

## **Brent Gauci**

Another new player to the squad this season, and another one not old enough to drink until after half way through the season. More than a promising junior, on the back of solid performances Brent found himself a regular member of the 5's. Making the odd appearance for the 6's in the second half of the season, it will be good to see what Brent can achieve in a stable role for the whole season. Hope to see you back next season.

## **Glenn Linstead**

Relishing the opportunity to play on turf, Glen displayed silky skills that led to him being poached by the 5's. A good leader on the field and a great person off, it is always enjoyable having Glen around the club. Sharing his time with between the 5's and 6's, one team's loss was the other team's gain. There is nothing like an angry Glen strolling past four opposition players in to the top of the circle and finishing with a goal. Perhaps the lesson is to make Glen angry before the game starts...

## **Sean Mansfield**

Debuting in seniors with a run-on role in the 6's, Sean was another junior to graduate to seniors this season. Quickly finding his feet and establishing his place in the side, Sean was the injection of youth the team needed. As a younger, fitter member of the team, Sean spent the majority of the season at inside forward. Never one to lose his cool, Sean displayed great maturity for someone playing his first season in seniors. It will be good to see what Sean can achieve next season, especially if he plays the whole season instead of going to Melbourne to watch the footy...

## **Thomas Mansfield**

Younger brother to Sean and still classed as a junior, Tom made a number of guest appearances for the 6's when schedule permitted and he had not spent the whole of the previous night online slaying people/dragons... Playing a variety of roles, Tom showed he is equal to the task. Possibly upstaging his older brother by being the first Mansfield to score for the team, we were lucky to have Tom play this season. With another season in juniors ahead of him we wish Tom all the best and want him to know he is always welcome to play if he is available.

## **Ted Neesham**

Some say he is an axe murderer.. Some say he is a bikie... Some say that hidden deep within that truly awesome goatie hides a third fist... All we know is he keeps coming back each week! As the elder statesman of the team, Ted sets an example for the younger players, if not setting the bar too high.

## **Jai Price**

One of the new members to seniors this season, Jai opened the goal scoring for the season. Battling hard up forward, Jai put in the extra effort in order to be a better hockey player rarely missing a training session. Jai remained the team's leading goal scorer for the early part of the season, with some nice goals from the post. Well done, keep up the good work.

## **Griffin Thomas**

The man! The legend! The "Griff"! "I got this!". Hockey is never dull when you have the Thomas brothers playing. Griff with his signature spin move, only one move, yet the opposition failed repeatedly to pick it. Amazingly we never managed to win a game when Griff played, perhaps this was because we were having too much fun watching him torment the opposition.

## **Jackson Thomas**

His opening comment on his first game was "I am not playing Centre Half, you need to find someone else...", so true. Another member of the FIFO crew. Guaranteed to pull on the maroon when off swing, Jackson always displayed great composure under pressure. Even on days where things did not go our way, we could always take solace in the knowledge that Jackson had totally frustrated all opposition players he came into contact with as they were not able to dispossess him of the ball. Most often seen running the mid-field, holding structure and providing that much needed drive and example for the younger players.

Thanks to all the players over the season and a special mention to:

Evan Bowater  
Chris Criddle  
Casey Ellis  
Neil Ferguson  
Kieren Hill  
John Palmer  
William Beddoes  
Rhys Spedding  
Kieren Hill  
John Colgan  
Connor Noone  
John Cornwall  
Brad Wake

# Provisional 4 Men

## **Tristan Andrews** (Hickey)

The stalwart of the back line, consistently refusing the opposition any pleasure and inflicting his own version of pain. Having taken on the role of manager this year, Tristan has performed the duties admirably. Survived the whole year without a mutiny, well done.

## **Rowan Ayris** (Goalie)

Rowan was one of several 'fill in' goalkeepers this season. He always played well, and made numerous key saves, to help the team stay in the game. Rowan rarely made a mistake, and he even managed to make a number of saves that defied logic. We are all extremely thankful to Rowan for playing the number of games that he did, especially at short notice on occasion, allowing the team to play.

## **Evan Bowater** (Goalie)

Evan was one in a long list of goalkeepers this season, playing with distinction and authority. He commanded the entire defence, and half of the field. Showing that his skills haven't left him yet, he made a number of excellent saves. Needless to say that without his help we would have been in a difficult situation this year, and his support is greatly appreciated.

## **James Butcher** (Butcher)

Part human, part vengeful god, part unstoppable steam locomotive that doesn't require train tracks for some reason, all killing machine, that's our James. Otherwise known as "The Butcher" (possibly the least imaginative nickname of the team this year) or simply "owwwwww" to his fallen enemies as they litter the battlefield, cradling various crippled pieces of anatomy. James has done his typically great job in the defensive line as a vehement and occasionally vocal proponent of the old school style of fullback play - whereby if the attacker manages to get both the ball and his squishy, vulnerable, unbroken body past you, you're probably doing something wrong. Adapted pretty well to the different style of play on turf this year, and surprised the hell out of some opposition forwards who were expecting to be able to just be all fancy pants and run around him before suddenly realising the truth involved a face full of shoulder.

## **Paul Christian** (Fullback)

Another of the Metro 2's to help out with our team this season, Paul was a late addition. Adept at defence, either as a Full Back or Half Back, Paul had a positive influence in every game that he played. He demonstrated his excellent stick skills on more than one occasion, helping to create plays as often as he stopped the opposition. Paul's positive attitude towards life in general made him an excellent addition to the team. We look forward to having Paul play for us again in the future.

## **Jonathon Cornwall** (Goat)

This season the boys welcomed Jonno into the team. He was acquired during the off-season player transfer window, where we traded him for a bag of chips. Some say that we got the rough end of the deal in this trade, but this young kid (affectionately dubbed "the Goat" after some dubious outings in the countryside) has fitted in wonderfully. Jonno is one of the few players in the team with genuine pace, and so was swiftly sent to the least-liked position in the team: inner. From there, Jonno has played some fantastic games of hockey; with his raw skill, energy and enthusiasm showing that he has a great future in store with the club.

## **Andrew Criddle** (Half)

Andy was available for a few games this season, and we jumped at any opportunity to have him. A very dependable and skillful half/back who kept us out of trouble on a number of occasions. We are very grateful for his contribution on and off the field (as spectator-coach / advice giver / chief strategist).

## **Aidan Gallagher** (Goalie)

Aiden was the regular 'fill in' goalkeeper in the provisional 4's this season, having come from the Metro 2's. On more than one occasion he was able to make it to the game on short notice, always eager to help out. He trained regularly with the team this year, demonstrating some interesting goalkeeping skills that, fortunately, he didn't display during any games. Aiden was one of the most consistent players to play in the Provisional 4's, rarely having an off game, always giving his best and making numerous saves. Without his assistance we would have been unable to field a full team, and we are all grateful for his support this season.

# Provisional 4 Men (contd)

## **Dylan Hadley (Mohawk)**

Dylan, had a great season mainly on the wing for the Melville City Hockey Men's Provisional 4 side. He held a role of coach/mentor on the field to newer players assisting in their development and built a strong bond amongst the team. His blue Mohawk brought colour to the team and assisted in the scaring of other teams who were unsure if they would survive the game. Based on the wing he had strong competition with Willis in the scoring of goals, but through the season scored some really great goals.

## **Darren Kidd (George)**

Darren, the man, the half, always calling for directions, yet never able to work out his left from his right... This season saw Darren in centre half more often than not; He even managed to score! We can thank Darren for bringing the soccer ball to Thursday training to 'mix things up a bit'. Good season overall (even if you do ignore where the fullback are calling you to!), well done!

## **Alex Lynch (Goalie)**

Alex was the Provisional 4's goalkeeper this season, although due to his work, he was unable to play as many games as he had originally hoped. When he was able to make it, he was a valuable member of the team. Giving clear and concise instructions to the defenders, and always staying focussed. In every game that he played, he made a number of high quality saves, helping to keep the team in the game. Alex even managed to play one game on the field, proving himself as a capable player. Hopefully Alex will be able to play more regularly next season, in the goals or on the field.

## **Timothy McEntee (Roach)**

One of the workhorses of the team on and off the field. Tim brings hard straight line running and a penetrating hit to the centre of our field. A solid aggressive player who is always willing to push himself for those tough contests. Of course when he hits he always pulls the ball to the left. Not to mention he arcs up when people do perfectly innocent things like elbow him in the face on purpose. Of course Tim is nowhere near as bad as Matty Willis. Everybody knows nobody is as bad as Matty Willis. Lets just take a moment to remember the goal against Ellenbrook. I reckon Krystal must have put the evil eye on that goalie.

## **Brent McGregor (GI Joe)**

Never quite sure when he was going to be called off by the navy, Brent "The Sailor" McGregor was still able to play a number of games for the Scrubbers. Being a naval diver off the field, Brent was used to performing 'under pressure' and as a result was well equipped to fight off attacks 'deep' in our defences. Playing as a half back, Brent was known as having an 'all hands on deck' attitude to hockey and had a commendable tour/season. Unsure whether his naval duties will send him off elsewhere before the next season, he will always be welcome to join the Scrubbers ranks next year.

## **Paul Morris (Beard)**

Having spent the earlier portion of the season perfecting his signature move of running the ball down the line, only to get stuck in a corner at the end, Paul once again deserted us while he holidayed abroad. Upon his eventual return, we couldn't help but notice that he was a changed man. Gone was the 'nice guy' attitude, replaced with a sharp tongue that not even the umpires could hide from. His holiday beard—initially considered a team mascot—was deemed the probable cause of our defeat and suffered a prompt departure to many a cheer. In his return to form, we saw Paul make some successful plays down the field, and hope to see that continue throughout our next season.

## **Ted Neesham (Half)**

Ted played considerably more games for the Provisional 4's this season than either he or the team would have anticipated at the start of the season. Always offering support and advice, Ted was as useful as a coach as he was as a player. On the field he was sharp and direct, ensuring that the entire team functioned smoothly. His skills were as solid as ever, and he became a valued member of the team. Without his help and support not only would we have played short on numerous occasions, but we wouldn't have played as well as a team. The whole team would like to thank Ted for his help and support this season.

# Provisional 4 Men (contd)

## **Jonathan Rayfield (Goalie)**

John was yet another of the goalkeepers to be found in the Provisional 4's this season. Having come from the juniors, he made an excellent impact in the senior men's competition. John was a consistent and reliable goalkeeper, making several excellent saves. He was able to fit in to the team in a short space of time, which isn't always easy given the group of people who he had to deal with. John is always welcome to come back and play anytime, whether he likes it or not.

## **David Wake (Gaga)**

The dark horse of the scrubbers team. You never heard him until he jumped out of nowhere to grab the ball and take off. He was always approachable for advice and while other members of the team were losing it, there was David still calm and collected. To the quiet achiever of the scrubbers, Lady Gaga, it was a pleasure playing with you mate.

## **Justin Wake (Mr Ed)**

Justin has a thumping big hit and can reliably find the back of the net when he gets the ball in the D. Pity he's hardly ever there but when he is, he scores. Props to him for still coming to games despite moving into the country (probably to spend time living with wild animals or tibetan monks or something).

## **Matthew Wake (Trotsky)**

This year Matty took on the challenging roll of Captain for our merry band of misfits, which was never going to be fun. Saying that, this year we did manage more wins than we have on grass in the last 2 years so something must have gone right. Matt has a keen analytical view of the game and was able to provide an astute overview of our games, though this didn't stop him from his classic Windmilling approach to hitting the hockey ball. Overall however, Matt had a solid year and provided much strength and direction to our Half Back line though his highlight would have to be when, a keeper down, Matt kitted up and jumped in goals – the saviour of the team. While we didn't win that particular game and a few goals were scored against us, Matt clearly has an aptitude for the main line of defence. Possible role change next year?

## **Matthew Willis (Red Card)**

Well where does one start to describe the year of Willis? Is it with his stellar start to the year, leading the goal scoring table? Or do we start with the fact that age has started catching up with him as he compiles a growing list of aches, pains and injuries collating from a misspent youth and resulting in a less than agile/fast game? No, the thing that comes to mind is, of course, the famous Red card incident. For those that don't know, Matt got embroiled in an on field brawl after a blown kiss to his girlfriend was unknowingly waylaid and unintentionally landed on a Freo defender. To a completely oblivious Willis, the Freo player stepped up to hug Matt to say thank you, much to Matt's distress. When the Freo player tried to demonstrate his love, Willis, who was of course puzzled, went to hug the player back but in the embrace hit the Freo player with his stick instead. The goalie (who secretly was in love with the Freo defender and already jealous at the attraction between Matt and the Freo defender) rushed in to protect his love, but in his haste dropped his gloves, tripping and hugged Matt as well resulting in much awkwardness and distress on the field so everyone joined in to have a group hug. The umpire however took umbrage to the fact the game was disrupted, gave Matt a Red card for initiating the original so we lost Matt for 4 weeks. All this aside Matt had a solid year when his body wasn't letting him down, delivering much skill and speed to the forward line and achieving some great plays down the field to help us win more games this season than in the last 3 combined and demonstrating his quality as a player on the turf.

# Provisional 4 Women

## **Ashleigh Chauvin**

An Inner who has come a long way this year. The amount of power in her hits and pushes has increased hugely. Ash is one of the best runners in the team. Few people in the 5s are fit enough to run an entire game at Inner. She is one of the regular training girls and brings enthusiasm every single week.

## **Shannon De Melo**

Triplet One. A solid halfback who was press ganged into fullback towards the end of the year. Shannon can hit and carry the ball well. She is one of the workhorses of the team who can shut down a fast wing or launch a counter attack. It got to the point where at the end of the year I only occasionally called her Stephanie. Thanks for being so darn cool.

## **Stephanie Dsouza**

Well rounded and able to run, Steph was one of those players who just missed the cut for the 4's this year. That said, she did get the opportunity to take centre stage during plenty of 5's games. She's a flexible player and solid halfback. I lost count of the number of times her quick thinking has gotten the ball out of our 25.

## **Caitlin Els**

The unassuming menace in the midfield. Caitlyn plays a solid game and has a close in drag that draws players into giving away free hits. She's always thinking about the next attack or how to play her position better.

## **Hannah Gibson**

Triplet Two. Hannah carries the ball past people so well. And it turns out she is Shireen's sister. I totally thought that last name was a typo on the team list for like three quarters of the year. Hannah brings some speed into the half line or where ever it is we decide to put her. She is one of the girls who will do what is asked of her even if she isn't sure about it. I think the two most common words she said on the side line this year were "Really?" and "Okay". A new stick might make a huge difference next year. Please buy something nice!

## **Shireen Gibson**

Triplet Three. Shireen got put at wing for the first time and has improved her technique so much this year. She can hit, she can run and has really impressed with her skills the second half of this year. If she works on her fitness and does preseason next year she could probably make a case to play for the 4s.

## **Nia Goodhand**

Nia is a forward who doesn't let things like head injuries stop her scoring. A solid hit and a cool head in attack made most of her goals this year. Not afraid to push through when the going gets tough, getting engaged has not mellowed her out any. A solid player who gives us a lot of attacking power.

## **Kylie Hankinson**

A goalie on the field. WT..! Kylie tackles well and has great situational awareness. We've just got to get her to stop skipping before she hits. It's like she's an extra from the wizard of Oz. Kylie has some great skills though and is only going to get more awesome next year.

## **Emily Howells**

A wing who has been moonlighting as a halfback, Emily has made some great improvements to her game. She has done a lot with her extra time on the ball. Her hitting has become much more powerful and her confidence on the ball has increased. Phase two which begins next year involves teaching her some footy style hip and shoulders.

## **Wendy Joyce**

The captain/manager of the 5s. Wendy put a lot of work into the team this year. She is such a gentle soul on the hockey field in the same way she is a cat lover. Apparently she has some great recipes. Wendy hits hard and has been a real stalwart of our defensive line. She's filled in up forward once or twice and played for the 4s a few times. She's one of the core players of this team.

## **Rena Latham**

The late arrival to the squad, Rena brought skill and physicality at a time where we needed it. She plays low and carries the ball strongly.

# Provisional 4 Women (contd)

## **Peta Lock**

Peta missed a decent chunk of her season due to a foot injury. One of the strikers, Peta brings a hard hit and powerful ball carry. She plays her best hockey when under pressure. Give her the ball on the dotted line and she will carry it into the D. She and Laura played such a good game at fullback together when Wendy was injured we wondered why we hadn't put her there earlier.

## **Janezza Lymbery-Joyce**

One of the workhorse players of the team, Nezza takes punishment and produces great hockey. Nezza got around the field quite a bit this year but always seemed to come back to the centre. A good hit and thoughtful player, Nezz connects well with the players around her. She makes the players around her look good. That is the sign of someone who plays a team game like they should.

## **Hayley Lyons**

The screamer. Hayley got bounced between positions a bit this season. Halfback, inner and wing she's got some versatility. She also mentioned Dylan during her 21st speech so she is totally at the top of the favourites list. Hayley is a good ball carrier and brings determination whichever position she is playing.

## **Jennifer McDonough**

Our regular goalie, Jenny is a solid goalie. Despite a car accident early in the year she was one of the core players of the team. She brought a lot of quality footwork to our defensive short corners. She moves well and reads the play. Jen is impressive when she slides and is willing to let much larger people land on her when she slides.

## **Felicity Packer**

Flick gets points for playing one on one with the girl who broke her hip a while back. In the first game back. That is mental strength, pushing your boundaries. Flick is a thinking player's forward. Someone who always does everything I say when I say it. A skill some of the other forwards could learn from. The exception being when she plays one handed. I hate that more than words can say. Otherwise a great well rounded game.

## **Jenna Powell**

The human pinball. Jenna plays hard and puts her body on the line week in and week out. If she would just start using both hands when she's playing on the reverse stick she'd be kicking all kinds of arse. Jenna got put at centre half for most of the season but got a bit of a run in the forward line towards the end of the year. She definitely plays a more natural forward game and it looks like Nia is going to have some competition for centre forward.

## **Jasmine Vico**

I missed the actual incident, but apparently Jazz had a shouting match with someone mid game. I couldn't write this without mentioning that. She's just too darn friendly. Jazz has improved like a real beast this year. She moved to halfback and is now the first half to be written up on the whiteboard for most games. There isn't a single area of her game that hasn't improved this year. If there was an award for most improved she be the odds on favourite. Great season Jazz.

## **Laura Walkemeyer**

She hits, she runs, she moonlights as a 4's player. Laura stepped up mid year and as the season went on. She played a great game as a 4's Inner against Rockingham. She showed a lot of potential in her 4's appearances and was consistently reliable in the 5's. One thing Laura does better than most other girls in the the squad is hit accurately and with forethought about where the ball is going. Situational awareness means she makes those passes count.

# Metro 1 Men

2013 started well going undefeated for the first two rounds....from then on the text book Metro 1's season of injury and apathy took over and it was round 13 before our next (and final) win of the season.

## **Kenrick Armitage**

Another solid season for Kenny, with his inside forward run providing quality transition from our aging defence, to our speedy trio up front. It's a pity that this quality in his game didn't transfer to his job as a forward, with Ken carrying the unfortunate tag of being the only forward who failed to score a goal all season. This was something made all the worse by the fact that even Toddy snuck down to score, whilst on one leg!

## **Todd Barrett**

A lynchpin in our over worked backline, Todd's 1 goal also saw him mount a challenge as the team's highest goal scorer. Thanks for a great year Todd. Your talent, skill and commitment were central to our wooden spoon.

## **Adam Halliday**

Adam will be looking to back up his best and fairest of last year after another stellar season from the speedy winger. Due to elder statesmen in the team moving on to Vets, Ads played much of the season as an inside forward and he did so with much skill and fitness. Some inspiring runs through the mid field, creating many scoring opportunities and getting a few himself. He brought his younger brother Mike down to play this season and the Halliday double worked well and topped the goal scoring tally. Hopefully the wooden spoon hasn't detracted him from playing on next season.

## **Michael Halliday**

As the youngest member of the team, Mike was almost out of place amongst a bunch of 'old blokes'. In fact, with Mike possessing both pace and skill, he was definitely out of place, given he was surrounded by a team of old, slow blokes with very little skill at all. The toss and run approach made him a handful for the opposition defence, while Mike was certainly one of the few blokes with the ability to find the net, even if like Roh, he had an uncanny ability to seagull the opportunistic tap in.....

## **Brendan Joss**

Admired for his ability to run... when others wouldn't, Brendon (aka Bear) clocked up another solid season. Demonstrating an uncanny ability to put the ball in the net, he was unlucky not to claim the title of 'highest goal scorer'. It is always a pleasure to play alongside Bear and hope he continues next year.

## **Daniel Pickering**

A full season from the elder Picko was a bonus for the team this year and what a season it was from our trusty left half. His passing was spot on enabling the team to score many breakaway goals.....just a pity they were for the opposition team and not his own. A few more grey hairs this season and the weekly limp off the field – a true battler. Despite a few blunders Picko put his all into this season and always left nothing in his tank. Looking forward to another full season from the great man.

## **James Pickering**

Supremely talented, Jimmy was resolute in a defence frequently under siege. Unfortunately Jimmy lacked commitment, typified by turning up 5 minutes late to a game at Raiders citing some weak excuse about delays in the delivery of his first born. Still the master of the 'windy', Jimmy will take any excuse to get out of the house so is already talking up 2014.

## **Matthew Read**

Matty 'S-club' Read peaked at the end of the season saving his best for the finals. His 'natural' ability and incredible 'reach' would on many occasions 'bring the house down'. Carving out another most improved performance, 'don't stop movin' Matty 'you're my number one'. Your leadership skills on and off the field were greatly appreciated and helped 'everybody get pumped'.

# Metro 1 Men (contd)

## **Cam Robinson**

A large part of our season has been spent in the defence circle which has meant Cam's been front and centre most games. Cam would challenge half our forward line in terms of goals scored this year regularly knocking in an own goal or two. Cam.... The new rule not requiring an attacker to touch the ball in the circle wasn't designed to help get your name up in lights. Cam did however save us from utter embarrassment on a number of occasions with classy saves and his outstanding communication. Cam's most valuable contribution was by far and away his well stocked ball bag! Without this, our warm ups resembled a pack of seagulls fighting over one chip.

## **Roh Weddikara**

Lightning quick, amazingly agile...are all terms one used to be able to use when describing Roh. Sadly, these descriptions are now consigned to the history books and 'barely adequate' is best used in their place. Despite the proverbial father time bending Roh over his proverbial knee and proverbially going to town on him, a handful of goals and impending fatherhood shows that given the right planetary influences, the man can still occasionally score.

## **James Welten**

Ever heard of Caster Semenya? Jimmy's name will no doubt go down in history side by side with Caster's as one of the most controversial athletes sport has ever seen. Jimmy was given a mid season ban by Hockey WA and is still at the centre of an investigation by the ACC, ASADA and Hockey Australia. While the details of this investigation have not come to light, there is no doubt Jimmy's mid season suspension cost us greatly. Jimmy is one of the few players in the team that has pace, fitness, and skill which were vital ingredients in a side struggling to get 11 on the track. Rumours are rife that officials may have received a tip off from one of our own. No doubt a player jealous of Jimmy's youth, looking to take him out of contention for the coveted metro 1s best and fairest.

## **Richard Williams**

Whilst mastering the 3 minute warm up, Rich has been one of the most consistent performers this year (when not off snowboarding) and will be a strong showing in the prestigious b&f. Our resident centre half, his ability to get the big frame from contest to contest was a credit and his link work with Ads key to most of the pushes forward. Hope to see you next year Rich, bigger and better.

## **Scott Willis**

Scott's hockey ability is best compared to a fine wine... one that has been consumed in copious amounts, leading to a number of unsavoury and unintended side-effects, the very least of which...well, the less said the better. Fortunately, time off due a number of so-called injuries and jaunts to other side of the country allowed us to forget about the above aftermath and remember the delightful aroma and woody overtones that we all loved to begin with. We look forward to the 2014 vintage.

Finally whilst we were always scratching for players, a big thanks to the Rushton boys, Rhys, Dom and anyone else who helped us out throughout the season.

Lets put this season behind us and onto a stronger year next year, and if any of the top squad boys are looking for a run next year at 2pm each Saturday - pre-season will commence about a week before the season commences, so let me know and we will see if we can squeeze you in.

# Metro 1 Women

At the beginning of the season the Metro team had 17 interested players but come first round and we were scratching for a team. So we sent out the call and along came:

**Jolene Olde** – Leah's sister, but what a find, she runs at top speed all day and has the skill to back it up. Even a sore back and leg could not stop this girl.

**Rose Cawley** - came to us and told us she was a Right Half but that spot was filled, so we put her on the left and what a fantastic job she has done. Always smiling and always giving her best.

**Kylie Mishra** – We needed a goalie and the Club was a bit shy on people for this position, so I took advantage of my friendship, turned on the charm and convinced Kylie to come join us and we are so happy she did. She has been fantastic and saved our game on more than one occasion, she is a great goalkeeper. I kept it quiet how good she is as I don't want anyone taking her from us and she is fun to have in the team.

**Gillian** came back to us this year and we are so happy to have her and her strength in the forward line. She is fast, skilful and aggressive in the circle, something we needed. She gave the girls someone up front to aim for.

Then we have the regulars back for another season with:

**Lindy** – limping all the way but refusing to be beaten by anyone, which is a very handy work ethic in fullback.

**Maris** – What can I say, as strong and reliable as ever, when will she ever stop.

**Leah** - Endurance and skill was her key, playing at Centre Half, until a holiday in France mid season took away the endurance but left us with a very handy fullback.

**Annette** – Strong on the ball and a very steady Right Half, Annette has held her ground well this season.

**Corelle** - came last year for the fun and we both got what we needed. Corelle is getting better every game and gives 110% always and she is lots of fun to have on the team.

**Sue** - plays on even when battered and bruised and that has happened a few times this year, coming along with a black eye one week from a previous game of hockey.

**Carolyn** - played when work allowed and still has that ability to appear out of the pack with the ball leaving everyone wondering how she managed it.

**Simone** - has had a bit of injury this year but loves her hockey and keeps coming back only to injure herself again. We miss the fit Simone who is dynamic when fit but is hopefully now on track for the finals.

**Theresa** - is a fast, skilled, endurance player who has been plagued with injury this year and keeps coming back only to re-injure herself, but is now fit for the finals, thank heavens.

**Lynda Forbes** - has done her usual trick and worked hard all game, every game, although she did disappear for a holiday in America for a while.

Well, it has been a good year and we end the season in 4th place, so we are now preparing to do our best in the finals. Thank you to Marie Farrow, Dehlia Goundrey, Karen Green, Dee Murphy, and especially Eilidh Rayfield who came in her uniform every week in case someone did not turn up or got injured. These girls came to our rescue when our regulars decided to take holidays or had to work.

# Metro 2 Gold Men

The most difficult team to be part of at the club this year was undoubtedly the Metro 2s. The guys suffered through a series of people pulling out of the season very early on, and to be honest I was expecting a phone call a call three weeks in saying this is all too hard, and what use is a vice-president who spends all his time overseas anyway. But that call never came – not from the guys in the Metro 2s anyway, many other people around the club kept asking what use I was, but that has been happening for thirty years, and I digress, as I am wont to do.

The reason the call never came is down to the quality of the guys in the group. They weren't overly successful on the field, but they always kept their heads up, and provided a uniformly enjoyable experience for a number of our junior boys who supported them through the year. They played their hockey in the right way, and for the right reasons, and I am very proud that they stuck the year out and that most of them, I believe, will be back next year. Thanks guys, and a big thanks to Aidan specifically for his efforts - and to Ted and Tim for helping out a whole lot more than me.

Finally, it looks like this might be the last year that the club will have a second grass side for a while – until the current crop of younger turf players decide they want to play on a Saturday afternoon, at least. Hopefully it won't be gone forever.



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# Masters 2 Women

Another year of enjoyable hockey and we had the bonus of scoring Ross Hall as our coach. We have only had the basic eleven most weeks but we have played some great hockey and the team has come together very nicely. As we approach the finals we are in fifth place but if the hockey gods like us we can still make it to the finals .....

Thanks to Evan for coming to umpire, rain, hail or shine and for joining in the fun. It's been lovely having you with us.

We have had to rope in a few people to fill the squad from time to time and to those people, Karen Green, Maris Margetts, Gaye Glasken thanks and thanks also to Lindy Coss for being available when Kylie isn't.

Many thanks also to Jan Davies for finding those fill in players, stepping in as coach when needed and generally organising all the girls!

## **Kylie**

This was another outstanding year for our goal-keeper Kylie. Her calling and confidence resonates throughout the whole team. Although missing in action a couple of times by going to the wrong ground, she always turned up in time for the match.

## **Ann**

Our ever reliable full-back. Is rock solid in defence and her strength over the ball makes it very tough for opposing attackers to get past Ann!! Never gives up and is always supportive to her team mates.

## **Deb**

It was great to see Deb return to Melville this year. As one of our fullbacks she is a solid and reliable player, who would chase the ball down and invariably win! Thanks for a great season Deb.

## **Allison**

What a woman! What a season!! Guts, determination and perseverance are just a few words to describe Ali and her hockey! Oh and did I mention a great sense of humour.... which you have needed Alli - a season plagued by poor health and yet somehow you still manage to shine!! love your work Alli! It is great to play with you! X

## **Marie**

Marie is a very fit and energetic player with a great poke tackle. She never gives up and always has a great sense of humor. Marie directs the play with insight and vision. A very essential player on the field.

## **Vanessa**

Our poster girl, with legs up to her armpits. She loves to run and when she links up with our feisty forwards the result is brilliant. But really how can she choose a couple of weeks in Bali over hockey??

## **Jane**

Unfortunately we haven't seen much of Jane this season. Early illness and other personal and work commitments kept her away. However, on the few occasions she has played she still defies her age with excellent solid performances in our defence. She still manages to intimidate the opposition's attacking players (maybe it's something to do with the bandana)! Hope to see more of you next season.

# Masters 2 Women (contd)

## Dehlia

She is a feisty player, hard over the ball and tenacious in the goal circle. You will never die wondering with Dehlia least of all the opposition!

## Theresa

Theresa the little Scottish dynamo and right inner extraordinaire, provides great support for her back and is always reliable, positive and cheerful. A great team mate and she has been a pleasure to play hockey with. Well done Theresa.

## Lisa

Lisa is our quiet achiever who never stops running. She is a fantastic inner who is always ready in attack and then always able to get back to defend when needed. She has finished off some magnificent goals too. Also thanks for keeping a check on the managerial side of the team. Keep up the good work and we'll see you again next year.

## Nat

Nat is trying to become a regular fixture the team when her family let her and she is not on holiday. She is most welcome and we would all love to see her more often. Her speed and accuracy on the ball is fantastic and she has slotted in many a well deserved goal. Come back next year please Nat.

## Sue

We were sooo lucky to be blessed with Sue joining our team in the second half of the season. Her warm ups kept us injury free and her presence on the field certainly motivated all of us. I have a feeling she even chipped in with a goal for good measure! Thank you Sue - we have all loved playing hockey with you this season.

## Terri

Terri welcome to the team. It is an absolute pleasure to have you in our team. You have become a mean, reliable and fast member of our forward line. Thank you and please come back again next season.

## Gillian

Gillian is an absolute dynamo on the field (and off - nothing like a few drinks before the game to get going!). She loved to get feisty with the opposition and show them who is boss. She led the goal scoring. And a big thank you for dragging our number one supporter Kirk along to the games.



# Masters 3 Gold Women

2013 has not been the most successful year for the Melville Women's 2nd Master's team but we have had a lot of fun while keeping ourselves fit - except of course the occasional pulled muscle which we all experience from time to time.

The season finished with a princess themed game - tiaras (not worn during the game due to our commitment to Occ. Health and Safety) and tutus were the prevailing mode of dress. (yes, we also wore playing shirts in case you were wondering) It seems you are never too old to be child-like and have a bit of fun.

About the team members.

**Lindy Coss** - awesome goalie - just do as your told or else!

**Zandra Synman** - joined late in the season - became the backbone of the backline.

**Tamra Eastough** - full or half back in the team, now she is a clinical psychologist we get free therapy; yah!!!

**Peta Anderson** - took on the role of manager of the team this year, also one of the full-backs in the team, always entertaining to hear Pet's ongoing saga on missing in action excuses.

**Annette Scholten** - the right half back who is determined to cement her place in the forward line.

**Maris Margetts** - The centre half back and the ultimate in multi-tasking, she plays with a running commentary about the game.

**Corelle Coleman** - a midfielder who found her place as a half back in the last couple of games of the season, but only plays Wednesday nights as the shops are shut.

**Karen Green** - another half back that then cemented her place as a midfielder, became Maris,s apprentice and is learning to multi-task during the game quite well.

**Annette Williams** - got the prized centre forward position - cause she was sleeping with the coach. Has now jumped boat after getting a better offer in Qatar.

**Sue Totterdale** - one of the forwards , uni-dexterous (we made that word up) plays with left hand only but we forgive her because she has a hot car.

**Jo Russo** - one of the forwards that took up the centre forward position once Annette Williams left. Now who has the prized position hey! Managed to play all games this year - injury free year for a change. Jo's comment "she is also very nice".

**Simone Brockman** - one of the midfielder or forwards in the team, this year it seems she had "Jo's injury". Had a tendency to be injured during the season.

**Carolyn Cardymar** - another midfielder in the team. Balls seem to stay on her stick like flies to a frog's tongue - makes her like a delicate fairy.

**Marlene Dry** - joined the team very late in the season as a forward. Last kid on the block, still digging for the dirt, - watch this space.

**Frank** - Coach - got a better offer - jumped ship with Annette W and relocated to Qatar and is now a kept man.

Finally, thanks to all the fill-ins who kept us in the game.

# Masters Midweek & 040 Division 1 Men

**Midweek Vets/ 40 Div 1's – more or less the same folks. A pack of broken down fools who don't realise that they can't play one game a week properly, let alone two.**

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

Laziness or efficiency? That first paragraph was recycled from 12 years ago, and yet it is scarily apt, apart from the reference to someone being young. Some of the following are also recycled, from reports going back to the eighties - scary how applicable they still are, especially the bit about Stef's hamstring.

## **Crowie (2003)**

"Somehow managed to get best player when he was spectating – twice!! No one begrudged him the points, though, as Crowe's work in goals saved our skins many times over. A true and loyal gent, John backs the mighty Geelong Cats every week no matter what. Everyone wants Crowe in their footy tipping pool for 2004."

*I clearly didn't write this one – whoever was his Manager in 2003, and I am tipping Greg Ross, who I will get to next, had obvious goalie retention issues. Nice early sledge Greg, but based on this year, surely Crowie spends most weeks spectating? Not to mention his inability to count past 11 – which can be the only reason he describes numbers as 'tight' when there are 4 on the bench. Hamstrings yes, numbers no. Although it must be remembered, nothing is mathematically impossible for this man.*

## **Greg**

I have known Greg for a very long time, and genuinely liked him, until he made me play the last 10 minutes in a midweek game against the All-Stars from Fremantle, and I had to run around after a mad kiwi marathon runner until my lungs were poking out of my mouth. Gone off him a bit now, to be honest.

## **Dave**

Greg's brother – that might be enough for me to go off him as well, especially when he plays for the aforementioned Fremantle All-Stars. Plays full-back, so may have to forgive him, in spite of his penchant for clean tackles and not shouting, which doesn't make him a normal full-back in any way really. No, upon reflection, he is down there with Greg.

## **Watto (2009)**

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

# Masters Midweek & O40 Division 1 Men (contd)

## **Stef (2008)**

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

## **Dennis**

Slightly balding, in the same way that Mt Everest is slightly tall, our South African international demonstrated Scanlon-esque qualities by leaving for extended periods during the year. Stopped playing midweek because of the difficulty in backing up twice a week – this obsession with performance is rare and not to be encouraged. Based on the evidence of a couple of games at the end of the year we all stopped backing up for a while there.

## **Temps**

The big news for the year was that Temps was going to stop FIFO and become much more available for us than previously. Unfortunately, he stopped FIFO and stopped turning up as well. Fits in like a hand in a glove.

## **Chippy (2004)**

Picked up many a seagull ball this year and assisted on many more goals. His “Country Road” appearances and photogenic style was a highlight of the year.

*See, truly some things never change – well, the seagulling, anyway. His vanity finally got the better off him and, realising he was the third best player from his family at the club, he shipped the other two off to Fremantle.*

## **Cookie (2003/2008)**

The boss, loved by all, especially those he has made do things, which would be all of us. Our very own Lord Voldemort, continues his exploration of the dark side of hockey from his new favourite position of flank half. The man responsible for the increase in the quality of Morris Buzzacott Reserve, as he scythes the grass every second week taking everything that stands in his way – blades of grass, legs, the ball, sticks, shards of bone from previous victims – the lot. Specialises in starting fights and then running away leaving team mates stranded – who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks.

## **Hank (2008)**

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

## **Aki**

Born again right half, a mountain of icy calm amongst troubled waters, radiating 'Bruciness' to all around him. Is never more comfortable than when demonstrating his debating skills, often with himself but occasionally including others. Doesn't mind hitting the ball.

## **Clarrie (2004)**

'Time will not weary them, nor the years condemn' – whoever coined that phrase obviously did not have Clarrie in mind. Still has the drag, but has lost the trap at the end, making it a sideways pass to the unsuspecting centre forward on the other team. Developed a disturbing tendency to tackle himself towards the end of the year. I can only wait to see what tricks he comes up with from now on.

# Masters Midweek & O40 Division 1 Men (contd)

## **Apples**

Did his back, not surprising when he has held on to the ball for the last 45 years. No, that is most unfair, sorry mate, I trust the surgery has gone well and we will see you up and about next year.

## **Wildy**

Carries the team week in and week out, but does it so quietly no-one notices, so I am not going to mention it again. You get nothing in this life by hiding your light under a bushel.

## **Benny (2005)**

*This from 2005. Gold. And written by someone much nicer than Stef or me!*

Played right wing all year. Lived up to his title of Angry at times, but this was usually to motivate and get the best out of the rest of the team. Very consistent with his basics, and always hard working. A good leader, both on the field and from the sin bin.

## **Marty**

Can play, is very quiet, you guessed it, plays for Wolves on Saturdays. Doesn't fit our mould at all. Always tough to sledge quiet blokes unless their name is Dennis.

## **Andy (2009)**

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

## **Mickey (2003)**

There are several things that stand out about Mike. The un-paralleled skill, the strange dialect of so-called English he speaks or the limited edition Isle of Man Police Socks. Of course it's the socks I can't go past. Well, not without wearing anti-flare Polaroid sunglasses. I think someone should tell him there is a reason they didn't make too many.

*I do miss those Isle of Man Police Force socks.*

## **Nath (2005)**

Nathan 'The fridge' Elliott was often seen by us as a secret weapon. One look at him by opposing teams as he walked out to play wing saw them thinking "this bloke's not running past me". Maybe they should have remembered their physics from high school because once you tip a fridge down the hill you had better get the hell out of the way of it, or you going to get the crap smashed out of you!

## **Statue (2007)**

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

## **Gav (2008)**

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

They say the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. Hence, given the collective insanity in the group, we shall see you all next year.

## Masters 040 Division 2 Men

A new year and the chance to put a couple of horrid seasons behind us in the quest for that elusive premiership. There were a couple of new faces in and a couple of craggy old ones put out to pasture in the Fifties.

As the season progressed, as is usual at our age and level of fitness, injuries multiplied, then FIFO rosters interfered and numbers dwindled, yet, through this we kept winning.

The defence was rock solid all year led by Geoff and Wayne at full back, with a rotation of keepers, mostly Crowey and Becky guarding the cage. Lewie, Crids, Mike and Mark were pretty difficult to get past on the half line. The forwards proved to be very effective knocking in big bags on numerous occasions; Cam and CJ both coming home with multiple goals in several games. Doaky failed to trouble the scorers, yet again, but lead the way in “minutes in possession”. Ray worked tirelessly throughout the year and was a pivotal player in our forward structure. Spearsy and Giridy rounded out the front half, scoring a few and setting up a few.

Apart from the success, the highlight of the season has been those games when numbers have been tight and our ability to stick to a game plan for the full 70 minutes has enabled us to come out on top.

Last year, we played the last game needing to win to avoid relegation. This year we had to win to secure second place and the double chance in the finals...

# Masters 040 Division 4 Men

It has been a very competitive hockey season winning the minor premiership and ending up on the top of the ladder. We started with some new players in the forward line this year and after a shaky start settled down to play some really good hockey throughout the season.

I remember the first game, it was a killer, we were all unfit and we could barely run in the second half. However the best of the season was yet to come. We then had a number of drawn games and then we lost (the only game we lost for most of the season) to the top team. It was from then on that we all seemed to click as a team and



find some great form and many winning games to get us to the closing games of the season. There has been some great courage and determination shown by all the team players, great players winning their positions on the field and playing their best game every week. Thanks to our back players Carlos, Ian, Scott, Paul, Gerald, David Joseph, Greg, Brett our goalie and to Tony for helping out in some of our games. Thanks also to our forwards Bryan, Michael, Mark and David. All the best for the team's success in the Finals.

# Masters O50 Division 1 Men

## **Alan Chellew**

Chewy was here one week and gone the next. But when he played he was sensational. He had a fitness level that many of us only dream of. We could have him marking a player all day and still expect him to run off them to be attacking. I just wish we had him for more of the season. Our results might have been different.

## **Ron Chesny**

Ches didn't play a lot of games this year as his legs didn't allow it. The quack eventually banned him from playing as well. We missed him once he left and our goals for subsequently is that much lower this year. Hope the body holds out Ches for the other activities you are doing.

## **Peter Dawkins**

Pete showed again that his fitness and skill and determination make him an integral part of this team. He can play anywhere and again this year he was swung from forward to back and excelled wherever he played.

## **Hans Geers**

Hans didn't take to the field much this year but showed fantastic support (from the bar mostly). I think the opposition rose in confidence whenever Hans didn't show up. At least that could be one explanation why our year wasn't as successful as past ones...

## **Keith Harper**

The Docker games didn't interfere many times this year, but when he didn't play we did miss him greatly. He still carries the ball and distributes better than most and scored regularly and setup opportunities many times. It's a shame we couldn't always convert. His back was good this year, so if the girdle fits...wear it!

## **Wayne Hudson**

What a great season Wayne had this year! He was under siege many times this year and shone through. Our not so good on-field performances meant that he got a lot more play this year and I think he enjoyed it.

## **Greg Hunt**

Ensuring we had numbers for each week was Egg's main task this year. We might have won more games if he could win the toss and pick the right way to go more often. Egg played most positions this year in order to fill a few holes when we were down on numbers and even had 10 minutes at full back! Dangerous!

## **Michael Jensen**

Jenno is part of the 'brains trust' and has so much to offer in how to structure the team and how to play the game. If we all played with the same 'smarts' that Jenno showed we may have finished higher on the ladder. His 'talk' from the back is invaluable. His ability to 'pick' off more mobile forwards is amazing and a testament to his ability to read the play and time his efforts.

## **Patrick Matthews**

No one takes the ball off Patrick and if they do, beware! His back tackle is dynamite (and dangerous at times). Probably our top goal scorer this year, Patrick has the sweetest hit for goals and his ability to set himself up with blinding stick work is amazing.

## **Paul Meacock**

Whip had an interrupted year with a couple of injuries keeping him off the park for longer than he would have liked and much longer than his teammates would have liked. We struggle without Whip. Maybe we should mothball you for summer and have you raring to go next year? Whip is a key member of our 'brains trust' and organises our play very astutely. Unfortunately we didn't always do what was discussed – but that's another story. Great season Whip!

# Masters O50 Division 1 Men (contd)

## **Geoffrey Ranford**

It was great to see Ramma move up to our team. Bringing with him Rob and Greg meant that we had some 'youth' and some legs finally in the team. Although Ramma's legs didn't work as well as he might have liked, his skill made up for it with trapping and distribution being his hallmark, he fed the midfield well. With a season under his belt now, we expect sensational things from Ramma next year.

## **Andrew Reynolds**

It doesn't matter what may be 'broken' on Andy's body he still stands up to the rigours of the game and fights his way through. When he is at his best he is unbeatable, with a stinging hit, great anticipation and deceptive speed. Andy can play anywhere and did so this year when required. From high striker to fullback he filled the role brilliantly.

## **Greg Ross**

Greg's youthfulness and healthy body made a huge difference to the team this year. Again, Greg was capable of playing back or forward and sometimes did both in the same game. He has had a great season and we look forward to another next year.

## **Russell Scanlon**

An early injury and an extended holiday meant that we only got Russ for the last few games of the season. But he slotted straight back into right half as though nothing had changed. Great to have you back Russ and looking forward to an injury free 2014.

## **Stephen Silvey**

What a talent!. Shame that the knees couldn't take the rigour of the grade. In fact with Steve's knees he couldn't have even played Minkey this year. Hopefully we can get some games out of him next year. Thanks for your efforts this year Steve, on the field and particularly off the field.

## **Robert Thorn**

Goal sneak extraordinaire! We got youth and a 'seagull' when Rob came to the team. That isn't quite fair though as Rob has been instrumental in setting up a lot of the forward moves this year. Holidays and work have kept him away from a few games but we have 'blooded' him now and next year should be a beauty for him.

## **Ken Wilson**

Ken is our one true import. He also has been handy around the goal mouth. In one of his first games he scored a hat trick plus 1! Did we think we were onto something then! However, no fault of Ken, we didn't get enough ball to him this year to get our goal numbers up. Ken's fitness is fantastic and he worked hard every game with what we gave him. He and Wayno were the only 2 that trained each week. Did it make a difference? Who cares – we enjoyed your contribution this year, Ken.

The team wishes to thank all those that helped us throughout the year, especially Tash and Dylan for their management role and lolly duties. Again we were supported on game day magnificently by many but especially the 'olds'. Thank you for that support. It means a lot to us and it represents the 'family' aspect of our club perfectly.

To those who took the field with us, many thanks.

To Graeme, Lew, Kevin, Geoff Reynolds, Brooksy, David, Ray, Wayno's stand-in and others – we appreciated the help.

See you next year.

# Masters O50 Division 2 Men

During the off season we managed to embark on two team tours, one to Busselton and one to Yallingup. Busselton was our post season warm down, where we attempted to convince the organisers that it was only necessary for us to play one game at 11:30am on the Saturday. Unfortunately they had other ideas and we were made to play many more games than we desired. Luckily, we managed to lose enough games to avoid finals on Sunday. In order to start the season on a high note, we held a pre-season team camp at Yallingup, to discuss tactics and fine tune our bodies for the arduous season which lay ahead. There was only one hiccup on the weekend where our etiquette manager was forced to remove the team from a venue before one player found an alternative use for a spittoon. Surprisingly, the intense training on the weekend was a waste of time, as we began the season poorly and continued to come second for many games in the season. As a result of our poor ladder position we have secured some high draft picks. Hopefully we can source some forwards with pace, halfbacks with hair and fullbacks that can turn up before the start of the game.

## **Chris Avent**

Gramps started the year in fine form and condition – but like the rest of us this doesn't last long. His sweeping tackles were timed to perfection and negated many attacking moves. Unfortunately as the season progressed Gramp's knee began to deteriorate and finally required surgery. Some of the more unkind in the side were surprised his calf muscles didn't go first. We can't understand how standing behind the goals can put pressure on the knees? We were concerned Brooksie might get lonely but Roger filled the void. We look forward to Gramps recuperating during the off season and coming back bigger and better after his Botox injections in his calfs! Please hurry back you "silly old bugger".

## **Lindsay Borthwick**

We had high hopes for Linds this year especially as he bought a new pair of socks! Unfortunately he still uses his shin pads from U/11s. As usual Lindsay provided that solid "must go around" defence. His timing and reading of the play was as good as ever – just getting there was the issue. Linds must be one of the most attacking full backs in the history of hockey with the policy of attack is the best form of defence – he is the only full back that plays higher than the forwards. Unfortunately Lindsay woke up one Sunday morning and his body texted him it was time to give it away. We missed his "sorry sorry sorry" and hope he reconsiders for next year.

## **Trevor Brockman**

Trevor was our low draft pick for this year. We are not sure if he realized what he was getting himself into, but he fitted in well as a spare parts man. Sometimes he pretended he was injured and threatened not to turn up. I think he turned up just in case we said something bad about him. Of course we did, but he was there to witness the sledging first hand.

## **Terrence Brooks**

It is a very well-known fact in hockey that to be a goalie you must be a different kind of a person. In being different is where Brooksie excels. He brings the full Pies supporter attitude to his intense goalie role. He is still screaming out "Frontal Pressure" when the ball moves forward. We assume his goalie pants are too tight and he may need to go to the bathroom but maybe one day we should ask him what he is on about.

## **Graeme Coleman**

People everywhere are in awe of this athlete who looks like a G.I. Joe doll and acts like one with boundless energy. He gets white line fever when going for goals. If Graeme is on an impossible angle with 11 defenders on him and one of our other forwards is in the open and an easy pass away, Graeme will still take the impossible shot and miss. His shot to score ratio this year is 1:84 which is a vast improvement on last year. He is also still very handy at kicking the ball when he doesn't want to.

# Masters O50 Division 2 Men (contd)

## **Robert Knyn**

This must be one of Rob's best years for remaining fit and healthy – but that's compared to the rest of us. Another solid year of control and skill in the forward line finished off with a handy bag of goals! As always his in depth knowledge and analysis of the game was insightful but probably lost on the rest of us. There was never a game that he was not able to offer some observation with some of them leaving us speechless like where to prod the opposition to achieve the best effect and response. One of his major contributions to the year was to provide the team's support base. We must give his wife and mother credit for keeping a straight face through most of the season.

## **Stephen Llanwarne**

It's a difficult season to describe for Steve. The early part of the season found him cruising the forward line with his "Forrest Gump" strides causing mayhem – to both sides! As usual he provided the timely morale sagging observations and comments that only Steve could. These were not only provided for our team. In the game against Wolves, whilst waiting for a short corner to end in disaster Steve complemented one of the Wolves' players. He remarked how clever it was that they co-ordinated their tops with their hair. Wolves have grey tops! Unfortunately Steve experienced a very serious health issue mid-season that required him to hang up the stick for the year. We are glad to say though that he has been able to overcome this scare and he is well on his way to recovery. The comment of the year was not on the hockey field - Steve's surgeon commented she was concerned the medication prescribed appeared to make Steve talk a lot!

## **John Maher**

The years don't seem to have an impact on Johnny or it just might be that the rest of us have slowed down with him. As equal top goal scorer, Toyota are in negotiations with John for the 2014 season. His test leaps have not been impressive but with the new campaign based on quiet confidence, Johnny should be well placed.

## **Alan Marshall**

Al was one of the more dedicated members of the side who took part in the pre-season low altitude training weekend at Borat's retreat. The weekend began with the classic "I left my wallet behind"! All season Al has prowled the left hand side of the field trying to get into a sneaky position to score or run half the field to harass some unsuspecting defender. He took us all by surprise well into the season by removing a new pair of hockey shoes from his bag. The part that surprised us was that they weren't on special, but we suspect they are a couple of sizes too small – but at the price they couldn't be ignored. Al is always causing the defenders and goalkeeper duress when in the circle but one of his efforts of throwing himself at the keeper's pads to earn a penalty stroke highlighted his commitment to the side. I think it was his final back flip and pike that got the umpires attention!

## **Bill Morrison**

Billy is the General of our team who commands from CHB like a person who sounds like they know what they are doing. He is the only person in the team who can run and move the ball in a forward direction while evading the enemy. This has been a wet winter so while many in our team get their hair messed up and worry about how they look, Billy looks the same when he comes off as when he went on, where as Graeme's perm has gone to barbwire and Al's wig has slipped to the side.

## **Eric Nell**

With vast real estate to cover, Eric was a machine this season and was up and down the right wing like a man possessed. He was always available and keen for a run forward and jog back to defence. Eric certainly knows how to present well and offered a good return on the investment if you could get the ball to him. Who knew a back man would be one of our better goal scorers.

# Masters 050 Division 2 Men (contd)

## **Roger Nottage**

Roger, Roger, Roger the new holder of the angry man title while actually being a quiet and calm person (most of the time). This season Roger spent a bit of time behind the goals and must have been in the right place at the wrong time more than Kevin Rudd. We are not sure exactly why on some occasions, other than general principles, but without his drive and motivation we would have had a lot more trouble this season.

## **Mike Pitcher**

Pitch shows amazing ball skills if you can pass the ball to within 10 centimetres of his stick. Any further away than that then it is too far away for him to get to. It is an anatomical fact that a person can run faster than they can walk. In Pitch, we have a scientific anomaly because when he goes from flat out running to walking he actually accelerates. As the years go by his positive attitude grows nearly as fast as his nose.

## **Colin Slattery**

Slats, the old, sly, silvery fox this year is older, slyer, more silvery and foxier than previous years. This metro-sexual has been left to hold the back line while granddad complains of calf issues. A tall story because you have to have calves to have a calf issue. If any foolish opposition decides to enter the foxes' territory they are met by an uncompromising old angry back man who has on odd occasions even managed to stop the attack. It has been rumoured that once he ran the ball out over the backline but that rumour has yet to be substantiated.

## **Geoff Widdicombe**

Most improved this season and while not a natural full back (he is too nice) he had a great crack at it. And boy can he crack a ball! So be advised it is not that safe to go too close when he lets one rip. Solid performance and could cement himself in as a full back forever.

Thanks to Ken Wilson, Andrew Reynolds, Greg Hunt, Russell Scanlon, Pete Dawkins and Pat Hall for helping out through the season.



# Masters O50 Division 3 Men

## **Roger Bell** (Goalkeeper)

Our saviour in goals, with his tenacious defending and control of the backline which has saved us many goals against. Rodger is always at the club, training and giving advice to the other players who need it, want it or don't. Great club man and a pleasure to be in the team. Well done for the season, see you next year.

## **Gary Bowater** (Right Inner)

Our illustrious leader, president and mate. Great player with setting up many attacks from the hard working inner position. A fantastic asset to the team, although we nearly lost him to a health problem but bounced back as he does to be as strong as ever. Thanks for the season and look forward to next year with your leadership.

## **Michael Coles** (Left Half)

A gentleman and a scholar, plays left half and holds off the opposition attack with great tackling. Mike has been on the left wing at times but I think he has found his spot on the field and holds it well. Pleasure to have you in the team and look forward to next year.

## **Tony Ganzer** (Left Wing)

Tony (Gonzo) is a running machine who is improving all the time with his skills. The hassle factor Tony provides against the opposition is invaluable, and he is increasingly becoming a viable target in the forward line, with pushing and hitting improving immensely. Gaining the odd goal has been good too. This has been Tony's best year yet. Unfortunately a few injuries incurred over the season as Tony's tackling has been brave, which sometimes puts him in the line of danger. Be careful Tony and keep playing good hockey.

## **Matthew Hudson** (Left Inner / Utility)

Nicest bloke off the field but on the field he is deadly, runs all day in the inner position chasing and tackling, scares the hell out of the opposition. Fantastic work rate and I am glad he is on our side. Matty has scored some great goals this year even though we tell him to stay out of the attacking "D", but I think he sees himself as the great striker. Loves to have a chat with the umpires and gives them advice on their decisions. Fantastic year Matty, well done, cannot wait for next year.

## **Duncan MacPhail** (Left Wing)

Duncan has been a scoring machine this year and has been in the right position, left wing, at the right time during several games. Duncan's endeavor and commitment to the game and team has been unwavering for several years. This year it has paid off with great improvement and scoring. Well done Duncan.

## **Steve McEntee** (Centre Forward)

Steve, ever demanding the ball for the opportunistic goal. Operates as a great forward target for scoring goals, from centre forward. Coaches players from the sideline and during training and gives the opposition friendly advice to remove themselves from his presence while on the field or they may be unfortunately damaged. A good team player and a good year from Steve without too many new injuries, but carrying the leftover aches and pains from many repair jobs. Well done Steve.

## **Johnson Orr** (Left Half)

Unfortunately Johnno, also spelt JNO, missed a lot of the season due to a combination of injury and top squad commitments. Great as a half back and teamed up well with the full backs creating a defensive wall. Always competitive and hopefully will be injury free next year.

## **Peter Oudejans** (Right Half / Utility)

Another who missed a lot of the season due to holidays and injury. Great team player and club man who, even when injured, turned up and cheered from the sideline. One of the few players who has the ability to play in any position and make a difference.

## **Tony Patton** (Left Full Back)

Tony is our wall and our inspector gadget, and one of the most solid performing full backs we have ever seen. When all seems lost the full back (Tony) springs into gear, saves the day, and launches another forward drive from the back line. Not known for his long reaching runs into the forward line, Tony has been successful in a couple of runs this year. He is however known for his unfaltering tackling and control of the game from the back line. A great year for Tony and well deserved.

## **Keith Platel** (Super Sub)

Another fabulous player to have as a back up who normally plays 60's and can still run and run all day. Thanks for your contribution this year.

# Masters O50 Division 3 Men (contd)

## **Bruce Porter** (Centre Half)

Very competitive, Bruce or better known as Bro, is determined and strong over the ball. We always played better as a team when Bruce was playing. Created a segway to get the ball out of defence to attack. Passes often, setting up great opportunities.

## **David Porter** (Forward Utility)

David was lost to hockey many many years ago and as such has left numerous opposition players in tatter. So it is nice to have him on our team. Unfortunately David is a little spent, Dave did tell me he needs hospital care after 35 minutes of play, so we sub him to keep time available, but I am concerned that the two blonde nurses that attend him at the games may not be worth the coin. Dave however is, his skills and advice to other players pays dividend over and over, whether on or off the field. David is an asset to any team and we are privileged to play with him.

## **Robert Preedy** (Right Full Back)

Rock of Gibraltar, stands guard over the goals, breaths fire over all who venture into his realm. Yet unusually, outside the lines he is your mild manners guy, looks after the corner store. Gives discounts to little old ladies, helps the elderly across the road, would buy a paper for an accountant who is down and out. Yet, inside the lines he will rip your bloody arms off – your would have never guessed. Bobby is a stalwart of the back line repelling many ventures into the sacred D – well done.

## **John Smith** (Super Sub - Right Half)

John, who normally plays in the 60's, has been a very valuable sub with the skills and his ability to run and create some havoc for the opposition. Look forward to having you play for us in the finals this year.

## **Andrew Toogood** (Super Sub - Inside Forward)

Andy was called up on numerous occasions to fill in for our regular players who went AWOL for various reasons that we won't mention. Thanks for the great individual effort playing two games on the one day.

## **Leo Welten** (Right Wing)

Leo formed the basis of our frontal attack. Always ready to back himself and take on an unsuspecting defender with his lightning speed (By Vets standards !) Created plenty of scoring opportunities and created many headaches in the opposition D.

## **Frank Williams** (Right Half)

Frank left when the games got too tough, he was a fantastic half forward, stood with the best, like Georgie Best, Arnold Palmer and Ahn Do. There are opposition players that cringed when they faced up to Frank and became jabbering idiots – oh wow my fingers shake just trying to record his mighty efforts. But then it stopped, Frank had gone, a gap in the half line, could it ever be filled? Frank is missed, he was able to read the play and place both he and others in good positions to control and execute the various attacks.

## **Andrew Wood** (Inside Forward)

There are many good things I can say about he who must be obeyed (Captain Andy) but camping out with the ugle purple on a game day is not it. Occasionally Andy can run, but then he gets tired and needs a rest. Cannot over work this one. When he curls up in the centre of the pitch for a sleep it gets embarrassing, he snores loudly. However, this is a sleeping giant, once Andy is on the game, he is working plays ahead of the action, not faulting when a miss occurs, instead looking to retrieve and place the ball in the goals. He leads the attack – a pleasure to watch.

## **Kelvin Woodward** (Super Sub - Full Back)

Kelvin only played half a game and had to retire hurt, but we thank him for his commitment and effort to come and sub for our team.

# Masters O60 Men

## **Robin Bailey**

Lingering out left, Robin seems somewhat bereft; when the clever opposition ex-State players out manoeuvre his position; and, with a deft feint left, or a fast attack right, they push on through. Though, not to be outdone, and with a skip on the spot, Robin kicks in to gear; and chases them down to put on a smart tackle, convincing those ex-State players to buy him a beer.

## **Bruce Cadd**

Bruce is known for his passion for the Club, his team, and his hockey. He loves scoring a goal now and again, and is a good team player. He also plays an important role as the Vets co-ordinator, and does a good job of it. Bruce is known to have a short fuse, at times, especially when he believes the Umpires pick on him. He is good at sharing game time with others, to ensure everybody gets a crack at the game. Thanks Bruce for your help, coolness and leadership @ the Melville HC.

## **Ray Domingo**

Ray usually plays centre forward and is very passionate about his game. He runs tirelessly to create space in attack, often calls "bomb it, bomb it", hoping for scoring opportunities from quick long balls, but also assists with back tackling in the midfield. Unfortunately, 2013 has been leaner than usual for Ray on the score sheet, due to solid defence from many opposition teams, and the lean scoring year for our team overall. Keep up the hard work Ray, and look forward to more goals in 2014.

## **Pat Hall**

Pat's a great club man and dedicated team player, who's happy to play any position (except goalie). This year, Pat's main role has been at right half, with occasional turns at centre half and up forward (scoring two nice goals). He combines close marking and deft tackling in defence, with strong run and passing when there's a chance to attack, and always puts in a good game, with great dash. Thanks Pat. Great to have you in our team again this year.

## **Tony Illman**

Although "Zimma", or Tony to the uninitiated, has not been a regular player this year, he has filled in many times with a rare breed of enthusiasm. This exuberance sometimes leads to unforeseen circumstances, often causing him to resort to the dreaded back stick hit or tackle. Zimma enjoys his hockey, and we enjoy his support for our team, on and off the field. Are you playing next year Zimma? We hope so!

## **Keith Jackaman**

"Skinta" has helped out during the season when we were short, usually playing at left wing. He has struggled with knee injuries, and finds it difficult to run, but uses skills developed over many years in deep defence to trap and hit the ball very well, so has been useful as a high forward. And scored a rare but great goal, as a result. He has also provided great company after the games at the bar! Thanks for helping out Skinta.

## **Kingsley McGuire**

Kingsley had one of his best seasons in recent years, bringing all the skills from his 700+ games (maybe it was because the fullbacks had to do a lot more work as it wasn't one of the team's best years!). Kingsley's positioning resulted in regular interception of incoming opposition balls, strong tackling and some brilliant saves on the line. His (mostly!) strong clearing hits regularly relieved pressure and often gave the opportunity to attack. Kingsley provided great support to Geoff, our fill in goalie for a game (which turned into the whole season!). Well done Kingsley.

# Masters O60 Men (contd)

## **Terry Parker**

Terry has been a long time member of the State Veterans side, and was elected Captain this year. He is the most important player in our side, as he plays the inside left position to perfection, and has remarkable fitness levels for a player in our age group. Very few players in our grade display his stamina levels, as he moves effortlessly between attack and defence. Terry has scored some great goals this year off short corners and can be relied on to harass and neutralise some high quality opponents when required. He has been hampered by back problems this year, but still managed to get down to the club on most Thursday evenings for a run and a beer after. Great season Terry.

## **Keith Platel**

Keith is one of our fittest players, runs hard all day, has very solid skills over the ball, and always plays well in attack and defence, mainly at right inner. As in previous years, Keith was sorely missed for 4-5 weeks mid year, while visiting his son in Brazil, and came back with a great tan to make us all jealous. In spite of this, he still looks like being equal leader of our goal scoring for 2013. Thanks for another great year Keith, on and off the field.

## **Geoffrey Riley**

Geoff has proved to be the most versatile player I've known in hockey. For many years he played as forward or half back and this year continued on from last year as goalie and manager. He brings his boldness and dogged determination to the role of goalie, repelling many opposition attacks though the season.

## **Tom Rushton**

Our quiet achiever, Tom has again enjoyed a good year, coming close to scoring many times. Maybe he should eat more raw red meat, to become meaner and more aggressive, but mild mannered Tom always plays with dogged determination, and confuses the opposition with his "molly-dooka" left hand, right hand actions. Tom fits in very well with the team, as he is able to play various positions, making him an excellent utility player. Thanks for being with us again this year Tom - a pleasure to be on your side.

## **John Smith**

Having originally come into our team as a forward, John has become one of our most important players at centre half, consistently using his skills, run and awareness to good effect, passing well to position forward, and showing great poise to help repel opposition attacks. John is a great team player on and off the field, and has also done an excellent job filling in as team manager when Geoff's been away. Thanks for another great year, John.

## **Pieter Speyer**

Piet is one of our regular full backs, who have unfortunately been overworked this year. Piet has always been a steady and reliable hand in the back line, repulsing opposition attacks, and calmly setting up play towards our forward line. 2013 has been another good year for Piet, and we all look forward to his participation in the 2014 team. Well done Piet.

## **Kelvin Woodward**

With his eagle eye, calmness over the ball, and the hardest hit in the competition, Kelvin is well known for firing off rockets, aimed at teammates or space well forward. Though sometimes too fast for O/60s to catch up with, these often turn the play and open up unexpected opportunities. Although more used to playing in the backline, Kelvin has also done well playing wing, where his ability to maintain possession and hit hard make him a threat around goal. Well played Kelvin, and thanks for another good year.

# 11/12 A Girls

An interesting season in which the team's true potential was not fully realised due to its commitment to furthering the club's ambitions for the senior women's team. Two of the team had State and senior commitments and this limited their availability. It was therefore difficult to maintain some consistency although it did provide a number of players with the opportunity to play hockey at this level. That aside, the team is on track to secure the last spot in the finals which is a fair reflection of our performance for the year.

The team was very fortunate to secure the coaching services of Maverick "Mav" Yow and David "Dirty" Orr. Having two coaches doesn't always work but it did with these two as they really complimented each other, knew what they were talking about, were able to communicate with the girls and importantly remained calm when things went pear shaped. They did make a very interesting observation that "girls do what they are told", I doubt that the parents would agree with that. Perhaps with that in mind, Mav and Dirty will be inclined to come back next year and see if they can add coaching a junior grand final team to their impressive hockey credentials.

The season was a bit of a roller coaster with us losing as many games as we won. In all but a couple of games we were obviously capable of matching the opposition but were probably let down by not maintaining pressure for the whole game. As the season unfolded it became obvious that one team was dominating the competition and it will be surprising if they do not take out the grand final.

In most games we needed some substitutes from other teams and sometimes players were called upon at very short notice. Thanks go to Leonie Stephens 11/12 Girls Coordinators, the coaches of the other teams and the parents of the players involved. Without exception the subs were an impressive bunch and this augers well for both the club and the aspirations of future 11/12A teams. Thanks to Monique Sader, Browyn Anderson, Taleisha Power, Natalie Matthews, Courtney Fullarton, Teagan Stephens, Eliane Gebauer and Victoria Wade for helping us out this season.

A traditional but heartfelt thanks to the parents for all that they do in making sure it all happens. Most importantly, thanks for putting up with that annoying manager who constantly bombarded them with emails, chastised them over kitchen duty and always wanted money.

Finally a few of these girls have been playing together since post grads and this is their last season together before some move on to seniors. While it's sad to see that happen it is inevitable and we wish those moving into the senior ranks all the best and hope that they continue playing with Melville.

## **Grace Bowyer**

Grace is the only red head on the team and so is easily identified when she races up and down the wing. As one of the senior players in the team, Grace played an important leadership role both on and off the field and gets the girls warmed up before the games. She is a very smooth controller of the ball who has the ability to take it from one end of the field to the other before selflessly cutting it across to the D.

## **Aimee Clark**

Like all of the Clark dynasty, Aimee is well known around the club. She is a valuable member of the women's top team and she inspires confidence to her junior team mates. She has awesome skills that are a joy to watch and she treated us to a classic tomahawk goal late in the season which shows why she is part of the State team. Always smiling and positive, Aimee holds the team together when things get tough and leads by example. Aimee didn't play as many games as she would have liked due to senior and State commitments but always found the time to come down and support the team.

## **Sarah Gerrard**

A small, but fearless defender of short corners. Sarah intimidated the opposition with her "Hannibal Lecter" face mask that was only worn when her mother was watching. Sarah's hockey has improved over the years and now she is a very versatile player who is very quick and handy around defence when things get a bit hectic or moving the ball up through the middle.

## **Annie Gleave**

On the field Annie is a quiet and unassuming player who just keeps going and going like the Duracell bunny. Annie had the least bench time of any player and even when she did come off it was as though she had been for a stroll. Off field is a different story as she treats the team to a different hair style every game and teams up with Elyse to provide pre-match entertainment in the form of singing and dancing.

# 11/12 A Girls (contd)

## **Rachel Harrup**

Although it's a tight contest, Rachel seems likely to take out the team Coleman medal for the most goals. She always entertains the crowd with her runs down the field and some impressive scoring shots including a diving tomahawk which would have been goal of the year if the goalie had not got in the way. Rachel holds the team record for the most turf burns and spectacular dives.

## **Paige Hudson**

Paige has the toughest gig on the team, lumbering around in oversized clothing and having the opposition (and your own team) taking pot shots at you. Without her and her amazing reflexes and skill, our for and against ratio would have been a lot worse. Often seen blaming herself for letting a few through and has to be reminded that the opposition should not have got that close anyway. Does a lot around the club and is a much better goalie and grounds person than her dad.

## **Lucinda Lefroy**

Lucy hails from Moora and although of slight build has an interesting repertoire of skills. Her running style has been described as galloping but she is extremely quick down the ground. This is aided by the propeller like rotation of her stick as she sprints down the field. The opposition as well as our mob tended to keep well out of the way. Lucy's hitting of the ball could be described as 'fairy hits' but they are unnervingly accurate resulting in a few goals this season.

## **Serena Matthews**

Serena is a popular team member who always keeps calm and plays well under pressure. At the half back position there have been many occasions when she has used her quick turn of speed and run back to intercept an opposition player. She usually outran our own full backs and managed to save Paige a bit of work.

## **Ashleigh McNess**

A few years ago Ash was affectionately known as "Smash" by her team mates as she intimidated the opposition with her thumping hits the full length of a grass field. She is a lot more refined these days, again representing the State and baffling the opposition with trademark lops right over their heads. Ash is an affable smiling assassin whose silky skills and accurate passing (when there was someone to pass to) was a pleasure to watch. Well-deserved State selection but didn't play too many games for us due to senior/State commitments but like Aimee always came along to support the team and on one occasion coached the team to an important win.

## **Janelle Miller**

Janelle was not able to play as much as she liked this season but when she did she put in 110%. She is as tough as anything, a fearless tackler and was the only player to incur the blood rule. This gave the manager the opportunity to use the first aid kit, capably aided by India's mum, or perhaps that was the other way round? She usually teams up with India as the last line of defence and this season the back line got a solid work out.

## **India Nelson**

India is part of our defence but is also a cracking shot (when she actually connects with the ball) and is our short corner specialist. If everything goes to plan then a goal is inevitable, unfortunately that rarely happened and so India's true potential was not realised. She always put in a solid effort and was nominated as a best player on a number of occasions. Managed not to knock out any dogs this season as she did a few years ago but only because dogs are not allowed on the turf.

## **Fransien Snyman**

Fransien is a new addition to the club who has settled in well and is easily distinguishable by the schizophrenic hair, brunette or blonde, take your pick. This is no doubt designed to baffle the opposition into thinking there were 12 on the field instead of 11. She has proven to be a very valuable player with solid skills and a never give up attitude. There have been several games this season where she obviously gave 100% to the end of the game even though a loss was inevitable.

## **Alison Watson**

A very successful year for Alison in that she hasn't sustained any injuries, required first aid or hospitalisation. Possibly one of the better position players on the team, usually found lurking up front and consequently is likely to be the runner up for the team Coleman medal. She keeps her head during those frenetic skirmishes in the D and shows a surprising turn of speed for someone with little legs.

## **Elyse Wilson**

Elyse is affectionately described as "crazy" and brings a great sense of humour to the team. She annoys the hell out of Grace by sabotaging "warm up" by doing a song and dance routine with Annie. Apparently she justifies this as a team motivation exercise, if that's true then it didn't work too well. Provided delicious cupcakes on her birthday and was kind enough to provide enough for the coaches and managers.

# 11/12 A Reserve Girls

Coaches Kat Atkinson Lauren Costa

What a season! You could write a Hollywood movie script about the creation of this team: "A rag-tag bunch of girls from three different clubs, brought together as one... With each girl having a quirky character of their own!" We felt like naming the team The Mighty Ducks at the start of the season (noting similar plot lines), but that would've been a mouthful to say - for us and the other team during game-day cheers, so we settled on Redville! (An obvious combination of the names.) Both Melville and Willetton/Aquinas were in the same boat – not having enough players to fill a whole team, but still eager to play. We managed to scrape enough players together with the bribery of pizza and custom made uniforms (using both logos sponsored by the wonderful Jinder at Hockey International).

Big thanks to Graeme Coleman for his help and support at the start of the season, getting the ball rolling by recruiting a couple of crazy girls to coach this mixed bunch, who were characters in their own rites (cue Billy Bob Thornton in Bad News Bears, and the injured former athlete Emilio Estevez, aka Lauren!). Not sure what sort of bribery was used in the recruitment process but these ladies (Kat and Lauren) have done an outstanding job.

The lovely Salina and Gerry (team managers from Willetton/Aquinas) joined the mix, providing parents, coaches and players with chocolates and lollies from the very first week, and every game since. Thanks so much for all the ball-fetching and team-rallying support!

Along the way there was laughter, tears and shenanigans of course. We were so impressed and inspired by the amazing heart shown, and hard work displayed. The girls have all connected really well over the season, and their skills have ALL improved so much. And whilst we arrived last on the ladder we can be proud to say we were competitive every week. Not one game was a walk-over. Well done to each and every player and all those wonderful parents that supported their kids along the way.

We can't forget our team umpire Maddy Moulin! You were a confident and fair umpire every week, we were lucky to have you.

A special thanks to Kat and Lauren. You have to coach next year!

Managers: Salina Kaczmarek and Leona Stephens

## **Emma Coughlan** (Wing)

Emma has such a bright and happy persona. She is always smiling and works hard at training. Emma will improve her stick skills and hockey brain the longer she sticks with it. Just keep your positive attitude in tact and get a few more games under your belt next season and you should definitely enjoy more hockey in your future. Best of luck and thanks for playing Em!

## **Roxy De Vos** (Wing)

This girl hated being on the bench, after 1 minute she would ask to go back on. It was this enthusiasm to play that, as coaches, we respected a lot. Rox preferred the wing, but never said no when we needed her in defence. Rox actually grew to be a really strong half back and I would encourage her to consider this position more often in her future. She listened really well and took on our advice with enthusiasm and trust. Always willing to improve herself is what will make her a stronger player in the coming years! Rox you have an awesome drag push in short corners and it is this strength that is going to help you improve your hockey. Stick with it, stay fit, watch those shins, and you will be unstoppable!

# 11/12 A Reserve Girls (contd)

## **Isabella Deck** (Wing)

Bell, Bell, Bell... You are a character! It has been so great having you play for this team. You are hilarious and are always bringing funny stories to games or training. It helps bring the team together with positive attitudes like yours. You have had some shining moments this year when you put it all together, by being in the right spot at the right time. The longer you play, the more your 'hockey brain' will develop. Work on your positioning on field and continue reading the play more, and you will only get better. Best of luck next year hun!

## **Bonnie Fitzgerald** (Centre Forward)

Bonnie was our shining star this year. The whole team pulled together and worked really hard to get the ball into the forward line, and when it did, this is when she shined. Bonnie has amazing stick skills and her speed is phenomenal. Her sudden break-aways would catch our other forwards off-guard, and they struggled to keep up with this Speedy Gonzalez! It took a strong and brave defender to stand her ground against Bonnie, who's back tackling and second efforts were just as commendable as her attack! Bonnie, if you stick with this, you are going to have a long and enviable career in hockey. We wish you all the best and hope to have you in our team one day!

## **Maddy Harwood** (Wing)

Maddy was a great high forward for us this year. Always willing to do the extra running and help out in defence as well. She has been so receptive to instructions and very responsive to advice! Mads, your skills have improved so much over the season – your tackling, "dragging" and hitting too. We loved seeing you use your new skills on the turf, you listened to your coaches well and we thank you for that. You always turned up to games and training with a smile on your face, you were a pleasure to have on the team!

## **Rebecca Kaczmarek** (Full Back)

Sometimes shy, (sometimes not) Bec slowly became one of our most dependable players. Always striving to play her best and always finding ways to improve her game. She is a classic fullback with a mean tackle - I'm not sure she was ever beaten. She impressed us with her consideration of all the other players and would be happy to take any position, never complaining. Bec, you were the smallest player with the BIGGEST tackle. We don't know where you pulled them from! It was a tough season, but you were one of the players we could always count on with your faultless tackles. Can't wait to see you in seniors next year, go easy on us!

## **Katherine Lucas** (Right Half)

It was so nice to meet you this year, Kat. Your positive attitude at training and games was greatly appreciated. You have played some amazing games this year, we were so impressed with your strength in defence that developed during the season. You were one of the players who really improved their skills and confidence this year, you should be really proud! You communicated well on field with your neighbouring team mates and we could always rely on you to stay close with their wingers. I can see you progressing into an inner if you continue with the growing skills we have noticed this year. Best of luck next year!

## **Sarah Lucas** (Full Back)

After a few games we had to tell Sarah that she was a better player than she thought she was. She would play any position, but settled in at full back really well. We knew you would always chase a forward down and watching you back up your team mates on the field was always a pleasure. No matter what we threw at you at training, you would give it a go and that's why we loved having you in our team. Make sure you always trust your instinct and you will blitz seniors.

# 11/12 A Reserve Girls (contd)

## **Niki McGowan** (Goalie)

Nikki, our elected Vice Captain and goalie, was a true asset to our team this year. Nikki would face an onslaught of balls each game and barely let any through. We were incredibly lucky to have her assigned to our team, we wouldn't have survived without her. She would squeal with delight when faced with a 1 on 1. Keeping her calm, she showed wisdom well beyond her years. You had some ups and downs this year, and all of it just makes you even stronger as a person! Your stinky goalie gear will never be forgotten. Can't wait to see you in seniors. You'll kill it.

## **Tegan Stephens** (Centre Half)

Do not measure this girl's strength by the size of her because you will be wrong! Never shying away from tackles, always putting her body on the line and yes she did come off 'worse for wear' in some situations! She was the perfect centre half, mainly because she would always pass to her team mates and always run back to defend when needed. She was always willing to learn something new and would most often pick it up first time. Dropping in behind team mates and backing them up was fantastic. We could see that she loves her hockey and she loves this team.

## **Ellie Weir** (Centre Half / Inner)

Ellie was another one of those players who you could put all your faith into. She has worked tirelessly in every game, showing such amazing heart and endurance. Even copping a ball in the face for her efforts! Ellie has been such a great defender all season, but we have started to notice some confident, strong stick skills developing over the year, which could see Ells be a reckoning force as an inner, or game-controlling centre half. Stick with hockey Ellie, because A: you are only going to improve further, and B: it's a great physical outlet away from your tough studies!

## **Avril Widger** (Defender)

It was a pleasure to meet Avril this year. She has fantastic stick skills and a cracking hit. We felt confident having her in defence to stand strong against some tough and fast opponents. Av made some great tackles and set up some great plays from the half back line. We could always count on Av to put smiles on faces at training with her crazy, comical antics! She is going to be great asset to whatever team she joins next year. Good luck!

## **Kimberley Wynhorst** (Inner and Captain)

Kim shone from day one at training, learning everyone's names and really stepping up straight away, being proactive. We feel that this really helped break the ice in the first couple of weeks. She was vocal and supportive of other team mates and was so receptive to instructions from us coaches. These characteristics won her the captaincy, because we saw her as a natural leader. You have maturity beyond your years girl, and I can see such a bright future ahead of you in hockey and in life! You were so brave after your horrible injury half way through the year and you were missed in the weeks you were away, but still managed to support the girls and be there even when you couldn't play. Look forward to playing alongside you in the future I'm sure!

We had some players fill in for us this year, and we couldn't leave without a quick mention to them.

Chloe, Tori, Alice, Molly Mikayla, Zoe, Courtney, Natalie and Taliesha

# 11/12A Boys

This has been a successful season for the boys which should see them finish top of the ladder with a really good chance in the Grand Final. They scored the highest number of goals in their grade and lots of them were memorable ones!!!! To our fantastic coaches, Josh and Sean, a huge thank you for again volunteering your time to coach the team, the boys have gained so much on how to play the game at a top level. Special thanks also to Annette for putting on her nurse's hat again and to all the parents for your constant support.

## **Joshua Antoncich**

Josh has amazing skills and composure on the ball. Has had quality games all season and has been rewarded by opportunities in the seniors. With his effort and commitment, you will definitely see more of Josh in the seniors!!

## **Julian Bocking**

Julian got better and better as the season went on. I think it had something to do with him starting a tradition of eating hot chips right before the warm up. His efforts won us many games and gave us a commanding position in most games. If your improvement continues like it has so far (which it will), then you will be right up there very soon! Great season!

## **Jake Coleman**

Jake was a vital link in our team on the right half. His composure, passing ability and elimination skills when needed gave us the edge over every team. Also playing fullback and inside forward at times, it showed off his versatility. Relentless second, third, fourth efforts helped our team keep a high standard of game for 70 minutes. Great season mate!

## **Jack Davoren**

Many opposition players quickly learnt that going down Jack's line was an impossible task. Davo was an immovable object when it came to tackling a player, or a 50/50 ball. His dedication to the game plan, the ability to do his job as a player week after week and the sometimes surprising overlaps, eliminating 3 or 4 people, made Davo the complete player he has shown all season. Well done!

## **Isaac Freshwater**

Salty was a new recruit this year, but merged very well with the team. His tackling pressure and ability to find a pass or beat a player was the solidifying element in our back line. Always at training and willing to learn and improve. Great season bud! Hopefully see you around next year in the Maroon again!

## **Fraser Hay**

Fraser had a knack of scoring incredible goals! Clearly the cricket has given him the edge, trapping balls left, right and centre. His smarts on the field to be in the right place in the right time helped us score a lot of goals. Not only did he score a bag, but also assisted quite a few, showing the real team player he is. Was a pleasure coaching you mate. Well done!

## **Jayden Lawrence**

The key player in our defensive unit. Cleaning up a lot of mess as a free defender, ability to release pressure with massive overheads with pin point accuracy, and the skill of putting away drag flicks in short corners when given the opportunity gave our team a winning edge. With his smarts and leadership on the field, senior hockey will be a quick transition.

# 11/12A Boys (contd)

## **Ashley Ranford**

The engine for the team, Ash as our centre half, displayed efficient passing ability, quick and silky elimination skills and an urgency to go forward. Never let up on plays and was constantly working to have the ball on his stick. Opportunities to train with the top squad already, and with his commitment, it will continue to be a regular thing. Great work mate!

## **Frank Reynolds**

Franky was the flair that the team needed. Ability to eliminate players with ease and the intelligence to know when to use that skill was on display each game. Not only when he had the ball was Poopee a presence, multiple stopping tackles, diving efforts to keep the ball in play, and nonstop running is Frank's best hockey attributes. A great player and has great things ahead of him.

## **William Ross**

Will gave 110% each and every game. More than not getting results each time he entered the D, Will always listened and applied what he learnt straight away. Massive improvement from the beginning of the year when everyone was a bit rusty, becoming a key forward for our team. Well done!

## **Patrick Rundle**

Another new recruit, a dangerous forward who took the game on with great pace and skill. Patty knew the game plan and knew what needed to be done and did it, finding the net a number of times. Much like the others, he was willing to learn and improved immensely as the season went on. Also carried his great skill and composure into seniors and held his own very well! Great work mate!

## **Matthew Tate**

Tatey was playing 1s, PSA hockey, and 17s all in this season, yet still came down and gave it his all each minute he was out there. Limiting his minutes as per request was very hard for us, but we knew that with just 10 minutes on he would have a significant impact.

## **Joshua Wakefield**

Finding out that Josh W could play for us half way through the season gave us a massive boost in our midfield. His quick skills and leadership by example was on display each and every game. Josh is very smart on the field, not only with his own game, but helping out others. Great commitment with the team, and like Anto, Josh W will be up and about in the top squads soon enough!

Special thanks must also go to the following players who helped us out throughout the season.

Conor Thompson, Alex Rayfield, Callum Joynes, Jamie Ross, Jordan Rutigliano, Sean Hird and Tom Mansfield.

# 11/12B Boys

This year Melville's 11/12 B's has formed an alliance with Aquinas and after initial problems with our player list, the boys settled into a solid team structure. It's great to see the second half of the season with Melville supplying 7/8 players week on week. Although we have not had many wins this year, there have been many close matches that could have gone our way.

A huge thanks must go out to our former coach Gareth Worley and our current coach Nick Flint and his small band of dedicated followers, Nick always supplies umpires and has encouraged great turnouts for training, thanks for your commitment to this team.

I would also like to acknowledge the support from Corelle and Graeme Coleman, who have navigated a passage through the rocky headlands of the beginning of the season.

## **Gregory Bloem**

Greg has mostly played through the half back and forward line. He has shown great spirit if beaten in a tackle to continue to run the player down. His skill level has lifted as the standard of completion increases. Greg is a year 10 player and can look forward to more years in 11/12's.

## **Caleb Cumper**

Caleb has played a range of positions including wing and half back. He has improved hugely over the season and works hard on improving his defensive skills. He is now becoming a skilled defensive player and is determined not to be passed by an attacking forward. Caleb is a year 11 player and can look forward to next year in this division.

## **Nicholas Dumas**

Nick has often played either left or right wing this year and he continues to show some improving skills in carrying the ball and accurate passing, playing the team game. Great to see Nick make more aggressive tackles and come away with the ball more often.

## **Angus Lawrie**

This is Angus's second season for Melville and he is proving to be a valuable player for the team. Angus is a fast player and often plays half back or inner position. He has shown us his skill for long runs carrying the ball into attack. Angus is a year 11 and will look forward to another season in this division.

## **Thomas Mansfield**

Tom generally has had a preference to play an inner position and always shows great leg speed when coming out of the mid field, this together with his stick skills makes him an excellent mid field player. Tom also works well in combination with Jordan to set up scoring opportunities. Tom will also be able to continue next year in the 11/12 age group.

## **Jack Paterson**

If there is a player that keeps on that huge upward curve of improvement it would be Jack. Unlike many other team members he has held down one full back position the whole season. To me he is made for this position, an imposing player and very hard for opposition forwards to pass him, he also compliments Mitch Kennedy very well.

## **Jordan Templeman**

Jordan has been our reliable mid field player often holding down the centre forward position. Jordan is an agile player who shows a burst of speed to clear congestion and has excellent stick skills. Unfortunately the forward players have lacked the execution when in the attacking "D" and we have struggled to score goals all season.

## **Austin Toogood**

It was fantastic that Austin was able to join our team half way through the season, he gives us a bit more size and strength in the mid field. It appears that he has relished his opportunity to contribute to our attacking centre line. Austin is in year 12 and it will be his last year in this division.

# 9/10A Girls

Well, what the hell did I get myself into.... We started off the season with 14 well mannered, girls. Getting near season end, we had 14 coaches and one player (myself, Craig). By round 8 we started learning a little bit more about styles of hockey, positioning and attitudes of individuals and what is expected from teammates. At the time of writing this report, the girls had started to show many of the goals that each player had set at the start of the season.

The younger players that have come up from 7/8's have certainly stepped up and are on an even par with the 9/10 girls from last year.

Most players have had the opportunity to play up and help out with 11/12's, which has further developed their game. Unfortunately we were not able to get ourselves into finals this year, so here's hoping we take what we have learnt from this year and have a more successful 2014.

## **Bronwen Anderson** (Full Back)

Team Atom (Able to split a hockey ball in half with one hit). Bronny has worked hard on her game all season. Despite being a full back, Bron has achieved the award for one of the second highest goal scorers for the season. This was achieved with her great hitting technique that makes many goalies shudder.

## **Chloe Dawes** (Forward)

Team Torpedo (the elevated shots on goals is a goal keepers worst nightmare). Chloe is sure to keep panel beaters employed. Chloe started off the season very upright. She has become more controlled, lower on the stick and stronger with vision of the goals. Chloe wins the award at time of writing of leading goal scorer for the season.

## **Molly Foss** (Forward)

Team Boarder. Molly's country style hockey has helped her develop a strong playing attitude. Molly can improve by working on her skills and strength on the ball. As a local boarder, Molly has had to rely on transport from team members. This has seen Molly forgotten on occasion, waiting to be picked up, not mentioning any games, Kurt. Fortunately for the team, Molly managed to get to the game.

## **Courtney Fullarton** (Full Back)

Team Rock. Courtney has improved in her tackling in the circle and has shown how strong her leadership role is in the circle, with some rock solid defence. Courtney needs to improve her vision down the field to further develop her hockey. Courtney has helped out in the Women's 3's this year and certainly stepped up for this occasion.

## **Eliane Gebauer** (Half Back)

Team Baby. Eliane's achievement this season has seen her hockey grow in a short time. Eliane has a great hockey mind. There is no question that Eliane has a big future with hockey. Things to improve on for Eliane, include tackling and further development of her confidence. Elaine has also filled in for the Women's premier 2's.

## **Emily Hopkinson** (Goalie)

Team Ball Stop. Emily has worked hard this season and has been fortunate to represent her school for hockey this year in South Africa. Emily is starting to use her voice more on the field. Her long hard kicking has improved. Keep up the good work.

## **Alice Marler** (Forward/half back)

Team Sponge. Alice soaks up any information she can and has grown to be a reliable team member. Over the season, Alice learnt to play a half back roll as well as the forward position. This is Alice's first year in 9/10's, next year will see Alice put a lot of the skills learnt this season into practice more confidently.

## 9/10A Girls (contd)

### **Natalie Matthews** (Half Back/Forward)

Team Quiet Achiever. Nat has shown strength everywhere on the field this year. Nat even played in the forward line, where she showed very good positioning despite having only played as a forward for a short period. Nat has a great eye on the ball in the circle, producing great clearances regularly. Well done Nat.

### **Monique Miller** (Mid Field)

Team Leader. Monique has played up as a regular senior women's premier 2's player. Monique is the backbone of the team, providing support and experience to our younger players. Monique can further develop her game by getting more confident with her hitting.

### **Taleisha Power** (Striker)

Team Dribbler. Taleisha arrived new to the club fresh from the bush. She has certainly stamped a big footprint as a future player to watch out for. Taleisha played up in senior women's premier 2's late in the season and missed out on further games, unfortunately, due to injury. Taleisha needs to be stronger on the ball and have a game plan to work to.

### **Hannah Robson** (Forward)

Team Princess. Hannah always amazes me at training, making sure that mobile phone, makeup, and right coloured shoes are in tact. Round 11 & 12 has seen Hannah step up and play more confidently resulting in some really good hockey.

### **Monique Sader** (Mid Field)

Team Cheetah. Monique has polled the most votes for Green Cards in one season. This season Sader has shown her ability to be able to play up in senior women's premier 2's. Sader is always reliable, strong and her strength to challenge players is outstanding. Sader's ability to keep going, and going and going, no matter how exhausted she is, is to be commended. Sader has a good hockey future. Well done.

### **Mikayla Stephens** (Half Back/forward)

Team Rocket. Mikayla has improved as the season progressed. She is always willing to try different things. Always expressing her opinion of everything and more. Mikayla's on field antics include dancing midfield in an attempt to distract the opposition.

### **Victoria Wade** (Striker)

Team Trouble Maker/Assistant Coach. Tori has gained a lot of confidence on the field. When the coach has said 'find that spark', She has learnt how to produce the goods. For future development, Tori needs to do less bog laps and enter the circle in a more direct way. Tori has a big future in hockey.

A big thank you to Zoe Hopkinson, Kate Daveron and Briahna Vettori-Lum for helping out when we were short. Thank you to Kurt Gebauer for his animated umpiring, just go a little bit easier on your daughter next time please. Also a big thank you to Don Miller, Mark Tate, Sehei and Mihe (Women's 1's Imports from Korea) for helping Craig out with coaching, particularly when Craig was unwell and supposed to be resting after a hospital stay.

Congratulations to Monique Miller achieving under 16's State School Girls Team, Monique Sader, Taleisha Power, Alice Marler, Eliane Gebauer and Molly Foss for achieving Regional Teams, and Monique Sader and Taleisha Power for making it to the end stages of State under 15's trials.

# 9/10A Reserve Girls

Overall the team performed well and challenged the best teams with their strength, determination and ability to fight on. The defence was solid all season with the great goalkeeping, a determined backline and hard-working half-backs. The forwards have great individual talent and troubled the best oppositions. With better finishing, the season may well have been different. It was pleasing to see each of the girls improve through the season. Most important, I am sure the girls had fun and enjoyed the friendships. Thanks to Bruce for his dedication and passion to the coaching job – much appreciated by all! Also thanks to Phil for helping with coaching, and Andre for helping with umpiring when we were in desperate need. And the parents for getting the girls to practice and the games – we had a full strength team for most games.

## **Paige Brickhill** (Halfback/Fullback)

Paige has had a good season this year. She has consistently grown stronger with each game and is starting to show some of the skills that she has learnt during the year. A solid defensive player.

## **Melanie Brown** (Fullback/Halfback)

Melanie has grown in both strength and ability since the start of the season. Her skills and decision making in defence have improved and Melanie has become a confident and very capable backline player.

## **Ciara Browne** (Centre forward/Inner)

Despite being held back this year through injury, Ciara has not lacked in spirit or endeavour. She has always given 100% in training and on the field. One of the strongest sling passes on the team and a very handy forward player.

## **Kate Davoren** (Goalkeeper)

Kate has a real positive outlook and personality. This has been reflected in her goalkeeping for the team this year, with some outstanding saves. Kate's ground game has improved tremendously, and her ability as a keeper continues to develop. I will be watching her progress in future years with interest.

## **Aimee-Lee Dowsett** (Wing/Inner)

Aimee-Lee is a player who has been a delight to coach. She always concentrates at training and applies what she has learnt on the field. This has been reflected in a huge positive change in skill ability and strength over the ball. Would be a handy midfield player if she ever feels confident enough to try.

## **Rebecca Dymond** (Centre Half)

I gave a difficult role to Rebecca in centre half and she applied herself to the task very well. Her overall balance and strength continues to improve each game, and I am sure she will do very well again next year.

## **Kirra Gauci** (Halfback/Fullback)

Kirra has the ability to play a number of roles through the midfield and back line. This has given the team a handy all-round player who can slot into any defensive position well. Kirra is very strong in both attitude and playing ability, and will develop further in coming years.

## 9/10A Reserve Girls (contd)

### **Maddison Moulin** (Fullback/Halfback)

Maddie has probably the strongest clearing hit on the team. When she channels her "emotion" in a positive way Maddie becomes an almost impassable player in defense. I have known Maddie for a few years now, only coaching her for the first time this year. I am hoping to be able to get that opportunity again.

### **Claudia Sader** (Wing)

Claudia has a good turn of speed and when she gets space can quickly outrun her Halfback. Her confidence has improved each game and her skill level is now starting to get back to a point which I remember from previous years. Claudia continues to develop in ability and skills and is an asset in the forward line.

### **Olivia Silvey** (Inner/halfback)

Olivia doesn't give herself enough credit in her ability as a forward player. Traditionally a backline player, I gave Olivia the opportunity to play as an inner as she is one of the strongest players over the ball we have. An ability to hit solidly while running, both forehand and backhand is a great attribute, as well as being able to take on a defensive role as required. A pleasure to coach.

### **Sophie Somerville** (Centre Forward/Inner)

Sophie is a pocket rocket. Once she gets the ball she is off like a terrier, as she has a very good turn of speed. I would have loved to have a good preseason with her as I can see some real ability in her game. Sophie has always given all in the games and has grown in ability during this season.

### **Sushmita Tantry** (Halfback)

Sushi is a quiet and unassuming player but is quite strong once on the field. Sushi's balance has improved this year and this has been reflected in the games where she has shown that she possesses both skills and strength. A solid performance in halfback this year.

### **Rebecca Vanderzwan** (Halfback/Wing)

Rebecca continues to grow in ability each game. A utility player who can play defence as well as attack has given the team great flexibility this year. Rebecca has a solid defensive game with good decision making ability. Also can be a very effective forward player on the wing and has been unlucky not to be rewarded with a goal as yet.

### **Trilby Widger** (Inner/Centre Forward)

Trilby is one of our key forward line players and has always run hard as an inner. Trilby is very good at second effort plays and recovering the ball from her opposition. Trilby had a very good start to the season and has been consistent throughout.

Thanks to the subs who filled in, sometimes at short notice:

Briahna Vettori - Lum

Jade Vanderzwan

Jo Snyman

Ashleigh Power

Ashleigh Bell

Ashleigh Hagen

Jessica Hood

# 9/10B Gold Girls

The 2013 season is sadly over. I must say it started off a little bit rocky for the girls but from a coaching point of view, there has been a major improvement on skill level and game play since the beginning of the year. I would like to say a massive thank you to Amy Fullarton for being my team manager for the season, also a massive thank you to Denise Miller for keeping both Amy and Myself in line, Jordan for being our team umpire for the season and Don Miller for lending a hand when needed.

## **Kate Atkinson** (Forward)

Kate is a competitive and determined player. She has the attitude to get what she wants on the field. She has been rewarded with some great skills and gained more competency.

## **Charlotte Coggin** (Midfield )

When it comes to hockey, Charlotte adds a little extra with her lovely personality and her ability to play. She listened to everything we had to say during the season and applied it on the field. Charlotte has been a very solid defender for our team this year with her spectacular hits on frees. Good work Charlotte! Keep it up!

## **Olivia Fruzynski** (Defender/Midfielder)

Go hard or go home is one way to describe Olivia's attitude towards hockey. She definitely gives a new meaning to it, she gave it all and got great outcomes from it. We have seen some great versatility from Olivia playing through almost every position on the field and doing it with ease and no complaints. Well done. Keep up the good work!

## **Alice Graham** (Forward)

Alice was one of our forwards this year but also played in many different positions. Alice is a bubbly and happy girl who is always a pleasure to coach. She plays wherever she is asked and adjusted well. She also stepped up for our team and filled in as goalie and did a fantastic job. Good work Alice!

## **Sophie Hamdorf** (Fullback)

During the season we got to see what Sophie had to give to our team. She showed excellent improvements throughout and towards the end of the 2013 season. Sophie has been a pleasure to coach this season and has grown as a hockey player, her skills have developed very well and her attitude towards hockey is fantastic. Keep up the good work!

## **Bailey Irvine** (Forward)

Bailey was our highest goal scorer for this season mainly playing centre forward. Bailey also played in the back line doing some good defending. Her skills have developed well since the start of the season and she has learnt to keep the ball on her stick and drag around opposition players. Bailey has been a pleasure to coach with her humour and cheeky personality. Well done on a great season!

## **Siobhan Maguire** (Midfielder)

Siobhan could talk a back leg off a donkey if she tried. Her skills were great for transferring the play up to the forwards and making the links connect. Her tagging was exceptional and did not let players go. Siobhan keep those hands apart on your stick like Amy keeps telling you. Good luck for J11/12's and well done on a great season.

## **Aimee McGinniss** (Forward)

Aimee came just after the season started. During the season Aimee's confidence grew and so did her urge to get involved in play. She was always ready to play and kept a positive attitude throughout the season. Keep up the good work Aimee and set the bar for next year's season!

## 9/10B Gold Girls (contd)

### **Kristine McRobert** (Midfielder/Inner)

Kristine brought quite a positive attitude to hockey. It gave us all the vibe to not give up. Your skills have grown throughout the season and have improved. A loud voice on our team during games, encouraging her team and giving them praise on good work. You contribute lots to the team. Good luck for next year's season!

### **Loren Morphey** (Forward)

Loren taught us that no matter how tall you are you are still able to bend your knees! Loren has had a great drive down the wing and many appearances in midfield or where ever we threw her. She always has a positive attitude, always listens and never gives up. Loren used her skills wisely to be able to drive herself and the ball forward. She has been a pleasure to coach. Well done!! Keep it up!!

### **Karolina Olszewski** (Goalie)

Our goalie, Karolina played some great games through out the season. Her positive attitude towards the game was a great attribute to the team. Throughout the season I have seen much improvement, keep up the hard work and you will be rewarded! Good luck for the seasons to come!

### **Hattie Steele** (Midfielder)

Hattie has great strength over the ball, her role as centre half gave great coverage all over the field. She fulfilled this role with positive attitude and commitment. Not one game went by without a bright red face coming off the field. She has been a pleasure to coach, always trying her best at games and training, listening to what she's told and being positive throughout the season. Nothing is too hard for Hattie. Lovely work Hattie! Hope next season brings great experiences!

### **Sonia Urbano** (Midfielder)

Sonia took talking underwater with a mouth full of marbles to a whole new level this year! Despite her willingness to engage in conversation every five seconds, her skills on the field paid off with her urge to get the ball and drive it forward. Miss reverse stick tackler, as she has been known, has had a fantastic season. Your hard work has paid off Sonia, Good luck next season!

### **Gillian Walker** (Fullback)

Gillian mainly played fullback this season. She listened to everything I had to tell her and she performed this well. She cleared many balls out defence and wacked some crazy balls down the field for us. Your skills have grown throughout the season and you have gained more knowledge on the field. Good luck for next season! Enjoy!

### **Rhiannon Wickham** (Forward)

Rhiannon, your skill level has improved since the beginning of the season. You brought laughs and smiles to hockey and made it fun. With the outcome of your first goal, to going hard in tackles. Your season has been a success, good luck for the years to come!

I would also like to thank the J7/8 players for filling in when we were short on players, many thanks go to the parents who help make this season memorable. Well done girls we are very proud of all of you, keep up the good work and GOOD LUCK for the future!!!!

# 9/10A Boys

As a coach, my goal is to improve the individual skills of players and to instil into players sets of plays and structures that will see them progress smoothly into senior ranks. Everyone in this team has improved.

I wish to thank Kate Page for her work as manager and also thank all parents for their support and advice over the course of the season.

Keith Harper coach

## **Samuel Cocks** (Fullback and Halfback)

Sam and Jordon formed a formidable wall at the back where they denied opponents any time or space. Both Jordon and Sam's tackling improved significantly over the season. It is a relief for everyone to know that the lumberjack tackles are a thing of the past. Relatively new to the fullback position, Sam and Jordon had to follow the coach's instructions even though they were uncomfortable with some of the plays called for. Mistakes were made, but the two lads persisted. The pair will be much more accomplished players as they join more senior ranks. Both players need to improve their disposal. When under pressure, safety first is the number one option and when time and space are available accuracy and timing is paramount. Full backs are the first line of attack. Both players can take pride in the improvement that they made over the season.

## **Sean Hird** (specialist Halfback)

Thin, frail, and tiny - so thought many a right winger, but they quickly gave this guy the respect that he deserved. I love a player with 'ticker' and Sean has it by the bucketful. Sean was rarely beaten and when he was he hated it. It spurred him on to get the better of his opponent. This attitude is so difficult to instil in a player – some say that it can't be coached. Sean, you are still thin, frail and tiny, so grow and put on some muscle. Seriously, when you do get bigger and stronger, you will be able to work on the offensive side of your game and make yourself an even more valuable player for your team. A fabulous year.

## **Andrew Howells** (Striker)

Andy possesses plenty of speed. However, he needs to learn how to read a game of hockey so that he can use his pace to the advantage of the team both offensively and defensively.

## **Callum Joynes** (Striker and Right Half)

Callum had the indefatigable belief that he had the best shot on goal of the whole team. Callum, however, played his best hockey at right half where his stick skills and ability to read the play meant that he became a terrific assister rather than converter. Callum's skills also came to the fore as our injector on penalty corners. The area that Callum needs to improve is his work rate. When he combines high work rate with the skills and hockey nous that he already possesses, Callum will become a very fine player.

## **Jackson McReady** (Striker)

Jack possesses plenty of speed. However, he needs to learn how to read a game of hockey so that he can use his pace to the advantage of the team both offensively and defensively. Jack proved to be a very good stick stopper on our penalty corners.

## **Nicholas Page** (Striker and halfback)

While Nick loved to play in attack, it was fantastic to see the way he took on the role of half back because that was what was required to give the team better balance. Like Callum, Nic used his knowledge of being a striker to help set up plays rather than finishing them off. Like Sean, Nic was never beaten and his second efforts were outstanding. Like the boys at the back, the area that he needs to improve is his disposal. It's always pleasing to see a player get better and better over the course of a season. Well done.

# 9/10A Boys (contd)

## **Alex Rayfield** (midfield,striker and Fullback)

Alex had to be our “Mr Fixit” in the first half of the season as the best balance of player positions were finalised. His ability to influence a game anywhere on the field was second to none as his skill and work rate set a fantastic standard for his team-mates. Finally able to settle in the midfield, Alex was able to give us greater control of games by either dominating with solo performances or setting up his forwards with incisive passing. Alex has a great love of the game. Within a game, though, his passion is the penalty corner. In the future we will see a drag flicker extraordinaire.

## **Jonathan Rayfield** (Goal Keeper)

Jono was constantly amused by his brother’s feeble drag flicks, but watch out Jono, he’s gonna get better. Jono started the season in brilliant fashion against Wolves and never let his standards drop much lower than magnificent. He was one of our most skilful and consistent players. With greater self-confidence will come the “talk” required of elite goal keepers. Jono must demand that his team-mates do what he tells them when he tells them. He must become ‘the boss’.

## **James Ross** (Striker and Midfield)

Ideally, we needed Jamie as a high striker as two sensational tomahawk goals against Lions early in the season proved. However, we had to play him in the midfield to give us greater control of games. Jamie’s game is similar to his personality – cheeky. His skills can be sublime and his feints and passes can befuddle the most experienced players. I don’t want to put the mocka on Jamie, but “This kid has great potential.”

## **Jordan Rutigliano** (Fullback and Halfback)

Sam and Jordon formed a formidable wall at the back where they denied opponents any time or space. Both Jordon and Sam’s tackling improved significantly over the season. It is a relief for everyone to know that the lumberjack tackles are a thing of the past. Relatively new to the fullback position, Sam and Jordon had to follow the coach’s instructions even though they were uncomfortable with some of the plays called for. Mistakes were made, but the two lads persisted. The pair will be much more accomplished players as they join more senior ranks. Both players need to improve their disposal. When under pressure, safety first is the number one option and when time and space is available accuracy and timing is paramount. Full backs are the first line of attack. Both players can take pride in the improvement that they made over the season.

## **Lachlan Sims** (Striker,Midfield and Halfback)

What a work ethic! We needed a transfusion or two for a couple of team-mates this year. Lachy proved to be most valuable on the wing where he could use his pace to crack open opposition defences. He’s very team orientated, but, as a forward, needs to be a bit more selfish and take the scoring option rather than the pass.

## **Eddie Swan** (Striker)

Eddie found his best position as the high striker where he read the passes of our midfielders and knocked in some magnificent deflect goals. Eddie picked up on his defensive role and work rate as the year went on. He loves his hockey and will be one of the big improvers over the coming years.

## **Conor Thompson** (Midfield and Fullback)

Conor has a good feel for the game and while he played very well as a fullback we needed his hockey nous and skills in the midfield. Here he was able to hold onto the ball and either calm things down or create chances for our forwards. Already blessed with a mature attitude, Conor is another to keep an eye on in the future.

## **Jonathon Thorn** (Full Back and MidField)

Jono played his best hockey at fullback but had to be moved up to the centre half position where it suited the balance of the team. He is another player with the ability to read the play and tackle strongly. To improve, Jono needs to release the ball early to the forwards and let them do the attacking, and work on his fitness with the emphasis being on sprint work.

# 9/10A Reserve Boys

This was a season where I saw an opportunity to take a group of players and concentrate on developing their individual skills before they moved in their careers to levels of hockey where this would be essential. Key to this approach was the appointment of guest coaches who were accustomed to coaching modern techniques at international levels. Thanks to China Davies, Jason Butcher and Matthew Swann who ran fortnightly drills that were both enjoyable and educational. This approach freed me to take players aside and concentrate on particular needs away from the main group. I believe that the system was successful and China and I saw noticeable improvement in all of the guys, relative to the beginning of the season.

As a team, very little coaching was needed apart from the basic hockey fundamentals. This was a great bunch of hockey players. Good natured and always up for a laugh, they all enjoyed each others company on and off the pitch and this team camaraderie resulted in getting personal satisfaction from every training session, and the 70 minutes of competition. OK, we only won a few matches but their last game demonstrated to all just what a formidable unit they'd become. As stated, this was a year of cramming as much skills and basic hockey knowledge as time would allow and losses after round 3 were always the narrowest of margins.

Many thanks to Tony Brown and Chris Clark who handled the management duties professionally and without a hitch. This form of support is so critical to the smooth running of a group of 13+ players and their families and is much appreciated by all.

Thanks to our umpires for making their time available.

Many thanks also to Mack Love, Henry Rogerson and Ben Dixon for filling in when holidays left us short. And final thanks to the parents who braved the conditions and the traffic and presented oranges at half time without fail.

Coach: Andy Reynolds

## **Cameron Addison**

A steady and reliable half back, Cameron improved his game over the season in the essential areas of tackling and hitting. One of our tallest players, he could outrun opposition wing attacks and hinder their effectiveness, and most times turning defence into attack. Areas of improvement - awareness of other players and accurate disposal. On field communication.

## **Bailey Brown**

A midfield allrounder, Bailey has the skills and hockey smarts to be an effective centre half and inner. Always capable of individual one-on-one feats to win possession and create turnovers. With a little more attention to aggressive running on and off the ball, Bailey has a bright hockey future. Areas of improvement - Be effective for the whole game, you cannot afford to zone out and ball watch.

## **Benjamin Clark**

Always thinking ahead for a better way, Ben presented a real danger at centre forward. Great skills, a fierce shot on goal and a thirst for action saw Ben always involved at the sharp end of attacking moves. On field communication was always positive. Areas of improvement - A little more discipline following instruction and keep hockey simple.

## **Connor Deaville**

Connor is the type of hockey player that makes teams tick. Selfless, tireless and hardworking sums up Connors attributes. At left half, or when asked to tag dangerous opposition players, Connor succeeded with a combination of strength and earnest attention to task. Some of the best pressure marking I've seen. Areas of improvement - speed of response after turnovers and accurate disposal.

## **Mathew Dixon**

I knew before the season began how Matt would play, and the towering example he would set. Matt is all heart, an utterly dependable defender who never gives up. Tireless tackling - a player that any coach can build an entire defence around. The heart and soul of the team, Matt led by example, not even coming off after a ball cracked into his head. Areas of improvement - speed of response after turnovers and accurate, clean disposal. It's so much easier to get a hit away before a press is established.

# 9/10A Reserve Boys (contd)

## **Henry Edwards**

A sound, dependable and versatile forward, I was happy to have the opportunity to coach Henry this year. Henry is always attentive and keen to improve. His basic skill level is excellent, and combined with his astute hockey thinking, saw him as integral in the midfield and in situations of free space deep in attack. Areas of improvement - show no mercy in the "D", accept no less than the right reward for your effort.

## **Jamie Howells**

Real and noticeable refinement of existing potential and ability during this season for Jamie. An ideal midfielder, Jamie showed maturity, flair and great lateral thinking which added tangible dimension to our teamplay. Jamie is more than ready to take his game to a higher level and easily match it with the competition's best. Areas of improvement - from the moment you step onto a hockey field, invest hard work to take control, don't wait.

## **Hayden Lock**

A real pleasure coaching Hayden in this hockey team. Hayden's success on the hockey field is due to a combination of ability and sheer hard yakka. Backline or midfield, Hayden always made a positive difference, never letting his side down and squeezing the life out of his direct opposition. There's undoubtedly a big future for this hockey player. Areas of improvement - Don't always rush to look ahead, often the killer pass is lateral, then forward.

## **Hamish MacPherson**

Noticeable improvement throughout the season from Hamish. A capable athlete, Hamish finished off the year with some good hockey smarts and skills. The perfect striker who was able to defend an overlapping opposition flank half and sprint to be at the "D" to pick up chances on goal. Areas of improvement - take time to control the ball after you've run to make space. Don't rush your finishing.

## **Andrew McCartney**

A real improvement in ability culminating in a BOG in our last game against the top team. It's always great to have a dedicated goalie in a team and Andrew showed that with time, his skills be equal to any grade - great reflexes and timing. Areas of improvement - give up basketball, clear the ball wide and CALL loudly. Control the "D", it's your territory.

## **Jackson Parker**

Jackson has been a real bonus for our striker crew this season. Able to play any forward position ably, he also has the capability and tenacity to cover defend at inside forward. With a fierce shot on goal as well, Jackson read the play well and was always dangerous in the "D". Areas of improvement - more aggression when finishing, look laterally in midfield.

## **Will Reynolds**

Key to the right side strike force, Will completely opened up defences just by playing position. A really pleasing improvement in basic close-in skills and astute reading of the play made Will an exciting forward to watch, especially on turf. A much appreciated assistant to the coach also in pre game warmup and team morale. Areas of improvement - develop a killer shot on goal and learn to beat goalies one-on-one.

## **Eugene Tang**

A mighty running flank half, Eugene's workrate is only matched by his passion for the game. He never gave up and always did the work that was required of him under any conditions without question. A lovely, sweet hit and capable tackling ability made Eugene an indispensable, key member of the defence. Areas of improvement - tighter marking of opposition wingers and knowing when to release into attack.

## **Tony Ziegelaar**

Tony is one of those players who has a knack of getting the right touch at the right time. A useful, versatile forward, he was as unpredictable to the coach as he was to the opposition. A seriously dangerous forward, Tony constantly amazed all in the team with his ability to nail reflex goals from impossible angles. Areas of improvement - more consistent positional play and attention to cover defence.

# 9/10C Boys

## **Ben Belke** (Right Half Back)

Ben was our ever dependable right halfback, who also had the odd stint at centre back (much to his dismay!). Ben has a unique ability to read the play, and as an attacking defender often intercepted the opposition's moves forward, resulting in fast turnovers that our forwards could take advantage of. Ben is very determined, and always in the game. I also learnt much about string theory, gravity, IT and teleportation while driving Ben to training. Along with Atle and Sam, at times I thought I had the cast of the Big Bang Theory in the car with me.....

## **Ryan Breuer** (Centre Forward)

Ryan had an outstanding season at centre forward. Blessed with great stick skills and good goal sense, Ryan has the ability to generate a lot of attacking moves, and has a powerful hit which resulted in the bulk of the season's goals. Ryan is also a strong leader on the field, and a good example of "the better you train, the better you play" theory.

## **Joel Daniels** (Right Wing)

Joel played most of the season on the right wing, where his defensive role required a lot of marking up and tackling. Joel is one of our quieter team members, but very determined when it is his turn to go in and win the ball. Joel is a very unselfish player who is always looking for team mates when he has the ball.

## **Alec Dorrington** (Full Back)

Unfortunately Alec broke his wrist in a skateboarding accident after the first game, and couldn't play again. A dogged defender, Alec was missed, but we hope you are up and about next year.

## **Atle Edgar** (Left Half Back/ Wing)

Atle has only played a season and a half of hockey, but his rapid improvement in that time sees him as one of the most dependable members of the team. Playing in a variety of positions, Atle always ran hard, competed at all times and won more than his fair share of one on one contests. Atle never gives up, and provided the team with midfield run all season. Keep at it Nudie.

## **Josh Hardbottle** (Left Wing)

Our dynamic left wing, Josh had a great year with many damaging runs where he took on the opposition and beat them hands down. Josh's control of the ball at full pace is exceptional, and he has a very bright future ahead. And who could forget his 2 goals in a couple of minutes in one game?! Well done Josh - your enthusiasm makes you very easy to coach.

## **Mitchell Hayward** (Right Inner)

Mitchell H played most of the year as a hard running inner who was involved in so many of the teams attacking moves. He played sick or injured a few times, but still ran himself to near exhaustion. He deservedly nailed a couple of goals during the season, working well with Ryan, Josh and Mitchell W in attack. Always a pleasure to coach, Mitch also provided spectators with some of the best on-field stacks you'll ever see!

## **Liam Hill** (Right Full Back)

I have had the good fortune to watch Liam develop into a fine defender over the last 4 years. In his favourite position at right fullback, Liam is dependable and courageous, and wins a lot of the ball through his determined tackling. And when he gets it right, Liam also possesses a great clearing free hit, enabling the team to turn defence into attack quickly.

## 9/10C Boys (contd)

### **Thomas Pinkerton** (Right Inner)

Tom shows some great stick skills, and was one of our most creative players this season. Playing all season as an inner, Tom worked hard to create scoring opportunities for himself and his teammates. He fights hard and never gives the ball up easily, and also worked very hard defensively when the ball went the other way. Tom also retrieved a hubcap I thought I had lost after one game, so extra kudos there!

### **Eilidh Rayfield** (Full Back/ Half Back/ Wing)

Our number one fill in! But - so much more than a fill in, Elidh played most of our games this season, displaying skill and determination that saw her become a key player in our team. Playing mainly full and half back, Elidh was always well positioned and very hard to pass, and her clearing hits relieved pressure time and time again. When thrown into right wing against the top team, Elidh scored a superb goal. It was our only one in a 6-1 loss, but was perhaps the loudest celebrated goal of the year. Thanks from everyone Elidh!

### **Samuel Skepper** (Centre Back)

Sam probably had the most difficult role of the year, as being centre back required him to often mark up damaging opposition forwards. He ran many a mile and did some great work in this role, but also played well when freed up to run a little more openly. Sam formed a good partnership with Ben in defence, and his good positioning resulted in lots of intercepts, while good decision making often resulted in deft passes to forward running teammates.

### **Scott Stewart** (Left Full Back/ Half Back)

Scott played most of the year at half and full back where he was very reliable. He showed a lot of courage meeting opposition forwards, and won many one on ones each game. Scott also showed an ability to run the ball from defence once he had won the ball, giving his teammates time to provide a passing option. Always willing to listen, Scott is a great team man who is well liked by everyone.

### **Joel Walkemeyer** (Goalie)

The whole team owes so much to our popular goalie Joel. Playing above his year group, Joel got the team over the line on more than one occasion with some outstanding saves. Joel is extremely talented and determined, and has a big future in the game due to his drive to be the best player he can be. Thanks from all of us Joel – our season could not have happened without you!

### **Mitchell Widger** (Wing/ Inner)

What can I say about Mitchell W? The team comedian, who spent 3 months plotting ways to abduct the coaches (i.e. my) dog. Mitch played wing and inner most of the year, with the odd stint at halfback. He displayed a lot of attacking flair when given time and space, resulting in some great runs, intelligent team-work and even a handful of goals which were well deserved. Mitch was sorely missed for the last few games, but we hope you had a great holiday!

# 7/8A Girls

What a year it has been. Coaching 13-year-old girls was never going to be easy, and the girls threw everything they had at us. Of course, the girls also had many laps to make up for “small” lapses in concentration or excessive talking, which we are sure they loved. It has been a pleasure to watch these girls grow and mature, both as people and as hockey players, and we are sure there is lots of development left in each of them.

Every single one of these girls has given both of the coaches a heart attack at least once, and we wouldn't trade it for the world.

Maddy and I expect to see at least some of you playing with us in the next few years – no pressure.

Never give up, girls, no matter what happens.

## **Lauren Anderson**

Little girl, BIG personality. Lauren was thrown around the field this year, playing all the way from fullback to wing, and always giving her all each time. She found her niche in left half this year, and played exactly how her coaches asked her to, with a little Lauren spin on it. Full of sass and vitality, Lauren was a welcome addition to the team and we look forward to seeing more from her. Maintain strength in your passing and your game will definitely improve.

## **Abigail Bell**

Words cannot describe Abi; she's the weekly entertainment for the team, whether its talking about boys, hockey, classroom escapades, boys, homework or boys, she always has something to say or laugh about. She's a great forward for the team, and has some real developing skill with the ball. Focus on keeping the ball on the fore-stick and your passing, and you will become a terrific team player. Well done this season Abi, and congratulations on making the South Regional and U13 State teams.

## **Eva Cocks**

Always quiet both at training and at games, Eva has showed great tenacity on the field, and dedication at training. She could always be counted on to stop that pesky forward, and took on the role of team tagger with aplomb. The girl who most liked to run, the girls often complained that Eva was too fast for them to practice short corners against – this is a great compliment. Concentrate on playing your position, and only your position, and we are sure that we will see you go far. Congratulations on your Regionals selection.

## **Molly Hagen**

Catchphrase: “Guess what I did at school” Whether telling us about her cross country achievements or making a breakaway sprint to the goals, Molly had us entertained throughout the whole season. As one of the older girls on the team, we relied on Molly for those turnovers and her ability to score goals for us, which she did very skillfully on more than several occasions. Keep up the good work and remember to keep running back Molly! Congratulations on making the South Regional and U13 State teams.

## **Alice Haigh**

Our English Lady, Alice had a tendency to use one hand rather than two while playing hockey. This was shortly remedied with excessive tape and a scratch match at training, and we are sure that she has learned that using one hand in hockey will result in a patch of hairless skin from her hand to wrist. Apart from this, Alice has had a great season where she has improved on her basic skills. Playing as a forward, she was never scared of the ball or going for a tackle, despite what her nickname might suggest. Well done Alice, you are a pleasure to coach.

## **Jessica Hood**

Jess was regularly our last bastion of defence. Her amazing aerial saves always had spectators exclaiming and applauding. She pushed through her injuries to deliver some of the best saves we've seen in a 13 year old. With some improvements to your footwork, you'll have no problems in the future. Congratulations on making the South Regional and U13 State teams.

## 7/8A Girls (contd)

### **Zoe Hopkinson**

Captain Zoe, the girl who should not be let loose in the forward line. Frequently punctuating training with exclamations of “OH. MY. GAWD.”, Zoe was selected as captain at the beginning of the season, she did not disappoint. Loud on the field, loud off it, she let the girls know exactly what needed to happen, and could be relied on to help keep the girls in line – not an easy task. Zoe, we would like to see you concentrate more on staying central as a center-half – trust your teammates to make the wide tackles. Congratulations on making the U15 South Regional team this year.

### **Harriet MacNevin**

Harriet played forward and halfback for us this year, and scored a few impressive goals, while both the coaches were away!! She was always eager for game time and sought to improve her skills in training, an attitude that allowed her to develop this season. Remember to run off your teammates for a lead next year, Harriet, and your game should improve even more.

### **Ashleigh Power**

New to the club this year, Vice-Captain Ash slotted into the team in what would come to be her signature style, with a smile and a little giggle and a tippy-toe run off. With facial expressions reminiscent of Alvin and the Chipmunks, Ash went from strength to strength this year. She has an ability to hit the ball through the only gap in the field, and to take the ball off attackers without them really knowing. Ash’s one foray into the forward line netted her a goal in the first minute, to the surprise of many. Remember to always use your voice, Ash; you’re doing it right if the coaches can hear you.

### **Jo Snyman**

Despite ongoing problems with her knees, Jo has proved to be a valuable asset to the team at inner and as a general forward. I’m sure the team could do without the extremely high-pitched cricket noises, but we don’t mind as long as she keeps up the excellent work we’ve seen this year. Congratulations on making the South Regional and U13 State teams.

### **Luca Swart**

Luca played some very nice hockey in the inner and halfback positions; she provided some solid defence and attack throughout the season. While joining a new club can sometimes be daunting, Luca fit in quickly and always with a cheery smile. Always keen to play forward and be part of goal scoring, we saw improvement in her skills that allowed her to set up and score goals. You look great in goalie gear!

### **Jade Vanderzwan**

Nickname: “Squirt”. Jade was a solid defender and midfielder this year, and her tenacity and ability to play in several positions made her a valuable asset to the team. Always asking “what’s next” at training, her eager participation allowed her to improve in hockey and become a pivotal player in the team. Well done this season Jade, and keep it up for next year. Congratulations on making the South Regional and U12 State School Girls teams.

### **Briahna Vettori - Lum**

Saddled with the nickname “Kiwi” very early on (from the first training), Bree was quickly pegged as a potential fullback. Throughout the season, Bree has shown that she is capable of this and more. She was a force in the backline and worked very well with Ash. Bree took on the position of post in short corners very well this year and didn’t shy away from the ball– we know it’s scary. In the future Bree, we would like you to concentrate on your tackling – remember, no flat feet!

Thank you to Lena Hopkinson, manager extraordinaire, to whom we only had to mention something and it would be done. Thank you for taking care of everything this season. Thank you also to the parents for your continued support, both for us and for your children.

Thank you to Kirsty, Eilidh, Sarah, Neasa and Chloe for filling in!

# 7/8A Reserve Girls

The 2013 season was a challenging one for the 7/8A Reserve Girls, playing against some clubs top teams in the age group. The girls should be really proud of their efforts this year. A big thankyou to our manager Jenny Ross for keeping us organised this season and to Rae Thompson for helping out as manager also. Thankyou to Dennis Loffell and Theresa Rayfield for stepping in as coach when I wasn't available. A special thanks to the year co-ordinators Vanessa Cornwall and Lena Hopkinson for your help with organising the team and fill in players this season. Thanks must also go to all the parents, your support all season has been fantastic. I really enjoyed coaching the girls this year and I wish you all the best in the seasons to come.

Brianna Coleman – Coach

## **Alana Baskerville**

Alana was a key player in our forward line this season, playing mostly at left wing. As the season progressed, she became a very strong player on her reverse stick side and gave us a lot of attacking opportunities down the left. With a little more confidence, Alana will grow into a really strong player in the future.

## **Maddy Bedford**

Maddy played mostly between wing and inner this season and played consistently well in either position. She could always be relied upon to give 100% and give the team a lot of attacking drive resulting in some great forward plays. Keep developing your skills and you will go very far as a player.

## **Cassandra Drayton**

Cass was one of the more versatile players in our team this season, playing between half back, inner and wing. When in defence, she could always be relied on to mark her player and clear the ball to our forwards. In the forward line, Cass gave us a lot of scoring opportunities and was always in a good position to receive the ball. Keep up the great work.

## **Lisa Gleave**

As our team goalie, Lisa has had a fantastic season. Her efforts at training this year have been far beyond expectations and her hard work has really paid off, with her performing well at state trials for both the U12 and U13 teams. Lisa could always be relied on to lead the team from the back and despite our ladder position, she conceded minimal goals this season.

## **Poppy Goerke**

Poppy played mostly between left and right wing this season and did a fantastic job on either side. She is a great positional player and always knew where she needed to be to receive the ball. With a little bit more strength over the ball, Poppy will be scoring a lot of goals in the seasons to come.

## **Kirsten Loffell**

Kirsten played between full back, half back and inner this season and was a solid part of our team, no matter where she played. She has a great hit and a fantastic ability to deliver the ball straight to our player's sticks. Kirsten is a very unselfish player, always looking to pass to her team mates and then get into a position to receive the ball again. Kirsten should be proud of her efforts this season.

## 7/8A Reserve Girls (contd)

### **Luritha Martens**

Luritha moved to Perth from Busselton this year and we were very lucky to have her family join the club. Starting the season as an inner, Luritha cemented her position in our team as centre half a few weeks later. She has great stick skills and was able to eliminate opposition players with ease. Keep working on your basic skills and you will go very far as a player.

### **Luka Mellor**

The quiet achiever of the team. Luka played in a lot of positions this season, before fitting in well as our solid right half back. Her ability to know when to auto play was fantastic for the team and gave us a lot of drive down the right side. With a little bit more confidence, Luka will grow into a great hockey player.

### **Bryanna Miller**

Bryanna played most of the season as full back and did a fantastic job. She has strong and solid tackles, breaking down the opposition's attack on many occasions. She has improved significantly week by week. Her eye for the ball when tackling and ability to listen, then use that knowledge in a game situation is amazing. Bryanna has a lot of promise for the future.

### **Kayla O'Sullivan**

Kayla has been a very consistent player all year and has a big future ahead of her. As our team centre forward, she has an amazing ability to eliminate players and create goal scoring opportunities for herself and other players. Kayla was the teams' highest goal scorer for the season.

### **Eilidh Rayfield**

One of our super fullbacks. Eilidh was a solid part of our defensive line this season. She has a great ability to remain calm in defence which was a fantastic asset to the team. Eilidh's strong hit gave our forwards a lot of opportunities to attack and keeping the pressure off Lisa. Eilidh was regularly playing more than 1 game each weekend and would never give up. Keep up the great work.

### **Amy Ross**

Amy has proved her position as left half back in our team all season. Amy does a lot of running to mark out her player and is very quick to breakdown the attack of the opposition. Amy was by far the loudest player in our team this season and was always positive and encouraging everyone to do their best.

### **Ciara Thompson**

Ciara has been prepared to play any position asked of her and has been a constant performer. She could always be relied on to link well with other players and set up a number of scoring opportunities. It was great to see Ciara progress as a player as the season went on. Keep up the great work Ciara.

## 7/8B Gold (Maroon) Girls

### **Stella Brown**

Stella comes from a large family and all of them are into hockey, which unfortunately can be a logistical nightmare for her poor parents! Stella is a confident player who likes to carry the ball and has been asked to play almost every position on the field so far this year, other than full back! A quiet, yet attentive player, Stella can be relied on to perform in any position the team needs her and she does so happily.

### **Jaida Christie**

Another first timer to hockey this year and wow what a find! Jaida has speed and natural hand eye coordination that allows her to run flat out and keep the ball on the end of her stick. After a painful welcome to hockey in the early rounds (thanks to a ball in the face and braces), Jaida has bounced back with courage and never shies away from a contest. As her skills and game knowledge grow each week, Jaida has solidified her place in the half back line. She has also solidified her place as one of the team's key pranksters!

### **Annabel Drane (Anny)**

Young "Anny" is such a delightful kid who is always bright, smiling and raring to go. She loves playing in the rain (even when not playing hockey) and can often be found on her knees inside the 'D', next to the goalie's pads trying to whack a ball into the back of the net! We love that. Anny is a pleasure to have as part of the team and always gives 110% effort, both in training and games.

### **Crystal Hobbs**

Quiet, unassuming Crystal has proven to be one of our strongest and most consistent players. Her strength behind the ball and composure under pressure made her the perfect Centre Half for most of the season. However, it was clear she wanted a crack at Centre Forward and when she finally got her chance, she held nothing back, scoring both winning goals and the biggest smile of the season. As a young adult, I foresee a positive future for Crystal because she is one of those kids who listens attentively, then quietly gets on with the job to the best of her ability.

### **Nadia Konagai**

Once you can pry Nadia apart from her adoptive twin sister (Naomi), you find a defender that is never afraid to go in for a tackle and will do so each time with a smile on her face. Not one for running too far, Nadia is comfortable in the back line and has established herself as a reliable "last line of defence". Hopefully one day Nadia will decide to wear shin guards and boots to training instead of ballet flats!

### **Cydney Marrington (Cyd)**

Cydney has emerged over the season as a strong defender and one of our best taggers. Many of her team mates will attest to the aggressiveness of Cydney's tackles and we are all glad she is on our team, not the opposition! Whilst Cyd may not be the strongest dribbler of the ball, when she connects on a hit...it stays hit! Cyd has played a number of positions throughout the year and has found a home in the half back line.

## 7/8B Gold (Maroon) Girls (contd)

### **Jessie McDonald (Jess)**

Jess is a passionate player with a determination to win, especially against teams that are not as “polite” as we might like in girls 7/8 hockey! She has found a niche for herself out on the right wing and when she can keep the ball away from her own feet :), she is dangerous in the attacking circle. Jess also has a promising future as a fitness/yoga instructor with her “inventive” warm up exercises.

### **Reen Minotti**

Reen can whack the ball as hard as anyone in the competition, unfortunately it is not always when someone else is watching or ready for it! With such a good hit and a passion for swimming (not running), Reen was ideal as a full back. However, dreams of glory in the forward line grew stronger until one day she got her chance as Centre Forward. We all wondered where the energy was coming from that day and eventually Reen scored a great goal. We then discovered that thanks to a pre-game bet with her mum, that goal just made Reen \$10 richer!

### **Emma Shaw (Ems)**

Emma hates playing wing and never misses the opportunity to remind her coach of this. However, she has one of the best reverse stick drags and cross hits in the competition and any coach is crazy not to utilise this talent for the good of the team! After much protest, when Emma rotates back to her emotional home of Centre Forward, she then proceeds to sit out on the left wing! Go figure?! Despite this, Emma has been one of our most successful goal scorers and has shown great leadership qualities throughout the year. Emma has a bright future not just in hockey, but also as a young adult.

### **McKenzy Stringer**

As goalie, McKenzie has one of the most difficult positions in hockey; with long periods of boredom (the longer the better!), interspersed with intense periods of mayhem where it feels like everyone from the opposition is trying to kill you! If any goal gets through, every goalie blames themselves, despite the other 10 players the opposition managed to get past before them! Thankfully McKenzie has enjoyed an impressive save/miss ratio and this is largely due to her courage and determination to attack the ball at all times. Never short of an opinion or a question, McKenzie is a pleasure to have in the team, with or without her goalie gear!

### **Tiana Tindale (Tiara)**

As a first timer to hockey this year, Tiana has surprised many observers on the sidelines throughout the year. From day one, Tiana has had a strong determination to get to the ball despite how exhausted she may be. After cutting her teeth as a half back early in the season, Tiana’s endurance and improved ball delivery skills allowed her to move to Inner, where together with Jess and Jaida, they have made a strong right side attack. Whilst she still needs to develop her fine stick skills (i.e. dribbling), the fact that Tiana always gives 110% effort means she has a bright future in hockey. Unlike many others in the team, Tiana has no problems “expressing” herself whilst on the field!

### **Naomi Yuen (Naomi)**

Of course you can’t mention Naomi without her partner in crime (Nadia), although if you can get her on her own long enough you find a girl who is a surprisingly courageous and capable hockey player. Once Naomi is focused on the right task (which can sometimes take a while... and may require a few reminders) she knuckles down and gets on with the job. Sometimes you might even see a smile or two in the process! Unlike Anny, Naomi is more than happy to be substituted when it starts to rain!

## 7/8B Gold (White) Girls

### **Mia Algar** (Half back, inner, centre forward)

Isn't it amazing what happens when you find the right position! Mia played half back and inner early on in the season, but then played as a centre forward and blossomed. Your fast smooth running and your ability to receive and control the ball at pace was outstanding. You set up many goals and your sharp reactions in the attacking D finished off the good work of the others. Just remember to concentrate all the time on what is happening and what is about to happen. Well done Mia.

### **Samantha Chisholm** (Sam, Samo (full back))

At the mid-point of the season, Sam had a genuine light bulb moment! 'I am a really good defender, with a great hit and an ability to read the game really well.' (Here's a little secret - you always had it and everyone else knew it, it just took a bit of time for you to realise it!) With the best hit in the team, you spread the ball wide into attack bypassing the opposition and set us off up the right wing beautifully! Your reading of the game has improved out of sight and your clean tackling was outstanding. Just remember to keep your head down when you hit.... and stay out of trouble at home!!

### **Bellsye Illman** (Bells (centre half/full back))

Cool, calm, collected, skilful and smart! Your ability to take the ball off the opposition cleanly in deep defence and rebound out of the defensive area to get the ball to our half backs and wings was brilliant. I think we mentioned more than once how comforting it was to have you back there. All good attacks come from the defence and having you there meant we were able to counter the oppositions attacks and generate forward movement, which was one of the reasons we were such a good team. Just work on getting that hit more consistent and your skills as a resolute defender will be complete. Thank you for all your hard work Bellsye.

### **Phoebe Knudsen** (PK (right wing, centre forward))

What a great season Phoebe. You have developed hugely into a tenacious, strong and effective winger. As a winger you stayed wide and used your deceptive speed to get the ball off the opposition when you didn't have it and keep it when you did. One of the most improved players of the season, just work on your hitting to get the ball across the D and you will be a really well rounded player.

### **Sara Lillyman** (Sairs (wing))

If there was an award for following the coaches instructions perfectly, you would be world champion! You worked hard all season to develop as a winger and we saw your confidence grow towards the end of the season to the point where you were in perfect position in attack every single time. If a few more passes had made it across the circle you would have had heaps of goals! It is a reflection of your improvement over the season that you found more confidence and got yourself more involved in the game and became an effective strike forward. Back yourself Sarah and have the confidence to run with the ball and to get into dangerous positions around goal and then pounce on that ball like a seagull over a hot chip and put it into the back of the net! Well done Sarah.

### **Gloria MacNevin** (Macca, Glores (wing, centre forward))

Our powerhouse forward who played on the wing and at centre forward who was unfortunately injured for a good part of the season. You were always in the right position to receive the ball and used your skills to force the ball forward and your smarts to get into the best spot to score goals. You have great strength when you are on the ball, which made you really effective in moving the ball into the D in attack. Just work on your hitting so that you can shoot from the top of the circle and have confidence in your ability. It's there, no doubt.

## 7/8B Gold (White) Girls (contd)

**Charlotte Marshall** (Charlie (right and left half/fullback))

Having coached Charlotte for a few years now, I can honestly say that Charlie now has the ability to keep her shoelaces done up for the whole game sorted! But seriously, you are a very good right half back who got better as the season progressed! Teaming with our centre half, right inner and right wing you were an important part of the cornerstone of our game plan which was to hit the ball right and attack down the wing. You used the auto play rule perfectly and were always in the right position on defensive 16's and as we pushed into attack. Remember to always trap the ball and get strong before passing and support your teammates by running into free space and not into their space. It is so pleasing to see how much improvement there has been in your game this year. Well done Charlotte.

**Bryanna Martin** (Bree (goalie))

Our singing, dancing goalie who was instrumental in keeping us winning by denying the opposition the chance to score. Whether it is dynamic saves on the goal line, pushing out of the goal to reduce scoring angles or rushing the attacker that was charging into the D unopposed, you have improved your keeping greatly this season. Just remember to use your voice to control the defence and call defenders into position on those pesky forwards that sneak in behind them - as a goalie you have the best view and we know that you have the voice!! And keep on dancing in the goals Bree, it makes everyone happy!

**Phoebe McWhae** (Phoebes (inner/centre fw/wing))

Our fast, hard-hitting, ferocious forward whose season unfortunately got cut short by injury. As the season progressed, we saw your ability to get clear in attack and shoot from the top of the D come into it's own as our strikers pounced on the rebounds to score goals. You followed our instructions brilliantly to be a major attacking weapon on the wing and in the centre. It was disappointing for you not to be able to play in the finals. Just remember to get the ball moving at the goal as soon as you can as you have a great hit which will cause opposition defences a lot of trouble. And stay away from air pillows!!

**Isobel Piggford** (Izzy (inner/fullback))

It was easy to find Izzy on the field with her long blonde ponytail flying in the wind. It was also usually followed by a trail of opposition forwards who had just lost the ball. Isobel was a major force coming out of defence!! You made a great transition from effective forward to a brilliant, reliable defender with a great tackle and a hustling, bustling style which was so effective at clearing danger and setting up attacks. Remember to run with your stick on the ground and make sure you trap the ball before trying to hit it. Part of our brilliant defensive unit, you have had a great season Isobel.

**Eva Quattrini** (Eva (inner/centre half))

Another member of our marathon club, who's capacity to run all day when combined with her skill and determination, helped us dominate the midfield in most games. Your skill on the ball and your ability to run down and get the ball off attacking players was fantastic, as was your linking the midfield to the attackers. You have the stamina, skill and pace to be a great midfielder and if you can add the ability to be more of a goal scorer, you will become a great asset to any team. Great season Eva.

## 7/8B Gold (White) Girls (contd)

### **Ellen Rolls** (Ells (inner))

Another running machine who just keeps going and going and going.... and going! A skilful and elegant player, with an amazing amount of determination - a great combination on the hockey field! You not only set up a large number of our goals with your midfield play, you used your talent and resolve to score the most goals for our team. Your skill with the ball and your willingness to run hard to get back in defence and take the ball off the opposition are your strengths. Remember to stay on your strong side all the time and then no-one, and I mean no-one, will get the ball off you! Great season Ellen.

### **Amelia Swan** (Meli (centre half, right half, inner))

One of our midfield workhorses who just keeps running and running and running and then runs some more. After 55 minutes of hard running hockey when you think the team has nothing left, up pops Amelia just where we needed someone! Whether it be charging back to place covering tackles in deep defence, following the ball into attack to take a free just outside the D or to run out on the defensive short corner after the final whistle, you were everywhere! But your not just a runner! You used the ball so well to link our defence to the attack and you think clearly during the game. If you work on the strength of your pushes and hits, it will make sure that the ball gets to your target more effectively.

### **Jessica Wenham** (Jess ( left half, inner))

Our hard working left half and inner who did her job without fuss or fanfare week after week. Your ability to compete with the best forwards on the opposition enabled us to close down their right hand side, turn the ball over and send it into attack. Your willingness to follow instructions and ability to keep running late into the game kept us in many matches as the opposition tried to attack down the right. Just remember to keep the ball on your forestick side so that you are always in a strong position with the ball. Top work Jesse!



# 7/8A Boys

## **Regan Bright (Striker)**

I knew as a coach that I had a serious player on my hands when Regan got KO'd in one of the first games and then came back on, worked his backside off and scored a ripper of a goal. Time after time Regan would embarrass defenders twice his size with his skills and pace, and was always willing to put in the hard yards, often inspiring the team with his spectacular play. Whenever he gets the ball up front, you just know something good is going to happen. Regan was a coach's dream – listens to instructions and then executes them on the field with a smile that can't be wiped off his face. Well done on an awesome season Reegs.

## **Nicholas Deluca (Half Back)**

Nick's development and improvement this year has been tremendous. After moving from fullback to half back Nick has come on in leaps and bounds, very often getting the best of his opposition winger. Nick improved markedly in his tackling, and kept things very simple when he had the ball, making him a valued member of the defence throughout the year. Nick also showed his skills in the net on a couple of occasions, but I'd recommend remaining a field player! Your continued improvement was a joy to watch Nick.

## **Timothy Dickson (Inner)**

Tim caught the eye in pre-season trials when he ran about half the field just eliminating players. Timmy probably has the most deceptive stick skills in the team, seemingly able to beat a player with ease. When Tim gets the ball in the attacking third, there is always a sense of anticipation and expectation, just because he is so dangerous going forward. I must congratulate Tim on being the only player in the team to bang a tomma this year, an achievement which I'm sure most of his teammates are jealous of! Well done on a fantastic season Tim.

## **Jesse Floyd (Inner)**

Jesse reminds me of me when I was 13, more for his natural ability to eliminate players rather than his occasional willingness to correct the umpire! Jesse has made a massive improvement in his attitude this year, and that was when we got to see how good a player he is. Jesse has silky stick skills and the eye for a killer pass which makes him so dangerous going forward, and just wants to win the game at all costs. It was personally so pleasing to see Jesse's development this year, and I really commend him on his efforts. I look forward to you progressing into a dominant 15s and 17s player in the next few years Jesse, you've got natural talent.

## **Dylan Forbes (Inner/Centre Half)**

It is hard to believe Dylan still has one more year of 13As, both because of his undeniable talent and because of his uniquely deep voice! Dylan has the ability to single handedly dominate a game, with his advanced stick skills and fantastic passing ability. Dyl seemed to struggle a little bit with a knee injury this year, but when he is 100% the club (and state) have a serious player on their hands. Whether it's at full back, half back, centre half, inner or striker, Dyl is a class player, as long as he remembers to keep his game as simple as possible. Your second half of the year has been outstanding Dylan, I look forward to hopefully coaching you in the next few years.

## **Matthew Harvey (Striker)**

Matt, like his twin brother, can run all day long, meaning he can press a half back very well, and then keep running to get into fantastic areas up front to give our midfield an option coming forward. Matt's positioning has improved massively this year, and he would have more than a couple of goals this year if the delivery was always perfect. But all you can ask as a coach is that the striker is in the right position. As Matt's confidence grew as the season went on, so did the quality of his performances and with his great attitude Matt can become a great hockey player if he keeps working hard to improve his game. Well done Matt.

## **Timothy Harvey (Striker)**

The twin with the red shoes and red grip - that's the only way I could tell the difference! Tim's second half of the season has been very good. It is incredibly valuable having a player with such an enormous engine, which is why he is so good at pressuring opposition defenders. This often leads to intercepts for our team, which isn't always recognized by everyone watching. Furthermore, Tim displayed his ability to beat a defender one on one on many occasions, and has worked hard to learn as much about his position this year as possible. Tim, you were a pleasure to coach.

## **Mackenzie Love (GK)**

Macca is a natural shot stopper who has been incredibly reliable in the net this year and has come to our rescue on numerous occasions. One of Mac's greatest assets as a keeper is his ability to make second and third saves after the original shot, and when the other team scores, you know it had to be a good shot to get past him. It was extremely reassuring having a keeper of Macca's quality in the team. Well done on a fantastic season Macca.

# 7/8A Boys (contd)

## **James Manassis (Half Back)**

The improvement in James' game over the past two years has been nothing short of excellent. James is a defender who will give 100% all game long and isn't afraid to get dirty in the process. James is a bit old fashioned in the sense that what he lacks in silky stick skills, he makes up for in aggression towards winning the ball, which makes him such a good halfback. It has been so pleasing to see the improvement in James' marking and positioning, as well as his effort towards changing his hitting technique. James is an absolute pleasure to coach as he listens to every word of advice and does his best to carry out instructions, as well as having a killer sense of humour. Well done Jim.

## **Daniel Paino (Full Back)**

Daniel would have to be the best tackler in the league. It may seem like a bold statement, but the amount of times Daniel would come away with the ball when he was outnumbered was incredible. Further to that, Daniel has a natural ability to read the play, something that is almost impossible to teach. With Daniel's ability to read the play and tackle so well, his future is very bright. It was a pleasure to coach a kid with such exceptional ability and an even better attitude. Well done on what you have achieved this season Daniel.

## **Henry Rogerson (Full Back)**

Henry was a formidable defender all year for us and really stepped up when he needed to. Henry's ability to distribute from deep defence as well as break down the play in critical moments was key to building such a strong defensive foundation. Henry grasped the concept of a free defender very well which was impressive for such a young man, and this will hold him in good stead for the future. The way you have played this year has impressed a lot of people Henry, and I really look forward to seeing you progress in the future.

## **Mitch Scally (Half Back/Striker)**

Mitch was unlucky to injure his knee during the season which kept him out for 7 weeks, but one thing didn't change – Mitch's desire to play and his willingness to put in the hard yards. It was evident in the way Mitch played that he just wanted to be on the pitch, and made sure he gave 100% for every single minute he was out there. Mitch's ability to play striker and halfback made him such a valuable player, and when returning from injury, he truly flourished as a half back. Lets just hope he doesn't grow up to tackle like his father! You should be proud of yourself for a fantastic season, Mitch.

## **Mitchell Tate (Centre Half)**

Mitch has all the attributes to be a top quality player, and showed that as our main centre half this year. Mitch has great stick skills and can eliminate a player in numerous ways, which is often what got him out of sticky situations in the midfield. Mitch also has a fierce attitude towards winning a contested ball, and great versatility which allows him to play most positions on the field if needs be. As long as Mitch continues to work hard in the future, he will develop into a great player for Melville Hockey Club. Well done Spud.

## **Daniel Whibley (Striker)**

Dan was made our permanent captain about half way through the season due to the massive improvement in his attitude, as well as his effort towards trying to get the best out of the team. I am so proud of what Dan has achieved this year, given the amount of time I spent hassling him last year. Whenever Dan gets the ball in the 25, you expect either a corner or a goal. With probably the best skills in the team when he wants to use them, and a lethal hit, Dan has scored some awesome goals this year. As much as he wanted to play in the midfield, I just couldn't not have Dan at striker due to the threat he poses up front. I really commend you on your season Dan, you've taken a massive step.

# 7/8A Reserve Boys

Huge thank you to Craig (Burgo) Burgess for his excellent efforts to not just Coach, but to take the time to really improve each of the players' skill levels and game sense. The boys have certainly come a long way over the season with the last 3-4 games being a testament to the style of team play that Craig instilled in them.

Thanks to all the parents for your patience and understanding over the season.  
- Mark Downey (Manager)

## **Daniel Brown** (Fullback)

Daniel has had an excellent year and has improved in all areas of his game. He reads the play well and has a very good tackle. He also works very hard.

## **Cohen Burgess** (Forward)

Another confidence player who improved as the season went on. Was just starting to really get into the game in the second half of the season when he had to miss about 5 games due to illness. Is good in front of goals scoring a couple of touch ins and a lot of just misses.

## **Sean Curran** (Fullback)

Solid again this year in defence and has improved his hitting immensely. Sean has the ability to beat 2 or 3 players to get out of trouble.

## **Brendan Delaney** (Forward)

Brendan has been a very big improver over the season which has been evident in some of the later games with some brilliant runs down the right wing and getting in behind or passing the ball to result in a goal for us.

## **Lochlann Downey** (Half Back - Mr Versatile)

Another very reliable player who reads the play well and has a great tackle. He also has very good vision and can lay off good passes into the forward line.

## **Damian Gregory** (Half Back )

Damien is a very energetic player who has speed and skill and gives it 110% all the time he is on the field. Passes the ball well and can either play forward or back.

## **Jay Grimston** (Forward)

Even though I have him down as a forward, Jay did play at half back and did an excellent job. When moved forward he also played well and has the skills to be a good player but is a little bit tentative. He needs to get a bit more aggressive (in a good way).

## **Matthew Harrup** (Forward/Half Back)

Another player who can play all over the field and always tries hard. Matt is a very direct player who doesn't muck around, he just gets in there and gets the ball going forward.

## **Gregory Hyde** (Forward)

Greg was one of those who certainly improved as the season went on. I remember a game when his father said "need to get some tiger in you" and from then on he started to play really well with more vigour and never looked back.

## **Jordan Lukan** (Forward)

One of the senior players in the team and has some good skills close in. Has an uncanny knack of getting away shots on goal or deflections that either go in or just miss. Don't get frustrated or disappointed Jordan, keep at it, the goals will come.

## **Liam Metcalf** (Goalie)

Liam has had a very solid year in goals and at times has well and truly kept us in the game with some brilliant saves. Needs to be a little more vocal to let his defence know where to be.

## 7/8A Reserve Boys (contd)

### **Joshua Scanlon** (Forward)

Very good inside forward who can play either right or left, is very good at bustling his way into the circle and has a great shot on goal. Just needs to remember to attack opposition players on their reverse, his strong side.

### **Cameron Surtees** (Centre Half )

Very, very good centre half who seems to be able to run all day and not get tired. Cam has very skilful stick work and can beat 2 or 3 players in a row and then score a goal. He has scored some ripper goals this year. Cam only needs to add to his game when to pass and when to take on players. Mix it a bit.

### **Joshua Turner** (Forward)

A very good forward who also has the skills to do well when he gets in there. Josh is very much a confidence player who just needs to know that yes he can do it, and at times showed that this is very much the case.

### **George Whitebrook** (Skittles - Back /Forward)

A very versatile player who can play anywhere on the field. Skittles has a very hard hit and when playing in defence can blast the ball into the forward line. Only needs to practise his direction when hitting.

### Coach's closing comment:

I am very happy with the way the team performed this year. We were nominated as a B team however made it into A Reserve and although we didn't make the 4 (finished 5th) we certainly took it up to some of the top teams. We set out at the beginning of the year to:

1. Improve all the players' skills and

2. To play a good style of hockey

and I know that we well and truly achieved both. In fact you could see as each game went by the improvement and by the end we actually drew (could have won) against the second top side 2-2, in a display of excellent defending and attacking hockey. Well done team you all deserve it.

Thank you to Mark who again did an excellent job as Manager. He assisted the Coach, umpired and coached the team when I was away and still had the time to send out all the information that the team needed to know. He also did a great job writing up a team report after each game.

Also a big thank you to Andrew Scanlon and others who umpired and of course to the parents for your support.

- Craig Burgess

# 7/8B Gold Boys

## Coaches Report:

It was a difficult year in which we managed no wins, 2 draws and some big losses. We had several first year players that learnt a lot and tried hard all year. Some of the more experienced players fought well, but we were outclassed most of the year by strong opposition teams. We hit some good goals, particularly early in the year, but could not get any consistency. The group trained well most weeks and we kept plugging away at the basics. We played some good games against the higher sides on the ladder, with our play beginning to sometimes look well structured. Good use of the wings, chasing back in defence, and clearance to the sides out of defence have become well engrained in the team. Hopefully the players will be able to take in their stride a season in which the on-field success was quite limited, and return next year.

Thanks go to our team manager Allison who did a terrific job in organising each game and did the match reports each week, Lance who helped organise at training sessions, Wayne Hudson, who provided goal keeper training each week and Graeme Coleman, who filled in as Coach for the weeks that I was away.

Also thanks to Mikayla Stevens who umpired very well for us this year.

### **Mitchell Batten** (Forward)

Mitch played mostly on the forward line, where his speed is an asset. Though against the top side, we swung him into a defensive role and he played some of his best hockey. Mitch needs to work on ball control and hitting on the run, he'll then score many goals.

### **Eligh Blechynden** (GK)

Eligh volunteered to go in goals for the first game of the year and didn't look back. Well coached by Wayne each Tuesday, Eligh has had a good season in goals. He needs to remember to be confident and attack the ball when it's in his space.

### **Nathaniel Bufton** (Wing/Wing Half)

Nathaniel played mostly on the wing or wing half and ran hard. His long reach is something to be better utilised, which will improve his tackling.

### **Sean Flexman** (Half Back)

Sean missed a lot of the year, and returned to put in well during the last few games. We will surely see Sean next year.

### **Thomas Hamdorf** (Wing Half)

Tom played some good games as wing half. He stuck to his opponents like glue, frustrating them and not allowing free flow down the wing. Tom needs to keep up his concentration throughout the game, as when he does, the results are good.

### **Josh Hardbottle** (Back/Right Inside)

Josh had a good year and played very strongly. His efforts in defence saved many goals. In attack he made some good plays, and scored goals. Needs to not use his reverse sticks as much, as he is more damaging on the front. A powerful hit of the ball, though needs to concentrate to take full advantage of his strength. Hopefully we will see Josh again next year.

### **Ben Hopkinson** (Right Wing)

Ben, in his first year, found a position suited to his ability to run fast. At right wing he managed to set up goals (and score some himself). He controls the ball well at speed. Ben really settled into hockey well and hopefully will be back next year.

## 7/8B Gold Boys (contd)

### **Jarvys McQueen-Mason** (Centre Forward/Wing)

Jarvys played on the forward line, mostly as centre forward or wing. He has narrowly missed many goals this year. His positioning is good, and practice at getting that final shot away will deliver Jarvys many goals in the future.

### **Kaleb Milson** (Wing Half)

Kaleb has played mostly at wing half. He tackles and chases back well. Improved strength when hitting and pushing will compliment his game.

### **Mark Ogden** (Full Back/Centre Half)

Mark had a good year at centre half and full back. He is cool under pressure and has a strong hit when he concentrates. Mark has a good attitude towards the game and is a strong team player, taking some hard hits but playing on.

### **Joshua Richards** (JT - Full Back/Forward)

JT, in his first year, shows lots of enthusiasm. He played on the backline and also as a forward. His skills have developed and he has a good hit when he concentrates. Knowledge of the game will develop with time.

### **George Softley** (Forward)

George played well in the forward line this year, creating some good opportunities. He left the season early to live abroad but hopefully he will continue with his hockey.

### **Oliver Spear** (Right Inside)

Ollie had a good start to the year with an early goal. His strong hitting allowed for many chances on penalty corners, and his running with the ball improved through the year. Ollie needs to not let bad umpiring decisions put him off his game. Hopefully Ollie will be back next year.

### **Kelvin Vester** (Full Back/Wing Half)

Kelvin played as either half or full back. His best games were as a back where his tackling stood out and he managed to frustrate the opposition. Kelvin needs to increase the strength of his hitting and pushing.

### **Anthony Wright** (Full Back/Forward)

Another first year player, Anthony has had an excellent year. He continues to improve each week and has developed one of the strongest hits in B Gold division. He Scored 3 goals this year, but played his best games as a back. Hopefully we will see him back next year. Don't hold the stick like a cricket bat when tackling!

With not winning a game all year, the boys need to keep their chins up. Some years are tough, and this was one of them. I know some are considering changing clubs or giving the game away, which would be a shame. For any thinking that, I ask that they just give it one more year and then see.

Thanks

Andrew Spear (Coach)

# 7/8C Boys

The Boys Year 7/8 C team has had an awesome year. The improvement over the year is a real credit to all of you. The boys finished the season just out of the 4 and won the majority of their games. You have played together as a group really well and if you want to be successful in hockey in the future keep playing like that. We have had a fun season and were lucky enough to have Bruce Read (former Junior Co-ordinator and experienced coach) run a coaching session for the boys – thanks Bruce. I want to thank Andrew Dunlop and Hudson Kent. These two dads of the team have been an incredible support to me as coach – filling in when I couldn't make training or a game, and have always been around to encourage the boys. I also need to make special mention of Natalie Walkmeyer and her family for being the team manager. You have truly gone above and beyond to ensure the team is organised and everyone knows what is going on. Boys I hope you enjoyed the season and I will be looking out for you next year.  
Cam Robinson

## **Taj Alder** (Chatter2)

Taj is a member of team 'Chatter'. That is not the only thing Taj is good at. One of my first memories of Taj this year was how he would chase down the ball. There is no stopping him when he gets going. It is a great quality to have Taj, to turn and chase so that there is someone getting back to defend. Keep that hunger for the ball up Chatter2!!!

## **Harvey Deen** (Slinky)

Harvey, I have come up with your nick name 'Slinky' because you have this ability to slink around on the wing with great effect. We missed you for the middle part of the season and it was great to have you back to finish off the season. You have done an excellent job on the wing this year Slinky. Keep working on your hitting and leading off the ball.

## **Ashley Dunlop** (Rocky)

Ash has had a really solid year at full back alongside Josh. Josh, Joel and Ash have been a formidable defensive group. You can rely on Ash to make that critical tackle just when you need it in the last line of defence. Ash has earned the nick name 'Rocky' because his trapping, tackling and clearances are rock solid. Great season Rocky.

## **Preston Giumelli** (MIA)

Preston went 'Missing in Action' part way through the season. We missed having Preston around as a 3rd full back to rotate around the back.

## **Leighton Kent** (Chitter)

Leighton is a member of team 'Chitter' one of the dynamic duos that have mastered the ability to constantly be talking to each other on and off the field. Look out for team 'Chatter'. Leighton, like Dave, when you are on the move with the ball you are lethal. This is a fantastic part of your game. You have so much potential, keep working at it and you will become a major contributor to the team.

## **Joshua Lawrence** (Play Maker)

I have really enjoyed coaching Josh this year and have seen him develop into a really important member of the team. Josh you have earned the title of 'Play Maker' this year. Josh has shown how a full back can play an attacking role in the game. With the support of your other team mates you created so many sensational opportunities resulting in a shot on goal if not resulting in a goal. Play Maker you are a real play maker.

## **Ben Munnings** (Stitches)

Ben is the forward every hockey team is looking for. Ben has great vision and reads the play really well. He gets himself into the right place at the right time and creates plenty of opportunities. I love it how Ben takes the early shot and is never too far away from the goal mouth. Ben's nickname 'Stitches' came about when playing Kalamunda at Freo and he copped a ball to his face followed by a quick visit to Freo emergency department and a neat row of stitches across the top of his eye. Stitches was leading goal scorer for the team!

# 7/8C Boys (contd)

## **William Robinson (Stretch)**

Will, your nick name this year is 'Stretch'. You are a long drink of water and if you can learn to work with your height you will become an incredibly valuable player. You have grown as a player at right wing and your trapping has improved significantly throughout the year. Stretch I know you don't want to hear it (because I'm your Dad) but keep working on your hitting - it is an incredibly important part of your game.

## **David Rutherford (Sleepy)**

It might take me a minute to get going when talking about Dave. Dave is not known for being the first one out of the blocks. So Dave you have earned the nick name 'Sleepy' this season. However, when Dave gets going he is dynamite on the field. When Dave is on the move with the ball things happen, the game opens up and the opposition is left for dead. So Dave you have to explore this part of your game more - it is exciting to watch. Thanks for sticking at it Sleepy, even when you didn't feel like it.

## **Oscar Sanchez (Chatter1)**

Oscar has shown real versatility this year. Having started the season in half back he ended up playing on the wing with great success. I saw a huge improvement in Oscar's game this year and he came out of his shell to show us his true ability. Now the other thing Oscar is really good at doing ... chatting to Taj ... and ... Taj is really good at chatting to Oscar. Oscar is a member of team 'Chatter'. If only these two would put the same amount of effort into their hockey they put into chatting. Thanks Chatter1 for a great season.

## **Tom Scott-Jones (Chitter2)**

Tom is the other member of team 'Chitter'. But the other thing Tom and Leighton are really good at is playing in the half back position. Tom, you have been rock solid playing as halfback and there have been a number of times you have overlapped into the forward line and been very close to scoring. Great season Chitter2, your timing on your hits has really improved over the year.

## **Stephen Simpson (Do I Have To Run)**

I am still trying to decide if you are a forward or defender Stephen. Despite the fact you don't like running hence 'Do I Have To Run' being your nick name, you have scored a few goals this year. So even though you always ask me to put you on as a defender, you have proven you are a great striker. 'Do I Have To Run', don't be afraid of running it will make a big difference to your game.

## **Ross Stewart (Flat Out)**

Ross is an excellent example of the ultimate team man. You are so good at encouraging the guys around you, motivating them to keep at it. You also work really hard and go 'Flat Out' the entire game. You press the defence, tackle back, run out on short corners and slot the odd goal in - sensational. You have been great to coach this year and have been a significant contributor to the team.

## **Mitchell Vaughan (Roamer)**

It was easy to come up with Mitchell's nick name 'Roamer'. It didn't matter what position I put Mitchell in, he would completely forget that position and end up roaming all over the field. Incredibly it worked really well. The opposition didn't know how to mark him, how could they as Roamer didn't even know what position he was playing. It did work very well, and as a result Roamer was always close by the pounce on the ball ... often that was in front of the goals. Ripper year Roamer.

## **Joel Walkemeyer (Mr Reliable)**

Joel is an awesome goalie, he has made a huge difference to the team. You are 'Mr Reliable' as well as being able to do that thing with your legs that is too painful to watch. You showed a lot of character towards the start of the season when we were being really hammered. But there is no doubt about you Joel, you bounce back like a rubber ball. So Mr Reliable great season, you contribute in a big way to the team on and off the field.

# 5/6A Girls

Well, with the increasing use of electronic gadgets and the apparent dying art of verbal communication, somehow no one told our team. From the outset, our girls bonded so well they had no problem with communicating or having fun! This made the job so much easier and enjoyable. Collectively they have been a great bunch of girls to coach, striving for their best, and improving their hockey skills and knowledge during every session.

This comes easier when we have a very supportive parent group, who always have their girls at training and are there every weekend cheering for them and offering constructive advice. We have also been fortunate enough to have had a consistent umpire in Taleisha Power, who we believe has grown with confidence and assertiveness as the season has progressed. Finally, a season could not be without a very efficient, organised and personable Manager in Lindy Munnings. Tim and I would like to thank all these people for helping make our 2013 season a very successful one.

## **Lucy Cocks**

During the season Lucy found her spot in the forward line and loved mixing it up with the often bigger girls from the opposition. Lucy developed good follow up skills, where she would think about the next thing once she had passed or tackled a player. In one of our most recent games, Lucy was our designated captain. We might make her captain every week from now on, as she had an outstanding game, contributing 2 wonderful goals and many solo runs in the forward line. Lucy loved to chat and would often provide the entertainment for the rest of us. She is an infectious girl who loves life, loves to laugh and will try her best in every situation.

## **Kate Cowan**

Kate returned to hockey in 2013 after a year off. Although a little rusty at the beginning of the season, as it progressed, Kate grew with confidence and developed an ability to attack the ball, (and anyone in her path)! After starting in the forward line as a goal sneak, she eventually found her niche in the half back line, as she proved to be a tenacious defender who tackled well and distributed the ball quickly to her midfielders and forwards. One of Kate's best attributes was her constant encouragement for her team mates.

## **Alyssa Cribb**

Alyssa is a very athletic girl who could run down any player she needed to chase. Her tackling skills have improved by staying down low, moving her feet and not swinging at her opposition. Alyssa has predominately played in the midfield as her fitness levels allow her to run all day. Alyssa always tries her best and asks questions about where she should be on the field. These are good attributes to have as she is keen to improve and learn. Keep focused and practise hard Alyssa.

## **Georgia Farrow**

Georgia is our pocket rocket, who has very high expectations of herself and strives to achieve them. This is a great attribute for any sportsperson, enabling them a chance to improve. Our only advice to Georgia is to not be too hard on herself, as there are many years ahead of her to achieve everything she wants. Georgia has tenacity which enables her to fight for the ball, win it and do something constructive with it. She was our second highest goal scorer in the team often finding the net from the left post. Georgia listens well and asks question to help her improve, which will see her go far in whatever sport she pursues.

## 5/6A Girls (Contd)

### **Ivy Filmer**

Ivy is a delightful girl who is eager to learn and apply it in games. She is more capable than she, herself, believes. Ivy has played a key role in defence all year. She quietly appears on the field, in the right position, makes a great tackle and follows it up. Ivy needs to work on her strength with her passing as this is an integral part of being a defender, but we are sure Ivy will persist with this, as she is always keen to improve. We wish Ivy all the best for the coming season.

### **Neasa Flynn**

Firstly, Neasa must be congratulated on her selection into the U/12 State Schoolgirls Hockey Team. Selection into representative teams comes from hard work, dedication and skill, all of which Neasa displays. Neasa has been our number one goal scorer this season, having scored 7 of our 12 goals so far. She has a natural ability to carry the ball wide at full speed and get a result in the circle, whether it is a goal for herself, a short corner or a pass to a player on the spot or post. Neasa also has the ability to turn a game around if needed through sheer athleticism and endeavour. We wish Neasa every success in the future years.

### **Chloe Forbes**

Chloe has shown dedication, motivation and determination of a player who strives for excellence. Her work rate and skills, for a girl of her age, are a credit to her hard working ethic during training sessions. These attributes will ensure her success in the future years. Chloe is a very coachable girl who is willing to listen, try new things and play anywhere she is asked to play. It has been a pleasure to coach Chloe and we look forward to seeing her progress over the years.

### **Saoirse Hanavan**

Saoirse is a versatile player, even though she has played most of this season in defence. Her combination with Georgia Munnings has been rock solid. Together they display control, calmness and strength in the last line of defence. On many occasions, Saoirse has filled in at centre half where she displayed the ability to run with the ball, make a controlled pass WIDE and then offer another lead when necessary. She could develop into a very good player but needs to be confident in her abilities. Saoirse has been a delight to coach as she listens well, tries new things and laughs at her mistakes. Good luck in 2014.

### **Sarah Hasselerharm**

All season, Sarah has owned her position, whether it was in centre half or fullback. Sarah controlled the middle of the field with her presence and ability to read the play. She manages to pin point our forwards and hit the ball cleanly through the opposition, even though we like her to go wide. A memorable moment for Sarah was her goals scored in the Bunbury Carnival. They were amazing, and were matched by the frenzied celebrations of the team afterwards.

### **Samantha King**

Samantha is another quiet achiever who has played a key role in defence. She was often misjudged by the opposition because of her stature, but didn't they get a shock when they were tackled strongly and chased down by Sam. Samantha is a very coachable girl who listens well and tries everything that is asked of her. She has developed into a useful player but needs to believe in her abilities and be confident in herself. We wish you all the best for the 2014 season Sam.

## 5/6A Girls (Contd)

### Georgia Munnings

Georgia is a quiet achiever who is cool and calm in defence. She has developed a great sense of the game and reads the play very well, often intercepting passes or making tackles before anybody else realises it. She is our ROCK! Georgia's most memorable game was when we recently played our arch rivals, UWA. We were under immense pressure for the entire game, but Georgia played it cool and was in complete control in deep defence. This is quite a skill that comes naturally and can not be taught. We would love to see Georgia progress in her hockey, as she has great fitness, speed and skill that will allow her to play in numerous positions on the field.

### Zoe Polglase

After a promising start to the season, Zoe unfortunately broke her ankle, which saw her sit out for 6 games. You learn a lot from peoples' actions and her commitment in turning up to most games to watch and even train is a credit to her strength and motivation. Zoe is a promising defender with a strong tackle and an ability to distribute the ball effectively out of defence. We hope Zoe has an injury free season next year in the 7/8 comp.

### Chloe Power (Coco (Goalie))

Coco has played goalie for us all season. In a tough competition, she has managed to keep her cool and make some fantastic saves. With greater confidence, Coco will tell her players, to get out of her way, so she can make the save. Coco has shown great commitment to her position on the field, by attending some extra goalkeeping sessions and we encourage her to keep doing this, as she has great potential in this position. Coco always managed to keep us entertained with her giggles and forward rolls in full gear. What a shame we could not see that beautiful smile behind that mask.

Thanks for a great season 5/6A Girls. You have been a delight to coach.



## 5/6A Reserve Girls

It has been a pleasure managing the Girls 5/6 A Reserve team as they have grown and developed together under Paul Christian and Rohan Swan. Paul, full of enthusiasm, yelling out instructions, and Rohan, the strategist, measured and deliberate, addressing the half time huddles. Thank you both, and thank you to parents for lending support and encouragement, and casting votes for “who is that girl with blonde hair and a pony tail ? “. To umpires Eddy Swan and Matty Dixon, thanks. Mostly however, thank you to the girls for providing us with an enormous amount of pride, and just having fun. Phil Edwards – Team Manager.

This year’s Girls 5/6 A Reserve team, saw the coaching team of Rohan Swann and Paul Christian bring their combined many years of experience to the field! From the first training session we saw that we had a great bunch of girls who were a good mix of ages and skill levels with only a few having played together before. As coaches there is nothing more rewarding than watching the girls use the skills we have been drilling into them at training being played out in front of us on the hockey pitch. We would also like to thank all the parents and of course Phil Edwards the manager who have provided such positive support to the girls and to the coaches. This has been a slow year for results in terms of games but a very rewarding year in terms of the development of each of the players. Ultimately we achieved what we set out to do.... Play hockey to the best of our abilities and to have FUN, we look forward to next season.

### **Eveleigh Arthur** (Goalkeeper)

Eveleigh has been our permanent keeper this year and she has been a star player, her enthusiasm and sense of fun has always shone through and the improvement in her reading of the play has been paramount in keeping the scores low.

### **Mia Borinelli** (Full Back)

Dependable Mia has been a stalwart of the defence this year, she continues to show confidence in positioning and directing the players in front to support. With continued dedication, Mia could be a future star.

### **Ailsa Christian** (Half Back)

As our Right Half Ailsa shows a fierce determination to get the ball up the field and when she gets it right, it sets us up for a good fast break. The season has seen her hitting improve greatly and her vision for placing the ball enables us to move forward without getting the ball straight back at us. Ailsa has really epitomised the phrase ‘Self Take’ with her placing and running as soon as the whistle goes in her favour.

### **Kate Edwards** (Half Back)

There is only one way to describe Kate’s abilities, tenacious! If the ball comes anywhere near her she will get it. When you see her defending a winger who towers over her, she just dives in and comes out with the ball.

### **Tannah Growdon** (Centre Half, Inner)

It’s not often you get the luxury, but two star centre halves in the same team! This season has seen Tannah become a ferocious Centre half with the on ball skills to match. When she is not covering the field from the centre, she is pushing the ball forward for her team mates to attack the goals.

### **Morgan Irvine** (Half Back, Inner)

Morgan has more grit than John Wayne, she attacks the ball with a fervour and frequently wins it. She has taken a while to understand her position on the pitch but when she understands watch out. With continued focus, Morgan could become a player to watch.

## 5/6A Reserve Girls (Contd)

### **Gabrielle John** (Centre Forward)

It is unusual to find a dedicated centre forward at this early stage but Gabby has proven to have a natural ability at Centre Forward moving to the right position and using her fellow players to get the ball into the danger area. Towards the end of the season we have really seen Gabby starting to hit the ball with oomph. Definitely a goal scoring machine of the future.

### **Lilli MacNevin** (Inner, Forward)

She has picked up the family skills early and shows a great determination on the ball. As one of our younger players she will be a star in the coming seasons as she rightly claims her position as a key player. She has a good eye for chasing the ball down in the D to try to get the goals.

### **Lilly McDonald** (Right Wing)

New to hockey but what a start, as our go to Right winger Lilly has formed a natural partnership with our Right half as they force the ball down the right wing. As the season has progressed, so has Lilly's confidence and she will continue to develop next year to be a force to be reckoned with.

### **Georgia Needham** (Winger, Inner)

Probably the most improved player this year, she started as a shy but willing player to become a determined single minded forward. She tackles hard, runs to position and has started to score regularly.

### **Ella Pastorino** (Full Back / Winger)

Ella started the season as a full back with her dependable big hit outs getting the ball away from our D. As the season has progressed, Ella has moved into the forward line as a winger where she puts that ferocious hitting into good practice either to get the ball into the D or to take a shot on goal.

### **Ella Redman** (Centre Half, Full Back)

Ella was our fast learner in the team and with an inexhaustible energy she chased every ball to either defend or attack. As the season has progressed this has been channelled until she has become a stalwart of midfield and the defence.

### **Mathilda Swan** (Full Back, Forward)

Tilde had us confused at the start of the season, she played up front and was developing great hitting skills. It was only when she had a spell at Full back that the full potential of Tilde shone through with a determination to win the ball and get it square, showing the other full backs the way to go.



# 5/6B Gold Girls

The girls bonded early in the season and showed great team spirit from the start. They approached their games with a positive and never-say-die attitude. The team improved a lot especially in their positional play and passing. It is hard to believe it is the same team that started out together only a few months ago! Thank you Jim for coaching rain, hail or shine and helping the girls improve their skills so much.

## **Cassidy Batten**

Cassidy proved very strong in defence from the start. She always watched the game carefully and tackled really well. Cassidy plays with determination and commitment, but is always ready with a smile.

## **Kristen Batten**

Kristen was like a ray of sunshine on the field. She was always encouraging the rest of the team. She is a good attacking player and showed some great positional play on the wing.

## **Felicity Brown**

Felicity's great all-round skills and strong hitting made her a valuable and versatile member of the team. Her positive and friendly attitude also contributed to the good team spirit.

## **Morgan Frossos**

Morgan showed some fantastic improvement during the season. She is a persistent player and works hard all game. Her good sense of humour was enjoyed by the rest of the team.

## **Madison Hollander**

Maddy developed into an excellent wing during the season. Her speed and skilful stickwork resulted in some impressive runs down the side. Her cheerful nature was also a great asset to the team.

## **Ella Jones**

Ella is a very athletic and strong player. She is good in attack with good skills all round. We missed her in the last few games of the season and are looking forward to seeing her back next season after her knee recovers.

## **Sophie Lawson**

Sophie read the play well and played with determination and good aggression. When she had her turn as goalkeeper she was a superstar!

## **Jessica Leeming**

Jessica showed some good all round skills. She runs hard all game and is consistent and reliable. She watches the game and is good in both attack and defence. Jessica has a friendly disposition and great attitude.

## **Erin Miller**

Erin is a strong player who consistently put pressure on the opposition. Her stickwork is very skilful and her strong hit often got the team out of trouble. Erin has a fun and positive approach to hockey and was a valuable team member.

## **Sophia Moncrieff**

Sophia is proof that dynamite indeed comes in small packages. Her solid defence and big hits out often relieved the pressure. She reads the play well and has good overall skills. She is a great team player with a bubbly personality.

## **Amy Riordan**

Amy played with determination and put the opposition under pressure with her speed and great tackling. She did some good aggressive running out at short corners and showed total commitment even playing on with a broken finger.

## **Jenna Riordan**

Jenna is a great team player who listens well and tries to improve constantly. She runs hard all game and goes in hard to the contest. Jenna watches the game carefully and backs up her team mates really well.

## **Mikaela Spires**

Mikaela is very tenacious and strong on the ball. She showed great defensive skills throughout the season and distributed the ball well. Mikaela plays with determination and total commitment.

Thank you to Michelle Brown who helped us out a few times. Another thank you to our umpires, Mike and Mitchell. And, of course, with awesome kids come awesome parents! Thanks to all the parents who contributed to making the season such an enjoyable experience!

## 5/6 Regional Gold (Maroon) Girls

A very eager group of young girls came together at the beginning of the year and if training was anything to gauge, it was evident the year was going to be a social occasion. The girls had limited experience in the juniors and even less playing together as a team and it was a pleasure to be involved with developing their individual skills and watch them bond as a team.

The focus of the year was to have fun and learn as much as we could throughout the year. I am very pleased and proud with the way the girls have applied themselves and what they have achieved.

A special thanks to Donna Lawrence for managing the team and keeping the parents (and coach) up to date with fixtures and grounds, Nat Buchan for running the fitness sessions each training, our resident umpire Jordan Templeman who took on the task of umpiring the girls each week under close scrutiny of the coach and to all the parents that continued to support their children and attending week in week out.

### **Anneka Bodt** (goalie)

Anneka has had a great year keeping goals for the team. She has, on numerous occasions pulled off some amazing saves and kept the opposition at bay. Her commitment and enthusiasm for the game is commendable taking on training with other keepers and providing instruction to her team mates that volunteered to fill in as goalie for the weeks she was not available.

### **Elena Bodt**

Elena has applied herself throughout the season, her skills and confidence seems to grow with every game. Her tackling and determination to win the ball has improved through the season and has been rewarded with a number of breakaway runs to put the team into a scoring position.

### **Tessa Buchan**

Tessa's skills have improved throughout the year. She has developed a good understanding of the inside forward position and has linked well with the halfbacks and forwards. She continues to position herself well to receive the ball and support her team mates. Tessa is a pleasure to coach as she listens and applies instructions given. A lot of potential that will continue to grow.

### **Charlotte Bunn**

The ever reliable and quiet Charlie. She has developed into a reliable half back, always in position to shutdown the opposition's wing and limit their attacking options. An ever reliable tackler that always disposes the ball wide to our wingers. She is solid in the half line and has a great hockey future

### **Nikkola Champion**

The teams little pocket rocket. Always complaining about running at training and the game but always in on the ball and fighting to win possession. Played well in the inside forward position with many good solid runs forward into attack and unlucky not to be rewarded with a goal on numerous occasions.

### **Lana Christie**

Lana joined the team as a first time hockey player, she has shown a great deal of talent and shown significant improvement with each game. She has slotted well into the centre forward position and has linked well with the inside forwards. Another attacker that is always fighting to win possession. She has a very positive hockey future in front of her.

## 5/6 Regional Gold (Maroon) Girls (contd)

### **Tayla Demamiel**

Tayla has demonstrated a never give up attitude, whenever the ball was near she would always get in and fight to win possession. Tayla continually listens and responds to instructions. She has been rewarded numerous times with the ball by keeping good position on the wing and has shown great commitment to the team.

### **Olivia Farrell**

Olivia is our other resident half back, who gives her best in every game. She is always running and getting involved in the play and never gives up on a contested ball. She provides good support to the forwards, at times taking the lead but always ready to run back hard to support the defence.

### **Georgia Lawrence**

Georgia's basic skills of pushing, hitting and dribbling have improved significantly throughout the year. She continues to develop as a hockey player and each week her positional play continues to improve. She always holds her field position during the game and has been rewarded with numerous solo runs down the wing during the later part of the season.

### **Li Mei McGready**

Li Mei is our resident utility. She has fulfilled most positions on the field and played well, developing her core pushing and hitting skills which have proven a great asset in defence. Li Mei always gives her best in every position and continues to grow in confidence with every game.

### **Sasha Richards**

Sasha is a strong and reliable player and has spent the majority of the year in the centre. She has always given her best when attacking then running back to defend, often finishing the game exhausted. Her confidence on the ball has improved throughout the year and she is now starting to look up and find open players to go forward.

### **Lily Skipsey**

Lily is our resident chatter box, always friendly and up for a chat on and off the field. She has enthusiastically played almost every position on the field. She has had a number of memorable games on the wing where she has held good position to receive the ball and take the team into attack. Lily is a pleasure to coach with that cheeky smile!

### **Caitlyn Templeman**

The youngest member of the team, yet a cool calm and disciplined defender. Caitlyn cleaned up numerous opposition attacks and always seemed to have time to clear the ball wide with a well directed and solid hit. A superb effort from such a young player, who has a very promising hockey future.

### **Jordan West**

Jordan has worked hard on developing her hitting and tackling and has improved significantly throughout the year. Another reliable defender that was always there when the opposition was attacking, who took well to the fullback position and developed her position play with each week. She was always willing to advise the coach on placement of attacking players!

## 5/6 Regional Gold (White) Girls

### **Zoie Arthur**

Zoie happily volunteered for the position of goal keeper. She was solid in goals with a good kick out.

### **Michelle Brown**

Michelle is a fast player who is constantly tackling and never gives up. She is a flexible player who is great as a defender but is also good in the forward line.

### **Maeghan Carlsen**

Maeghan holds her position well, runs with the play, and listens to the coach. She is good as a half back and wing.

### **Meisha Davidson**

Meisha is fast and never gives up. She is very determined and fights for the ball. Meisha is an excellent wing.

### **Erinn Odonnell**

Erinn gets better every week, obviously listening to the coach. She is determined and is starting to get more confidence at going in for the tackle and fighting for the ball. Erinn is a good half back and wing.

### **Olivia Patton**

Olivia is always reliable. She is a solid player who gives her best every week. Olivia is good at running with the ball into the forward line and helping to set up goals. She has good ball control and is an excellent inner and centre forward.

### **Saysha Pillay**

Saysha is a reliable fullback who is excellent at winning the ball and clearing the ball wide.

### **Shaya Pillay**

Shaya is a rock solid defender in fullback. She is strong in her position and is good at clearing the ball. Shaya can be relied upon to win the ball 90% of time.

### **Ruby Quartermaine**

Ruby is great running with ball into the forward line and setting-up/scoring goals. She is determined when she gets the ball and has good ball control. Ruby is great in the centre forward and inner positions.

### **Charlotte Scurry**

Charlotte is good at clearing the ball wide. She performs well when running with the ball and setting-up/scoring goals. Charlotte is great in the centre forward and inner positions.

### **Jasmin Stewart**

Jasmin is always happy. She has shown a huge improvement over the season. Jasmin is great at hitting and clearing the ball. She is suited to the wing position and also does a solid job in half back and taking free hits down the line.

### **Aria Strangio**

Aria holds her position well. She can read the play well and is developing good skills. Aria is suited to the half back position.

\*\* A great group of girls, who have improved each week and never give up! They exhibit great sportsmanship behaviour, never arguing with the umpire or other teams.

\*\*things to improve on...staying in position, looking up to pass, clearing the ball wide, sticks down!

# 5/6A Boys

## **Callum Brown**

Callum was the work horse of the team. Callum could just run all day, but not only could he run, he has some very good skills. His ability to eliminate players and create attacking opportunities was spectacular to watch. Great season Cal, I can see big things in the future for you in hockey.

## **Bradley Dowie**

Brad played most of the season in the mid field. One of Brad's biggest strengths was his ability to get the ball and distribute it to one of his team mates. His work rate and basics improved each week, and it showed with him hitting a couple goals plus he was unlucky not to have a few more next to his name. Great season Brad.

## **Jacob John**

My right half. Jacob improved in leaps and bounds. From the start of the season Jacobs hitting and defensive marking has been his biggest area of improvement. Jacob reads the play really well and in the later part of this season has shown how much talent he has. Great work mate, all the best for next season.

## **Patrick Lorraine**

Pato had a very solid season this year. One of the taller and more experienced out of the boys, his strength in his tackling and when he had the ball improved massively through out the season. Another highlight this season for Pato was his hitting. He managed to hit in a few goals and was a great leader on the pitch. All the best for next year.

## **Aden Lukan**

This season Aden found himself rotating through the mid field and forward line. Like the other forwards his positioning and eye for goal was top class. Aden found the net on numerous times this year which credited his work rate to get into the right position. A highlight from me was his improvement in his hitting. All the best Aden for next season.

## **Carlu Martens**

Often found himself next to Jaymon at fullback, Carlu had a very solid year. One of the best hitters in the team, he was able to pin point our wings and get the ball to them. Carlu was never afraid to go in and get the ball, and his strength and skills improved through out the season. Great season Carlu! All the best for next season.

## **Zachary McKinnon**

Zac was our keeper this year in 5/6 A's and boy he has some talent. His hand eye co-ordination and footwork was spectacular to watch, making countless magic saves throughout the season. Great season Zac, I can see big things for you in the future. Keep up the good work.

## **Maxime Morard**

Where to start with Max! He was one of the smallest guys on the team this year but defenders soon found out that this guy was very dangerous, often catching defenders off guard and making runs down the wing. Great season Max all the best for the future.

## 5/6A Boys (contd)

### **Daniel Moulin**

Daniel was another one of our strikers. Daniel has terrific strength on the ball. Along with being super quick, his eye for goal was incredible to watch and he found himself on the score sheet a lot this season. Great year mate, all the best for your future hockey.

### **Jaymon Needham**

Jaymon was one of the most improved players this season, slotting in the back line. His ability to read the play in front of him enabled him to make countless intercepts and turn a dangerous opposition attack into an attack for us. Jaymon's basics improved each week, all the best for next season mate.

### **Christopher Soraine**

One of my strikers, Chris displayed great strength in his tackling this season. When Chris had the ball he was a very dangerous player and most defenders found themselves in trouble. Great season Chris, your hockey improved with every game. All the best for next season.

### **Flynn Stephens**

This guy is one to watch. Flynn's skills and pace killed defenders. With each game he just improved. He was never scared to go in to get the ball and then make a pass out to create an attacking play. Great season Flynn, all the best for next season.

### **Harry Watkins**

Harry found himself playing through the midfield and backline this season. Harry can read the play really well and made a lot of intercepts this season. Harry's basics and strength on the ball really improved this season, well done mate. All the best for next year.



# 5/6B Gold Boys

We have had a successful year, winning as many as we lost and drawing a few. More importantly, however, each and every player has improved over the season. We worked hard at training on team structure, effective passing and working the ball to the right hand side of the ground. It has been great to see the boys put that training into practice on game day and developing trust in their team mates. All the boys have been willing to listen and have tried hard to play their particular role for the team, even if they weren't playing in their favourite position. It's been a pleasure to coach the lads this season.

## **Ben Deacon** (Right or left Inner)

Ben played right or left inner for most of the year. A consistent player with good all round skills which resulted in him scoring quite a few goals for the team throughout the year. Good at reading the play and often ended up on the end of a pass by being in the right position.

## **Cade Duffy** (Forward and Midfield)

Cade played in a number of positions up forward and in the midfield. A quiet achiever who held his position and tackled well throughout the year. Did well on the wing and regularly got to the post so as to be in great position to score a goal.

## **Blake Gillett** (Full back)

Blake played full back most of the year with a couple of runs on the wing. A consistent performer who combined well with Ben McVeigh at full back to form a tight defensive combination. Improved at full back by being prepared to square the ball and play on from free hits.

## **Ben Harel** (Forward and Midfield)

Ben played in a number of positions up forward and in the midfield. An energetic player who really improved throughout the year. Became a very handy player up forward as his passing became more accurate and effective.

## **Brodie Hood** (Goalie)

Our goalie who isn't as big as he looks padded up. Brodie's consistent efforts in goal helped us win and draw a number of games. He needs to keep shouting at his defenders to make sure they help him out.

## **Benjamin McVeigh** (Full Back)

Ben played full back for most of the year. Great skills and confidence under pressure which often resulted in him beating a number of opposition players and bringing the ball out of defence. Made a great defensive combination with Blake and has a very solid hit when he keeps his head over the ball.

## **Michael Odingo** (Right Inner)

Michael played right inner most of the year but helped out at full back for a couple of games when we were short. A very consistent player with great skills who brings his team mates into the game with his passing and a willingness to play whatever position was required.

## **Daniel Page** (Centre Forward)

Dan played centre forward most of the season. A natural forward who likes to be in the centre of the action. Dan improved his play throughout the season by running harder and bringing his team mates into the game with more effective passing.

## **Liam Page** (Centre Half)

Liam played centre half almost all season. A very solid all round player who worked hard in attack and defence. What he lacked in skills he made up for with outstanding effort and commitment every week and a natural ability to read the play.

## **Jonathon Stone** (Left/Right Wing)

Jon played wing and inner on both sides throughout the season. An energetic and positive player with a big hit and a willingness to tackle. A player who listened to instructions and did well in a number of positions.

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### **Kaileb West** (Forward and Back)

Kaileb played forward and back. A player with a good strong hit and a strong tackle. Another player who improved throughout the season by playing a number of positions and listening to instructions.

### **Thomas Williamson** (Right Half)

Tom played right half all season. A hard working and dedicated player whose skills and position play improved throughout the season. Worked hard every week to bring his team mates into the game with effective passing and by running hard to help out in attack and defence.

Thanks to all the parents for getting the boys to training and games. Thanks to Fred Harel for taking on the manager role and helping to keeping the lads under control at training. Special thanks to Eric Odingo for his words of wisdom and assistance to a first time coach who hasn't played the game. Thanks to Nick Page for umpiring every week. Finally, a big thank you to all the boys for enjoying your hockey and making the coach's job such a pleasure.

The team would like to thank Peter for his patience and guidance throughout the year. The boys have all thoroughly enjoyed their season, and have come a long way. In a day and age where everyone seems so busy, we appreciate that you have given up your time to coach our team.



## 5/6B White Boys

The boys have had a tough season this year. They faced up to a number of teams that had obviously consolidated over a couple of years of training together. For some of us, this was our first year in Junior hockey.

We set a task this year to learn to distribute the ball and work as a team unit. It took some time to achieve this task however, we did in the end. We may not have won many games but we learnt a lot about the different playing positions and that each position has a specific role and every player is important.

And so I say to: **Angus, Oben, Conor, Ben, Callum, Damon, James, Flynn, Kayne, Archie, Brandon and Levi-** Take the next step up to a higher level of hockey, keep enjoying playing the game and always be a good sport!

Thank you to Leanne (manager) and parents for their support. And Special thanks to Vanessa for coaching a couple of games for me.  
Allison



# 5/6 Regional Gold Boys

It has been great to see all the guys develop over the season as they have learnt their positions and their skills have improved. We inherited a team of defenders and over the season the forwards came together and worked well. As the season wore on, the value of persistence and pressure was realised as they stepped it up towards the latter part of the season. The team only lost 3 games in the season which was a credit to them.

## **Conor Addison** (Right Half)

Conor's quiet exterior masked a determined inner streak which came out when needed to take possession away from the opponents and move the ball forward.

## **William Burfoot** (Half Back)

Mr versatile, Will filled a number of positions over the season from centre forward to goalie. After filling in for Jordan last week, Will developed a new appreciation for what it takes to stop the other team from scoring.

## **Jarrold Dunlop** (Right Wing)

One of our pocket rockets, Jarrod was at times dwarfed by the girls on some of the opposing teams. However he filled his role to perfection, dazzling defenders with his stick work and assisting and scoring many goals.

## **Ethan Elliott** (Center Half)

Ethan proved to be a pivotal player pushing the ball up forward, controlling the play and defending with vigour. His carefully placed passes consistently moved the ball into the forward line.

## **Joseph Evans** (Inner)

Joe proved responsible for a number of sore legs and feet in opposing teams due to the sheer force of his hit. He proved to be a vital member of the forward line, scoring and assisting in many goals.

## **Jeremy Gribble** (Centre Forward)

Jeremy really found form towards the end of the season, showing determination and persistence which resulted in him being part of many goals, assisting and scoring.

## **Xavier Gribble** (Half Back )

Xavier has been a dependable fill-in for most of the season, playing up from grads. He has proved he is more than capable in playing at this level and fitted in well with the team.

## **Brandon Lawrence** (Fullback)

Part of our solid fullback line, Brandon consistently proved a challenge for attackers to get past. It has been great to see Brandon's confidence grow over the season.

## **Riley Marshall** (Left Wing)

Pocket rocket Riley started out as a halfback, practiced hard perfecting his sweep into goals and grew to enjoy the thrill of scoring goals. Riley threw his all into his game which often resulted in him meeting the turf as he dived after the ball.

## **Ethan Martin-Proud** (Fullback)

The original big hitter of the team. When Ethan connects, the ball will easily reach our 'D' ready for the wings to convert. Ethan was also our hitter in short corners which often meant he had to quickly run the length of the field to help defend.

## **Jordan Nicola** (Goalie)

Jordan was our dependable goalie. Stopping many more goals than he let in, Jordan was a great asset for the team. He does however need to remember that when he wants to train with the rest of the team he needs to wear shin pads as they do serve a valuable purpose.

## **Jack Williams** (Inner)

Jack combined with Joe to really confuse the coach by switching positions when needed. Another consistent goal scorer, Jack played well through the middle and proved to be a strong force against tough opposition.

Well done on a great year in juniors. All the best next year!

## 5/6 Regional Sand Boys

### **Brodie Abrahams** (Half-Back)

Brodie was one of the louder players on the field, he was constantly talking (though not always about the game I'm sure) and keeping the team's morale up. It was great to see Brodie's individual skill increase over the season, with him starting to beat players and use smart passes from the half-back to the forwards. Hopefully Brodie will keep his effort up and become an even stronger player in seasons to come.

### **Sean Beck** (Inner)

Sean hates only one thing about hockey, being subbed off. In less than a minute from being subbed off all you heard from him was questions about being put back on the field. His individual effort often lead to free hits and great plays. Accompanied by his hard work and hunger on the field, Sean became a very strong player. If Sean's hitting were more consistent he would have a very strong shot on goal, which I'm sure he will work on by next season.

### **Thomas Berkovic** (Defender)

Tom often had great shots on goal when put in the forward line, however it was his clearances from the defending D that really shone. His strong tackles and smart pushes/hits really helped keep the ball out of our goals this season. When placed in the forward line Tom also had exceptional position which often created opportunities. A strong player all round, it would be good to see Tom start to chase the ball harder next season. Excellent work Tom.

### **Liam Betham** (Winger)

Liam's individual skill has increased immensely throughout the year. He often creates many opportunities with some great short and accurate passes. Accompanied with his awareness of the field, these are a very powerful and fast way to get the ball moving up the field. It would be excellent to see Liam increase the power of his hit, which would work excellently with his accuracy. Well done Liam.

### **Joe Birmingham** (Fullback)

Joe started the year in a defensive role and his hard work and powerful hits managed to keep the amount of goals against us to a minimum. Halfway through the season we discovered Joe did not just hit hard, but also accurately, and decided to put him in the forward line. It definitely was a good choice, with Joe slotting three goals in one game. Keep up the hard work Joe, and try remember it's ok to push the ball sometimes!

### **Matthew Burton** (Half-Back)

As a player coming up from grads, Matt fitted in well with the team dynamic. Playing in Centre-Half we saw some great tackles and passes from him. He worked extremely well with Lachlan moving the ball up the field with some smooth and efficient skills. It will be great to see Matt hone his skills to become an excellent player. Keep up the good work mate.

### **Lachlan Drake-Brockman** (Centre Forward)

Lachlan was one of the hardest working players in the team, watching him run from the half line through to the D and getting a short was one of the highlights of the season. His effort in training sessions really showed on the field as he was able to out-run and out-skill most of the players on the field. Best of luck in your hockey career, as long as you listen and practice as hard as you have this season you will become an extremely strong player.

### **Keifer Dyson** (Goalie)

Kiefer spent the majority of the time keeping the ball out of our goal. It was great to see Kiefer working harder and becoming a better team player as the season went on. He made some amazing saves that helped us stay ahead in many games, as well as passing some great balls during his games as a winger. Well done Kiefer, with some hard work and determination you could become a great goalie.

## 5/6 Regional Sand Boys (contd)

### **Maxwell Harler (Inner)**

Max started the season with a inconsistent hit, with the ball sometimes powering, and other times bobbling less than a metre. With some focus on his hitting we managed to improve this and it was great to see him apply this in games. He is now one of the stronger tacklers in the team, getting his body down low and stick flat. Keep up your practice on hitting and tackling and you'll become an excellent player.

### **Riley Miguel (Half-Back)**

It was not hard to notice where Riley belonged on the field after his first game at half back. His outstanding passes to the forwards, as well as his hunger and speed made him an ideal player for the role. It was very uncommon to see Riley stop chasing the ball, which also meant opposition players often had to beat him two or three times if they could. We wish Riley the best of luck in future seasons.

### **Joshua Smith (Winger)**

Josh was a strong winger that provided some amazing passes and shots on goal this season. Josh blended well into the team being able to lighten the mood. Josh worked especially well with Brodie, with some of their plays creating shorts and shots on goals. It would be great to see Josh scoring some goals in future games and learning how to play winger.

### **Zachary Swinton (Inner)**

Zac was a strong inner, with his ability to control the play and the ball with expertise. It was common to see Zac running the ball from one side of the field to another, only slowing to beat an opposition player. Late in the season we saw some great ball movement between Zac, Matt and Lachlan which resulted in many goals. Zac keep up your running and keep learning new skills, it would be great to see you starting to take some shots.

