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Life Members

V. Dalton (Dec'd)	1959	M. Margetts	1996
D. Spitteler	1969	K. Jackaman	1997
P. Noad (Dec'd)	1971	K. McGuire	2000
R. Halliday (Dec'd)	1972	R. Walker	2001
B. Spitteler	1975	M. Bennetts	2002
M. Currell	1978	C. West	2002
W. Meacock	1979	J. Rate (Dec'd)	2002
K. Timmel	1980	B. Bennetts (Dec'd)	2002
W. Forward	1982	K. Harper	2003
S. Bell	1983	D. Porter	2005
J. Cole	1984	H. Geers	2006
M. Reynolds (Dec'd)	1985	S. McEntee	2006
S. Grey	1985	P. Meacock	2007
H. Klass	1986	N. Ogden	2007
B. Hancock	1987	J. Orr	2008
I. Deveson (Dec'd)	1988	D. Timmel	2009
D. Markham	1988	G. Coleman	2010
S. Niven	1990	P. Hall	2011
J. Pickering	1991	J. Davis	2011
G. Richardson (Dec'd)	1991	B. Cadd	2012
N. Kidd	1992	L. Forbes	2013
W. Atkinson	1993	W. Hudson	2014
C. Bayens (Dec'd)	1993	M. Welten	2015
G. Napier	1994	G. Bowater	2015
C. Willis	1994		

Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

Club Administration 2016

Patron	Mr Russell Aubrey, Mayor, City of Melville
Vice Patrons	Wally Meacock (Life member) Colin West (Life member) Keith Timmel (Life member)
President	Gary Bowater
Vice Presidents	Brianna Coleman - Senior Administration - Women Gavin Scally - Senior Administration - Men Emma Bell - Junior Administration Peter Oudejans - Finance & Development
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Secretary	Maris Margetts
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Life Member Coordinator	Colin Willis
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Uniform Officer	Allison Hall
Bulletin Editor	Brad Wake
Games Records	Rob Walker
Windelya Sports Assoc. Representative	Cheri Bowater

President's Report

Dear members it has been a hugely successful year and the club is very strong on several fronts.

The following report is an overview of 2016 - a very busy year for the committee, managers and coordinators. Thanks must go to these dedicated volunteers for the successes and works completed over this time. Perhaps as I report the highlights you can reflect as to how much was achieved while making the club arguably the best club in WA.

Juniors

Our Juniors have been very busy with teams about the same as previous years and 308 registrations on the books. The Junior Committee, headed by Emma Bell who I had the pleasure to sit with during the season, have been hard at work and diligent in their management of a large group of fine young athletes. The Development program has continued and the methodology has improved whereby we did run with a Development panel of eight club personnel this year, headed by Mathilda Carmichael and reporting to Emma Bell the overall Junior Coordinator. It was recognised last year that one person could not cover the territory to get around to the twenty six teams, which is required. The results of 9 teams getting into the finals do speak for themselves and we thank this dedicated group for making so much progress - it was nothing short of amazing. The club guidelines of not allowing juniors to play more than two games per weekend were upheld. In saying that, I do not think the introduction of juniors having opportunities to play at higher levels were missed but definitely well managed.

Satalyst (Todd Elliot) are specific sponsors of the juniors and once again their contribution has helped immensely to finance junior programs.

H2H

This year the numbers were 231 in H2H and Grads which is well above last year. So much fun was had by these kids. The cooked breakfast and drinks supplied after the Saturday morning events is amazing and well looked after by Todd Barrett and Wayne Hudson. The Head of the program was once again Matt Read who has done a wonderful job even with the pain emanating from his thumb. This is our future and it looks strong.

It would be remiss of me to not mention Porter Commercial (Bruce Porter) who sponsor H2H and the juniors - without their assistance we could not afford such great programs. Good corporate citizens are another great part of our club. Looks like Cam Porter is adding to the numbers as well.

Senior Men and Women

(with a combined number of 256 members)

The men have had a wonderful year with 6 teams getting into the finals. Our Premier 1s have had the best year ever known to Melville. The level of professional coaching and support shown by the OFT led by Russell Lee, Head Coach, has been inspiring to say the least and filtered throughout the grades. To get on this squad you have to be a very good player, level headed and a well-rounded club person ready to volunteer if called on. A requirement for all these men's teams is also to be a clubman and this was borne out by the number of these senior men who were coaching, mentoring, working on panels and committees with Juniors and in other areas around the club. It is fantastic to say the least. The chances offered to juniors transitioning to seniors has also been very

President's Report (contd)

evident. The future looks good for our men's program. I would also like to congratulate Russell Lee in taking up the contract option to be Head Coach Men for a further two years. I for one, am very happy and confident we are in good hands.

This group, sponsored by Poolwerx, and their representatives Steve Burns and Brett Jorgensen, for the second year, have been able to use the finest hockey analysing tools to review games and develop game strategies which assist the OFT stay at the front with technology. As the results prove, we do know how to use this technology to our teams' best advantage. The heart of success still lies with the team and coaches. Thank you to Poolwerx for their support.

Our Women, coached by Mal Cowan in his first year, have also had an excellent year. With some tough injuries occurring and absenteeism for many reasons, we have shown that they too have depth in the lower grades and have maintained a respectable top squad position in the competition. With 6 senior women's teams in the finals the pressure will be on next year to hold a position. This group, with their male colleagues have also been on Committees, panels and volunteer duties around the club. Especially with Junior development. I have many compliments from the H2H and Junior parents how pleased they are to see these athletes being a part of the club and their children's growing process being cared for so diligently and at a high level.

Pulse Realty, the top squad sponsor, have signed up for a further 3 year sponsorship and I must say are one of the most proactive sponsor companies I have ever seen. They are actually respected by the ladies and Sue Rayner is treated as a team member. Her husband Graeme is also always there but not as keen on the emails as Sue which she loves as being part of the team. How great is that.

A mention of our import players. It has been developed overtime that our import players both men and women be integrated into the club environment not just be a team member. This year has been exceptional and we have one of the most respected groups on side and who are club people. It has been recognised when these people come aboard that they do struggle financially. With them and our own other senior club members we have structured our training and junior education programs by using these talented people wherever possible in paid or subsidised roles from within the club rather than out sourcing these requirements. This model seems to be attracting good people and great results, where by our people can survive financially but modestly but within the bounds of what the club can maintain. I thank them all for their efforts and congratulate our members for being such a strong club to allow this model to work and making this talented crew welcome.

Masters

Masters this year have excelled once again with 133 members. We keep hanging in there and nothing is going to stop us. This group has always punched above there weight not only on the field but filling the many important volunteer roles around the club and as sponsors. We have a lot of talent on the field as well and movement of available seniors through to Masters is on the march and we hope to increase this group even further in the future. There are so many helping hands from sponsors to volunteers that it is hard not to notice the work constantly being maintained at the club. Also congratulation must go to the players who are reaching 600, 700 and even 800 games

President's Report (contd)

now which these numbers seem to be increasing. These dedicated players will be honoured in separate presentations.

Social Members

This group is at 41 at present and as we know are wives, husbands, brothers, sisters and friends of the club. They fill volunteer positions in the club and do not get the pleasure of playing but are very important to our infer-structure and heart of the club. I see this area as having an enormous potential for growth in the future. I encourage all members of the club to ask your loved ones and friends to be a part of the club and be a Social Member. Be recognised, get the club publications and be even more a part of the sideline fun as a spectator as we all know occurs. They are also eligible to vote on the many important issues we deal with at meetings.

In total our playing participating membership is: 969 persons.

Others are parents and guardians recorded who are not players: which are 467 persons

Total of 1436 active persons in the club. We are a big club and do have a big voice and a lot to offer members and outside influences like the City of Melville, Hockey WA and other governing and support bodies. We do need to ramp this fact up and increase our lobbying for better facilities and club support programs.

There are many highlights in the year and some are as follows and there are more perhaps not mentioned:

1. We have the new Change Rooms thanks to the CoM and our own funds to manage and take up the shortfall to make this building project happen.
2. The Uniform Shop, Kitchen and Bar are now account wise fully automated and actually have become reasonable fund centres to provide good services to our members and guests alike. We have a fine reputation out there in Hockey Land as a good food, good service club which has been going for many years and this year is no different.
3. We have moved further into the realms of accounts with a fully on line in the cloud based system which can be viewed by myself and key financial advisors to the club from anywhere at any time. The treasurer would have used this function to build his reports for us this very night.
4. The position of Finance and Sponsor VP has been separated with the Finance VP being one role and the Sponsor side being now ran as a Panel. The Finance VP will be an advisor to the Treasurer, Club and President for all financial matters in club (like a CFO) for want of better words. The sponsorship panel will be more than one person and now has 3 people working on paying more attention to sponsors' requirements, signing up more sponsors, coming up with marketable sponsor opportunities and coordinating the sponsor and club networking that needs to take place so that sponsors get fair representation for their donations. It is however recognised that a good sponsor is a good corporate citizen and there is no guarantee that they will make financial gain from the club but as a club it is highly encouraged we give them a go as they have supported us.

President's Report (contd)

The Future

While the programs mentioned will continue to develop and get better we must always have projects and plans to move forward as a club, be competitive in our hockey and give our members something to be proud of. To this end I have asked both the Executive Committee and Junior Committee to put forward ideas for Projects. While we will not be able to complete every request, we are now in a strong position of operational capability, financial capability and have great personnel to build on what has evolved. We do need more volunteers to keep momentum up and help the changing of the guard each year which is normal progress. Please contact your relevant committee person if you have a thought out and considered idea or would like to volunteer - we need you on the team.

I would like to notify club members our focus has moved from a second turf and clubrooms to only clubrooms. What form this direction will take is being developed now. While this is occurring the first requirement is to have CoM support and we will be asking and lobbying CoM councillors and officials for this support and guidance. We would expect that this would be of a financial and structure developing nature. At present the communal type club rooms and facilities seem to be the CoMs mantra for all clubs in our region. We believe, as do the other clubs in the region, that this is not the way to proceed. To this end I strongly recommend to our members to see what their representative offers and consider whether they deserve your support by asking them what is their opinion on this matter and club concern.

Finally once again thank you to a strong, active and dedicated committee. Their untiring work make all these things come together and you constantly inspire me and I am sure our members also. Some unfortunate news is that we do have some positions being vacated which are as follows:

Coordinator Juniors – Emma Bell

Vice President Men – Gavin Scally

We thank them and wish them all the very best for the future. They have made the club a better club by what they have achieved.

Sincerely yours

Gary Bowater

President – Melville City Hockey Club.

Finance & Sponsorship Report

2016 has been another good year in terms of sponsorship where we lost a few but gained some new sponsors. Please remember, our long term sponsors need our support if we want them to continue to help us.

FINANCE

The financial position of the club continues to stay strong through the excellent financial management by our hardworking treasurer Mike Scally, Cheri Bowater who is assisting with debt collection and of course our President Gary Bowater. A big thankyou once again to all three of you. Remember that the clubs financial position is also dependant on the working efforts of volunteers. This includes the kitchen (Kate Sparkes)and the bar (Andrew Criddle) in particular and other fund raising centres 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.

THE SPONSORS

We continue to have sponsors in our club who give and give and give because of their love for the club, hockey and its community. We acknowledge the many committee members who sponsor their personal time to the club and help make the club what it is today. 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 2016 are:



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Duracraft Panel and Paint	Dan McEntee	Stadium Naming Rights
Hockey International	Jinder Couhon	Premium Sponsor
Porter Matthews	Bruce and Cam Porter	Premium Sponsor
Porter Engineering	Dave Porter	Platinum Sponsor
Pulse Realty	Sue and Graham Rayner	Platinum Sponsor
Poolwerx Applecross	Steve Burn and Brett Jorgensen	Platinum Sponsor
Reynolds Graphics and Multimedia	Andrew & Jodi Reynolds	Platinum Sponsor
Enhance Physiotherapy	Belinda Copeland	Gold Sponsor
Western Irrigation	Andrew and Nicola Ogden	Gold Sponsor
Old Bridge Cellars		Gold Sponsor
Kenwick Auto Electrics	Steve Silvey	Gold Sponsor
Satalyst	Todd Elliott	Gold Sponsor
Westat Mining Solutions	Paul Hetherington	Silver Sponsor
Fremantle Dermatology	Annette and Kurt Gebauer	Silver Sponsor
Moncrieff Realty	Jim Moncrieff	Bronze Sponsor
Waste Water Services Pty Ltd	Johnson Orr	Bronze Sponsor
VIP Home Services	Bruce Cadd	Bronze Sponsor
Custom Mouth Guards	Shane McCormish	Bronze Sponsor
All Sports Trophies	Jan and Bob Davies	Bronze Sponsor
Forbes Photography	Teresa Forbes	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 2016.

Peter Oudejans
Finance and Sponsorship

Senior Administration Report - Men

We started out this year with a much different approach to previous years – where we have in the past perhaps been too focussed on in-year performance, we were much more focussed on building a club that can perform consistently at the highest level while providing a quality experience down the grades.

This change in focus has led to some significant changes – our second and third sides were significantly younger this year, except for when Russell played 2s, to allow us to focus on development in the 2s and 3s rather than necessarily on performance in those grades.

This has translated into 35 players playing in our second side through the year and 43 playing in the third side. 14 of those players have been juniors.

While the reward for this focus on development is still in the future, both the second and third teams will finish second on the ladder this year, and we expect to go deep into September with them.

With all this focus on development, this has been our most successful year to date in the top side as well, and while there are still two games to go as I write this we have a chance of finishing third but will in all likelihood play finals for only the second time.

With this change has come success – but also a measure of pain for some who have dropped down the grades as we hunt sustainable success into the future. I would like to acknowledge the personal sacrifice some players have made to help us be better in the long term.

As those players have dropped through the grades they have taken their skills with them, and we will also play finals in the 4th, 5th and 6th teams – clearly our best performance as a club in the male senior grades ever.

I am hopeful that success will continue to move down the grades in the years to come so some long suffering guys can play for premierships in the near future.

With that, thanks to Russell, Jordie, Pat and Andy Starling, the coaching group for the top 3 sides. Thanks also to Stick, as ever organising all the things I forget, and to the 9 managers who help take care of everything. Thanks to the parents of Juniors for their patience as they and their sons get used to senior hockey – in the main things have gone ok, although not without the occasional rub – and finally, thanks to the guys in the bottom three sides, for turning up every week even when numbers are challenging, and for playing your hearts out every time you take the field.

Cheers all.

Gavin

Vice President - Men

Senior Administration Report - Women

2016 for the senior women's group definitely had its highlights and equally challenges along the way. We brought our number of teams to 8 and the number of senior women to 120 – a 30% growth in the women's program in just over 2 years.

Finals are looking good for a few of our teams, being the Prov 1s, Prov 2s and Metro 1s. We are hoping to see all these teams fighting hard through the finals and come out with a few premierships.

Pre-season planning for 2016 started in September last year with appointment of new head coach Mal Cowan. I have been blown away with Mal's commitment and enthusiasm since his appointment, always pushing for the best out of the MTL squad. Alongside Mal we had David Orr and together these two have taken the group to achieving some great results against quality opposition throughout the season. Although the ladies will miss out on finals, we have a young and promising group who I am confident will maintain a top 4 position over the next few years.

The off-field team of the MTL squad have done a great job again this season. Thanks to Manager Lauren 'Loz' Costa, Player Liaison and the guy behind the camera each week, Steve Silvey. Of course the program would not be as successful without the support of our sponsor, Sue Rayner and the team at Pulse Realty. Thank you again Sue for your amazing contributions throughout the season, we honestly couldn't do it without you!

This season brought another great year of state representation, a real credit to junior program and top squad coaches. Special mention goes to the following who represented WA in 2016:

Aimee Clark – Under 21s and WA Diamonds

Roos Broek – WA Diamonds

Emma Fleay – WA Country

Sarah Gilbert – WA Country

After narrowly missing out on the grand final last season, the Premier 2s were looking in great form for 2016. The 2s struggled to get the wins together through the middle of the season but had some great results towards the end, to only just miss out on finals. Thank you to Josh Byrne-Quinn, and Sean 'Ramma' Ranford for your commitment to the girls this season and over the last few years. You guys really have set up the group in a great position for the years to come. Thanks also goes to team mum and manager Denise Miller for your amazing support to both the 2s and 3s this season!

The Premier Alliance ladies have had a season of up and downs, but have finished the year strong, also narrowly missing out on finals. 2016 was a difficult year for the 3s with a number of 2s, 4s and juniors play through the team, but week in week out, the core 3s group stood and fought hard in every game. Thanks to Ross Hall for coaching again this season and to Brian Robinson for assisting Ross and also managing the team, it's great to have you on board Brian. To Don 'Red Time' Miller, your commitment to the 2s and 3s group has again

Senior Administration Report - Women (contd)

been incredible and we are so grateful to have you around.

After our 4s were promoted to Provisional 1 this season, I expected the group to have a tough year in the higher grade. This team have gone through the season taking out the Minor Premiership and looking great for finals. The group this year was led by coaches Mathilda Carmichael and Matt Tate. For both having very busy hockey schedules and lives, their commitment to this team has been outstanding and more that we could ever have asked for, thank you. To team mum and manager Allison Scarlett, thanks for all your support.

Our Provisional 2 Gold ladies had a great season and should finish in 3rd position, with real potential to push for the premiership in September. Chris 'Morro' Morrison took on this group again for the season and did another great job. Morro's commitment to the women's program over many years has been amazing and I truly thank you for all the effort and hours you have put in. Thanks also to Nia Stevens for managing this season.

Our Provisional 4 Black team had a year of mixed results, but it was great to see the ladies come out with a few solid wins throughout the year. A number of juniors played through the 6s this season and it was great to see them build a lot of strength and hopefully they have learnt a bit about senior hockey from the experience. Huge thanks to Bruce Vanderzwan for taking on the role of coach for this team, and Chloe Corsini for managing throughout the year.

Our Provisional 4 Gold team had a tough year in this grade, but every week the ladies would get out there and give each game a real go. For a team that usually struggles to maintain regular players, the 7s group this season have put together a great core group and it is a real credit to coach Christian Gallagher. Thanks Christian for your commitment to the team again this season, and to managers Jasmine Vico and Melanie Hobday.

The Metro 1s had a great season and have locked themselves in for finals once again. Our Metros had a fresh look with a few new and old faces joining the group this season. Corelle 'Coz' Coleman took on the role as team manager, thanks Coz for all your help.

My two assistant VP's this season, Emma 'Griff' Griffiths and Nia Stevens have been amazing all year, working to get competitive teams out on the pitch every week. I even managed to jet off to the US for 5 weeks this season and definitely couldn't have done so without Griff and Nia's support and organisation, Thanks ladies for all your efforts this season for the Melville women's program, bring on 2017!

Brianna Coleman – Vice President Women's Administration

Masters Report - Men

2016 was another good year for Men's Masters participation, with four O40s teams, three O50s teams and an O60s team proudly representing the club on field. And sharing great camaraderie after their games each week. Though all of us are getting older, total player numbers remained strong, at more than 100 overall, with good new players adding strength to our teams; while longer term members continued to show great club and team spirit.

Unfortunately, with sprains and strains a persistent problem, on field results dropped off slightly this year. Nevertheless, it's still pleasing to note that 3 of our 8 teams look set to play finals. Good luck for all your finals guys. Whatever the results, we're sure you'll represent our club well, and do Melville proud. The same applies to the large number of club members selected for Men's Masters state teams (a dozen or more overall). Congratulations on this guys, and good luck for the October championships in Adelaide.

It's important to recognise the background work of our great group of Masters team managers, making sure of everything needed (team numbers, umpires, game ball, etc) prior to each game, submitting results and reports, and maintaining communications within their teams. Thanks for all your efforts guys. Well done, once again.

Thanks are also due to all those who helped out with umpiring. Particularly Neil Ashley, who recently retired from umpiring, for his many valuable contributions over the years, coordinating, advising and umpiring.

Last but not least, we'd like to extend sincere thanks to all our partners, supporters and advisors. Including the MOFTA group, for their ongoing support and advice, and Thursday training night fellowship.

Overall, it's been another good year of Melville Masters hockey, and a privilege to be able to share this with you all. We look forward to continuing this in 2017.

Andrew Criddle (O40s Co-ordinator) &
Geoff Riley (O50s & 60s Co-ordinator)

MOFTA Report

This year saw more involvement in helping set up Back to the Club Nights and general duties around the club. Everyone generally helped out but special mention must go to Hank, Maris and Jan for their efforts.

It was great for some of us to be invited into the 1s rooms before and after some games and hear the boys sing the club song with pride after their wins. Well done to Russell and his team (lead by Johnno) in having a successful season in all grades.

We recently inducted 2 more members in Graeme Coleman and Geoff Riley into the MOFTA Group and both are very worthy new members.

Congratulations must go to Ian (Mouse) Lyon for his selection in the over 75s State Team, very well deserved; just goes to show it is never too late to represent your state. Steve McEntee also gained selection during the year in the over 60s playing for ACT.

All the best to all teams both men and women in the finals and we will see you all next year.

Junior Administration Report

What a year it has been for Melville City Hockey Club at a junior level! In 2015, we as a Junior Committee worked with feedback from our hockey community to develop a structure to support the vision of building depth and quality coaching across all junior grades. During the off season we spent time refining the structures we put in place last year. The refined vision is as follows:



Our next job was to find people to fulfil the roles we set in place. The leadership team who helped us deliver this structure are Mathilda Carmichael, Matt Willis, Gav Byers, Bruce Vanderzwan, Keith Harper and David Ogden. Thank you to the above team who have worked tirelessly to make sure that we delivered a streamlined approach in supporting players and coaches during the 2016 season. As always, there is room for improvement in everything you do and we will be making sure the support is even better in 2017 season.

Our club would not run without a large number of volunteers, and I would like to thank a group of people that I have relied upon during the 2016 season;

Assistant Junior Co-ordinator:	Janine Tate
Hook in2 Hockey/Grads Co-ordinator:	Matt Read
Secretary:	Rae Thompson
Year 5/6 Girls Co-ordinator:	Rachel Roberts
Year 5/6 Boys Co-ordinator:	Roger Mellor
Year 7/8 Girls Co-ordinator:	Kylie Mishra
Year 7/8 Boys Co-ordinator:	Colleen Moulin
Year 9/10 Girls Co-ordinator:	Olive Hasselerharm
Year 9/10 Boys Co-ordinator:	Kate Page
Year 11/12 Girls Co-ordinator:	Stuart Wade and Fiona Power
Year 11/12 Boys Co-ordinator:	Colleen Bentley
Equipment Officer:	Linda Bielby
Junior Coaching Development Officer:	Mathilda Carmichael
Junior Umpiring Co-ordinator:	Jacqui Needham
Sporting Schools Co-ordinator:	Lauren Costa
Indoor Co-ordinator:	Jenni Hood

Jodi and Andy Reynolds, who run our club website, publish 'The Pride' newsletter and maintain our database, need a huge thank you. They are so reliable in making sure communication is circulated in a timely manner, and are very patient when things are given to them with not much time at all to get it out to the hockey community. Annette Davoren, who has supported the club for so many years in expertly putting together our first aid kits, is having a well-earned rest at the conclusion of the 2016 season. Thank you, Annette, for your efforts over the years. Teresa Forbes, who we all know for her fabulous photography, has spent another year taking brilliant snaps of our junior and senior players. Thank you again Teresa for framing our junior photos for all 21 teams.

Junior Administration Report (Cont)

Our annual Bunbury trip was another success for the 2016 season. Many of our Melville players spent the weekend enjoying hockey and munching on mandarins and/or donuts. A special thank you to Siti Tindale, who co-ordinated the weekend.

This year we fielded 21 teams, 10 girls teams and 11 boys teams. Twelve of the 21 teams finished in the top 4, in their grade, including the J7/8 A Reserve girls and J9/10 A boys finishing on top of the ladder. Nine junior teams made the finals this year (J5/6 grades do not play finals), with eight of these teams playing off in the grand final for the 2016 season. The Junior Committee feel that the success of the 2016 season is testament to the development programme that is in place at Melville City Hockey Club. Now the programme is in place, the future is looking bright for MCHC.

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

Under 15 Girls Indoor State Team: Lisa Gleave, Jo Snyman, Jade Vanderzwan,

Under 15 Boys Indoor State Team: Dylan Forbes, Justine Schonken, Wes Stewart, Mitchell Tate and Aiden Van Zuylen

Under 12 Girls State Team: Saysha Pillay and Caitlyn Templeman

Under 13 Girls State Team: Jayde Jackson, Georgia Needham, Saysha Pillay, Shaya Pillay and Caitlyn Templeman

Under 15 Girls State Team: Brooke Carew-Reid, Chloe Forbes, Neasa Flynn, Lisa Gleave, Sarah Hasselerharm, Kayla O'Sullivan, Ashleigh Power and Jade Vanderzwan

Under 16 Girls State Team: Molly Hagen and Jo Snyman

Under 16 Boys State Team: Dylan Forbes, Kyle Potter, Justin Schonken, Wes Stewart and Mitchell Tate

National Under 16 Team members: Justin Schonken and Jo Snyman

State Country Team and National Team member: Brooke Carew-Reid

Continued support for coaches was a goal for the 2016 season, with the introduction of the Junior Player Development Officers who worked alongside coaches to provide a streamlined approach to develop skilled and passionate Melville Hockey players. Many Top Squad players put their hand up to coach this year, including Australian representative players and imports. We are blessed to have so many senior players willing to give of their time and expertise to the juniors of our club. Your capacity to create an inclusive environment where young players can form bonds with those they admire is greatly appreciated by the Junior Committee. Along with you are dedicated parents who give of their time to coach and manage teams and share their passion for hockey. I love walking around on training nights observing the great relationships between players, coaches and managers. A junior sporting club is a great escape for children, who after a busy, sometimes stressful day at school, can come to an environment where they feel safe and cared for by significant adults. I feel blessed to be a part of this and thank every coach and manager who has supported the children who played for MCHC this season.

I am signing off at the end of this season and leave this position feeling very proud of what we have achieved over the past two years. I know that the positive path we are on will continue as Colleen Bentley takes over as Junior Co-ordinator for the 2017 season.

Janine Tate has been an ongoing support to me in this role. I thank you Janine, for your time and expertise. A huge thank you to Cam, Abi and Angus, who have enabled me to fulfil this role.

Emma Bell
Vice President-Juniors

Games Played Awards 2016

500 Games

Gaye Glaskin
Mark Lyons
Stefan Willett

300 Games

Sam Geers
Tim McEntee
Tony Patton
Karl Tulloch
Matthew Willis

400 Games

Michael Joliffe
Evan Kelly

200 Games

Mark Brodie
Marie Farrow
Tim Geers
Stephen Gibson
Paige Hudson
Patrick Lawther
Stephen Llanwarne
David Ogden

100 Games

Abigail Bell
Regan Bright
Corelle Coleman
Chloe Dawes
Dylan Forbes
Courtney Fullarton
Brett Gibbins
Melanie Leighton
Jayben Lister
Mackenzie Love
Janelle Miller
Nicholas Page
Jonathon Palmer
Kyle Potter

Taleisha Power
Will Reynolds
Jordan Rutigliano
Mitch Scally
Joshua Scanlon
Mitchell Tate
Jordan Templeman
Jade Vanderzwan
Victoria Wade
Matthew Wake
Trilby Widger
Matt Willis
Maverick Yow

50 Games

Conor Addison
Eveleigh Arthur
Zoie Arthur
Sean Bentley
Liam Betham
Joe Birmingham
Eligh Blechynden
Charlotte Bunn
Vanessa Carmody
Nikkola Champion
Lana Christie
Lucy Cocks
Jon Colgan
Kate Cowan
Lachlan Drake-Brockman
Kate Edwards
Ethan Elliott
Olivia Farrell
Georgia Farrow
Ivy Filmer
Sarah Gallimore
Jeremy Gribble
Ben Harel

Maxwell Harler
Sarah Hasselerharm
Jessica Holmes
Brodie Hood
Jamie Howells
Gregory Hyde
Ella Joynes
Samantha King
Lloyd King
Brandon Lawrence
Georgia Lawrence
Hayden Lock
Brenton Malacari
Jared Malacari
Simon Mathew
Daniel McMillan
Sophia Moncrieff
Georgia Needham
Jaymon Needham
Jolene Olde
Felicity Packer
Liam Page
Olivia Patton

Isobel Piggford
Saysha Pillay
Shaya Pillay
Zoe Polglase
Trent Potter
Jenna Powell
Ashleigh Power
Chloe Power
Sasha Richards
Lily Skipsey
Christopher Soraine
Mikaela Spires
Wesley Stewart
Mathilda Swan
Zachary Swinton
Eugene Tang
Caitlyn Templeman
Grant Watton
Kimberly Welten
Jordan West
Thomas Williamson
Morgan Woodforde

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 amalgamated in 2012, in the interest of further unifying the club community. The current awards are:

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 made 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 are given to the player displaying the most commitment to the team, showing great personal achievement or having shown an outstanding quality deemed by the coach to be deserving of reward.

The Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy was inaugurated by the Mount Waverley Hockey Club in Victoria when that club's juniors visited WA, were hosted by our club and played against our junior teams. It is presented to the most promising junior progressing to senior ranks in the following season, and is awarded by the junior coaches.

The Life Members' Trophy - presented by the Life Members to the junior player chosen by the junior coaches as showing the most commitment to the club. This award honours players who show dedication beyond that of the average player and covers both on and off field achievements.

The David Porter Trophy is awarded to the junior goalie considered to have had an outstanding season and is presented by long time clubman, Dave Porter.

The Ian Halliday Trophy is presented by Ian Halliday, another longstanding clubman, to the junior player scoring the most goals in the current season.

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Junior Awards 2016

Division	Fairest & Best	Coach's Award
Girls 11/12A:	Molly Hagen	Sarah Wignell
Boys 11/12A:	Trent Potter McKenzie Love	Jesse Floyd
Boys 11/12A Reserve:	Nick DeLuca	Ryan Lawrence
Girls 9/10A:	Crystal Hobbs	Lauren Anderson
Girls 9/10A Reserve:	Caitlin Bentley	Zoe Polglase
Girls 9/10B Sand:	Cailen Pickard	Mary Gopal
Boys 9/10A:	Justin Schonken	Brad Dowie
Boys 9/10A Reserve:	Luke Scatchard	Benjamin Tan
Boys 9/10B Black:	Aiden Lukan Trent Foo	Greg Hyde
Girls 7/8A:	Saoirse Hanavan Chloe Forbes	Kate Cowan
Girls 7/8A Reserve:	Mikaela Spiers Georgia Munnings	Olivia Patton
Girls 7/8B Black:	Georgia Lawrence Lily Skipsey	Alessandra Flexman
Boys 7/8A Promotion:	Joe Birmingham	Tom Williamson
Boys 7/8B:	Maxwell Harler	Charlie Gorton

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Junior Awards 2016 (Contd)

Division

Coach's Awards

Girls 5/6A:

Hannah Carmody

Lexie Cosgriff

Girls 5/6C:

Scarlett Houston

Meika Bond

Boys 5/6A Promotion:

Kirby Hobbs

Ben King

Boys 5/6B Black:

Ethan Forbes

Joseph Coleman

Boys 5/6C Gold:

Travis Canny

Matthew Vermuluen

Junior Loyalty Awards:

Trilby Widger

Bryson Cadle

Will Reynolds

Nick Page

Alex Rayfield

Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy:

Trent Potter

Most promising junior progressing to seniors

David Porter Trophy:

Zachary McKinnon

Outstanding goalkeeper

Ian Halliday Trophy:

Justin Schonken

Highest junior goal scorer

Life Members' Trophy:

Nick Page

Junior player displaying most commitment to Club

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Senior Awards 2016

Club Champion:

Fairest and best - men's top side

Justin McDougall

Matthew Willis

Club Champion:

Fairest and best - women's top side

Erin Judd

Hladky-Bayens Award:

Member displaying most commitment to club

Graeme Coleman

Caitlyn Ogden Memorial Award:

Tearne Latham

Premier 2 Men:

David Richardson

Premier 2 Women:

Kirsten Silvey

Premier Alliance Men:

Jonathon Rayfield

Premier Alliance Women:

Stacey Bruce

Provisional 1 Men:

Chris Gill

Provisional 1 Women:

Morgan Woodforde

Provisional 2 Black Men:

Richie Williams

Provisional 2 Gold Men:

Tyson Harvey

Provisional 2 Gold Women:

Ella Joynes

Provisional 3 Gold Men:

Doug Brightwell

Provisional 4 Black Men:

Christian Gallagher

Provisional 4 Gold Men:

Kieran Smyth

Provisional 4 Black Women:

Jordan Templeman

Provisional 4 Gold Women:

Eleanor Hopkins

Metro 1 Women:

Nicole Parrotte

O40 Midweek Men:

Marie Farrow

O35 Division 2 Women:

John Cooke

O35 Division 4 Women:

Fiona Power

O40 Division 1 Men:

Helen Doyle

O40 Division 2 Men:

Michael Fardon

O40 Division 4 Men:

Jeff West

O50 Division 1 Men:

Paul Brennan

O50 Division 2 Gold Men:

Ray Achemedei

O50 Division 3 Men:

Bill Morrison

O60 Division Men:

Tony Patton

Melville Turf Inc. Merit Award:

Bruce Porter

David Porter

The Maple Leaf Cup

Presented by Kip Hladky 1982 - 2011

Paul Meacock	1982	Johnson Orr	1997
Geoff Morris	1983	Pat von Mollendorf	1998
Alan Meacock	1984	Mal Farmer	1999
Keith Jackaman	1985	Nicola Ogden	2000
Ross Read	1986	Keith Harper	2001
Wayne Atkinson	1987	Graeme Coleman	2002
Harold Farmer	1988	Alene Ivey & Guy Hickey	2003
Keith Harper	1989	Rob Walker	2004
Graham Napier	1990	Mark Tate	2005
Wayne Atkinson	1991	Pat Hall & Steve McEntee	2006
Colin Willis	1992	Rhys Spedding & James Welten	2007
Bruce Read	1993	Wayne Hudson	2008
Rob Walker	1994	Leanne Jarvis	2009
Les & Rob Walker	1995	Pat Hall	2010
Colin Willis	1996	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 & Jodie Reynolds	2010
Leo Welten & Wayne Hudson	2011
Janine & Craig Tate	2012
Jodi Reynolds & Steve Silvey	2013
Maureen Welten & Gavin Scally	2014
Matt Read, Brianna Coleman	2015
Tracey Hunt, Wendy Jordan, Jane Vickery	
Teresa Forbes, Mathilda Carmichael & Emma Bell	2016

Melville Toyota League - Men

The beginnings of our 'Legacy'.

Last year I distinctly recall writing about the disappointment with our 2015 season from a point of view that we let ourselves, our supporters and the club down when we as a top squad have so much to offer in all aspects.

On current status I think we deserve to say that we have made some excellent strides in a number of areas from off field to on field. Still, we have work to be done before our 'Legacy' really takes off.

In my post season blue print; 4 key points were identified to put us on a path to sustained success;

- Culture
- Leadership
- Fitness
- Discipline in game style

What we went about first was refreshing our leadership structure and with that, developing our leadership stocks. Doogs has served above and beyond as Captain over the last 5/6 years but the time was right to refresh in our time of change.

The next step was starting the process of refining our culture as a team and individuals. We were lucky enough to have the services of our long time club servant, mate and Fire Fighting hero in Dom Reay to lead these sessions. More importantly this was player driven and set us up for what now sits in our change rooms as our mindsets.

Fitness and Game style went hand in hand and the guys worked extremely hard in becoming fitter, having elite standards and willing to learn and work on our game style which I'm confident in saying has shown for large parts of this season. Again, work to be done in this area.

The other area not widely known, is we made the decision to actively involve our Juniors into Seniors. This not only to develop individuals but more so engage them in our culture change and be the drivers for their teams and our future. There's a bright cohort coming through...

Our goal was to finish across the board in Finals and for me the top 3 sides (and other grades) have achieved this accomplishment which is an outstanding effort.

Special mention to Matt Swann and Blake Govers for their Olympic Selection. Tristan Clemons on Olympic Squad. Tim Geers and Justin McDougal on Thundersticks selection.

A massive thank you to the Committee, the club support, Gavin Scally, Dom Reay, Jordi Hunt, Pat Welsh, Jono Orr (Legend), Jay Dorsett, Guy Robinson, Jason Dewind and Andy Reynolds.

2016 out!

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Tim Geers (CAPT)

Part of the identified change of our leadership team, Tim was named Co-Captain and has shown great leadership qualities through pre-season and our stick & ball time. Timmy's also taken strides with his field play, showing more confidence on the ball and becoming a dominant attacking midfielder and an integral part of our midfield team. Need to see more longevity and action from Timmy on field through the season than off field. Congrats again on Thundersticks Selection.

Tristan Clemons (CAPT)

What a bloke! A likely Nobel Peace prize winner with his Science achievements, potentially the next Richard Branson (#getflapped) but most likely to be on the next Advanced Hair advert with the heavily receding hair line! Clemo drives a different wheel to our leadership team with his internal and external respect and his ways to challenge players and us as the off field team. Not prone to giving away a stroke or 2... Clemo's been a rock in the net for us and while he probably doesn't get the kudos, he wins us games. Having a fantastic couple of years in the net at all levels, Clemo was rightly named in the Olympic squad. Better to come is his wedding day to one of the regular WAGS on the scene in the lovely Clare; despite this being after the fact and if all things go to plan, we may need some negotiation skills here as his wedding day is planned for GF day.

Matthew Willis (V CAPT)

Mr Consistent. When I say this, I mean he's consistently a high performer for us all season long and now for numerous seasons since I've ceased playing. Unfortunately this high level consistency can't be related to his AHL team who have repeatedly choked despite their names on paper. Willow has taken active strides to develop his leadership abilities and this going part way with his mentorship of our juniors, passing his knowledge to our skilful up and coming cohort. Again a season where Willo has shown he is probably the strongest and most dangerous, if not fieriest midfielder in the competition. Topped this year with being our 2nd highest goal scorer, he's still knocked in mid teens which is exceptional.

Ross Hall (V CAPT)

I'll admit, I wrongly mistake Rossco at times for being one of the ballboys during pre-game warm ups or an English import during his raz ups to the lads at training or pre game... Aight! If I'm brutally honest, I think Ross had a slow start to the season with his own form and bedding down a midfield role. In saying that, he was the main driver for our mid to late year form improvement and run of wins where his performances, versatility in positioning and leadership were outstanding. Still has a bit to learn with bedding down CH and the midfield rotations, he will become one our central figures. Give him credit, he has improved his fashion sense despite still shopping at Osh Kosh or is it the overpriced G-Star!

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Patty Lawther

Patty, Smear, Jesus... this man's taken on a new identity this season with being a central figure down back. The locks have gone for a more streamline, clean cut approach; probably due to the fact he's now in the corporate world. Smear was tasked with taking a lead role in our back 2 and he's done exceptionally well given his first full year in the 1's and added responsibility. His marking, decision making and demand of players around him have drastically improved while he still needs to improve with his distribution skills and balance on ball. Taken on and beating some of the bigger names, that include going toe to toe with Samps at home. Despite his big frame he can certainly find a little hit to the body or niggles to have an excuse for some bench time...

Alex Wenn

Big Wenny, Wendell, Wendy or Nelville! But no, he prefers just Alex... This country lad from faraway Mandurah provides us more than what he actually thinks both on and off the pitch. Wenny can lighten the rooms with his take of himself or someone else, generally Doogs but it's his ability on the pitch where he has a strong say as to whether we are going to be in control down back both with and without ball. His flat tackle, when generally and mostly timed, is awesome to watch as is at the same time his ability to take all ball but also clean up the opposition all in one motion. Needs to get fitter and we will see more consistency from the big fella. Congrats on WA Country selection.

Evan Kelly

EK's your typical Engineer. Different! If there's ever a man who has an excuse for being late to training, Ev is right up there and probably runner up to Sam Geers... This 400+ gamer for the club will go down as one of the silkiest players seen at 1's level for Melville. His ability to get out of trouble with ease on the pitch is a pleasure to watch, this may change with his pending marriage! Troubled with knee soreness and likely requiring surgery post season, Ev has been one of our most consistent down back providing his level head and calmness. Another with the big day looming post season. All the best Shell and Ev.

Matt Tate

This long limbed kid feels like he's been around forever but is still U21 and we forget that. Had a fantastic opportunity with Jordi going down pre-season but didn't have the fitness levels I was hoping/expecting come the start of season. Since starting the majority of season in the 2's, he has taken on board and developed his ability to provide outletting options and reads the play exceptionally well. Fitness needs to go to another level and consistency will come but the hard work needs to be put in and we will see this guy improve out of sight. More than can be said for his hairstyle and choice of fashion!

Josh Antoncich

Not sure what's in the water at the Antoncich household but it's certainly not doing enough to help the long locks of Antoncich brotherhood - both are terrible! So much so that Anto needs to train with a hat and is often seeking one off field as well I'm led to believe.. Another kid given an opportunity right from the get go and has had an up and down season. Has shown some really good signs in his development to become an all-rounded player; areas to improve are in his mobility in play and to be able to read the game. More confidence and Anto will develop into one of our leading players. Loves Indoor... Learn Outdoor!

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Kyle McNess

And now a Harry Potter lookalike - Smear is still yet to accept and apologise for the new look! Has a running style that looks like he's about to pull-up lame at anytime.. another who has been given and taken good opportunities within the 1's and for the majority hasn't let the team down. Occasional heart attacks given when on the ball, Killa has improved with his marking ability and not getting caught ball focused in marking situations. What I love about players is their ability to give more, Killa does this in spades. His passion, will to win and want to better himself is what makes coaching so enjoyable. His PCD post work is exceptional and also provides versatility in PCA's as well with trapping. Doesn't mind diving head first into problems and spending a few weeks on the sideline for his troubles..

Frank Reynolds

Well.. didn't I find out very quick how fiery, angry this little wee lad can be! An honest error in reading out the teams pre-first game saw this little big man fly off in rage.. a rage which has since seen Franky land into 1's and take Rizza's mantle with the ability to 'stir the pot'. Franky will always been in the contest and boxes well above his weight. Has worked hard on his distribution skills and still improvement required. His run out of defence is pulsating, somewhat scary, at times in control but out of control to the point its like winding up a toy and letting go until it runs out! This guy, with Amac, has an Olympic type tank. Further improvement work to come and we can see this guy become more versatile.

Trent Potter

Welcomed back from the arch enemy at Fremantle due to his hairstyle not being accepted at the black and white! Requested upfront upon return that a blow dryer be installed in the change-rooms for his silky smooth wave up top, this kid is also silky smooth on the hockey pitch. Has an excellent ability at his age to read the game and be a step ahead of play. Controlled and composed on the ball, Pottsy's improvement will come from his ball movement and need to move the ball with speed and efficiently. Given a small sample in the 1's this year, you will see more of this young, loping, skilful player in the following years. Will no doubt request shampoo dispensers installed next!

Ash Ranford

The brother of Sean. Nothing else to be said really! Looking further, perhaps there is.. he's a better hockey player, bloke and has more hair. Ash was thrown right from the start into the midfield and when you look at our midfield that's an achievement in itself. Like Matt, sat down 1 on 1 with him to discuss the opportunity in front of him pre-season but unfortunately came back from indoor not at a fitness level expected of a 1's player. What Ash did do is work exceptionally hard to get into a reasonable level and push through some barriers where in previous times he would've stopped. His strong on the ball receives and tight skills can get him out of trouble, added with his vision, Ash becomes a dangerous player. Needs to improve his passing ability in open play to become that threat going forward. Hopefully now knows what is required of him at this level.

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Gavin Byers

The speedster.. arrived with a bang! literally.. Gav didn't like the look of a guard rail and in typical Scottish fashion thought he'd smash on and took the Camry head first into it Apparently wet roads was the root cause! We've been fortunate that our imports of late have been quality blokes and Gav has fitted into the group right from the start. Without a doubt the quickest bloke with the ball I've seen and his little legs pumping away, occasional speed wobbles when you run at that pace have been enjoyable to watch. Gav's been an added bonus to be able to run as a striker and midfield without losing any output. His closing speed and ability to pick off opposition players provides constant pressure. Hopefully the selection gods are with him and we see him on the Gold Coast at the Comm Games.

Ryan Hyder

Has lost his 'stir the pot' title! Rizza has been a central figure in driving our culture through the pre-season and setting the tone with not missing a single pre-season session. Off the back of his pre-season, Riz has also been given the 1's opportunity and he's been solid across the season. Played the majority of the season upfront but his versatility has seen him mix it in the midfield. Good on the ball and has a knack of getting out into open space; occasionally brings opposition players back into it, losing flow. Riz also has excellent defensive pressure and will provide a contest at all times. Scored a telling goal underwater at Shenton to steal us the win v Wolves - much like Dom Reay on the golf course.. Riz can duff the simplest of shots!

Justin McDougal

Dddooooogggsss... what a season for the big man! Unfortunately the same can't be said for his footy team. Dimma and the Tiges could've done with Big Doogie in the forward 50.. To the credit of Doogs, he took onboard everything we were looking to achieve and has led the team from the front with his actions despite not having the title as Captain. In previous years, Doogs was prone to scoring a few for the opposition (slightly harsh..) this year we thought the big frame would provide a presence and did it what.. On track for 20+ and as I write this, Doogs is 2nd on the Golden Stick award with a round remaining. Its been exceptional to watch and key learning for our other Strikers about getting into key areas. Nothing better than recognition with selection into the Thundersticks.. well done mate.

Josh Byrne Quinn

Provides the comedic value to the changerooms and his rendition of the great Charlie Gaudion was on show for everyone! Another who was away with indoor through the early parts of pre-season but came back in relatively good shape. Unfortunately injured in a pre-season practice match and missed the first few rounds, BQ came back through the 2's and worked his way back into the 1's. Hasn't been the best season in terms of consistency. What he does very well week in week out and isn't required to be asked, is intensity and work rate. If JBQ can become stronger with his receives and more importantly his traps and composure in front of goal, he has the potential to become more of a dangerous threat. An excellent hockey IQ in this guy.

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Sam Geers

If there's ever a quality read on viber, set it for Tuesday and Thursday.. This guy has had more things happen, go wrong than anyone I know - from injury to illness. Sam has huge potential and levels of skill but unfortunately we only see this in rare glimpses. Sam has spent most of the year in the 2's where again he will dominate for portions but will then be MIA more than Wenny on a cold rainy night at training. If Sam was to strip the game back, not overthink it and stay in the game on both sides of attack and defence we would see him push for the 1's positions.

Nick Tate

In previous times, toss a coin to see what you get from this lad! Consistency of his talents were never a strong point. Spent some off the season in Ireland and came back in some shape, better than what he generally comes into preseason with anyway.. still fitness is an issue but to his credit had set himself to put in to become a consistent 1's striker; not to just be in the mix but a threat to the opposition. Started the season well and landed in the Thundersticks squad, the mid season saw a drop off in part of his form and mainly due to work rate in my eyes. Needs a full pre-season in him to build his tank to stay in the contest as he is a dangerous weapon on both fore stick and back stick inside the attacking circle and his drag flicking ability gives us excellent options. There's more to come from this guy.

Karl Tulloch

Karlos like Sam started the year in the 1's and has since spent most of the season in the 2's. His fitness and workrate are undeniable to go with his passion to win. What you see is what you get with Karl, you know he will get to the critical areas in the circle and also has the uncanny ability to create a scoring opportunity out of the blue. Needs to work on his control on the ball and pressing on smarter lines and angles. Our fines master and just an all-round quality guy! I can say he put on a show in the SSS vs Leeming Spartans 20/20 match.. the rematch will be one to watch!

Mark Brodie

The Enigma! Missed the front part of the season due to a Bull Riding incident which he did his medial.. Geo's are quirky fun guys aren't they! Came back into it and in typical Brodes fashion, terrorised the opposition with his defensive pressure. Just as Brodes was building momentum, Kuwait called where he spent a few weeks for 'work'.. this has seen the up and down season with a guy that has not only defensive pressure but a post up game stronger than the Shaq. Like Shaq .. he can't shoot for ...toffee. I do love Mark's varying opinion of hockey which provides a different angle.

Matt Bowater

Who can forget his last season.. on the field, in the pads, hamstrings! This year Matty decided to put the pads back on and has done a fantastic job in filling in for Clemo. No better than the game vs Wasps in the 1st round where he pulled off some fantastic saves. You never have to ask twice for input from Matty and what I love is he challenges his team mates to simply be better. Has quality banter which doesn't translate into the hair style he is currently sampling..

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Justin Schonken

Another blooding of a kid that relates to part of our focus regarding development opportunities this season. Shonks for his age is a big lump of a lad and we were lucky enough to have the big fella join us from Joondalup and UWA - I'm still scratching my head around that arrangement but who cares now.. Has shown excellent skills and scoring ability with a mature head on him. Has fitted into the top squad very well, as has all of our juniors. This kid was given an opportunity against a tough side in Reds at home and he didn't look out of place. Needs to work on his shooting speed and variation in shots - you will see this guy in seasons to come. If there's anyone to knock off Doogs scoring record it is perhaps Shonks! Another junior with a "quality" hairstyle!

Jordan Hunt

Did his ACL (again) thinking he was Steph Curry trying to break ankles on the basketball court.. very disappointing to have him out but a blessing in disguise to be able to add Jordi as the Assistant Coach. When he's not swiping right.. his excellent hockey knowledge and respect amongst the group is an added bonus to our success this season. Can't thank this guy enough for all of the help.

Dom Reay

For anyone who doesn't know Dom; he's the guy who loves to wear a singlet or in severely cold conditions perhaps a shirt to have those guns and tats on show. One of the rudest heads going around the club, Dom has been a massive influence with our culture and his training/game day chats with players have been a major factor in our improvement to keep our heads. Thanks cob!

Jono Orr

What I love more about winning is giving this bloke a hug after a win.. I don't even hug me old man! He has a severe hate for umpires and can be heard whinging about them for weeks after a match. Again, simply put, this guy is a legend and has the respect from all the team.

Guy Robinson

The Strut! The main man behind keeping the troops on the pitch and listening to their complaints of soreness or excuses. Doesn't mind mixing it up with the boys during warm up and more so letting everyone know when he's bagged a couple to get his name on the selection table for 1's.. this bloke redefines the level of 'cool' within the top squad!

Melville Toyota League - Women

From Coach Cowan AKA as Mal.

As I reflect on season 2016 I feel the best way to summarise is in 3 parts

1. The understanding and planning
2. The process and execution
3. Kaizen and future

Understanding and Planning

Once the decision was made to take on the role of head coach this year, it was important to act quickly to understand what worked well and what didn't in 2015 in order to see what needed to improve. A meeting was organised in September and it was quickly realised, and as Gary Bowater indicated in last year's review "team harmony" was lacking. There were a number of issues raised which at first were directed towards previous leadership, but as the season started it was evident that the issues were deeper than one particular person. We needed to change the team culture from one of me to we, and less about blame and more about responsibility and dealing with adversity.

What we had was a very talented group of individuals lacking cohesion, desire and passion to do whatever it takes for the good of the team. Individual skill development wasn't going to be the focus but getting the team to play and train in unity needed to be our core focus in order for the team to progress.

Process and Execution

The process to change attitude and culture is not something that happens overnight, it takes time, through continued reinforcement, correction and realignment of who we want to become and what we want to achieve. Our focus for the team was now less on win loss ratios, as we had faith in the group's ability to succeed, but more about creating a culture that will lead us to continued success not just short term wins. We needed a culture of Continuous Improvement (Kaizen) in not only how we played but how we work as a team.

For those that have watched the girls play this season you will have seen this change. The group has gone from one that regularly presented negative body language, attitude and aggressive communication, to that of the recent fixture against CTP where a never give up, desire to work for each other and more importantly support each other in a tough and tense environment was a credit to how far the team has come. Responding to adversity, be it through coaching decisions, umpiring mistakes and physical opposition in a positive manner highlighted the growth in our development. Our aggressive style of play in which we press to force errors and counter requires high work rates, good awareness, communication and desire to work for each other when required. This has been our strength for 2016 and we will continue to develop it for 2017.

Kaizen and the Future

Melville is in an enviable position in both its men's and women's programs, not only do we have a talented Senior Squad that are capable of regular finals appearances but we also have a depth of very talented juniors coming through the ranks. The men look as though they have now got the balance right, some youth mixed with those experienced athletes hitting their peaks blended with a few well-seasoned campaigners to pass on their experience, has seen them achieve great results this year. Our women's squad is just about there, if we can maintain and build on our current squad and continue the development we have seen throughout 2016 combined with a consistent line up

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every week, Melville's Women's program is capable of standing side by side with the men deep into September for many years to come.

On that point we would like to congratulate our Men's team on the success' in 2016, we wish Russell and his group all the very best for their finals campaign.

Finally I would like to thank Loz, David, Steve, Josh, Sean, Brianna, the leadership group, Sue and Graham at Pulse Reality, other sponsors, Gemma, Abbey, Kate and all those other people behind the scenes i.e. committee members, family members and partners that have supported me and the squad throughout 2015/16.

To the playing group thank you for your efforts this season I have enjoyed the challenges we have faced together and look forward to 2017 where we will build on our process....

Mal Cowan
Passion and Kaizen

Edwina Bone (Eddy)

Although Weeny didn't get into a maroon uniform this season, she reached the pinnacle of hockey, and was selected for the Hockeyroos to compete at the Rio Olympics. Eddie is a fantastic club girl, and attended Melville games as much as possible, even braving some of the horrendous Perth weather to watch us play.

Roos Broek (Dutchie)

One word that sums up Roos would be passionate. Always getting the job done with minimum fuss and simply wanting to win. This includes at training, as we are all aware that Roos likes to play games when at training instead of doing drills (maybe this is what they do in Holland, and why they are the world's best?) There was one training in particular, that the Dutch side of Roos came out. We all know the Dutch like doing things a certain way, and 'that is best'. However, coach Mal does have some decent ideas of his own. One of these was how to deflect on short corners. A simple 'Mal demonstration' of Roos's method Vs Mal's method, highlighted Mal's method was more effective in putting the ball in the net. It was very funny for all of us to see, so thank you Roos for being strong in your beliefs and opinions. Your contribution to this team and club goes beyond the hockey pitch, as apparently you also know how to party!!

Mathilda Carmichael (TILS / ROTUNDA / MISS FURY)

In case you've been hiding from Perth media all season, our beloved model celebrity captain, has signed to Western Fury / Perth Scorchers for the 2016/17 Season. After dealing with this sudden rise to fame, Til re-focused on her hockey, providing solid leadership, immaculate skills and 200% aggression to every game. Continuing to provide strength and drive in the midfield, Til has contributed immensely to every single training and game. The girls thank her for this, but more importantly they thank her for her: 1. love for the songs "Come on Eileen" and "Uptown Girl"; 2. continuous ambition to prove Mal wrong (Yellow Ball Saga of 2016); and 3. excessive wear of Melville puffer vests.

Chloe Carter (Chloe)

2016 saw the return of our little pocket rocket after a year on the sidelines, following an ACL reconstruction. From day 1 of preseason, it was evident Chloe had worked tirelessly to not only rehabilitate her knee, but maintain her strength, speed, fitness and skill. Chloe isn't necessarily your flashy, want to see my name in lights striker, rather, she is the one who sets the standard for discipline and selflessness. The full field sprint from attacking end to defending end, the courage to run down defensive PC after defensive PC, and to keep her cool under difficult

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conditions. Although not always recognised on the field, your commitment and hard work has been vital for the team's success in 2016.

Aimee Clark (Li/R.B.F)

One of our most skilful players, Aimee will beat you three times before you've even realised! She's really stepped up this season and not only with her pre-game snapchats or hair braids; which have been on point. The team expected a lot from Aimee, as she expects from herself, and our faith has been rewarded with a dominant season in the midfield. With the brains on and off the field #thanksBHP, this girl has got it all! Whether it's goal saving tackles, elimination skills, excessive coffee consumption, intelligent play or a hair flick... there's nothing she can't do. Can't wait to see her next season and stepping up as a leader in the team, with another year of confidence under her belt I'd say she'd be close to unstoppable. Great season Aimee!

Briony Clark (Bri/Aphrodite)

Briony had a solid start to the season in defence then left us for a well-deserved European adventure for the second half, her bronzed photos have sparked more than a few envious chats around the club. All jokes aside her tenacity, line breaking hits and hard tackling were surely missed in the second half of the season. Our Briony is never afraid to crash a pack and possibly could have trialled for the Aussie women's rugby 7's for this Olympics. She's so kind, successful and intelligent off the field, she gives the younger girls someone to look up to on and off the field as well as proving white line fever does exist! Look forward to seeing you in action next season Bri, and hearing all your travel stories when you return. Well done!

Casey Donaldson (CASE/CRIP/DOG-MUM)

What a valiant comeback from preseason injury for Casey! She returned to the top league in style with gutsy play and hard fought goals at a time the team really needed them. Always ready to put her body on the line, Casey not only

scored goals she put herself in great positions to assist her teammates in scoring. Beware any opposition defenders that forgot she's a left hander; Casey's press work and pressure were impressive this season... as was her ability to continuously match her training attire. Great banter off the field, she has almost managed to talk about her boyfriend Jay more than the true love of her life... her dog Tex. Well done Casey, you added toughness and determination to our forward line. Can't wait to see you in action next season!

Naomi Evans (EVO / DARRYL)

Dazza was a myth for the first part of the season, with many (mainly Erin) wondering if she would ever return from a stint at Surbiton Hockey Club in England. However, when she did grace us with her presence in June, she made an immediate impact to the team, both in hockey and interpretive dance. She added serious florescent firepower to our attack, causing CATastrophe to many opposing teams! Never afraid to wear bright colours, dance in rollerblades or put her body on the line, Evo will be a significant attribute to MCHC on and off the field for years to come.

Preah Hetherington (Pre / anti-Ja Rule)

Commonly known as anti-Ja Rule for never being on time, Preah provides speed and ridiculous on-ball skill to our MTL team. With a lifetime of hockey knowledge, she is always willing to offers others information, and this is extremely well received. Her ability to break lines with a skilful jink and divide defence is invaluable. Her Royal Highness of Melville, Queen P has been a dominant player since her relocation from Collie, and will continue to be for seasons to come. We look forward and support her in accomplishing her achievable goal of replying to 10% of 2017's team emails / tasks #inPreah-wetrust #keepthefait.

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Kim Hocking (Hocking)

Moving to Melville this year from Whitfords, Kim has provided flare and skill up front. Playing across 1's and 2's this season has allowed her to play with a variety of teammates, take on challenges and lead by example. She always thrived at each opportunity she was given, playing with 110%. Great season Kim, keep pushing yourself!

Erin Judd (E.Judd)

Well Erin, it's not old news that you aren't an AHL standard goalkeeper (in-house joke), but it would be fair to say that you have saved our bacon a few times this season. From 1v1s to saving strokes, the impact you have had on this team whilst on the field cannot be questioned. However, off the field, you also bring your A-game. Whether you are busy choreographing AND performing dances, baking some seriously tasty items, or simply being your bright, happy and bubbly self, you always lighten the mood of this team. Thanks for everything Erin, you really are, a superstar.

Ashleigh McNess (Ashy/Limbs)

As resident fines master Ash has been in fine form on and off the field this season. Her calm demeanour and commanding presence on the field has been an asset, and she's stepped up to being a real leader in the team. She hits the top of the pack of young Melville girls transitioning to a senior player this season showing great consistency and patience in the backline, backing herself to keep some of the best goal scorers in the league scoreless (with the help of her unusual marking techniques and overhead pressure). Ash seemed to have a real drive to perfect her tackling, bodywork and out-letting this season to great success and it showed. I'm going out on a 'limb' saying this but this was her best season for Melville seniors to date and we can only imagine how deadly she'll be in WA's top competition for years to come. Well done Ash! Pleasure to play with you.

Monique Miller (Mon)

Coming out of juniors last season, and into her first season of playing only senior hockey, Mon cracked into the 1s team for the first few rounds. Coming up against some skilful opposition strikers, she more than held her own. Unfortunately due to team balance Mon was forced down to 2s, however, her work ethic and desire to improve did not waiver, and she continued to play some quality hockey and be a strong contributor in their team. We hope in the years to come you develop into a dominant player of the women's top team, Mon. Oh, and who could forget your fabulous family, Don and Denise. Both great contributors to this club, and everyone loves having them around! I suppose Janelle should also get a mention.

Hope Munro (Bobby/Bobs)

Well, I will see how many times I can insert a comma into this short paragraph, and ensure all other grammatical issues are correct. Bobby, you may be one of the older players in this team, however your change of pace, first few steps and speed over 10m makes you look like a 20 year old. Not only did you dominate the opposition with your speed and skill, you also assisted the umpires at any opportunity possible. Your ability to recite the rules is quite impressive. We have benefitted greatly over the past few years to have you share your knowledge and experience, and we hope your ankles, and everything else, can hang together for a few more years yet!

Ellie Nalder (Naldered It)

Ellie joined us this season from Vic Park, and we were glad to have her. Not the loudest or the most physical on the field, but a trusty halfback, who blocks out her opponent, or makes the crucial intercept. Quietly going about her business Ellie was one who kept everyone in check, demanding intensity and work rate whilst at training, and also when partying. I'm pretty sure half a bottle of vodka disappeared quite quickly one night, you walked into a wall or two, and

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then the Uber driver got to see the effects a few minutes later! Hopefully you have enjoyed your first season at Melville, and will be back again in 2017.

Courtney Pickford (Courts/Dork)

Courts is one of our senior players in the team, not by age, but experience. She has offered advice and insight to all our players on what it's like to play overseas and make it at an elite level. Unfortunately, she had a delayed start to the season from injury, limiting her ability to play the first games for the team. However, when she returned mid-season, we saw that speedy, tough Courts, with the cheeky drag, and sneaky tackle. We know how much you love the game and the frustrations you had in limited preparation but we are so excited at the prospect of you playing a full season next year, and can't wait to see you continue to influence and lead the team.

Tara Porter ('YOU'RE A WIZARD TARA' / MRS. 200)

Her second (returned) season at Melville has seen Tara provide great leadership, fierce / strong tackles and a cool, calm head to our backline. As one of our two vice-captains, Tara was a great support for Til on and off the field. Always approachable and not afraid to stand up & speak her mind, Tara's decision to come home to Melville has been immeasurable, especially in her talent of 'sneakily' letting balls over the backline. Whilst we all know she still holds the hope that she is secretly a wizard, we all hope she stays on and plays +700 games. Thanks for a great season Tara! Here's to many more Thursday Night club dinners of you eating your husband's chips before you bring the meal home / he realises that they are actually included in the meal....

Kirsten Silvey (Kirst)

Similar to older sister Meg, despite being young in age, she is a club stalwart, who also began in 2s. With some influential leadership and performances she was given an opportunity in 1s mid way through the year and did not disappoint. That crisp hit from either flank continued to surprise opposition strikers who were pressing you, and it provided our strikers with some lovely opportunities to terrorise the defence. Your tackling was of a high standard, but your athleticism and effort to retreat when required was second to none. We can talk for days about your hockey ability, but it is the hits on the feet and knees which were unfortunately a recurring theme. Never one to back down, you hobbled on each and every game, despite balls being belted into you left right and centre, and you did a fabulous job.

Megan Silvey (Megs)

One of our club stalwarts, Meg found herself starting in 2s following the 2016 preseason. It didn't take her long to find her form there, and demand a call up into the 1s. Despite her incredible knack to find fairly simple instructions a bit confusing, she did not get her jobs on the pitch mixed up. Always ensuring it was only one of the ball or player getting past her as one of the last lines of defence, Meg did a terrific job in our defensive line. Although she did take the occasional 'duck and squat' on defensive penalty corner, she asked questions to improve, and did just that, being part of the defensive penalty corner team who withstood 16 PCD's in the 2nd half against Wolves in round 16. When given the freedom to move into the halfback line she assisted our midfield and forwards by providing them with some high quality balls. Your bright and bubbly nature always puts a smile on everyone's face, and as always we are glad to have you as part of the team.

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Jo Snyman (Joey/L Plater)

Our youngest in the team and likely our most promising, Jo approaches the top WA league like a seasoned veteran. Often quiet and unsuspecting, Jo will drag around you like the best of them showing everyone she has a big future ahead of her. It's not only her hockey skills that are impressive but also her attitude... We all take note that Jo will never complain and just goes about her business with maximum effort every training and game. Looking forward to seeing you develop over the next few years Jo (and you getting off your 'L' plates!). You have all the skills; the next steps are about consolidating them and gaining confidence. Well done on a great season! We look forward to all of us (who are +20yrs old with retirement dawning), watching you dominate the league for decades to come.

Renee Taylor (House Squatter)

Renee "Triple Threat" Taylor is skilful and strong with a biiiiig overhead. It's been a pleasure to get to play with you this season even if it was limited to a few games. Your calm demeanour and silky skills on the field have helped our team reach greater heights and gain results when we really needed the points. Thanks also for coming to watch a few of our games this season when you couldn't play, shows the difference between having to play and wanting to be a part of the team, we notice and appreciate it. Hoping for your sake that you're picked in the Aussie touring team next season, and also hope for our sake you play more for us haha. But wherever you're playing we know it will be an impressive affair! Great job Renee!

Kimberly Young (Kimye)

New to Melville this season, Kimye has provided much speed and skill in our striker line. Don't let her shy demeanour fool you, she will never stop running or chasing down defenders! Arriving with an extensive hockey CV, Kim offers experience like no other, which she has passed onto the younger strikers progressing into our MTL team. Thanks for a great season Kim!

We can't finish the final team talk without hearing from the one who loves to talk the most – Me. Loz.

A big thank you to our super star junior strikers Jade Vanderzwan and Molly Hagan who played for us this year. You were both tough as nails and certainly bought a lot to our side, we would not have been successful without you. Congratulations on bringing your best to our side and we hope to see you both around more next year.

To Mal and Dirty – your drive and devotion towards the MTL squad was only superseded by your genuine commitment to develop them as a skilled team rather than a team of skilled players. I have witnessed the girls come together to support each other in adversity and success which can only be attributed to your leadership.

To the girls – even though you struggled with subbing, failed to remember your own uniforms/socks/bobby-pins/sunscreen/hair lackeys/tape/shin pads... I still loved every minute of managing you this year. Thanks for the laughs kids.

BRING ON 2017!

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Justin Schonken

“If you can’t beat them, join them”.... like Kevin Durant left OKC to join the superstars in Oakland, Shonks left UWA to join the “Dream Team” that is the Melville 9/10As. After strong performances in the junior grades, Shonks earned his opportunities with the 2s. Eager to listen and learn, Shonks demonstrated substantial improvement throughout the year being capped off by selection in the Australian U16s team and his debut at the classic league level. Stay humble, lead by example and inforce the Melville top squad values at all levels that you play. Congratulations on an excellent year.

Matthew Bowater

Withdrawal symptoms kicked in over the course of last season and so, Matt decided to jump back in the net for 2016. Playing his 300th game for the club, Matty has once again demonstrated his commitment and passion for maroon success. Such a luxury to have the caliber of keeper that Matt is playing in the twos team. Appreciate the leadership and passion, great season.

Wesley Stewart

Another member of the “Dream Team”. Admired Wes’ resilience this year, being selected as train-on for the U16s Schoolboys where an injury gave him the opportunity to go away with the team. Wes did not let the train-on selection phase him and committed himself to the hard work and training, working his way into the starting lineup for the Grandfinal. Congratulations on a great debut year in the senior program. A lot of potential to be unlocked.

Ben Meacock

It was a proud moment for Ben, at the start of the season, seeing his adopted children Frank, Ash and Josh become of age and make the step up into ones. This was short lived however, as the next trio of troublesome teenagers (Pots, Shonks and Wes) emerged onto the 2s scene. Having two kids at home and running the daycare at MCHC under the banner “The Fathering Project”, Ben regularly cashed in on the veterans clause within his contract claiming two sessions a week would be “overdoing it”. His leadership and parenting skills are a great asset to the team, can play the occasional good game of hockey as well.

Mark Timmel

Not sure who came back from Canada but it certainly wasn’t Mark Timmel. If anyone had said to me that upon his return, Stick would go without a yellow card for the 2016 season, I would have told them that there is more chance of Sean Ranford returning with a head full of hair and starring in a Pantene Pro-V commercial. Having said that, surviving six months in a bunkbed with Whispy would build a level of patience and understanding envied by a Tibetan monk. Poor umpiring decisions are now just like water off a duck’s back. Some decent hockey played as well.

Kyle McNess

We found this to be an interesting year for Killa. Having started the season in the twos, a number of consistent performances when called upon in ones solidified his position in the top team for the latter stages of the year. An uncanny knack for playing well away from home, regardless whether north or south of the river. Consistency is his strength, along with understanding his role and playing well within it. Great work mate.

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Daniel McEntee

Busy year for Macca; new house, new car, new girlfriend, travelled to Scotland and was notably absent from Metropolis Fremantle on many occasions. Times are changing for the old man but one thing remains consistent, his hockey. Scoring one of the best goals I have seen, a 60 yard overhead pass from Whip to be touched over the top of the keeper off one bounce at the top of the D. Apparently it takes over a thousand combined caps for MCHC to pull that off. Thanks again for a great season.

Trent Potter

Welcome back. Potts consistently performed at a high level throughout the season being rewarded with his debut for the MCHC top team. His laconic style of hockey is beautiful to watch and lulls opposition into a false sense of security. Scored as many goals as missed traps in the season, looking forward to seeing you continue to push your case for selection in the ones team next year.

Tjerk Van Dinten

Hi, my name is Tjerk....What?....Tjerk!....

Jerk?....Tjerk!....Ok so Turk?

Visiting Oz to further his studies, it was unfortunate that Turk arrived one round too late to qualify for one's finals. Instead, a huge addition to the two's backline. Turk's first game was a lazy 7-0 win over Aquinas in which Turk turned to Ben and claimed he was bored. He then went on to feature in the Minkey promotional match prior the ones game and dominated that as well. Great bloke to have around, you are most certainly welcome back any time.

David Richardson

Tough to think of new things to say about Richo, ever consistent, ever tough and ever reliable. Doesn't matter though, guaranteed not to read, let alone remember what gets written about him. Thanks for another terrific year of solid performances and life lessons.

Josh Byrne-Quinn

Played a substantial role in the ones for much of the year. Truly demonstrating his commitment to the club and club success by stepping up and playing well in the top team when called upon at late notice. Showed some real development this year in his ability to find more of the ball and in turn involving himself in more scoring opportunities. His decision making in these situations is his next phase of development and will come with more experience. Great work.

Chris Earl

Kiwi, welcome to the club. Began the season in the twos team, had a year of ups and downs with a couple of injuries. Great guy to have around the top squad. Looking forward to having you back next year. Thanks for your efforts during season.

Tristan Lasevicius

Another new member of the top squad. Joined us from Kwinana or Dale, where he played with tree branches, a rock and no shoes. Super raw talent with blistering pace and a ripping tomma. Can see a big upside in Tristan which will develop as he gains experience playing in a structured style with quality players around him. Thanks for the efforts this year.

Andrew McIntyre

Amac solidified his position in the twos team this year. Better ball retention and distribution coupled with his ever impressive work rate made him a valuable asset to the team. His ability to play roles in the midfield as well as up forward gave us flexibility in the line ups that we could take into each game. Appreciate the level of professionalism you bring to not only the team but the entire top squad. Well done on a great year.

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Anthony Ricciardone

Big Ricca, has been around since the dawn of time and I'm finding it harder and harder each year to think of new material. Always consistent in his hockey performances, however as he gets older, recovering from minor injuries has the same timeline as my grandma recovering from a fall. Look to go forward!

Jon Smedly

Smedly Wedly, plays his role to perfection in the forward line. Consistent goal scorer and leader for the young strikers. Would like to see him become more vocal in the change room, his experience and knowledge is well respected by the group. Needs to work on his cantor, it is the most awkward spectacle of a Shetland pony you will ever see. Great season.

Karl Tulloch

Another solid year from Karl, doing precisely what is needed from him. Getting his name on the score sheet, relentless pressure on the ball carriers and providing leadership for the young forwards. Improved his ball retention when providing an outlet option for the defence, along with perfecting the "dipper". Great season mate.

Sam Geers

Yeah, nah, yeah, nah, yeah, nah. Less indecisiveness in his own head will unleash the enormous talent that is Sam Geers.

Dyl Forbes

"Dream Team" member. A great senior squad debut capped off with selection into the Australian U16s shadow squad. Goldy locks has an enormous upside and looking forward to seeing this develop in the coming years. Continue to live the values of the top squad at all levels of hockey you play. Well done.

Patrick Welsh

The mindset of a 25 year old with a body that is going on 60. Worked the veteran's clause into his contract this year, one training a week often being enough. A perfect example of do as I say not as I do, loving to add a bit of flare and glory to his game. Another luxury to have playing at the twos grade. Great work and as always appreciate the co-coaching relationship.



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This year was a very exciting one to come into for a number of reasons. The success that the 2s girls had last year had me excited to continue to work with a great bunch of girls, and hopefully improve on our run last year and make the Grand Final. Mal Cowan coming into the head coach role for the 1s saw, in my opinion, a level of professionalism the girls haven't encountered yet, which created a more professional environment for the 2s girls as well.

There was one piece missing for me though, and that was having Sean Ranford on staff again. Sean was in Canada hitting the snow, and breaking his wrist, so trying to convince him to team up again once he was back was quite difficult! It took a little bit of time, but much to my delight, he caved and agreed to co-coach. Ramma is someone the girls respect and listen to, as he has a lot of value to pass on.

I couldn't have done it by myself, so I am extremely lucky to have one of my best mates coach with me. Thanks mate!

As I write this, we are sitting 6th, not far off of 4th with 3 games to go. I am certain that the girls will continue their development that they have shown all year, and put in 110% so that we give ourselves every chance to represent the club yet again in the finals.

Girls, it was a pleasure coaching all of you. The expectation was high this season for us to continue our improvements and hit finals hard again. Never have you guys wavered from what we were trying to establish in terms of game plan, and you all were very supportive of each other and myself and Sean. A lot of you guys stepped up big time this year, so it is exciting to imagine what the top squad can achieve in the years to come. Be proud, and keep enjoying yourselves!

JBQ

Josh-

Once again it has been a pleasure to stand by your side and coach this fantastic group. Your dedication to this group and your role was outstanding. From late night phone calls trying to sort out selections to trying to design specific drills to help this young group develop in specific areas. The club is very lucky to have an experienced and great coach like you. Well done mate.

Sean

Ellie Bigwood

Ellie has taken this season head on, and her commitment to training and in games has been second to none. Slotting into the backline Ellie showed her ability to make strong tackles and improved her distribution which was fantastic to watch. Great season Ellie.

Casey Donaldson

Casey had a horror start to the year injuring her ankle during pre season and had to sit a fair chunk of the first half of the season out. After recovering, Casey came back into the two's and showed her class with great stick work and ability to break lines and create attacking opportunities for us. Great Season Casey.

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Emma Fleay

Emma has been a crucial part of the team this year, playing in both forward and midfield lines. Her ability to break lines and distribute the ball has been excellent. Emma was selected in the WA Country Team and then further selected in the Australian Country Hockey Team. Well done Fleay!!

Jessica Gallimore

Jess has been a major part in our midfield group this year. Half way through the season we highlighted it was something we need to work on going forward. Since then she has shown huge improvement in her movement and distribution and it's been great to watch. Great work Jess!

Eliane Gebauer

Another one of our Junior contingent, Eliane has had a fantastic year. Her strength on the ball and in her tackling is outstanding. Over the last couple of years coaching Eliane she has continued to improve and I have no doubt it will continue which is very exciting. Great season Eliane.

Emma Griffiths

Emma's improvement this year has been very good to watch. Her ability to get the ball in the midfield and be a key link up player has been fantastic. Her work rate is second to none and she has been a pleasure to coach.

Molly Hagen

Molly has had a great season this year. Proving to be a very dangerous target up front and often knocking in goals. Molly was also selected to go away with the SSWA under 16's. Keep up the hard work Molly and I'm sure there is some exciting things to come in the future.

Kimberley Hocking

Kim joined the mighty maroon this year and has played both 1's and 2's. Kim slotted into the forward line and found herself on the score sheet a number of times. Great season Kim, we hope you enjoyed your first season at Melville and hopefully many more to come.

Lucinda Lefroy

Lucy has found herself playing both 2's and 3's this year. Slotting into the forward line Lucy's ability to use her speed and elimination skills has improved as the season has gone on and has become a major part in our push for a finals berth.

Rosie Manolas

Rosie joined the club this year and with our keeper from last season departing she was the perfect fit. Often making crucial saves Rosie displayed excellent ability between the posts. After a mid season trip and coming down with pneumonia she spoke to us and put the team first in our bid to make finals. Thank you Rosie.

Bonnie Meacock

Coming over from the Gold Coast this year, Bonnie's choice was to join Melville to play hockey, and we assumed the rich history of her surname had a part in it. She fit in straight away with the girls, and quickly showed what an asset she could be to the club. Playing in the backline, she has composure on the ball, a huge voice to organise, the brain to think through each situation and some wheels to burn past players. Great season Bonnie, looking forward to seeing your improvements after a preseason with us.

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Monique Miller

Monique has had a solid year. When she is confident, she makes game changing tackles, distributes very well, and can run for days. When she lacks that confidence, her game gets affected greatly, and this is an area that she can improve on. That being said, she has once again played a pivotal role in our team, and it is obvious when she isn't out on the pitch. Well done Mon!

Ashleigh Power

Someone that we earmarked last year as a regular 2s player for 2016. We started her out in the back 4 for a couple of games, but realised we weren't getting the most out of her that we would like, so we threw her into the deep end and played her in the midfield. There was a little bit of doubt here about putting such a young girl into the thick of things, but when we take a look at the end of the season, she has contributed greatly to the team, and has improved drastically! Ash, your biggest demon is yourself, if you can keep calm and focus on your job, and remember how good you can be, then you will take big strides forward! Well done on a great year!

Taleisha Power

Taleisha has consolidated herself as a starting midfielder this year, and has shown great improvements in her abilities ... especially the ability to control her emotions. Her passing game has improved, and she has found the side of the game that balances her anger and determination so that she has a huge impact on the game. One of a few that we regularly call on to take the game on, and manages to come through for the team. Awesome season!

Kirsten Silvey

The foghorn of the 2s team. Kirst is always communicating to the girls, albeit at a very high pitch, and has taken on the leadership role head on. Solid around the back, with her chasing back and tackling being highlights of the season. Can hit a ball very well, and very long, which sometimes can be our demise when our game plan is to play short. She plays HUGE minutes at times, and rarely complains. Great season Skip.

Megan Silvey

A leader in her own right, Megs brings composure, guts, and confidence to our team. Started off the season with us, but after starting off really well, got her opportunity in 1s. She has managed to double up for us, and play big minutes, which is a very hard thing to do, and she manages to still give her all and contribute a lot. A "senior" player, yet still young, so it is pleasing to see her lead others but also constantly ask for feedback. Great season Meg!

Kersten Smith

Kersten has been a saviour for us at times this season. Having someone of her calibre playing for us when we needed is a huge boost for our team. If you have ever seen her play, I don't need to explain how good she is, but when she played games for us, she has saved us multiple times! Thanks heaps Kerst, we are hoping to see you in the Maroon for the future.

Elizabeth Stratton

Lizzie! The spark of our team for the beginning of the season. In the leadership group, she was always the first to get the girls going and excited, and pumped them up when we needed it! She played out of her skin, slotting goals and breaking a few ankles. Very upsetting for the team when we found out she would be out for the season after her body broke when playing in 1s, but after seeing her blistering start to the season, I am sure we will be seeing her for the next 10+ years.

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Jade Vanderzwan

Jade started off the year in 3s, and strung some very good games together. She rolled up to each training session and trained very well, always asking for feedback, and looking to improve. Her persistence paid off, making her way into the 2s team and immediately having an impact. After stringing very good games together in the 2s, she got the call up for 1s and has proved herself in that grade too. A testament to Jade's work ethic and commitment, and also the club's depth all the way into the Juniors. Great season Jade, exciting times ahead.

Thank you also to the following players that supported the 2's throughout the season: Abigail Bell, Stacey Bruce, Chloe Carter, Aimee Clark, Briony Clark, Preah Hetherington, Serena Matthews, Ash McNess, Jordanne Medlen, Ellie Nalder, Courtney Pickford, Amy Robinson, Monique Sader and Jo Snyman.

Also a special thank you to Annette and Kurt Gebauer for patching up players - Thank you!

Last but not least, our rock / mum / diffuser / platter expert / reason I will have Diabetes soon (jelly beans), Denise Miller! Denise you have been THE BEST manager one could ask for. At times it has been difficult.. due to the girls.. chasing up money, chasing uniforms, waiting on late emails from Sean and myself, quietly asking us to not yell at the umpires so we don't get our captain sent off, the list goes on! Your time and efforts are second to none, and the girls, Sean and myself are extremely lucky to have you manage for us. To the girls that have had Denise manage for you, once you finish reading this, go find Denise and give her a massive hug and say Thank you! Thanks Denise :)

Special mention to Don Miller for always willing to lend a hand with anything to do with training and/or games, the girls love you Don and Sean and I really appreciate all the help you have given us!



Mens Premier Alliance

Due to injuries in top squad throughout the year, as well as junior athletes representing us at national level, it felt like 60 different people played throughout the year. Dishonourable mentions to Matt Bowater, Tim Dickson, Dylan Forbes, Russell Lee, Will Reynolds, Anthony Ricciardone, Gav Scally, Mitch Scally, Justin Schonken, Jon Smedley, Aiden Van Zuylen, Ryan Vickery (all 1 game); Lloyd King, Kyle Potter, Henry Rogerson (2 games each); Chris Gill, Jackson McReady, Jono Thorn, Mark Timmel (3 games each); Pat Welsh (4 games) and Jay Testar (5 games). All played roles this year when required, then ran away when they thought they had better things to do. Unfortunately, you had to have played at least 6 to get in the good book.

Sean Bentley (the better Sean)

Seany B was our regular youngster through the early stages of the year. When he started playing too well he was even given an opportunity to try his hand at 2's. Lucky for us he can't qualify with them for finals, so we get to have him when it matters most. Sean just needs to find his voice and back his judgements to be able to take that next step to being a top squad regular.

Jack Davoren (Davo)

Davo likes to spend his Saturday mornings at PSA sport. Dave was regularly getting sent off for clobbering someone. With a little more skill he could readily take over from Connor McGregor in the UFC. Less cards and even fewer overheads next year mate.

Jason De Wind (JDW)

Jason did his knee early in the year, probably from lifting the overly priced beverages you can find behind the Perth Hockey Stadium bar. After regularly making up numbers at top squad training (just there to bring the footy), he'd grace us with his presence for our 3's training. Cost us some serious points come finals by not telling us about umpiring; hopefully you learn to manage the PHS bar better than you did our team.

Chris Earl (Kiwi)

Kiwi came to the club this year as our budget import player. Unfortunately, he lacks the sporting prowess of the All Blacks. We can't blame him though, dating a goal keeper can do terrible things to a person. Eventually he'll see the light and support Australia in both cricket

and rugby, which will be closely followed by a permanent place in the 2's.

Stephen Gibson (Gibbo)

Gibbo's major skill again this year was his deliverance of the pre-game talk. The huddle consisted of repeating everything Andy had said in the change rooms 5 minutes earlier, just in about 1000 less words. Leading the MELVILLE call after this was his last involvement in the game, regularly going missing or not being able to trap the delicious overheads gifted by the backline. You really can't teach an old dog new tricks.

Tristan Lasevicius (Saffa)

Another budget import player, Tristan hails from the South Africa originally. Coming from Kwinana Tigers where he'd score 14 goals a game last year, Tristan decided to give the big leagues a crack. Unfortunately, it appeared the Kwinana lifestyle rubbed off on him; head down running away from anyone whoever chased him. A number of full field runs resulting in goals, but a number of frustrated teammates not getting a touch.

Hayden Lock (Carmelo)

Hayden was another of our young up-and-comers who has a promising future in the backline. Appeared to take on bits of all the defenders; physically match it with Davo, throw bombs like Oggy, read the play like Mav. Another junior with a bright future at the club.

Mackenzie Love (Love-train)

Macca filled in for us whenever Jono was "working" or being picked up by the 2s.

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Compared to his brother though, the banter is seriously lacking and needs someone to run around after him picking up everything he's forgotten. Having similar issues to Jono with a huge gap between the legs, goal keeping for Melville in the future looks bright indeed.

Daniel McEntee (Macca)

One of the club legends (due to him being so old, not to any great level of skill), Macca was forced into the team with young talent coming through around finals time. Is generally good for a goal a game, but definitely misses some absolute sitters. That game against Freo where you had an open goal from 10m out? What were you thinking?

Andrew McIntyre (AMac)

AMac decided that just playing one game a week wasn't getting his step count up enough, so he decided to double-up with us. Even after playing 2s just beforehand, he was still able to do more running than the entire 3s team combined. Whether he actually did anything in the game is debatable, but boy did it look good with all that movement. Just watching him made Andy lose 3kgs!

David Ogden (Oggy)

Another player to be pushed out of 2's by talented youngsters, Oggy easily established himself as the biggest and best rig in the competition. Casually came down and converted a few corners to become one of the team's highest goal scorers and the short corner specialist every team craves. If he spent as much time playing hockey as he did in the gym, would definitely be playing for Australia.

Nicholas Page (Pagey)

One more youngster to be promoted to the Bushhooks come the end of the season in preparation for finals. Pagey played an important role in our defence in stages throughout the year, never backing away from a contest against strikers often twice his size. A

little more size and seniors experience will see him cement a place with us next year.

Kyle Potter (Terra)

Kyle came down to preseason after a few too many Big Macs over summer. To his credit, he's traded that in for a salad or two and lost a bunch of weight, leading him to become a far more dangerous striker with his skill set, manoeuvrability and strength. Among some of the other juniors given senior opportunities this year, Kyle has shown he can mix it with the big boys. Another promising sign for the future of Melville hockey.

Sean Ranford (Ramma)

After being rejected by nearly every female in Perth, Ramma decided to try his luck abroad. He returned midseason when he realised his ginger wisps were not appreciated by Canadian women, and after a serious wrist injury from "skiing". Unfortunately, he wasn't the most dynamic inclusion, regularly being mistaken for the beer fridge behind the bar.

Alex Rayfield (Ray-Ray)

The slightly more skilled Rayfield. Another year in the seniors for Ray-Ray has led to an increase in maturity. He regularly skips training now to go to the theatre and concerts to experience finer culture and lifestyle. But if that's what it takes to punch well-above your weight, sign me up.

Jonathan Rayfield (Jono)

The lesser known and appreciated of the Rayfield family. Jono was the ginger ninja in the net, saving a few goals here and there to the great appreciation of the uncoordinated defence. Glad he has become more normal by replacing his Batman smock for the Melville colours; now we just need to shut his legs and we might be able to get top spot on the ladder.

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James Ross (Jamie)

Jamie was forced out of the 2's after being the highest goal scorer for them in the early stages of the year. Apparently scoring too many times is a crime, so when he played for us the goals completely dried up. This could have been influenced by Jamie's regular Friday night appearances at the 11/12 girl's games. Stop trying to take coaching tips from your sister, mate.

Jordan Rutigliano (Hansel)

One of our youngsters to be promoted to Team Export come the end of the season in preparation for finals. Jordan was far too good for us and by all reports has taken a liking to the chilled game play. This is very characteristic of Jordan when he did play for us; easy going, floating into the right places and finding plenty of ball. Will be good to have him cement a place with us next year.

Andrew Starling (Boss hog)

The old saying "a picture is worth a thousand words" definitely doesn't apply to Andy – instead of just drawing everything up on the whiteboard pre-game, he'd give us a full blown lecture. Not just at the start of the season, but every game and often resulting in a 6 minute warm up. Then there were the substitutions which required 4 University stats students to be able to understand. However, thanks must go to Andy for an increased level of professionalism with the team and for all the efforts he made during the year, even when Davo getting carded caused you to lose more hair than you can possibly afford at your ripe old age. Thanks a bunch mate!

Mitchell Tate (Spud)

The final member of the 9/10's dream team, Mitch was left to rot with the rest of us in 3s. He may not be blessed with outrageous skill, but Mitch actually has a hockey brain far surpassing a lot of other kids his age. A true shining light of the untapped talent at the club and will leave the rest of us has-beens in his wake.

Conor Thompson (Top-knot)

After not losing the top knot over summer, Conor was always destined to be pushed back in to the rabble that is 3's. He then became the odd man in defence by being the only one not able to throw an overhead; even Davo could throw them, just straight to the opposition. Never fear, being one of the young guys you'll be relegated to 2's in no time.

Joshua Wakefield (Wakes)

Josh was much improved this year having decided that hockey was a team game and learning how to pass. Not surprisingly this has been associated with the team's improvement this year, with him being such an integral part of the group. All he needs to do is remember how to score goals while still being able to pass. Learning how to defend could also help.

Alexander Wragg (AJ)

Filled-in for us from Stick's mob, then decided he would hang around. AJ regularly sea-gulled off everyone's hard work, often pulling goal shots out of nowhere. Definitely willing to have a chat as well, constantly giving it to the umpires and the opposition. This coming after a heavy night out and playing a game of 4s beforehand. Solid effort.

Maverick Yow (Mav)

Mav joined us so that we could at least have some level of skill in the team. The general at the back, he'd eliminate opposition teams with ease, setting up a number of goal scoring opportunities. Unfortunately, his penalty corner conversion rate is as good as Travis Cloke's goal-kicking. Luckily Mav left to travel Europe and propose to his missus in Paris. Congratulations mate.

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In what can only be described as a rollercoaster year filled with highs and lows, I feel the girls made good progress to becoming great hockey players. Filled with disruptions such as holidays, injury and work trips, we managed to pull together each week and play the game we love. A big learning curb for myself in how people fit hockey into their lives. A big thank you to our awesome manager Brian Robinson, who I brought on more for me to absorb the great knowledge he has of the game. Also girls, can not fault any of you in the effort you've put in this year. THANK YOU ALL!!

Abigail Bell (Forward)

Our resident junior, Abi is always a laugh to have around. A positive attitude and ability to laugh off Ross's terribly mean juvie jokes has made Abi an enjoyable feature in the team. A skilful forward with a cracker hit, Abi is a force in the forward line and is often eager to hit on short corners. We hope you have had fun this season Abi and hope you keep enjoying playing seniors with us!

Grace Bowyer (Forward/Inside Forward)

Grace is one of our feisty forwards who is always keen for a goal. Her eagerness to receive the ball has resulted in both setting up and scoring goals for the team! Grace's push outs on short corners are second to none and the team stresses when she's subbed off on offensive shorts. She leads by example both on and off the field by encouraging everyone to try their best.

Stacey Bruce (Forward/Inside Forward)

Stacey, better known as Brucey, is the Jack Russell of the team. Small but deadly, let's just say we are glad she's on our side and not the opposition with her determination to get the ball in the net and the odd crack to goalies helmet. As the most experienced player on the side, we are lucky to have her in the forward line to control the game from the front and lead the strikers group. We can always trust Stacey will put 110% into every game and are very glad to have her on our team.

Sarah Gilbert (Forward)

S - speedy striker
A - attacking forward
R - ruthless in defence
A - a valued member of the team
H - hard working
G - goal scorer
I - inside forward
L - lots of pressure on opposition
B - brilliant ball skills
E - energetic
R - run run running
T - tenacious

Lisa Gleave (Goalie)

One of our valued goalkeepers and juniors on the team, Lisa is often called up at short notice and we are lucky to have her. Unlike other girls, Lisa is very quiet off the field but this changes once on the field. Lisa, you have been a strong force out the back and had some awesome saves this year. Another person to add to our wonderfully fun team that we have been lucky to have this year!

Britt Macdonald (Fullback)

Britt is our warm-up queen. She may be very chatty off field but when the sticks come out IT'S GAME TIME! Honestly nothing can get through her super defence and cracker hit. As a trend setter in the fashion world, her trendy socks and berks cant go unmissed. Being away so often with work I think she's run out of excuses for missing training but makes up for it on game day.

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Serena Matthews (Halfback)

Serena is one of the hardest workers on the team. A quiet achiever, she is often rarely substituted as our superstar right half, sometimes playing entire games without a break. Despite her halfback prowess, she is also extremely versatile, playing inner and centre half on occasion. Quick and skilful, Serena does the hard work both on and off the ball and is a real team player. You did awesome this year Serena! You are one of the nicest people on and off the field. It was a blast to play with you this year!

Jordanne Medlen (Inside Forward/Halfback)

Although she was new to the club, she fit in like a sausage in a bun. Jordy, you brought laughs to all of us and plenty of support both on and off the field, particularly in the warm up. Your dynamic leading and outstanding fitness certainly kept us going when we were all crawling behind you trying to keep up. We hope you've enjoyed playing with us as much as we've enjoyed playing with you and thank you for everything you've done for our team.

Janelle Miller (Fullback)

Janelle is a valuable team member, having a leadership role she really stepped up to encourage and motivate the team on and off the pitch. Sometimes as our last line of defence, Janelle doesn't disappoint as a fearless and relentless tackler, stopping players in their tracks. Always giving 110% and making sure the team is on track, it is no wonder why Janelle is a vital player. Janelle is also a great role model to her junior team which she coaches, teaching them the proper way to transfer around defence.

Amy Robinson (Halfback)

Amy, aka robbo. The silent assassin who wouldn't hurt a fly, but get her on the hockey field and she's sure to "rob" you of the ball. Second best manager, lifting her game when her dad, Brian, can't make it, to organise someone to provide the essential half time lollies and deal with the annoyance of team finances. Amy is one of the nicest girls on the team and an all round solid defender, making her a wonderful teammate.

Monique Sader (Forward)

Sader, as we like to call her. When Sader goes in for a tackle, she goes in with everything she has, with such strength she rarely doesn't win the ball. We feel a little sorry for the opposition defenders that really have no chance when Sader wants that ball! Saders positioning in the 'D' and making the most of opportunities has resulted in a few cheeky goals and short corners this year. We look forward to see what next year brings! Thanks for a great season!

Kersten Smith (Goalie)

Kersten is definitely one of the most positive and encouraging girls on the team. She has never given up on us throughout the year, and has helped us to achieve our goals. She is a very talented goalie who has saved our butts on many occasions and is to be commended on her efforts. Thanks so much Kersten for everything you have done for our team, we'd love you to play with us next season, and will happily fight the 1's and 2's to have you keep for us.

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Jade Vorenberg (Halfback/Fullback)

Off the turf, Jade is always smiling. On the turf, she's deadly. Great in defence and always a team player, she's saved our bacon all season. With her awesome overhead and the ability to drag flick, Jade often catches the opposition off guard with these specialised skills which this grade rarely sees. Jade you are a great asset to the team, it's been a pleasure to play with you this year!

To wrap up this season, the team would like to thank Ross for his cheeky banter in the changerooms, his presence on game day and his highly appreciated knowledge and skills he has shared with us. The highlight of Ross was for returning to PHS from hospital to coach us after being hit in the face, where stitches were required, when he could have easily thrown in the towel and left us to our own devices. Thanks for the extremely fun season and we appreciate your efforts.

The team would also like to thank Brian for his managing, as well as coaching when Ross wasn't able to make games. Brian your incredible expertise was greatly appreciated and extremely valuable. See you next season Brian!

Extra thanks goes out to Amy Robinson for managing when Brian was unable to make games, Mal Cowan, Mathilda Carmichael, and Don Miller for helping out with game day coaching, and Josh Bryne-Quinn and Sean Ranford for coaching the training sessions.

Final thanks goes out to the many players who filled in for us to make up for our originally small group. Thank you: Ellie Bigwood, Sarah (Billy) Billingham, Larissa Blechynden, Sarah Bowyer, Shahni Chiswell, Brianna Coleman, Lauren Costa, Chloe Dawes, Neasa Flynn, Molly Foss, Jessica Gallimore, Sarah Gallimore, Jessica Hood, Tearne Latham, Lucinda Lefroy, Rosie Menolas, Nathalie Matthews, Bonnie Meacock, Hope O'Neil, Kayla O'Sullivan, Ashleigh Power, Elizabeth Stratton, Caitlyn (Chooky) Surman, Jade Vanderzwan, Victoria Wade and Morgan Woodforde.

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Michael Ashley

Stick brought some outstanding qualities to the team this season, a deadly PC hit, great leadership skills and a complete inability to tomahawk. The latter being the most beneficial. With a great understanding of the rules, you could always hear Stick from somewhere on the field querying the umpire's decision.

Luke Austin

Luke had a great season even managing to have 2 shots on goal. Well..... 2 shots. Unlike a few other members of our team, Luke has incredible fitness. The man is so fit that he thinks it unfair to train each week as he would simply run over every man, woman and child during the session and, in his own words, "How can you improve on perfection?"

Ashley Ellis

Ash had high hopes for this season, going hard before training trying to get his fitness up when he looked at a rugby ball the wrong way. Needless to say the ball got the better of him and Ash's knee couldn't keep up with his mind's overestimated fitness levels. This ended Ash's season in the first few weeks, it will teach him to follow in his idol's footsteps C. Geers.

Christopher Geers

Chris returned with 6 games remaining in the season because he doesn't believe in a pre-season. Chris' agility is second to none, as in, there is no one worse. That said, he adequately makes up for his lack of match fitness with a silky touch, refusal to pass the ball on his forestick and a considerable contribution to the fines jar every week. Unfortunate to miss out on a finals spot due to the influx of young blood but stands him in good stead for next season.

Nicholas Geers

Who? Oh you mean the most unreliable fines master anyone has ever seen. Played 2 games before deciding that his goals are easier to achieve on the physio's table than on the field. This will forever be a season of what ifs for this aspiring youngster, destined to remain a distant reminder of what could and should have been. It is no coincidence that we picked up significantly more points after his season-ending hamstring injury than before it.

Chris Gill

Gilly is probably one of the worst people to play hockey with. Everyone else on the team will at least make a mistake so you can fine them. Every fines meeting it gets to Gilly and the room is silent. Stop making it so awkward Gilly! Other than his inability to make galling mistakes on the field like the rest of us, Gilly has had a great season offering excellent stability and drive from the centre of the park.

Aren Gissing

At the beginning of the season, Aren made the bold decision to leave renowned powerhouse Kwinana Hockey Club for the bright lights of Melville City Hockey Club. Since his controversial move, he has had an outstanding season in the net. Although if watching the game you wouldn't be too sure whether he was having a good/bad day because both circumstances end in a big tanty. Aren has made a number of outstanding saves this year, although after multiple incidents at training, I feel children may be out of the question.

James Hickey

The ever reliable Hickey had a great season at fullback, although if asked, he is a misunderstood centre forward never shy

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from making the dash forward. Considering the amount of injuries suffered by our team throughout the season James has made good use of his medical training, even offering guidance on proper stitching technique from time to time. If only he was able to stitch our defence together as well as a cadaver, we would already be in the Grand Final.

Lloyd King

There are only a few guarantees in a game of hockey: sticks, a ball and Lloyd chirping an opposition player. Lloyd has perfected the art of being a “team oriented forward” with his only major issue being too kind when trying to assist team mates and winning corners instead of shooting. That said, ask him about the match winning goal he scored against WASPS with 3 seconds on the clock. Actually don't worry, I'm sure he's already told you about it himself.

Jayben Lister

Jibba bleeds for Melville. Not that he likes the club or anything, I'm fairly sure he believes he's playing soccer with the number of slide tackles he attempts. Rumoured to be the #1 backer in “Spray On Skin”, Jib is not only an inspiring entrepreneur but a fantastic team mate and hockey player. Taking on the manager's role for a motley crew like ours is always something of a Herculean task so I have to be nice here. Jayben for PM?

Jackson Mcready

Freshly promoted to Senior hockey, Jackson has spent his first season in Men's hockey like a typical 18 year old: flirting with everything and anything he can. Jackson has learnt a lot in his first season playing exclusively Senior hockey, the least of which are the words to the club song. It's only upwards from here for the

plucky young gun and I pray for his liver in the off season.

Oliver Mills-Edward

Another player returning from a lengthy spell on the sidelines, Oli has fit superbly into our team of miscreants with his inability to stay fit for more than 3 consecutive games and a predisposition for on field sledging. Surprisingly the best aspect of his game isn't simply talking about it, it's scoring goals; something which he has managed to do in abundance. Hopefully approaching full fitness for our finals campaign, I hope that he manages to maintain this well into the future with us.

Christopher Morrison

Another youngster of the club, blighted by injuries and frequent trips to Bali. I'm pretty sure that when the physio recommended “Resting it”, they didn't quite mean that he should immediately book a 2 week holiday to Indonesia instead of supporting the rest of the team. Still insisting that his talents are wasted at the back and that it's the midfields fault for his constant injuries due to all the chasing he has to do in defence. The good news is that, due to his frequent weeks off, Morro's best is obviously being saved for our finals campaign. The epitome of a team player.

Nicholas Page

A remarkable name for a remarkable young man. Remarkable in that he never managed to play with his namesake (perhaps unsurprising) and show him up at every opportunity. Another one of our new young breed coming through the ranks, Nicholas has adapted quite well to Senior hockey with his ability to retain possession; especially when under pressure coming on in bounds. Still yet to hear him say a single word though which is quite a pleasant change considering the company he keeps in this team.

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Cameron Porter

Could challenge for the angriest man on the team (closely fought battle with Lloyd). Leading the team in cards and appalling tackles, it is easier for the team to wait for an umpire to send him off than it is to make a substitution with him. That said, his anger on field seemed to make him play even better with memorable performances coming against the likes of Old Aquinians' but only after attempting to throw handbags at every member on their team. Great season, good to see that even having two kids in the space of 1 season of hockey can't dampen the spirit.

Adam Riley

It's always nice to see Ads. It would be even nicer if he wasn't incredibly hungover every single week. The utility in the team, Ads' versatility allowed him to play a handful of games in the forward line. Was great to see him make the most of his opportunity and score so many goals...

Jason Tate

Never have I seen a hockey player find better positions on the field. Saying this, never have I seen a player miss so many open goals. That said, I've also never seen someone more prone to scoring ridiculous goals that he has absolutely no right to. Jason has been up and down between teams this season with each week following similar fashion: drop Jason Thursday, call him Friday asking him to play as we need the numbers, scores buckets on the weekend. Rinse and repeat ad infinitum.

Jay Testar

A mid-season inclusion to our band of battlers, Jay has greatly improved our ability to outlet from the back and continue to play our delicious brand of attacking hockey, even against the might of the Republic of Ireland (Southern River). A danger at both ends of the field, it's a testament to how truly horrid his hair style was that we consider getting it cut off to be his greatest contribution to the team (and fines jar).

James Welten

Fresh from his stint at playing with "The Dream Team", Jimmy has brought his usual industrious displays, gigantic glove and inability to lay anything but a flat stick tackle back to our team. A key element of our midfield, Jimmy delighted in a few more physical battles with other teams; notably North Coast Raiders. Always giving 110% and working for the team, another season to be proud of for this returning battler.

Alexander Wragg

The super star. After starting the season in the naughty corner, AJ worked really hard to impress the coach and became teacher's pet. Now as Andy's lapdog, AJ is making scoring in the 3s a weekly occurrence. We wouldn't usually mention this kind of traitorous behaviour but AJ insists on "coaching" us every weekend so we feel morally obliged to sledge him somehow.

Special Mentions to Jordan, Aiden and Jerry for helping us out on a number of occasions this season. Has been much appreciated and hopefully this bunch will see you a lot more in the following years. On second thoughts we hope you perform a lot better and don't get stuck with the has beens until you're well and truly a has been yourself.

Womens Provisional 1

What started out as a bit of a joke, ended with Matt Tate and I coaching the fabulous 4's in 2016. After winning the premiership in Provisional 2 in 2015, the 4s were promoted to Provisional 1, or as some would say, "the 1's of real hockey" (apparently MTL, Premier 2s and Premier Alliance isn't 'real' hockey). It was evident early on that this team were a social bunch and thoroughly enjoyed each others company, both on and off the pitch, which in my opinion, can only do good things for their performance on the pitch.

As I write this, the girls have definitely excelled on the pitch in 2016. Despite initially being concerned about what I was doing with my life, when there were questions asked such as 'what's an outlet?' What is a receive...you mean trap the ball?' and having to count to 7 to get into the right position on a defensive penalty corner, the team has put in some excellent performances, and currently sit on top of the table (13 wins, 1 draw and 0 losses from 14 matches). I am not going to comment further on my expectations for the rest of the season, as the girls know what they need to do in order to fulfil the potential which this super team has. Yes, I accept nothing less than winning, plus its more fun than losing.

Some may say that you learn more from losing than winning, and whilst this may be true in many occasions, I believe if you continually challenge yourself, and demand more of yourself, you can always learn. For a few of the girls this year it was about "Getting outside your comfort zone". I know a few were hesitant with this at first, but to their credit, everyone embraced the different challenges and obstacles that were put in front of them...and most importantly, are still alive today to tell the tale. I thought I would commend a few individuals on 'getting outside their comfort zone' this season

- Brianna, I know you now love playing fullback, understand the positioning and your role to a tee
- Izzy, in Ron Wilson Cup for the juniors at the start of the season, you nearly had a fit and probably told me to 'jam it' after I was playing you as an inner for 15 minutes of a game... well you actually only lasted 2 minutes before you took it upon yourself to swap with another player (just a tip, don't swap positions right in front of the coach ;) however, come round 11 this season, where we needed you to play inner for half a game, you came through with the goods, and even recognised you enjoyed it and have the capability to play there more often!
- Loz, well you informed me you don't like to come off during games, you don't play in rain, you play fullback and just whack the ball up the other end, you don't like running much, but when fullback gets boring you want to play halfback, but then you have to run at halfback so want to come off or play fullback again. Despite all these demands, you managed through the season quite well and even adapted to being coached and sometimes being told what to do. I would just like to apologise to anyone and everyone (mainly ground controller at Melville one week and the Guildford ground controller, who copped abuse for not having ice on hand or a tap in the dugout)
- Shahni, well the adjacent Facebook comment says it all! Too hungover to play a game, clearly it was alcohol 1, Shahni 0, but well-done on being so honest, and informing us about 4 hours before our game started!
- Gams, or for those that don't know Gams, Sarah Gallimore. Approached this season with much trepidation, as apparently I can take hockey a bit too seriously, yell at people and use 'tone of voice'. But you have survived, and have even laid on some seriously good tackles, which even your mum appreciated, before she was off to watch the older sister in her game.

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As an entire team though, they all were challenged and put out of their comfort zone as we transitioned from a back 4 (traditional hockey) to a back 3. Matt and I both were amazed with how a slight adjustment in how we set up to outlet, meant everyone literally forgot how to trap, pass, run and communicate. Yes, everyone was required to put a higher percentage of their brain power towards understanding the new positioning and slight change in how things were occurring on the pitch, however, I didn't think the brain expenditure was so high that it would mean we would forget so much of what we knew. Having a different structure was a big thing for many of the girls, however we are all growing and working through it, and I hope (We'll look like a bit of a fool otherwise), that it is useful towards the end of the season.

On a serious note though, thank you to all you girls for allowing both Matt and I to coach. There have definitely been many more fun, enjoyable and memorable times than those when as coaches we have been frustrated and annoyed! The commitment you all showed throughout the year has been fantastic, and you are all to be commended on it. It is not surprising that you have had such a successful season thus far, as it is simply reward for your effort and dedication, to both the team and your individual development. You have all been a pleasure to coach, and I hope you have enjoyed the season as much as I have.

Larissa Blechynden (Riss)

Your effort on the pitch puts many defenders to shame, always doubling back, always calling, always encouraging and most importantly, always smiling. You have a poke tackle that can take on anyone, and a crazy half push/half hit technique that could only be learnt in Busso. We are so lucky to have you in our team, if not only for your giggle alone. But remember - if the striker is coming in on the left, 'all ya gotta do is push 'em wide mate'.

Sarah Bowyer (Boo or Booyah when scoring)

Sarah is a great teammate on and off the field. Her work rate at inner this year has been exceptional especially after having a few seasons off! She is a dominant player who is always strong on the ball and creates good attacking play. Sarah has been a huge part of making this season so successful and fun! Just a legend really!!

Shahni Chiswell (Sharns)

Shahni had a great season playing as a midfielder this year. Her strong attacking drive and ability to work hard in defence meant she had an impact all over the field. She gave her best effort in everything, and is a fantastic team

player. Never lacking a positive attitude, it was definitely missed at training in the later part of the season when she started working down south. Shahni's been a pleasure to be around, both on and off the field, congrats on a great year! But the season highlight would have to be when she missed a game for being too hungover, absolute gold!!

Brianna Coleman (Crafty)

Bri plays such an important role within the club and earns her place on the field too. She is an incredible defender with her strength, skills and determination to keep pushing forward, even when put through hell after you're big trip away! The humour you bring to the team on and off the field lightens everyone's day and makes it enjoyable to play alongside you. Your dedication to the team is astounding. Even if that means spending the first half of the season in America, missing out on running sessions for dinner, or simply being late for the warm up as you had a breakfast date. Defend until the end!

Lauren Costa (Lozza)

Who even is Lauren Costa? Well what Lauren stands for is L is for her love...of a good Shiraz. A is for aggression, never afraid to knock an

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opponent down. U is for uniform. She wears that Melville uniform better than anyone else. R is for rampant lion. She wears it with pride. E is for being an energetic and enthusiastic team player. N is for never failing to put a smile on everyone's face. Lauren, better known as Loz, it's been a pleasure playing with you this season, as there is never a dull moment when you're around. You keep us on our toes, whether it's because of your crazy dangerous hits or your crazy one-liners, all of which can be found in the Book of Loz.

Chloe Dawes (Klo)

One of the spring chickens of the team, Chloe never fails to run circles around some of our more mature competition, much to their frustration. For one team, the goalie had to resort to assassination as the only way to contain Chloe! Chlo's hunger for goals has seen her up at the top end of the league's leading goal scorers, and she is soon to hit double digits (it is guaranteed). It has been a great season Chloe!

Sarah Gallimore (Gams)

Well I think it's safe to say that Gams is definitely one of the main sources of entertainment in this team! From your pre-game orange facts, to your unbelievable love for cats, and your bubbly personality, you have made this season so much more enjoyable. Without Pips and Gams, I dare say there wouldn't have been as many laughs and good memories. Week after week, your skills were of high quality, and we can all agree your performances contributed to the team's victories. You're a great asset to the team, Gams!

Isabelle Gurbiel (Pip)

The 'junior' of our team, Izzy became a great addition to 4s life. Mainly playing halfback, she could always be relied on to get the job done. Towards the end of the season Izzy played a lot through the midfield, and really became a solid contributor. Off the field she provided the team with a fair bit of entertainment, never lacking

with her juvie comments and antics throughout the season! A great year Izzy, can't wait to see what you've got for us next year!

Rachel Harrup (Harrup)

Harrup has been an absolute legend in the forward line this year - no doubt inspired by her uni games triumph! Her goal scoring ability and lightning stick work has left many a defender wondering what just happened, as she whirls past them and slots one into the back of the net. Loz summed up Harrup best when she said "There's only one Harrup... except for that time when there was a Harrup on another team.... but her top knot was nowhere near as good". Congrats on a fantastic season Rach!

Tearne Latham (Tee/Turtle)

What to say about a goalie? Thank you for all the awesome saves, thank you for telling the other 10 players where to stand and thank you for taking out the occasional oppositions player for us. It has been an absolute pleasure to have Tearne in goals, she is such a reliable goalie with super skills and always provides a constant source of talk on and off the field. A force to be reckoned with on the field, and a delight to be around once the goalie pads are removed. Thanks for the great season T!

Natalie Matthews (Nat)

Nat, you're such a reliable and hard working defender, and have performed in every single match this year. Some may say you are one of the quiet achievers of this team, but you always stand out when we need you most! Your constant bubbly nature and energetic self, meant your contributions to this team were noticed by all!

Maddie Northover (Mads)

Captain Mad Dog Maddie. Always has a positive attitude, and always knows what to say before the game. She uses her speed and skill to defeat the opposition time and time again, and can also use her skills to be a handy defender. All round top bloke.

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Caitlyn Surman (Chook)

Chookie is an amazing hockey player and great asset to our team, always finding a way to put the ball past the keeper, be it through their legs or around them. Her athletic ability is seen in every game, as is her awesome vibe, spirit and passion towards the team. Despite turning up late, often(!), she always makes up for it in one way or another. It has been a great pleasure to play with you, and I hope I get to team up with you again in 2017!

Morgan Woodforde (Morgs)

Morgan is such a valued part of our team. With her positivity both on and off the field, she has made this season so much fun! A go-getter on the pitch, she is always right in the middle of the action and never stops running until that ball is hers. She is a tenacious player and her ball control is on point. Morgan you are an amazing player, and I hope to play with you again next year!

Some thank you's

- The season would not have been possible without our number 1 manager, Allison. Without you we would not have been able to get through the season. From the orange and lolly roster, to umpiring allocations, the weekly team email with availability, collecting turf fees, and of course just your presence in the dugout during games to keep everyone in check. Your commitment to the team was no less than any of the girls, some may even say you were more dedicated than Shahni, as despite a serious hangover, and having the shakes, you still made it out to Guildford ;)
- To Sarah Hasselerharm, (and Olive for driving you everywhere), thanks for being our number 1 fill in. Having a bit of youth in the team never goes astray, and all the girls greatly appreciated having you as a part of the team. Just for clarification, in terms of counting the amount of games you've played for MELVILLE, you can't add on your games from REDS!!! Cmon Hassel!!!!

- To Jenna Powell, Mia Ballard and Monique Sader, who all helped us out when we were short, or in Monique's case, who was part of our team until 3's took her!
- To Patrick Matthews, who took over coaching of the team when both Matt and I were unable to attend due to playing at the same time, and maintained the team's high standard of hockey, thank you!

Thanks for the season girls, it has been a blast!

Til xx

Words cant express what a pleasure it has been to manage this team, whether it was filling up drink bottles, trying to stop tantrums (you know who you are ;) carrying the injured off field, or yelling Melville in apparently what can only be described as true "bogan", (thanks Iz, Til, Chloe and Gams I'm scarred for life!) To get to watch this highly social team hit their stride was fantastic, but to get insight into the coaching minds of Til and Matt was really what made this season for me. To hear their thoughts on the team development was at times hilarious, but ultimately unforgettable. "A good coach will make his or her players see what they can be rather than what they are." This quote epitomizes these two, Matt you are a natural, and whilst I have had you practically live in my house over the past couple of years, it's been great to witness this more serious side of you! Tilly- you were welcoming to me from the beginning, you handle these, at times, 'highly strung' women with good grace and humour. Your development and encouragement of each one of the team is something that they or I won't forget. Finally Til, I will always, always remember how you deal with your whiteboard.. psycho much lol???! #4slyfe4eva "Mum"

Mens Provisional 2 Black

2 flags in 2 years – the chase for the 3-peat saw the “young, old boys” back for another year; this time moving laterally to Provisional 2 (Black). A pre-season victory against the 4’s (Sticky’s mob) gave us even bigger heads than we normally have and the over confidence to win a third flag in a row. Needless to say the first round loss to UWA brought us back down to earth quickly. This told us two things: either Sticky’s mob are a terrible side or we had an off day. Luckily for us (and Sticky’s mob) it was the latter and we were on our winning way once again.

A slight mid-season slump saw the brains trust (minus the brains) get together and discuss our plan of attack for the remainder of the season. This pretty much consisted of berating each other and blaming Dom Reay for everything. Well whatever we said must have worked because we didn’t lose again. At the time of writing, we have just wrapped up another minor premierships with another finals campaign about to begin. Another great effort from an ageing team who doesn’t train and who’s warm up consists of talking about old times and how good we are (and used to be).

With Matt Read badly breaking his thumb the door has been left ajar for the coveted golden stick award and, with many players out throughout the season due to holidays, parental responsibilities, newborns, injury and overall lack of dedication to the team – it’s anyone’s guess who will take out the prized fairest and best award this year.

A big thanks once again to Jim Pickering for his organisation of this team, ensuring we all know where we need to be and at what time the game is each week and basically doing all the work that no one else wants to – You are safe for another season mate.

Kenrick Armitage

Runs like a gazelle and believes there is nowhere on the field he cannot go, even if his team mates are already there. Always using his admirable fitness levels to good advantage, Kenrick (aka Ken) attacks the ball like it was just set for the perfect spike. Whether presenting for a pass or assisting in defence 110% is always given.

Todd Barrett

Todd has been a solid member of the team now for many years. Over this time, we have seen Todd evolve to become even more solid. More solidly built, more solidly planted to the ground and unable to move. Increasingly solid “tackles” where his body makes greater contact that the stick. Overall the lack of ability to move with any great pace has seen Todd continue to produce a solid blasting of the ball through as many players as possible from the back line, occasionally resulting in a solid injury to fellow players. Solid Work Todd - Well Done.

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Nathan Elliott

A busy man with lives to save and young kids to run through. If he isn't working at Fiona Stanley you might find him on the hockey field undoing the good he does at the emergency ward not far from his home ground. Nathan has been a solid contributor running down the wing in one direction. Turning and defending is an issue but we are sure it is something he will work on for next season. If he doesn't then who cares? It works!

Adam Halliday

The transition from pivotal player to player counsellor isn't always easy, and resulted in Adam only playing a handful of games. Taking on the additional responsibility of implementing the 'Receiver Off Hook' (ROH) development program, early signs are promising however Adam claims "it's a work in progress". Adam's transition to Dad also prompted a move to pursue a sport that would enable him to escape the house for extended periods of time. His Allenby like technique has taken him to the top of the Un-professional Golfer Association (UPGA) circuit. Fingers crossed he qualifies for our (post) finals campaign, as his inclusion will undoubtedly be 'unforgettable'.

Brendan Joss

Solid and reliable, Bear is often a calming influence on some of his more vocal team mates. But don't be fooled by this mellow exterior, given the opportunity the Bear comes out and he will quite happily make sure that opposition forwards are reminded what a stopping tackle feels like. In addition to his playing ability, Bear's advice on injury management is priceless when trying to keep this ageing team on the park.

Russell Lee

The Little Phoenix as he demanded we call him, commenced the season with levels of commitment that left the rest of us a little uneasy. Sure enough after Round 3 the excuses started coming thick and fast, and eventually we knew Russ's commitment had waned and his priorities lay elsewhere. Thankfully for us, following the annual mid-season slump, the SOS was sent out and recognising we might have another shot at a flag, the Phoenix answered. Russ finished the season as the specialist sub and our spiritual advisor, scoring or setting up a number of critical goals all the while espousing his Confucian philosophies.

James Pickering

Extract from Pen Pic 1995 (still valid today as it was then): The find of the season. James was excellent in defence and just kept on keeping them out. Saved us time and time again from embarrassing score lines. "More consistent than a Coonawarra Cabernet".

Matthew Read

Apparently over summer, Matt went on some sort of teamwork retreat. At least, that's the only reason we can come up with as to why on multiple occasions this year, we saw the previously believed to be mythical creature otherwise known as Matt passing the ball in attack. Unfortunately, this new sharing attitude meant that he wasn't scoring his usual weekly bag of goals, and with his chances at the Golden Stick award slipping away, he decided to get his thumb broken rather badly in a training (ie Midweek Vets) accident. Although hopeful of playing finals, Matt will need to prove his fitness through promotion from the lower grades and/or sleeping with the selection committee.

Mens Provisional 2 Black (contd)

Dominic Reay

"I'm probably one of the best players in the team" (D. Reay, 2016). Unfortunately Dom did not live up to this famous quote. It was probably the extra coaching commitments he did that put him off his game. Word is that Dom turned up to 1's training thinking he could still play, but Russ, not wanting to hurt his good mate, convinced him to coach instead (or be a 'glorified water boy' according to Russ). Credit to Dom though, he did score a few goals and entertained us with his on-field antics. The highlight was a tussle with an opposition player who got the better of Dom by belting him in the knee from close range. Dom fell like a sack of spuds, hobbled off and took no part in the rest of the game; needless to say there was no sympathy given. Dom is an important part of the Prov 2 (Black) team and we are hoping for a good final's campaign from him.

Ben Rushton

It would have been easy to go for the cheap shots with Benno like he is old, grumpy and his gut is getting bigger. But imagine growing up playing second fiddle to a much louder twin brother, going grey early to the point where the purple rinse was ineffective and then having 3 kids in quick succession. We would all have a little bit of pent up frustration! Every week was the "Ben Rushton" show with a 70 minute verbal tirade aimed either at the umpires or the youngest opposition player, or both. And while it never really made any sense, it was a great source of entertainment for the rest of us. As considerate team mates, we obviously baited Benno pre-game so boiling point wasn't far away come the first whistle! Luckily, Ben has retained some remnants of hockey ability and was solid at Right Half this year. Although I never voted for him!

Ryan Rushton

Ryan was again saved for the big games. Lean, fit and fast, Ryan's domination at left half earned him the nick name 'the new Scott Willis'. No greater compliment can be given. Let's see if he gets a vote!

Gavin Scally

Without a doubt the club's biggest utility player, but now Gav is even making us look slow most of the time. It's always a real pleasure to play hockey with this stalwart of the club and we all hope we can spend many more games in the future amazed his shoulders and knees actually work.

Mitch Scally

Prior to this season most of us would have felt that one Scally in a team was one too many. Due to the weekly struggle for players (which started in week 1) we ended up with two! Mitch, the male offspring of club stalwart Gavin had his first foray into senior's hockey. Mitch soon became a regular in the side and has developed into a really valuable striker. Unlike the rest of our forwards, Mitch is fast, back tackles and passes the ball.

Brad Wake

Another solid season that saw Brad rarely troubled in the net. With 90% of our games held in torrential rain this year I am surprised Brad wasn't struck down with pneumonia. On a positive note it has done wonders for the smell of his goalie gear. Brad developed a new pre game routine this year which involved starting to put his pads on with 2 minutes until game time. While some of us wondered about the merit of a goalkeeper skipping the warm up, Brad was preparing perfectly for a game standing around doing absolutely nothing.

Mens Provisional 2 Black (contd)

Grant Watton

With an arm span wider than an Albatross his ability to steal the ball, dribble into the circle, then leave the ball for the opposition to take was only surpassed by his ability to talk every umpire into how the rule should be interpreted. Filling roles all across the forward line, left, right or centre none being better than the next, nonetheless he still sits in prime position to steal the coveted Golden Stick.

Mark Watton

Watto is one of the most important members of our Melville Prov 2 team. Not only for his knowledge and skill on the field but also that he can get us cheap movie tickets with his seniors card. When Watto takes the field he seems to not notice his grey thinning hair or that his body is held together by tape and so he plays like a man possessed. This has seen him set up and slot several important goals this season, mostly in games where we are already 5 or 6 goals up, but none the less this has made him at least the second best Watto in our team.

Roh Weddikkara

The vice-captain and, according to Roh, clearly the team's best player, Roh again patrolled deep in attack looking for the occasional deflection or tap in. Roh was outstanding in stepping up as Captain in Jimmy's absence. Tactically brilliant and highly motivating, Roh moulded the team in his own image. He single handedly dragged the team from its mid-season slump and set the course toward finals. At least that is what Roh told me.

Richard Williams

Where do you start with this 'all arms and legs' of a stallion; he's the reigning Fairest and Best, Premiership player and schooled at the Pat Rafter lookalike of hairstyles. Not far off taking the mantle of the silver fox. His near flawless half-cocked knee, rotating hip that transitions into a tinge of a shirtfront style hit; add in a sprinkle of an elbow whilst the stick is neatly placed in and around the knee cap Richie has a technique that will transcend the ages! What is equally impressive is not only his execution of the above, but his ability to then stay on the pitch post said clean tackle - a skill not seen in years. New observers would probably see this as good entertainment but Ritchie has been entertaining a few of us for numerous eons with his Cape Crusader style. What Ritchie is to this team is the barometer; when this man controls the game, everyone else marches to his drum. An awesome player and top bloke as well!

This season more than any in recent memory, required us to call upon a number of players from throughout the club to help us field a team with the final tally sitting at 27! A sincere thanks to all those who helped out including The brothers Howells, Josh, Jackson, Jake, Matt, Mickey, Jimmy, AJ, Henry and anyone else I have forgotten.

Thanks to the boys for another mostly enjoyable season and to the Club for letting this bunch of Primadonna's keep living in the past for another year.

Mens Provisional 2 Gold

Denise

Stellar performance all round from Denise allowing Fry to play 15 games of the season then promptly removing him for finals, giving the team their first real shot in 5 years at a title. Hopefully he will be a fixture in this team for years to come.

Ross

The angriest of Scotsmen who spends 65 minutes stretching his hammies and 5 minutes yelling at umpires and putting away a few goals. Also thought it was his birthday weekly, requesting cards in the politest of manners.

Will

Frequently missing post game functions due to movie dates which has only been forgiven due to his attentiveness to being sun-smart.

Will B

Played a few games and reminded us why we forced him into an early retirement.

Jono P

Decent on the field and always up for a refreshment afterwards, he will remain a core member of the team for years to come.

The South Africans

Frequently seen with each other pre and post game, we are unsure whether it is due to the poor class of the rest of the team or they are discussing how to find the back of the net.

Guy

Keenest bloke on planet earth. Pre season with the 1s/2s and regular season with the 5's - a true battler.

Matt Geers

Being the smartest Geers at the club is a blessing and unlike his elder brother he understands the concept of a round and running, unlike his brother who just got round and doesn't run. Matt stuck at giving his advice to those who never seem to listen.

Tom

Saga of the one arm bandit continued until his injury. Tom was the only man to frequently invite his Mrs down to watch the abortion of provisional league play - at least he stuck with us and doesn't play for WASPS.

Walshy

Father of the team whose leave pass would unfortunately extend only for 80 minutes. Plenty of goals in the first 5 minutes all season and plenty of disappointment thereafter.

Tyson

Regressing at a rate quicker than Fry he unfortunately still had to carry the dead wood (everybody else) most weeks.

Mitch

If his hockey compared with his home-brew there would be more to praise. Constantly invites his Mrs down to give him advice and hopefully next season he will take it and start using a cricket bat instead.

Kieren

Unfortunately out of the family but still remains ginger, juvie, the Voice Australia, X-Factor, Australian Idol and Rick Astley.

Jerry

Great asset to the 5s with plenty of potential but unfortunately was deported to Christmas island to work at the supermarket.

Mens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Jon C

Frequently spotted speed dating, it will be a great loss when he moves to Canada and the 5s are completely devoid of excellent hockey players. Thankfully past the emo phase of his life but still has the scars to prove it.

AJ

AJ is obviously short for Arnold Jr. as you will not find a bigger bloke. Expected a Steven Bradbury-esque promotion to the team for 5s but unfortunately got stuck in other teams most of the year.

Griff

He could almost be the water-boy. Excellent on field but off field - too many apologies to write. Spent more time at the bar than Andy Criddle and was a frequent pest at training. Hopefully retires early.

Jake Coleman

Promoted to 5s mid-season and put a firm foot forward into joining the heart of the team by frequenting Metros most weekends and still being able to play hockey the next day. Learning quickly from the experienced campaigners. Excellent performances and quality addition to the team, Fry could almost hand down his mantle as he is better on and off the field.

Old Mate

#1 supporter for the season coming to nearly every fixture, though unfortunately his support never reached the field as it was always stuck at the bar. Busted ACL from slaying dragons, hopefully returns next season so the 5s get a goalkeeper.

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Womens Provisional 2 Gold

There was lots of expectation for this team from the start of the year. With a good mix of senior and junior players it was a well balanced team, with the senior girls keen to teach the younger ones a thing or two. We had a few injuries before the season had even commenced, and we were very excited to get the “Old Faithfuls” back on the field. Currently sitting third on the ladder means a finals appearance and I am confident we will give it a solid crack at the flag. A very good bunch of girls who have all improved over the season.

Kathryn Atkinson (Kat A / Fullback / Vice Captain)

Kat started the year off with great enthusiasm. She recovered well from her knee injury last year and was ready to play. The team was excited to have such a positive and solid player in the team. Sadly, it was the cool down stretching after a training session which made her take up her position as Vice Captain – Bench warmer. Luckily, she once again recovered well, and joined the team. This time lasting the rest of the season. Kat is a fabulous player, who has a voice that can travel the length of the hockey field. She is a positive role model for the team. She trains hard and is dedicated to the team and club. Thanks for all your hard work!

Ciara Browne (Wing / Centre Forward)

Ciara has been a welcome addition in attack for the Melville 5s 2016 season. In her first year as a senior, Ciara has cemented her position on the wing by being a fantastic opportunist in front of goals and on the post. She is a great team player, trains hard which shows in a couple of goals!

Rebecca Dymond (Inner)

Bec has grown as a player and team member since the start of the season. Bec has improved in all aspects of her game and turns up week in week out and contributes, with little fuss. She could be a quiet achiever for Melville ladies for years to come, and I sincerely hope she does and continues to enjoy her hockey.

Courtney Fullarton (Fullback)

Courtney is a calm, dependable and level headed full back. She makes it look easy to beat her attacker and can be relied upon to have everyone’s back! Courtney is a true fighter. She pushes through, even in the toughest of games. Courtney has one hell of a hit on her, which makes her dangerous in a short corner! Her dad must owe her a bit of money for all her goals this year! Well done on a cracker of a season Courtney!

Crystal Hobbs

Crystal was our go to Junior this year. The quiet achiever, who you can always rely on. Her superb skills and reading of the play were a great asset to the 5’s. Highly reliable in the Mid field. Thanks for filling in at a drop of a hat Crystal!

Jessica Holmes (Holmes / Wing / Halfback)

Holmes. What a legend. This was the first season I had the pleasure of being on Jess’s team. Really enjoyed linking up through the backline and I always feel confident having her on the field next to me. Jess is such a friendly, positive person, who shows maturity and support as a team mate but definitely knows when/how to let her beautiful, long blonde hair down! It’s been a pleasure getting to know you this year and I really hope you stick around for many seasons to come.

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Saffron Jackson (Halfback / Fullback)

Saff – the junior who we adopted. You have been there every single game, and always show the intensity and cool head in defence. You have been a real benefit this season, from playing wherever you get put, to helping your injured team mates strap their injuries to get them back on the field. You are always willing to learn, and you take in everything Morro has asked you to do. Thanks so much for a great season Saff!!!!

Amanda Jones (Goalkeeper)

Amanda our faithful in the goals. Also the glue to the team, lifter of morale and the director from the back of the field, nothing passes her eagle eye.

Ella Joynes (Inner / Halfback / Wing)

Our dependable Ella. Always thoughtful in the way she plays and gives her best every week. Great to see her have a solo run with the ball attacking towards the D. A delight to play with and a delight off the field also.

Jolene Olde (JoJo / Inner)

Jo is our token country hockey player in the team. This shows through her strong tackles and never give up attitude. We are lucky to have a player with her enthusiasm and drive. She often doubts her ability and is extremely modest about how she played after the game, always wanting to improve. No doubt Jo has received many of the votes each week due to her unwavering commitment to the sport. She trains hard and is dedicated to the team and club. Congrats on a great season Jo!

Jenna Powell (Jenna / Vice Captain / Striker)

Jenna brought positivity and enthusiasm to every training and game, it definitely rubbed off on the rest of us and showed through her hunger for the ball and for wins. She was a great asset to our forward line out running the opposition any day of the week as well as her insane ability to play and control the ball so well one handed. You were a pleasure to have on the team and thanks for a great season!

Michelle Regan (Shell / Inner)

Shell is a determined and reliable team player who has made an immense difference in the team, especially with her second efforts in all corners of the field. For an unknown reason she had become a hockey ball magnet this season often being at the receiving end of raised balls. However her joyful and tenacious attitude never drops as she vocally whips our team into shape, which we are all extremely grateful for. Brilliant hustle Shell.

Kate Sparkes (Sparksey / Captain / Centre Half)

Captain Kate Sparkes has had a great year. She has even managed to play some hockey between visits to the bar! Her tenacity and hunger for the ball have provided Melville 5's a great and tough defender in the midfield. Her marksmanship in key games, particularly against UWA and Southern River ensured their "danger" players were not given an opportunity to even sniff at the ball! With an accurate push out, Kate has contributed to many successful short corners this season and has included a goal for her trouble! Never afraid to put her body on the line, Kate has worked hard for her team, with bruises and nearly broken fingers as evidence. Good work Captain Sparkes not just on the field but in keeping the kitchen running this year. Cheers for the chippies!

Womens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Kimberly Welten (Kimmy / Fullback / Wing)

Kim is a player that is versatile on the field, whether it is up forward to score a few goals or deep in defence. She is a reliable player with good skills and great teamwork. Her power hit out of the backline has been second nature this year and well accepted by the forwards down field. Great season Kim!

Katherine Williams (Kat W / Centre Half / Centre Forward)

Kat has been a solid contributor to the team this season. Cool and controlled in action and dependable both in defence and in attack. Has been a significant contributor to the scoreboard. In summary, Kat would only get a team fine if there was a fine for having nothing to fine her for.

Special thanks need to go to juniors Mia Ballard and Jemma Thompson for helping us field a full team. We hope you girls enjoyed playing with us as much as we enjoyed having you! We also need to thank the subs that helped out during the year – Claire Hadley, Larrisa Blechynden, Sarah Gallimore, Sue Clarke, Chloe Dawes & Izzy Gurbiel.

Thanks for a brilliant season ladies. Look forward to seeing you all next year!



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Mens Provisional 3 Gold

Jordan Templeman

Jordan started this year with the provisional 4's and it did not take him long to secure a spot with the provisional 3's and throughout the year has been a wall in defence who is not shy of getting the ball and just running it out himself. Jordan and Ian were the solid foundation that we built our team on this year and has proven to be one of the best fullbacks in the team, especially with his unwillingness to throw terrible overheads that lead to counter attacking goals... Zach. After a serious knee injury two years ago it was great to see him out and playing again and hopefully next year can continue to grow and improve.

Jamie Howells

Jamie Howells was a late, but valued addition to the team. Integrated easily with the rest of the group providing a boost to the skill of the team mid-season. He was often confused with his brother twin brother Andrew but I think we have got there by the end. Jamie possesses solid ball skills and knowledge of the game, one of the better juniors entering seniors this year. Look forward to playing with him again next year.

Tom Mansfield

Tom has been one of the younger guys to impress this year. He adds speed and skills on the wing and has scored a couple of cracking goals. Tom has provided an important attacking option all year and is always improving. The only downside to Tom's game is his top knot. A decent haircut in the offseason and this guy could be a real star for the Melville Hockey Club.

Ian McMaster

Ian is a good teammate, a strong defender, hardworking player and has good sense of humor. A solid player all round, whether it be his long runs up the field to only get caught out of position or his surprisingly good goalkeeping (he did let us know after the game the he used to be a keeper). Overall it has been a lot of fun playing with Ian this year and we look forward to the same next year.

Sarvesh Shedbalkar

Sarvesh is a well-respected veteran of the game who always had a calm head in defence. This either led to a spectacular run or a frustrating turnover. It is still confusing that after how many years playing hockey, Sarvesh still doesn't know what a 16 yard hit is.

Andrew Howells

Andrew joined the team with his brother Jamie half way through the season, providing much confusion as to who was who. He was a much needed addition to the team, working the forward and midfield with amazing skill and setting up many goals and short corners. Great work for the season Andrew and best of luck for the next one.

Cameron Addison

Cameron has been an Asset to the team throughout the season. He has a long reach while tackling the opposition players and many time robs them of the ball. He's spent most of this season being a wall in the half line. He often releases the ball as soon as he could to his team mate and runs hard. Great season and all the best for what's to come.

Mens Provisional 3 Gold (contd)

Dave Aujla

Dave Aujla Played as an inner, wing, halfback, or fullback. To be honest, it didn't matter what position he was assigned, he would always be found lurking in the middle of the field regardless, which surprised the opposition almost as much as it did us. Added some carry to the ball and I think he even passed it once. A great player and we are looking forward to playing with him again next season. Best scalp tattoo in the team.

Jared Malacari

Jared, you've been a solid player all this season, contributing some great hockey to our defence. Even though we didn't win much you always contributed some great tackle and passes. You're persistent and that's all that matters when it comes down to playing hockey, showing the determination to make a difference. Unfortunately there's nothing to banter you about as you've made only positive impressions. Hope to see you next year Jared.

Brenton Malacari

A dependable member of the team, Brenton assumed the position of half back and full back. Throughout the season Brenton helped construct a steady defence ensuring the post was always covered. Brenton also played a key role in shifting play effortlessly from defence through to the forward line. Great season mate and look forward to playing with you next year.

Zach Maclachlan

I've only known Zac for about five weeks now and during that time he's been a top bloke to know. Sure he may have caused us to get scored against a few times, sure he may have passed the ball straight to the other team when clearing the ball of our defence, but that's why we love him. He's been a really good guy to play with throughout the season and I'm sure a lot of the others would agree.

Aidan Gallagher

There's nothing more terrifying than the squeak of his goalie pads rapidly approaching from behind you. It's the hockey equivalent of the Jaws theme. While only present for half of our games, he still managed to save half of the opposition's shots on goal. We're still trying to prove the causality there. Other achievements include racing to the bathroom at halftime and only peeing on one glove.

Doug Brightwell

Doug has been there as the wise seasoned campaigner running the team from the centre and being fitter than all others on ground and attempting the occasional stroke! He has provided great encouragement and helped the team develop and get a hungry attitude. He makes the corner calls, we are waiting for him to use Ze German, that will be spectacular day for hockey!

Mens Provisional 3 Gold (contd)

Christian Gallagher

Christian Gallagher I first thought we were in for a long season when I heard about the "Christian Curse" never winning a hockey match since before hockey was even invented. The curse was laid to rest 3 games into the season with our first win over WASPS... Phew were the thoughts of many team members. However we have still had a long season. Christian is often heard gathering anyone who will listen into a huddle to wax lyrical about each and every goal he has scored this season "did I mention I have scored against every team in the competition", "did you see that one go into the roof of the net" are often heard within moments of the final hooter sounding to complete a match. I must admit though that Christian has a strike record that would make the 2016 Kookaburras Olympic team proud. Indeed he did score against each opposition team, and for a while this season we were all scared that Christian Gallagher would be the only Melville player on the score sheet of any game. Thankfully that disaster was averted. Christian shows the tenacity and speed of a frustrated fullback playing centre forward and has been rewarded for his efforts this year. He has set the bar high this year so obviously more will be expected in 2017 from this dynamic and agile striking phenomenon.

Chris Grieson

Chris has been a valuable member of the team playing on the wing. His specialties involve miss trapping the ball and passing to nobody. In the mix of everything, Chris has managed to pull out some moments of brilliance and we look forward to having our key forward back next year. Good footy Chris.

Nick Malacari

Nic has tirelessly yelled at the rest of the team all season. Never one to let someone step out of place without them knowing about it, Nic has guided, educated and re-educated the whole team throughout the season. His ability to trap a ball is only expected to improve after getting rid of his stick full of holes.

Mens Provisional 4 Gold

So another season down and we reflect on how we went. While we didn't get any wins we can walk away with some good games in the second half – combined with a few draws and a tactical forfeit it was a better season than last. We saw a lot of new faces in the Scrubbers this year and while it took us a while to get our roles comfortable, we were able to pull out some really good games to put pressure on some competitive teams.

James Butcher (Full Back)

Always throwing everything he had into defence, James barrelled and yelled his way through another season. Though he did have a tendency to do more harm to himself this season than to the opposition, James provided a huge amount of commitment to his role as full back, even charging down field for some solid plays to show that this old bull still has a lot left!

Darren Kidd (Centre Half / Wing / Where ever Tim put him :P)

Darren finally got to achieve his goal of spending more time in the forward line this year and delivered some really strong plays. Part of the Brains Trust of the Scrubbers, Darren has put in another great effort no matter what role he played and proved how valuable a player he is to the team. With some exciting plays down the field and into the D, he has set himself up for more Forward line action next season.

Tim McEntee (Centre Forward / Wing)

The voice of the team (just so he knew he would be heard), Tim put in another solid season providing a stable voice of encouragement and motivation. The Old man of the team and one of the longest serving Scrubbers, Tim chased his way across the field and despite his aches, pains and groans, nobody could criticize his determination and passion when out on the field: he's always the last person to give up when chasing an opponent.

Lyle McMahon (Half Back / Occasional Wing)

When he wasn't struck down by "Food Poisoning" (sure, sure... :P) Lyle continued his second season with the Scrubbers. Lyle's effort in every game was excellent, and his attitude matched it. His tenacity to always improve and commit to the play led to him having a much better season, providing some exciting link ups through the mid field.

Daniel McMillan (Half Back / Wing / Full Back)

Dan has delivered time and again, always giving 110% and following up on every play. A team player, Dan has frequently been a key piece in our defensive plays, providing many opportunities for our forward lines and with a keen eye for identifying on field strategic plays. Dan has become strong and reliable when in half back, committed when in Fullback and valuable when on the Wing and an important part of the team. Always willing to defend his own, Dan will be missed as he goes off to join the Navy. Good Luck Dan!

Paul Morris (Wing / Half Back / Centre Forward (FINALLY!!))

A lot can be said on how Paul has improved his game over the seasons and he provided a lot of good plays up and down in Wing, leading to some great plays and good attempts at goals. The chance to step into Centre forward however identified Pauls true calling as he stepped in to the position, using his natural speed and stick work to run circles around the opposition!

Mens Provisional 4 Gold (contd)

Shan Paramasibam (Goal Keeper)

The last line of defence, Shan provided some amazing saves and skill controlling the D. Being new to the team this season didn't hold him back though, as he vigorously commanded the backline throughout the season. Although we had plenty of goals scored against us Shan continued to remain positive despite his knees giving way, his effort in every game was excellent and his attitude matched it.

Luke Smith (Half Back / Full back)

Another one new to the club, Luke brought his love of the game to the Scrubbers after making the long drive up from Kwinana. A valuable player in defence, Luke was not only responsible for some great clearances but some good plays and runs down the field and delivered a good season.

Ben Taylor (Centre Half)

With a lot of skill (when he was there :P) Ben was a vital component in the Mid Field. Using all of his skill, hung over or not, Ben threw everything he had into the game putting a lot of pressure on the forwards trying to get past and create solid link up plays down the field.

Jordan Templeman (Inner)

What can we say about Jordan. For the youngest on field, he consistently delivered in commitment to the play, in both skill and body. While taking on some of the bigger players in the Prov 4 (which didn't come off too well), the injuries didn't deter him. A great season Jordan and well deserving of the Best and Fairest this season!

Bodhi Vale (Half Back / Full Back)

A new face in the Scrubbers this year (when he wasn't driving around Coral Bay), Bodhi delivered a lot of support in our Mid Field. He played predominantly as an Half Back, providing a lot of good passing and link up to the forward line, setting us up for a lot of opportunities to attack the D.

Mark Western (Wing)

Not much can be said of Mark because, well, he has probably already told you :P Mark was an honorary Scrubber this Season but his commitment to the team was awesome. Often running between games to come help us out, Marks game has greatly improved from last season. Mark did well in the Wing role and often led to some really good leads and plays down the field.

Matthew Willis (Wing / Inner / Half Back)

Finally able to claim the title of being the only Matt in the team, Willis (:P) is another long term Scrubber and part of the Brains Trust. The Scrubbers wouldn't be who they are without Matts calm approach (this season at least) and burst of skill and speed, showing that despite hitting the 30 mark he still has a lot to offer and many more games under his belt before he retires. A valuable member of the team despite jet setting away on his honeymoon before the end of the season, Matt you played a good season!

Mens Provisional 4 Gold (contd)

Memorable mentions:

Have to say a huge thankyou to those boys who came down (some on a regular basis) to help us out when numbers were low. Dave Aujla and Sarvesh Shedbalkar you guys were a huge help in the back end of the season! Thankyou!

Jono McMillan who was both on field and in goals, Andy Criddle with his career highlight goal, Brad Wake our substitute goalie, Stephen Phillips our other substitute goalie, Kieran Smyth, Chris Grieson, Christian Gallagher, Liam Sinnott, Nick Jared and Brenton Malacari – we couldn't have survived the season without your help! Thankyou!!!



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Mens Provisional 4 Black

Dave Aujla

Dave was a fill in player, helping us out when we needed it, to become a team regular. A very calm, mild mannered man, he displayed excellent skills and a great sense of confidence. Dave gave his all in every game, and slotted in to a number of positions, particularly Half Back and Inner. A genuine gentleman, Dave always displayed a sense of fairness on and off the field. Fantastic season Dave, we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Angus Ayers

Angus has become a strong, determined leader within the team. He always plays with a positive outlook on the game, and is eager to score. Angus was one of our regular Inner/Wing/Centre Forwards for the season, with his drive leading the forward line. It must be said, that his absence was noted as he went galavanting around Rio for several weeks (I'd never even heard of 'Synchronised Swimming' before). Great season Angus.

Gregory Bloem

Greg was a new, young player who got to experience the wonders of Prov 4's hockey. One of the most eager and energetic players in the team (lets face it, there isn't much competition there), Greg had a great season in a range of positions. He become more confident, and more consistent as the season went on. Now if only he had a decent haircut (like Uncle Ted). We look forward to seeing you again next season.

Aden Bocking

A great season for one of the younger generation, Aden was a stalwart in the half line. Ever reliable, consistent and motivated, Aden made a huge contribution to the team. Challenging David for one of the quietest players on the pitch, he was stealth like, attacking the opposition relentlessly. His pace stunned numerous opposition players (who were unused to our team being able to run). Aden has become a key member of the team.

Andrew Criddle

Andy was an excellent addition to the team this season. His reliable, calm, composed play was ever present, clearing numerous dangerous situations with ease. Andy has a clear analytical view of the game, and he was always willing to give advice. The de-facto team Manager, Andy raced from game to game, as we were one of many teams to feature his name this season. We are all grateful for his support this season.

Christopher Criddle

Chris had a great season, directing play, controlling the ball, making pin point passes. He defended, he created plays and he could even attack. Then, one fateful night, a ball struck his foot with the force of a steam locomotive. Or so it would seem, as Chris was out for the rest of the season. A disappointing end to what was a promising season. We hope you get some rest, and come back better than ever next season.

Mens Provisional 4 Black (contd)

Stephen Criddle

Stephen was a regular forward, when family commitments would allow. A keen eye for goal, you just had to pass the ball to the end of his stick, and the rest is history. Sadly, we didn't always get it to his stick, and he wasn't always able to play. One of the most consistent players on the team, Stephen could always be relied upon to play for the team. We hope to see even more of you next year.

Christian Gallagher

The Gallagher Guarantee. The sheer number of times that statement was made over the course of the season is immeasurable. Sadly, it proved to be right, more often than not. Christian scored most games he played for us, but it was his epic misses that we enjoyed the most. Hogging the Centre Forward position for the season, Christian gave fuel to the claims that he is the Nick Kyrgios of hockey. A great season, by a great guy.

Nicholas Malacari

Nic is a great player. He has skill, pace and a keen understanding of the game. Who knows how he got into the Prov 4's. A really passionate player, Nic constantly pushed the team to improve and keep working the ball to win games. He was an instrumental part of our forward line, linking up with other players and creating goal scoring opportunities. Stick around next season, we might just give you a few more games.

Ted Neesham

Ted was unfortunate this season, as many of the games clashed with family commitments. However, as he played for at least two other teams on a regular basis, he was still fitter than the majority of the team (an amazing feat given his age). Ever reliable, Ted commanded the team on and off the pitch, giving great feedback and motivation, in a more mellow manner than previous seasons (there were a number of games where he was calm and positive). Ted played all over the pitch, primarily in the forward line. Hopefully next season will see Ted scoring more (goals).

Stephen Phillips

Stephen was our ever reliable Goalkeeper. That was until he broke his wrist playing for another team, right before our game. Determined to play on, Stephen played one handed for an entire match, refusing to get medical attention. Despite this courageous effort, he left us stranded, as he cavorted around Copa Cabana beach during the Olympics. He made some fantastic saves this season, and without him, we wouldn't have been able to play. Great effort Stephen.

Kieran Smyth

Kieran was another 'young' player to join the Prov 4 ranks this season. A really down to earth guy, Kieran rarely lost his cool, and played some great games this season. His pace and skill were greatly appreciated, as he played a number of roles across the field, as an Inner and Half Back. There isn't a single area of his game that hasn't improved this season. Great season Kieran.

Mens Provisional 4 Black (contd)

David Wake

One of the quietest members of the team, David never has a bad game. Displaying his fashion sense, he pulled off the new Melville uniform with ease, making several of his team mates shameful of their shabby old clothes. David consistently plied his trade as either an Inner or Wing, always working with the team to score; one of the more reliable defenders amongst our forward line. Surprisingly this year he was present for the whole season, as apparently Beyonce is performing after the finals series. Another great season.

Justin Wake

Justin had a strong season this year, after moving back to his more traditional role as Fullback. Ever reliable, both in defence and in clearing the ball, he helped guide and direct our defence. He made the long trek each week, all the way from (parts unknown) to play each and every week. You know its bad when he gets excited at the fact that Guildford is a home game for him. One of his best seasons in senior men's (hopefully you'll get to play finals next season). Great effort.

Matthew Wake

Matthew is the least calm and composed of the Wake's in the Prov 4's team. Starting the season at Halfback, the Ned Kelly wannabe slowly moved back towards the defensive end of the field. Playing a large part of the second half of the season as a Fullback, he became more consistent to an unfamiliar role (having played in the half line for nearly 15 years straight). Teaming up with his brother, the two made an unswerving pairing. Now he just needs to have a shave.

Mark Western

Mark adds a unique personality to the team; somewhat country redneck, somewhat normal suburbanite. Much to his own pleasure, he was nominated to be the team captain; a role that he thoroughly enjoyed. Playing primarily as a half back, this was by far and away the best season Mark has had since moving to Melville. We really appreciate the fact that he made it to every game, despite playing for the other Prov 4 team as well.

Due to the addition of a new Provisional 4 team, we had a number of additional players aid us this season. We would all like to sincerely thank everyone who came to our games to either play or lend support. A special mention goes out to:

Brad Wake
John Colgan
Jared Malacari
Guy Robertson
Timber
'The Spectators'

Womens Provisional 4 Black

It has been a long hard season, not having the team preseason made things difficult to design a structure quickly around our playing groups strengths. A distinct lack of fitness and skills was evident from the outset but endeavour was certainly not lacking. The ladies all played as a team every time they stepped onto the field and embraced the new structure and press quickly. This enabled them to move the ball effectively and not run themselves into the ground as we were short of players every week.

Our teamwork and passing improved with every game and as a coach you can't ask for more. I am sure that if they had good numbers at training each week as well as a good strong team list to cover absences then finals in this level would certainly be within reach. Overall everyone needs to be congratulated on the season; our finishing position certainly didn't reflect the overall effort being put in by the ladies each week.

Lee Ball

Lee is a new member to the club this season and has brought steely determination and enthusiasm. She has been really versatile playing across the half back line and has shown great improvement through her commitment to training. Her great sense of humour ensures she keeps up team spirits even on challenging match days!

Clara Bird

Clara is our energetic midfielder. She always plays her position well and is one of our strong defenders, making her an asset to the team. Clara is committed to her hockey, being at most training sessions and games. Overall she is a joy to have on the team.

Beatrice Clifford

Beatrice has been a pleasure to play with this year; she is hard working, enthusiastic and played a vital role in our mid-field. Her skill set, fitness and attacking determination make her a great asset to our team. Bea has had a very consistent season, well done; it's been a pleasure to play with you.

Chloe Corsini

Chloe has been such a blast to play with this season. She has been such an incredible team manager and constantly keeps us working as a team and playing hard! Chloe consistently makes us all feel so safe to know

we have her on our side with her killer hits and strong defence, and always being reliable in those stressful situations. Keeping our team organised, certainly is a challenge, but Chloe did it in her stride, both on and off the field. Always up for a laugh or a social outing with the hockey girls, it has been such a pleasure to play with her this season.

Claire Hadley

Claire Hadley is a hardworking and punctual player. She is never afraid to get her stick in the game yet is always there for backup if you need. Her dedication to the team was highlighted when her red hair dye didn't even stop her from playing in the rain! Her technique and skill level outstand us all, especially when she was able to pick up all of Bruce's tricks straight away that left the rest of us baffled. We wish her the best of luck in the future and hope she continues enjoying the sport.

Eleanor Hopkins

Eleanor is a valued member of our team; she is an incredibly strong and passionate hockey player and is constantly mentoring and encouraging all her team mates to be the best players they can. It's has been a pleasure to play alongside her this season.

Bailey Irvine

Our entertaining centre forward, Bailey Irvine always showed up to training with or without

Womens Provisional 4 Black (contd)

complaint and never gave us a dull moment on or off the field. Her first season as a full time senior player, she scored our team some good goals sometimes much to her own surprise. Hopefully this season has encouraged her to continue her hockey career well into future years and well done for being our team's highest goal scorer.

Wendy Joyce

Wendy is every goal keeper's dream and every team's ideal fullback. She is solid as a rock in defence and has a cracking clearing hit. Wendy's strength, however, is not only physical. She knows hockey so well and sees the game so clearly that when she calls the play from the backline it helps her team cover their players and play their best. Her positive, 'can do' attitude and real support for the 'new kids' on the team has not only been great for the girls but also for the parents sending their teenagers out to play against the senior women. A word of encouragement, a pat on the back or, a tap on the helmet has gone a long way to boosting the girl's confidence and enjoyment of the game.

Bryanna Martin

Thanks for being such a committed goalie and always having a friendly smile. Thanks for keeping the team spirit alive and always trying your best. Best of luck for the years to come.

Isabella Moncrieff

Izzy has been a valuable player in our Melville 6s team, who always tried her hardest and remained determined throughout the game. Being a halfback, she is able to cover both defensive and attacking positions. As we had mostly defensive players in our team, it was important that we had some more versatile players who were able to transfer the ball up to our forward line.

Jennifer Pocock

Jen's strong hits and strong tackles made her an invaluable back, meaning not having many balls getting through her and when she needs to, she puts her body on the line. she even has the photos to prove it.

Gia Repton

One of our dynamic juniors with a never-give-up attitude and run-all-day legs. Gia has a great hit and a very good instinct for where to place the ball. Always dependable on field and off, she's been a joy to have on the team this season.

Meggan Stone

Even though Meg was away for most of the season due to other commitments, Meg really shined when here as one of our main forward's. Willing to give any forward position a go, Meg stood out most as a Wing or Inner. Always hungry for the ball, committing 100% when present and being a very bubbly girl off field, Meg has been a great investment to this new team.

Rebecca Vanderzwan

Bec is one of our fighting forwards. She can often be seen out on a wing, carrying the ball past the opposition. She is a constant presence at training (having a Dad for a coach helps) and always has a positive outlook. As one of our younger players, we hope to see her around for many years to come.

Thank you to all of our fill ins over the year as well, without your help we would not have been able to run the team most weeks. Thank you must also go to the coach and the manager; with the help of our club's committee for the smooth running of this new team throughout the season. Good luck to everyone for your future endeavours.

Womens Provisional 4 Gold

It is never easy putting a new team together at the start of the season, however the new provisional 4 gold women made the process a whole lot easier than usual. Throughout the year the girls have had to learn and adapt to each other's playing styles and it was evident that all of them had been putting in a large amount of effort to this. While many results did not go our way overall massive improvements were made all over the field and by the end of the season we were pushing top teams for the full game. This season also provided us with many highlights such as a goal of the year contender from Jasmine which won us our first game for the season, suffice to say there was much celebration after the game, and on field. Overall it was a very enjoyable season and I think with a similar team next year everyone will only continue to improve and I'm sure we will be pushing for top four in no time. As it is we still finished in the top 8. Great season girls and I look forward to coaching next year.

Jade Boettcher

Jade made a great effort for her first season. She improved every game and always put in 100%. She was definitely missed in the second part of the season. Hope we see you next year.

Emma Bradley

Emma is always so happy, spending most of our pre-game gossip session/warm up laughing and joking around. She manages to keep this happy, enthusiastic attitude throughout the game, even when she's managed to hit herself on the head with the ball!!!!

Melanie Brown

Mel is one of the strongest players on our team, she has one of the hardest hits. It's always a game changer when she has the ball. Her willingness to try other positions and provide feedback to the team is refreshing and highly valued. So glad you decided to play with us this year.

Ashleigh Chauvin

It was always on the agenda but we were so lucky and excited to welcome Ash back to our team after being away for the first part of the season. Of course It wasn't just to make up numbers but because she is such a valued team member and we missed her. Ash nicely slotted into play inner where she constantly runs like a champ. She is always cheerful and positive and is constantly improving on her skills. It was like she was never gone!!! Well done Ash !!!

Georgia Collins

Georgia has been a consistent player throughout the season, She's always where she is needed and is up for a chase down the field. A wonderful person on and off the field. Gee is a joy to play with.

Melanie Hobday

Mel is probably the most enthusiastic player on the team. No matter how a game is going, whether we are up or down, Mel is always positive and keeps the rest of the team positive. This amazing attitude helped her score even when we were 7-0 down.

Paige Hudson

Paige is a very friendly person and is always willing to help others and suggest ideas during team discussions. She is very confident in the goal and that helps the defenders a lot during short corners. She gets us to focus and be confident in our own abilities. When Paige is talking and telling us where to move the whole team performs better as a unit, we make good passes and mark up. Thanks for all your help and guidance this year Paige!

Womens Provisional 4 Gold (contd)

Hayley Lyons

Hayley is a valued member of our team and you can't let her size fool you once she gets on the field! She normally plays inner or wing which she plays with pride and joy. She's always around to offer a word of advice or for a joke or two. Hope to see this little pocket rocket next year.

Siobhan Maguire

Shiv has been one of our strongest and most effective players and is always happy to help out on and off the field. She is a diverse player but mainly enjoys playing halfback. She often filled in as fullback when required and on one occasion even went out and scored our first goal of the season...which then meant she would stay in contention as one of our highest goal scorers!!! Shiv consistently plays a great game..so consistent in fact that she was known for her collisions. (We realised it was much easier to just start having the ice on stand bye ready to go) Well done and thanks for a great season Shiv hope to see you next year!

Maddison Moulin

An excellent full back and a better friend, Maddie's sunny disposition and ironclad determination brought life to our games. In spite of having to miss a few matches Maddie certainly made her presence felt through the seemingly effortless steering of our games from the back-line. We all hope to get the chance to play alongside you again next year.

Felicity Packer

Tenacious, loyal, gallant and crazy cat lady... All terms I'd use do describe Flick. Every week without fail Flick has your back. This season she has faced the prospect of playing against the team who fractured her hip and who could forget that case of mistaken identity against Kwinana (we know it was you Nia!). All in all Flick's season, as always, was full of positivity and team spirit.

Nicole Parrotte

Nikki has been a fantastic member of the team, what would we have done without her this year. She has vastly improved her stick skills and ability to work the field, dragging around those annoying opposition haha. Congratulations on a great season Nikki.

Monique Smith

Mon is such an inspirational player, we never fail to hear her encouraging cheers from defence keeping our heads held high. A true team player!

Jasmine Vico

Jaz - super fun loving, organised and full of laughs. We would be lost without her in the team even if she does like to injure us all occasionally with her hits! ;) Love the fact that she gives the opposition attitude but gets away with it because she does it on the sly and definitely cannot go past the most spectacular goal of the season - straight over the goalies head!

Womens Metro 1

What an amazing season the Metro gals have had. Hoping to secure a berth in the Grand Final finishing the season second on the ladder with 4 draws and only 2 losses against the top team. Injuries and holidays saw the team scrambling for players on many a week but word spread quickly in elite circles that this was the team to be seen in. We secured some very handy players out of retirement and coming into finals, players are now in abundance. There was many a wild and wet one come game day but the team soon became weather hardened and found their winning edge.

We had 30 players through the team this season and a special thank you goes to Lindy Coss, Vanessa Carmody, Rae Thompson, Lauren Anderson, Georgia Farrow, Grace Murphy, Caitlin Bentley and Brittany Lawrence who helped in a big way to secure our finals berth. Also thank you to all our guest coaches throughout the season, your guidance and expertise were always welcome during the game and of course in the after game, sometimes legendary debriefing sessions.

Lisa Anderson

Our amazing Vets VP. Always ready to help, even though she reckons she's allergic to grass and as long as it doesn't clash with the Dockers games. Lisa came, even in a smelly uniform, whenever we called, scored some very handy goals and when not playing formed a very important part of the sidelines support crew.

Emma Biss

Playing state cricket was not enough for this girl so she came looking for a real challenge. Emma only just passed our rigorous selection criteria and joined us in the later part of the season. Wow what a find, young legs certainly run and then run faster!! This gal has enough time to run the field and then don the goalie uniform, before they could get a chance to score.

Carolyn Caydamar

Lucky for us work and holidays did not get in the way of this year's season but just don't tire her out before a charity run. The way Caro can tap at the ball with her hot pink stick and keep control is her signature and she never seems to run out of puff.

Susan Clark

It's been a while since grass was beneath Susie's feet but we are so glad she accepted the challenge. So strong and determined and not shy to give advice, umpires included. Was initiated into the "Vets Hockeyroos" and set about gathering members into the fold. We sure hope you continue to like the feel of the grass.

Jenny Coad

Our ever important keeper of the voting slips, this girl deserves danger money as those paper cuts can be deadly. Between her golfing prowess and yoga retreat chanting Ohms Namaste, Jen is one calm dynamo with a beautiful swing and she knows how to suck up to the manager perfectly.

Corelle Coleman

A broken arm at the beginning of the season again halted the run for this now international player and state selection will just have to wait. Does do a great preseason though and by default turned into the Manager/Subs Coach.

Womens Metro 1 (contd)

Helen Doyle

This girl leads a double life, mild mannered through the week but come the weekends when she is not pushing her bike around backwards she has been known to partake in extreme sports. Thanks for coming to play when we needed you.

Marie Farrow

The preseason fitness guru, a great roomie and the engine room of the team who is not afraid to put her body on the line for the sake of the team. Marie can run forever and with so much fire in her belly steals the ball with finesse to pass on to our hungry forwards. She also has shares in band aids to keep the claret at bay and can be seen regularly with her hand in the air, perhaps trying to assist the umpire but maybe she is just in need of a band aid pit stop.

Gaye Glaskin

Our 500 game veteran, Gayesy came to our rescue and soon overcame the bruises and mastered the bounce and pace of the grass. Her expert advice is always welcome and you would think after 500 games she would have worn out just a little bit but she is still running like a teenager.

Marloes Guerin

Our quiet import player who had a short season with some great runs down the wing but our winters proved too cold for this Nordic damsel to play.

Allison Hall

A very big welcome back to the grass, just don't leave anything lying around as she sells it in the uniform shop! The first member of the inaugural "Vets Hockeyroos".

Olive Hasselerharm

Miss "I'll look at the weather first", was always welcome. So glad we witnessed your first goal! Still needs to learn if you want a rest come to the side lines, not a good idea to have a nanna nap on the field. She has earned her place in the elite squad "Vets Hockeyroos".

Melanie Leighton

Our petite everready battery, the smiling assassin, she just goes and goes and then goes some more with plenty of flair to match. Was our leading goal scorer this season but decided to take some time off down south for the others to catch up.

Kylie Mishra

Our ever reliable goalie who on occasions for a bit of excitement instructs the full backs to let the attackers through so she can do her miraculous saves. Kylie is our woman in disguise with the guiding voice from the cage who has the quickest reflexes of us all.

Dee Murphy

Nothing changes, always one of the last to arrive but Dee has been our classy versatile player this season and is our leading goal scorer. We discovered Dee can really hit a ball and was instrumental in some great passes out of defence as well as slotting that much needed goal, even managed to score a hat trick game. Dicky Knee had a showing midyear, just needed to turn the cap a quarter and not mark the umpire.

Womens Metro 1 (contd)

Sandra Orr

A return from retirement, with a minor distraction midseason, due to the lure of men in kilts. Sandra took a while to be hockey hardened but her encouragement; huge smile and spirit were strong. Preseason next year and look out!

Eilidh Rayfield

Our young dynamo who decided International School was more appealing than washing her brothers' smelly uniforms. By the time she is overseas educated she will be old enough to buy us a drink.

Rachel Roberts

The quiet achiever centre forward queen who turns gutsy and aggressive when needed. Rachel gets fitter and faster each season and was showing off with her goal brilliance this season. Always arrives with a big smile and a story to tell.

Annette Scholten

Our saviour at fullback this season and even with 7 layers of clothing was seen mid game on many occasions doing Usain Bolt sprints trying to stay warm. Our half time motivational speaker who always seemed to end with "can I swap up forward?"

Conor Smith

Out of retirement and baby making, Conor came to our aid this season as a regular sub in the first half of the season, shhhh don't tell the family.

Annette Williams

Back from an overseas stint, Annette donned the Melville uniform again, had a somewhat interrupted season but what a little goal sneak she proved to be.

Susan Wilson

Always vocal and when Susie says "I'll get a goal and then I will come off" she means it. An overseas trip midseason was really to attend a high altitude training camp as she came back fitter and faster. The second half the inaugural selection into the "Vets Hockeyroos".

To our many sideline supporters throughout the season, a huge thank you it was always great to see you there, especially on those wild winter days. But most importantly to "The Voice" Jan Davis your guidance and support throughout the season has been invaluable, "winging it" works a treat!

Womens O35 Division 2

Another year of mixed hockey for the team. Several early losses due mainly to our inability to score goals have seen us struggling to make finals. Just like last year we have to rely on other teams' results going our way to be able to make the top four. It's not dampened the spirits of the team though and it's been great to have a regular squad of thirteen ladies for each match. Thank you once again for making my job as manager so easy. Here's to success next season.

Lisa Anderson (Forward/Midfield)

When you play vets hockey you play more for the love of hockey and to be with awesome friends! We have that in our amazing friend, manager and all star player! Lisa you are definitely the shining star of our team! Thanks for keeping us all all right!

Ann Armstrong-Boase (Full Back)

Ann's had another solid season in defence. After initially agreeing to play part-time it's been great to see her most weeks and we're glad to see that the pesky back injury that plagued her for the previous two seasons seems to have improved greatly. Together with Deb, Ann would certainly get an award for most kms covered in a season off the pitch. A round trip from the hills is not something most of us would do each week for our sport! Thank you for your commitment and we hope to see you back next year.

Vanessa Carmody (Forward/Midfield)

Vanessa is one of our team's "Supermums" (we have a few) - who juggles Wednesday night masters hockey after sorting out her 3 daughters with sport, dancing, dinner, homework and sometimes a babysitter – in addition to her own study assignments/work!! Once on the turf, Vanessa's stick skills are lovely and smooth and with her fitness and athleticism, she gracefully carves up her midfield opponents. She is a great competitor and such a bonus to our team.

Susan Clark (Midfield)

Yet again a wonderful year of hockey Sue, and your selection in the WA masters team is well deserved. Sue always gives 100% on the pitch and never backs away from a challenge even if it sees her land on the turf more than her fair share. We hope we have the privilege of playing with you for many seasons to come.

Debbie Crompton (Full Back)

Strong in defence, Deb is always able to tackle any opposition player who dares enter her 25. No matter where they cross the line, she covers the ground with ease; no doubt that sort of distance is nothing for Deb, who travels many a kilometer to get to the game each week. And we are all very glad she does!

Marie Farrow (Forward/Midfield)

Marie is our little dynamo who always runs her opponent down and has a fantastic poke tackle. Thanks for a great season Marie.

Gaye Glaskin (Midfield)

Gaye has been our awesome right half this season - every week giving all of us a lesson in how to use that position to achieve great drive into attack... in fact I would say that most of our goals this season have come from Gaye driving down the right side and across the circle! She even managed a European get away mid season - and came back in scintillating form - the European summer obviously agreed with her. We appreciate her guidance in defence and words of wisdom at half time, and look forward to celebrating another 500 games with her.

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Allison Hall (Midfield/Full Back)

Allison, it is awesome to have you back on the field with great health this year! Your tenacity and zest is insanely brilliant! Never fails to amaze your teammates. Here's to playing with you in 2017!!!

Raelene Hetherington (Striker)

Rae has had a great season this year - she might be lamenting the number of goals she has scored, but her movement across the field and dazzling stick skills has created opportunities all around her. And none of us will forget her goal scoring bonanza against Hale where she blitzed 5 goals in one game! It has been a real privilege to have Rae with us again this season.

Christina Klomp (Forward/Midfield)

Chris has been our quiet achiever. Totally unflappable, she brilliantly marked out her opposition. Always first to the ball and provided huge support in defence. Always positive and happy to slip into any role on the field. We look forward to seeing her next year.

Kylie Mishra (Goal Keeper)

Kylie is our last line of defence and forever saving our butts! As always, another great year in the net with her agility and fabulous saves. Probably disappointed with all our turnovers and missed opportunities up front, putting her back under pressure, but you would never know, taking it all in her stride and just getting on with the job! Kylie always has a smile on her dial and it would be fair to say she is the happiest person in the team. You are a pleasure to play with and a great teammate. Well done Kylie.

Fiona Power (Forward/Midfield)

Fi is the quiet achiever of the team. Passive but aggressive, Fi gives 100% effort every game. She consistently runs and applies pressure on the opposition and wins the ball. She is a very versatile team member.

Susan Wilson (Forward/Midfield)

Sensational Suzie slotted some super goals this season. Very handy forward who always gives her all. Proved her versatility this season, playing a great game in defence. Must also be commended for her part in persuading Patrick to coach us this season!

As always there have been times during the season, when we have needed a helping hand to be able to field a full team. A big thank you therefore goes to Kate Sparkes, Melanie Leighton, Rachel Roberts and especially Lindy Coss who have helped us out in our hour of need. Lindy you were amazing playing back-to-back games for three weeks running.

To our umpires Matilda Carmichael, Matt Tate, Naomi Evans and Kim Young thank you for your expertise and fairness and above all reliability to be there week in week out.

Lastly a big thank you to Patrick Matthews for stepping in to the role of team coach this year. Hard to believe that one glass of red wine would lead to sixteen nights of standing on the side of a hockey pitch in mostly cold and it would seem this season wet conditions. We appreciate you being there and the wisdom you try to impart to us. I hope you have enjoyed it and that we can persuade you to come back next year. Having someone there does make a huge difference.

Womens O35 Division 4

Being such a social bunch we have had a good season on and off the field and our talent has us on the brink of finals. There have only been two major dilemmas with Corelle and Jo visiting Fiona Stanley in consecutive weeks early in the season. Corelle with the best attempt yet, 10 weeks off work with a broken arm and then having to have it broken again to fix properly and Jo doing what's necessary for a new pair of glasses and a bit of attention after copping a ball to the eye.

Selection has started for the 2017 squad, contracts are being redrafted awaiting signatures and we are hopeful to continue with the current group. I would like to thank the players for their wonderful efforts this year and immediate response to team selection each week. Looking forward to your company next year. "We might not be pretty but we sure are effective."

Also a huge thank you to our illustrious leader Jan "The Voice", who can be known to lead us astray, especially after a "Big One" to Lark Hill, aka Fox Hill but Jan holds the key which locks us together. She is also now in uniform with her new Melville jacket and diamante ugg boots.

Jenny Coad

If she was a horse, we would shoot her. Poor girl's gone lame but that means she's now running at the same speed as everyone else. Jen is our ever important stats keeper, she seals those envelopes really well.

Corelle Coleman

This surgically enhanced woman of steel was shattered that she couldn't drown her sorrows after breaking her arm early in the season but soon made up for it as the season progressed. Still living the dream of being head hunted for state while injured.

Lindy Coss

Our superstar goalie who shouts MINE like a seagull fighting for the last chip! She is one loud voice from the cage and can't believe this girl still plays with the first stick ever carved.

Helen Doyle

Such a busy social life, but so glad you could fit your games in between all your exploits such as volcano abseiling, base jumping, naked parachuting, boulder throwing and outback orienteering. You would think she would be exhausted with all her wild antics but Helen has had a great season on the field and didn't manage to get lost this year.

Olive Hasselerharm

A newcomer who is happy to have found some new friends and we hear she's in for next years "Tight & Bright". So glad you decided to make the switch. Now we just have to teach her how to speak OZTRALYARN and get her to remember which position she is playing.

Gwenda Hogg

We need to thank Rae for dragging her sister into the fold. Conor's team twin, Gwenda is the Queen of bling in the famous pink headband and wears her uggs with such style. You always know when Gwenda hits the ball as you hear her signature thud and she is one of our leading goal scorers this season.

Wendy Joyce

The ever important Irish Barwoman who can jump huge hurdles to avoid disaster when the allocated bar staff fail to arrive. Still can't understand a word she says but she manages to instill fear into the opposition and hits the ball hard enough to break legs. Wendy also has a great run on her but is a tad restricted when her bike shorts hang around her knees.

Maris Margetts

Who needs doctors when the Vet is just as good at supplying the necessary drugs to keep this stalwart on the field. Does the shaggy dog shake very well when giving the umpires important advice. Maris is like a fine bottle of wine, she gets better and better with age.

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Dee Murphy

Dee generally turns up to the game, sometimes in the first half. She arrives, waits in the stands till the first goal is scored then wanders down to play. Our Miss Versatile has been playing some of her best hockey this season and although we can score without her we are so much better when she is on the field.

Nicola Ogden

A return from retirement, our brick wall at the back. We were never sure if Nigel or Nicola would turn up to play. The booming voice from the back line with a hit to match. We hear all about the baking exploits but never to be seen.

Jo Rosso

The comedian of the team who seems to be regularly injured from her head right down to her toes. Dislocations, hammy violations and hospital visits saw this dynamo on and off the field. Taking on hockey balls to get a new pair of glasses is a bit dramatic and the visit to emergency was just to see what all the fuss was about from the week before.

Annette Scholten

Obviously Annette has no life outside hockey as she is always available at a moment's notice with a clean uniform, even midway through preparing dinner. Bad luck family. Thanks Annette you are a real trouper.

Conor Smith

The tell tale red eyes came out every so often, but somewhere in the blur she managed to find the goals and is one of our leading goal scorers. Our team "Miss Masterchef" who always seemed to forget to make us any delights but she proved her worth on the field. Sometimes hard to tell Conor and her team sister Gwenda apart and even fooled the umpire on occasions, copping a warning which was not meant for her.

Kate Sparkes

This girl is our Phar Lap. Heart as big as a horse, strong and runs flat out all day. Our saviour later in the season.

Rae Thompson

Rae desperately wanted to join our social club so we made her play. She slotted right into the Vets after game celebrations and is living proof that it is way more fun on the field than freezing in the stands. Rae is responsible for blinging up the Voice this season with some very fancy footwear.

Annette Williams

Swapping her hijab for shorts and thongs Annette seemed happy to be back in the Melville uniform but she still has the travel bug as she is often missing in action due to another holiday. Our reliable winger and a great seagull finisher.

Mathilda Carmichael, our Umpire Extraordinaire.

Much to our umpire's dismay the Vets girls ditched the visors this season. Yet to join the drinking team, apparently she's afraid she doesn't have the stamina displayed in our late nighters. We keep her amused on and off the field with our antics and she can only stand back and wonder at our skill, versatility and speed. One road trip was enough for Tilly, the "Cone of Silence" was too great a burden. The next week she left town to avoid the responsibility. We have the serviette contract drawn up for 2017 ready for resigning and visors at the ready.

Special thanks also to Rachel Roberts and Caroline Capes, who ventured out on a cold winter's night when we made the call.

Mens 050 Division 1

In our second year with the current team structure, we played well for each other, had some good results, and were rewarded by holding the fourth ladder position for much of the season. Hopefully a good base to build on for future final's ambitions, though held back by some narrow, late season losses this year.

Ray Achemedei (Inside Forward)

Provides great drive in his regular role up forward, or when filling in at halfback. Shone this year, to take out our best player award.

Alan Chellew (Forward)

Played every second week, when home from FIFO duties, and provided great run up forward.

Geoff Currie (Fullback)

Reliable and solid defender, who regularly repels opposition attacks.

Peter Dawkins (Halfback and Wing)

Trusted team leader, who continues to inspire, with endurance and skill.

Kevin Dempster (Halfback and Wing)

Excelled in the half line, providing great connections between defence and attack.

Wayne Hudson (Goalie)

A club legend who continues to excel in goals.

Michael Jensen (Fullback)

Regular source of guidance and team structure, while repelling opposition plays each week.

Dennis Loffell (Inside Forward)

Resolute, hard-working inner, who provides great run and drive up forward.

Geoffrey Ranford (Centre Half)

Reliable midfield lynch pin, who contributed another great season, through consistent application of his experience and skill.

Greg Ross (Fullback)

Hard working, skilful defender, who can be relied on to repel opposition attacks.

Cameron Simpson-Bint (Wing)

Solid contributor, who plays with great fire up forward.

Michael Watson (Centre Forward)

Tireless worker for our team, who always provides great drive in attack.

Thanks also to all the following players for helping us out when we were short on regular numbers: Greg Hunt, Keith Harper, Dave Ross, Derek Doak, Aki Etelaaho and Darran Wilson.

Mens O50 Division 2 Gold

With more than 30 nearly able bodied chaps getting involved to chart history for the 50's Gold this year it was a challenge working out team slots each week. However, it worked with Melville at the top of the ladder (well ok close to the top but we can see it from here).

A powerful team on paper but, unfortunately we only played on grass and with half this in the gently undulating setting of Buzacott, the season certainly had its ups and downs. We played with panache and the occasion swagger or perhaps stagger. With a new crew gelling together we found space, options and a short game (but not short enough for some) that we never knew existed. It was a pleasure of a season that even the odd torrential downpour could not dampen. One thing's for sure though: if Charles Darwin had played hockey for Melville City his theory would have been written the other way around.

It should be noted that the editors of the players' comments may or may not have seen anyone play and should not be relied upon if you are making investment or any other decisions based on these profiles. Anything resembling the truth in the following is purely coincidental.

Brad Bocking

Brought a quiet confidence along to the game, mainly by bringing his faithful assistance dog "Reuben" to offer half time advice and pre-licked drinks bottles. Brad the bloke himself played in defence with a sense of duty and actually resisted the urge to become a forward despite the occasional drift into the wrong 25. Not once did this reporter see him utter a strong word or helpful suggestion to the umpires this year. The team integrity coach will do something about this to bring out his inner dog next year.

Terrence Brooks (Brooksie)

Older, Slower but still with a rampant disregard for his own body, Brooksie went about his business like a crazed Collingwood supporter on day release. Often seen flying through the air horizontally at 1m above the ground, brandishing his stick like a scimitar, Brooksie was like the man of steel himself, but outfitted by Vinnies. Brooksie's greatest achievement has to be getting to the game this year with his best effort involving hitching two rides and then borrowing his daughter's car to get to one game. The BBC are doing a remake of Steptoe and Son so we may lose Brooksie for fame and fortune because he is a shoe in for the Steptoe role.

Graeme Coleman (Leo)

Probably one of his best seasons for goal scoring since his junior days and certainly the highest goal scorer in the team this year which is not bad for someone that no one wants to pass the ball to. The reason nobody wants to pass Graeme the ball is because he doesn't know how to pass the ball to the other players in the team. Breaking another couple of personal bests this year, Graeme ventured back across the half way line on at least 3 occasions and also received a "best supporting actor" for his role in "Obstruction" against Curtin. His organisational prowess is matched by his desire to test out his ticker every week by running around with an opposition defender on his back all the time. His preseason coaching and meditation retreat for the team set the scene for the season and was a demonstration of harmony (that is the snoring was in tune and sounded like the Ride of the Valkierie).

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Keith Harper (Harps)

The every youthful Harps was up and about early in the season but was keen in the end to offer advice from the sideline. His control and penetration (and I mean on the pitch) was a joy to see so hopefully we see more of him next year. Not many players have mastered the art of dribbling their way thru every opposition player with great skill and finesse then miss easy shots at open goals by many meters – Harps has uniquely mastered that art. Harps and Graeme are currently running neck and neck for the number of times they have passed the ball to another Melville player award, they are both sitting at zero and zero.

Greg Hunt (Egg)

Ah the good Egg – provided a calming influence on those around him but that just lulled them into a false sense of security because in a straight line he has devastating form and skill. Now when he is required to turn at speed this is a different matter and resembles more of a snow plough when cornering. With the aid of a large number of surgical appliances to maintain his wheel alignment egg resembled a half back version of inspector gadget and racked up a more than a few good goals this year and somehow guided us in to being better defenders at the same time. A pleasure to play with and certainly a big contributor to our success this year. Egg's knees will one day be donated to medical science to work out how they still keep him upright and moving in a forward direction.

Michael Jolliffe

Regardless of how much research Mike does into the effect of alcohol on reflexes he still has the reflexes of a cat. His work cognitive disconnection will undoubtedly earn him a Nobel as it is clear that by disconnecting the rational thought processes from decision making has allowed Mike's body to react to goal threatening situations without being troubled

or slowed down by conscious decision making processes. No goals this year Mike – let's see if you can do better next year. It is sooo good having Mike back in the team this year. His dedication to making it harder for the opposition team to get a ball past him because he has bulked up > 30kgs is a credit to his dedication to the sport, to our team and to beer.

Stephen Llanwarne

International man of mystery or has he crossed the interface and become virtual this year. Some say Stephen is sneaking away for Botox treatment but whatever the reason the "Team Councillor" only showed for a few cameo roles this year. Despite this, Dot Com clocked up his 200th game this year supported by his personal fan club (ie him) so, at the rate of 4 games per season must be at least 110 years old. He is a clear endorsement for stretching the body and the truth in equal proportions. We are still waiting for the pre-season spiritual cleansing to happen on the monster yacht he has promised as sponsor. It should be noted that the American Basketball team stole our idea for Rio but that doesn't mean the team aren't expecting it to be available next season. OK we won't tell Pitch we promise. A legend of the game and life, everybody's hero and all time good guy.

Alan Marshall

Toyota might have finally moved on with their advertising leap but Al hasn't. He still has a strangle hold on the amount of hang time he can achieve but this season has added a bit of world cup soccer theatrics to assisting the umpires with their decision making. Regardless it is a pure joy to see defenders running away with the ball thinking they have got clear only to see Al sweep around in front of them or through them stabbing at the ball like a swashbuckling musketeer (including the hat of course). Al's season slipped into a form slump when, after scoring two goals in round 10, at half time someone told him that hat trick scorers

Mens O50 Division 2 Gold (contd)

traditionally bought the beers, Al has scarcely ventured into the circle since. Al's one handed woody woodpecker tackling style has scared all our opposition which does beg the question of what he is doing with his other hand?? One may suggest he is trying to get the spare change out of the opposition's pockets!!!

Patrick Matthews

Slotted into the defence line up like a well-rehearsed pit mechanic and went straight to business pulling the defensive line together tighter than Al's moneybelt, foiling foolish forwards and dashing defenders dreams in workman like fashion. Pat is definitely a case of age and treachery bettering age and talent. Great to have a functioning half back line that punishes attackers and sets us up for attack. Pat is a legend of the game and started the year as wide as he is high. As the season progressed he has managed to tilt the balance a bit towards the height ratio.

Paul Meacock (Whip)

The true gentleman of the game and a very loved legend. By playing at such a high standard in his early years Paul has smashed his body to oblivion so today he qualifies for the same sprint team as Pitch. It is inspirational to have him out on the field and it is like watching Pamela Anderson running in slow motion in Bay Watch even though that is Paul's flat out speed with his turbo charger red lining. This season we were privileged to see a massive improvement in Whips' fitness, first time out it was half hour to get his track suit pants back on, only three games later he had got it down to 15 minutes and currently chasing a PB of under 7.5. Go you good thing.

Bill Morrison (Billy)

Billy, Billy, Billy What can we say about our key exchange player. Well some say he is more like the old party line exchanges – you know the ones you had to call up and wait a while as they patched you through to the right person. But

we the editorial staff think he has gone digital this season as his decision making time has dramatically reduced as for once he has plenty of options to pass to. What is more surprising is that he now might even get the ball back. In earlier seasons we have spoken about how there was no way that Billy's forehead could get any longer but he has defied science and it has, but thenhe's got a lot to worry about, from half back you can see pretty clearly what goes on in front.

Roger Nottage

Likes a bit of niggles does our Roger but somehow is never upset and really irritates the opposition with his sly smile as he picks them up from the ground. Roger seems to like it both ways both forward and backward and maintains the appropriate intensity when on the ground and not behind the goals taking a breather. Whenever Roger has the ball the umpires immediately put a hand in their pocket, grab the red card so they are ready to show that red card because anything could happen. Sadly however, despite his pedigree, no.1 seeding, and some sensational efforts this year Roger didn't make the medals or even get close enough to see the podium at the "Brooksie" awards for dodgy back line tackles made whilst horizontal and not in any contact with the ground.

Steve Silvey

Always running into space or pushing back to provide options for hit outs Steve has clocked up a lot of possession this year and has been one of the key pointy parts of our push from defence into attack. His clean approach to playing hockey will be the subject of next year's pre-season re-education camp where we hope he will adopt a more flamboyant style. As well as being an all round nice guy Steve is a big favourite for the greyest hair on the team award, taking the heat off Slatts who has held the title since under 13's and Billy who has failed to qualify since under 14's.

Mens 050 Division 2 Gold (contd)

Colin Slattery (Slatts)

Sade sang a song "Smooth Operator" and it was written about the legend that is Slatts. His bullet like hits from defence thru tiny gaps and finding his teammates presents a massive issue because it requires his teammate to trap the ball, which isn't our strongest skill. Long live Metro-Man, we forgive you for bringing your hockey shirt on a hanger (its just the cardboard things you keep in your socks that are hard to deal with). And don't let looks deceive you, the old "underwear ironer", took out the "Brooksie award this year in round 13 with a tackle that's since been banned in 16 countries and is the subject of international conventions.

Andrew Spear

Silver beard seemed fitter and faster this year, maybe the rest of us slowed down... on the other hand, spending large proportions of the game behind the goals can have a very restive influence. His Richard Gere looks did help him score a few goals this year but he still had to buy drinks afterwards like a normal bloke. Anya Andy.

Andrew Starling

Andy made a big difference to the team this year as for the first time everyone on the team listened to his advice and it worked. Stewth playing with a system and making ourselves available for passes and then following up seems simple but the editors are not sure we actually have done that since juniors. After this exercise in "herding cats" you would think any challenge wasn't beyond the man, but even Andy struck out in his efforts through the season to get AI to buy a round, some say to the point of scoring goals and giving the wrong name...maybe set your sights a bit lower next year. The entire team would appreciate next year if Andy could not look so cool under pressure and so slick with his ball skills because he is making the rest of the team look more average than they make themselves look.

Geoff Widdicombe

Despite movie star good looks, Geoff has his faults and hasn't displayed any strange personal habits or psychotic behaviour so needs to work on that to become a proper full back. Remaining cool under fire, usually because he is yet to realise the game has started, and letting the odd one through to keep Mike on the edge is a good description of his on field demeanour (and with a smile). Great work in defence and certainly a good contributor to Melville having the second best goal difference in the comp, what's a good looking bloke like you doing in company like this. Geoff is currently the hot favourite to win this year's prestigious "Geoff Widdicombe lookalike competition", strangely, however not many other competitors have lined up for this comp.

Special thanks to Chris (Toothpicks) Avent, Kevin (I say see the ball) Dempster, Steve (Smack'em) Mcentee, Tony (General) Patton, Greg (Players Comfort) Ross, Michael (The Talented One) Starling for going above and beyond and stepping into the dream team on more than one occasion.

Mens O50 Division 3

Great season making finals again. Major changes from the previous year with five people new to the team but everyone settled in well. Good standard of hockey with any team capable of beating the other regardless of where they sit on the ladder. Solid contribution from all 16 players and a really enjoyable season.

Lorne Alder (LA - Leave alone (it could get messy))

Lorne is our most dangerous forward because no one (including Lorne) knows what he is going to do next, so he keeps the opposition backs (and his team mates) on their toes at all times. Lorne has scored some great goals this year, runs hard and back tackles with vigour.

Chris Avent (CA - Career amateur)

Chris orchestrated the coup that saw the cream of the over-the-hill division two's migrate to the three's. His promise of Parliamentary Seats was just too much for the unemployable. It was agreed by all that the only better job in the State is Chris', where you work for 24 hours once every four years. With such restricted work hours, Chris relished charging around like a Testosterone fuelled teenager on a Saturday, ridding himself of energy and anger built up over months of idleness!

John Christie (JC - Just a chihuahua)

Quick, skilled, brave and cheeky. He moulded, led and motivated a bunch of has-beens into a very enjoyable year. His overheads (coached by Eric) neared a success rate of 90%, bettered only by his coach, and were a huge weapon, as were his bullet passes. But heaven help you if you did not keep your position! His bite was as bad as his BARK - typical Chihuahuas!

Michael Coles (MC - Hammer)

A rock solid reliable defender that some say is like "Dwayne Johnson". Mike is a really dependable left half, whose stoic defence time after time halts or pushes back the opposition. Many an unsuspecting right wing has had the ball stolen away after being fooled by the stooped running gait and the shock of ash coloured hair. But, don't be fooled because when Mike swaps his zimmer frame for a hockey stick he doesn't use it as crutch like the rest of us. He actually uses it to trap and hit the ball. In a season full of highlights Mike scored one of the "Goals of the Year" when he wound back the clock to a bygone era when he was a flashy forward.

John Delaney (JD - Just do it)

Ever hunted a wounded buffalo? Well, when you hear the yell, "MY BALL", you best take cover because JD, our solid low-centre-of-gravity Goalie is on the move and a clear path is needed! Dependable and Captain of our circle, if and when he let one pass (6), he was superbly saved from embarrassment by his mercurial half back mate. What do you call someone who hangs out with hockey players? Where would we be without the speed and agility of JD who continually makes up for all the clangers from our back-line. He is way too good to be playing alongside the rest of us but I guess for some reason he enjoys it – Indeed Goalies are a different breed.

Mens O50 Division 3 (contd)

Tony Ganzer (TG - Tagger (can run all day))

Tony is the team's philosopher and ponders the variables of hockey with great dedication; loves a chat about hockey as much as he does running around the field. Played most of the season on the wing and acted as the linkman on some excellent attacking thrusts. Always willing to put pressure on the opposing backs.

Matthew Hudson (MH - Mad Hatter)

Mad Matt, the Umpire's pick-on-boy retained his reputation and record by swearing at the umpire and taking a forced prolonged rest more times than all the team together. Even when we only had ten players, Matt's mouth preceded brain engagement. But he left the best for his "team mates" - It came after Matt's 70m, one handed dribble that ended in failure because he found no "support" in his half. Forget and forgive Matt you are too quick for us.

Robert Knyn (RK - The Rock)

Rob had an extended period undergoing pre season training to ensure he made the required standard. Joining the team half way through the season it was obvious that the training made no difference whatsoever! Rob is a dangerous forward always happy to put the opposition under pressure and bag the occasional goal.

Eric Nell (EN - Expect nightmares)

Eric plays hockey at halfback like a wandering minstrel – we see him here, we see him there, we see him every.....where ... except on his winger. On the other hand, Eric has given us tremendous attacking drive down the right and fed the forwards some great passes; especially when not attempting up and overs. A very solid year.

Tony Patton (TP - Tee Pee)

Captain Courageous, the best tackling full back in the league, but with a turning circle as big as the Titanic! Thankfully, not many get past him. Tony did not push his weight aroundEveryone, bar Pitch, listened and accepted Tony's word. A pleasure to play for.

Mike Pitcher (MP - Pitch/Mr Perfect)

He doesn't move, he doesn't pass, he doesn't sweat, he doesn't score thats Pitch -the Pink Panther. Rigormortis is quicker than Pitch. But no one knows the rules or strategy better than Pitch. Just ask Pitch. If you look up Pitch in a dictionary you'll find "derived from petroleum, also be called tar, bitumen or asphalt". When you watch Pitch run it's easy to see where they get the description because he's glacial like speed deeply resembles sticky black tar. There is also a view held by a small number, that Pitch is a genuine play maker and therefore the roadway to many of our forward movements. A prolific goal scorer Pitch decided this year he is only going to score when we really need it. So far he hasn't felt the need too often and occasionally forgets that you still have to score more than the opposition to actually win. But Pitch is not just an attacking Wing and Inside Forward his great defensive talent is to stand still and make the opposition take the long run around him. Do that a few times and even the fittest players get fatigued. As a team man Pitch is a gifted communicator who is able to pre-empt the umpire's calls well before the whistle is blown and is then selfless enough to help coach and improve the umpire's performance by explaining why they're wrong even while the game is still in progress. It's been another very solid season from a very reliable player.

Jaspal Sembi (JS - Jazz special)

Seeing 'Jazz' flying down the wing on the end of a long through ball is a sight to behold. Even more exciting was seeing the normally understated and reserved Jaspal do an "Oh what a feelin" Toyota jump when he scored a terrific goal at Buzzacott midway through the season. Fed the other forwards many great passes from the left wing throughout the year.

Mens O50 Division 3 (contd)

Dean Stonehouse (DS - Dream skills)

Out of position, out of breath, out of ideas but always giving it his all. Dean has played every position this year. Even with a torn crotch (well that's the area) you could always "Bank on Deano". Solid, very good team member just doesn't buy enough beers!

Andrew Toogood (AT - All terrain)

Andy is an extremely versatile player who can play any role from full back to forward. Which is unusual in this grade as most of us find it hard enough remembering how to play one position. Which just proves that Andy is "Too Good", I bet he's never heard that before? A promoted ex 40's player who is like a babe in the woods showing all the inexperience of youth as he runs around with endless sources of energy while the rest of us watch on in awe. We feel sure that he will soon realise that all that wasted energy isn't helping and will slow down to our more laid back pace. A really good team man, who never seems flustered, always happy and encouraging. Andy's been an excellent addition to the 50-3's.

Martin Whitley (MW - Make way)

The only quiet gentleman in the group. Politically correct playing punctuated with panting, which was all we ever heard. Mr Versatile. Martin has had to play in almost every position this season and I'm sure an entire chapter of the Kamasutra could have been dedicated to him. Martin also double's as the equal opportunity officer for the side and takes special pride in providing the team with the direction and diversity that enables us all to be more understanding teammates. He has had an enormous influence on the rehabilitation of Eric 'Upover' Nell who can almost now complete a full game without directing his trademark profanities at both opposition players and his own teammates.

Andrew Wood (AW - AWOL/Chips)

The newest and youngest Grandpa in the group, Andy "Chips" Wood became the go-to guy when we felt we needed goals. Too often he went AWOL supporting a losing Docker cause. But unlike Deano, he was always available long after the game offering to buy beers! Great fun, great team man, great goals and worst dress sense! Chips is one of those players who needs to be continually reminded that he is no longer in his prime and needs to curtail his effort as he makes the rest of us look like pathetic old men. Numerous times he would have us cringing as his attempt to tackle the opposition from the wrong side would send him to another visit to Fiona Stanley, only to patch him up in time to repeat his same tactics the following week. The only explanation for his masochistic personality must be his long-time support of his beloved Dockers.

Many thanks to the players who filled in for us early in the season when we struggled for numbers - Paul Brennan, Johnno Orr and Colin Slattery. Thanks to all the umpires particularly Frank Reynolds for doing a great job all season.

Mens O60 Division

After some encouraging play and results early on, 2016 turned out to be another tough year for our O60s, following some disappointing play in winnable round 2 games, and less ladder progress than hoped for. On the other hand, it was great to welcome several new team members this year, following their “promotion” from O50s, and enjoy some extended patches of really good team play, enhanced by the addition of their skills and experience. More wins should come next year, by building on this, and playing to our capabilities on a more consistent basis. Not to mention the social side of our game, which will continue as a regular source of fellowship and enjoyment.

Gary Bowater (Inner and Centre Forward)

Gary arrived in the 60s this year from 50 div 3s, and has been a valuable member of the team. His work has kept him away for some weekends, but, when he was able to play, Gary provided a great avenue of attack, and link up with our other forwards. Being the Club President has taken up a lot of his valuable time, but Gary always seemed to make time to play for the 60s. We all appreciated his effort in both roles during the season. Thanks, Gary, for all your dedication and input around the Club this season. We hope you continue with the O60s next year.

Bruce Cadd (Wing)

A man who is always available to help fill in, for any of the old fella’s teams, Caddie loves to give the umpires advice, which in some cases they need! A MOFTA member, who never misses a Thursday night at the club for dinner and a chat, Bruce always has a story to tell, and not necessarily about hockey! You can rely on Bruce for help with anything you need, as he is the man who knows everyone and can get anything done!

Pat Hall (Fullback)

Pat has rightfully claimed one of our full back positions as his own, though he’s very versatile and can play any position well. It has been great having him back us up, and, many times “tough” the opposition out of defence. Well done Pat. We hope you’ve enjoyed your season as much we’ve enjoyed having you play alongside us.

Duncan MacPhail (Goalie)

Duncan has played in goals this season. The position suits him as he has made several great saves. Our intrepid City of Melville Councillor takes a bit of a ribbing off the field as our team members sometimes remind him of the club’s needs, all in good spirit. Duncan always gives his all, and is a great team member who joins in with the fun us over 60s seem to have off the field as well. A great season by Duncan.

Steve McEntee (Centre Forward and Centre Half)

Steve started the season playing at centre forward then moved to centre half, where he has a strong presence. Steve’s strengths are his determination and strong hit which saw him score a few short corners and deliver many strong passes to the forwards. He always gives his all and has been a valuable member of the team as well as the club.

Johnson Orr (Halfback)

Johnno, as he is affectionately called, is a great club stalwart, having participated in many ways in the building of the Melville Hockey club, over the years. And continues his dedication to the club, as a regular club sponsor and our Men’s 1’s team manager. A man with a great personality, our buddy in the over 60’s men’s competition still plays a mean game of hockey, with great tackling strength, mostly at left half. Well done again, Johnno.

Mens O60 Division (contd)

Peter Oudejans (Halfback and Wing)

As in previous years, Peter's strength has been his ability to retain possession through strong skills over the ball, then pass the ball to advantage, with vision and purpose. Though unfortunately restricted to limited playing time, by recurring leg strain problems, this has made Peter a valued onfield contributor again this year, whether at wing, half back or full back. Thanks also, Peter, for your great team and club spirit, as shown by your ongoing contributions as Vice President, Finance & Development. We look forward to teaming up with you again, and wish you much better luck with injury next year.

Terry Parker (Inside Forward)

Terry is an O60s stalwart, known for consistently strong contributions to our play, through his run, skill and experience at left inner. Though family duties kept him away more than previously, we're always pleased to have Terry in our team, on or off field, and welcome his influence on our play. Well done again, Terry. We look forward to welcoming you back again next year.

Keith Platel (Inside Forward)

Keith is a stalwart of the 60's Masters Team, playing Right Inside Forward. It's a testament to his team-manship that, after a bereavement in his family, Keith still came down to play and support his teammates, who were, in turn, all keen to support him. Keith continually surprises everyone with his run and endurance, providing excellent cover in defence, and creating space and opportunities when in attack. He's so incredibly fit and lean that we look forward to welcoming Keith for many more good seasons.

Bruce Porter (Centre Half and Inside Forward)

It was great to have Bruce join our team this year. His ball control, energy and stamina were an inspiration for the rest of us to try harder at the game we love. Bruce was always available to provide advice and the avenue to get the ball into the forward line. Thanks Bruce for your hard work.

David Porter (Wing)

Dave proves the adage that you can't keep a good man down, or away from his hockey, as he turns up for a run (a word used loosely with us O60's) on the patch. He offers sage advice based on long experience before the game and during the essential recuperation period at half time. However, too often we feign a form of 'domestic deafness' and carry on doing what we did before, with, of course, generally the same outcome. Dave was obviously a student of Einstein who said insanity was doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results! Outside of the team, Dave continues to provide top advice to the Club (spot the turf lights as a recent example) and importantly also, the greater hockey community, even in his 'transition' to retirement. A real pleasure to play in the team with you Dave.

Mens O60 Division (contd)

Geoffrey Riley (Halfback and Inside Forward)

Geoff is the Jekyll and Hyde member of the team - gentle and caring off the field but ferocious when let loose during the game. This year has seen Geoff relinquish control of the goal circle and abandon his extensive padding and return to the mobility of the battlefield, primarily as left half or left inner. This increased need for speed resulted in early injuries necessitating the frustration of watching from the sidelines for a couple of games. Geoff returned with a vengeance and continued as a very valuable member of the team. His excellent tackling and trapping skills have saved many a goal and created good attacking moves. A great team man, sharing manager responsibilities with John Smith (and of course Mary), it has again been a pleasure to play alongside Geoff. No mention of Geoff would be complete without a mention of the other "Riley" in the team - his wife Mary! Mary is a weekly supporter, and saves a lot of player energy by retrieving balls over sidelines or baselines. She collects the umpire dues, best player votes, etc, etc, etc. Both Geoff and Mary even gave up the odd game of their beloved Dockers (not that this was much of a sacrifice this year!) to be at Saturday hockey - well done and thank you!

John Smith (Halfback)

John has been our team manager again this year, and a very solid player at right or left half. An experienced and highly skilled player, who uses his speed to position and pass well, John's versatility and team play have made him one of the team's most valuable players. The team always looks forward to another season enjoying John's many strengths, on and off the field.

Leo Welten (Wing)

Leo has been one of our most valuable players again this year, with his many great runs down the right wing - bamboozling opposition defenders with great, close-in stick skills, to provide many of our most threatening attacks on goal. And was certainly missed, on and off field, while away in Europe late in the year. Well done on another great year, Leo. It's a pleasure having you in our team.

Frank Williams (Halfback)

We looked forward to great things when Frank returned from overseas this year. And we weren't disappointed when he starred in the four games he managed to play, before a troublesome Achilles injury kept him out for the rest of the season. Many thanks for your off field support while injured, Frank – much appreciated. And all the best for a full injury recovery, so you can get back to enjoying your hockey on the field, in good time before next year.

Kelvin Woodward (Fullback)

Ever the strong man at the back. Can be intimidating for all with his hard clearing hits. Kelvin's distribution to the forwards became more calculated as the season progressed, giving the team better attacking opportunities. A solid season Kelvin, Thanks.

Thanks to all the following players for helping us out, when we were short on regular numbers: Gonzo (Tony Ganzer), Brooksy (Terry Brooks), Peter Dawkins and Woody (Graham Wood). And best wishes to team mate, Tom Rushton, who was grounded by injury for the year. Hope to see you back again next year, Tom.

Girls 11/12 A

To be honest, I think I may have learnt more from this group than I have in previous years. I came in expecting a team pushing to win a premiership at all costs, but after the first few games what I saw was a team that wanted to do well but also wanting to have fun and enjoy the hockey for what it is; an opportunity to just play a great sport with your friends. I may have been a bit negative at times throughout the year girls but that was from me learning how to handle young ladies and their expectations (should do me good for the future). But thank you for making me remember we are involved in and love this game. That being said, you all made improvements throughout the year, both in skill level and ability to read the play. There may have been a few squabbles and twitchy times, but these were resolved and we just got back to the hockey. Thank you to Brian Ballard (Team Manager) for being someone to control me on the bench, while also not leaving me to be the only one to lose hair. Thank you to Fran Hagen and Annette Gebauer (our refreshments managers) for keeping the game day supplies up and thank you to the girls that have subbed for us during the year. Overall, I hope the girls have enjoyed this year and learnt as much from me as I have from them.

Mia Ballard (MID)

Mia does not shy away from a challenge. Partly because of her tenacity and not wanting to be beaten and partly for fear of her dad peering from the dugout. Really came in to her own as a shut-down midfielder, with her speed, stamina and doggedness enabling her to regularly run with the oppositions' best players. Mia also started to find herself in better positions for attack, regularly feeding the ball forwards or setting up the transfer. A bit more basic skill work and confidence in her own ability, would see her progress well into the next level. All the best of luck with the seniors next year.

Lucinda Cahill (STR)

Lucinda is one player who didn't really want to be a STR at first, but really has come to look at home in this position. Always working hard, Lucinda gets herself into good positions defensively to create turnovers in the first line of our press. On the other hand, she could work a bit more on her deflections. Either way, Lucinda always comes to training with a positive attitude and her tommas are starting to look really good. It has been a pleasure to coach Lucinda plus she seems to come to training far more often than her sister. Good luck for 2016.

Molly Foss (DEF)

Molly has consistently played her role this year. Not normally playing at right half, she found a lot more space out wide and was able to be a key playmaker for attack and provided a strong link between the defenders and midfielders. All Molly needs to do is be more confident in her abilities, she is a bit too hard on herself at times (when making a error) and tends to drop her head. Bringing the same carefree attitude, that she always has at training, into games will reduce any doubts and enable her to regularly dominate. Keep on keeping on!

Eliane Gebauer

Ever reliable Eliane. It seems that she has been burdened this year with less than perfect health and has regularly been very tired. Needs to consider her hockey commitments more when attending parties. However, Eliane in spite of this has been the cornerstone of our defence this year. Readily able to alternate between sweeping fullback to pick up the pieces in our press and marking fullback to take an opposition striker out of the game. She always delivers in her role. Only needs to be as confident in herself as the rest of the team is in her. All the best for next year.

Girls 11/12 A (contd)

Isabelle Gurbiel (STR/DEF)

Izzy was another who was told at the start of the season that she was unlikely to be playing in DEF. This was due to the overabundance of other good DEF players. However, her defensive abilities were put to good use as a STR, by playing a key role in setting up and creating turnovers in our press. When given the opportunity to go back into defence, she used her skills from playing as a STR to help set up our attacks. Another player needing to go out less. Overall great development in versatility this year, keep it up and good luck!

Molly Hagen (STR/DEF/MIDwherever needed really)

Molly has a huge amount of talent and has further developed her game this season. She always plays her role to the best of her abilities, and has been a key contributor to a lot of our attacks and defensive efforts. Molly, just needs to remember to not put so much pressure on herself, by trying to do everything alone. The team is there to help. Communication and constructive feedback to teammates, can go a long way to further developing your leadership skills. Capture that potential.

Jessica Hood (GK)

Jess was initially going to stay playing on the field but thankfully committed to being our goalie. We are very glad she did, because Jess has saved our defence on a number of occasions this year. Without Jess in the net, what was sometimes a 3 or 4 goal deficit could easily have been twice as much. Not so much a talker from the back, so marshalling and communicating with your fellow defenders to set up structures is important, as it would make your job ultimately a lot easier. Please stay as a GK as I see a lot of potential! Good luck next season!

Saffron Jackson (DEF/STR)

Saffron had a really productive year. Having told me she preferred to play as a STR, I clearly threw her into DEF to mess with her head (not really) I used her in both areas. Saffron has a strong hit and an ability to make good decisions on the ball. The only thing that restricts her at times, is being hesitant on the ball. All you need to do as a defender is back your judgement early (it's generally right) and you'll be able to play both striker and defender with ease. All the best for 2017!

Taleisha Power (MID)

Taleisha, with her seniors' experience and the number of young new faces in the team, was always going to be one of the leaders this season. Always consistent in her own game, Taleisha took on this added responsibility really well whilst also improving her ability to distribute the ball and get others involved in the game. She also regularly had a few choice words for the umpires, but to take the next step as a leader you just need to remain positive and control the controllable. Another player to have a great year. The future is very promising!

Amy Ross (DEF)

Amy has really come on this season, being one of the younger players in the team. She regularly intimidates and physically out plays her opponents, just by being stronger and always working hard. What has really impressed me this year is Amy's development in reading the play, where she has started to step up and create a number of intercepts when defending. A little more work on offensive skills would go a long way towards her development for seniors, but overall a very good year. All the best for next season!

Girls 11/12 A (contd)

Jo Snyman (MID)

Jo just tends to do Jo's thing during games. She always plays her role, whether at CH or Inner, and tirelessly works her way into positions to receive the ball and then feed other players. The most pleasing thing is that if there's a turnover, she works back into defence just as hard. Jo continues to deliver beyond what I expect from her each game, and this is surely why she's become a lock in the MTL team this year. Congratulations on making the Aussie U/17s team. Keep it up, Jo!

Victoria Wade (STR/MID)

My mum always taught me it wasn't a complete day until you mess with someone's head, and Tori was so easy to mess with as there was always going to be a bite coming back (I think its the red hair). Despite this, Tori really has pushed to become a midfielder this year with her focus, tenacity and distribution of the ball. Tori could still learn a bit more on positioning with outletting, as she regularly finds herself under pressure due to being surrounded by a wall of opposition players (when all the space is out the back). Keep up the high work rate, focus and play an important role in seniors next year. Best of luck for 2017!

Trilby Widger (STR)

Not going to lie, I may have underestimated Trilby's ability at the start of this year. First training session she seemed more concerned about chatting with Izzy than actually playing stick ball. However, Trilby regularly found herself in the right position in the 'D' to put the ball in the back of the goals and end up one of our highest goal scorers. All you need now is display a bit of intensity and maybe some acceleration in your running and you'll be super competitive come seniors next year. Go well - go Trilby!

Sarah Wignell (DEF)

Sarah has really made herself a lock in the left half position. She always does what is required on defensive efforts, either clearing the ball with ease or shutting an opponent out of the game with great marking and well-timed tackles. The next thing to work on would be her attacking abilities, but there have definitely been improvements with that this year and her ability to find midfield options or set up the transfers. Keep it up and good luck for 2017!

Thanks also to the girls that filled in throughout the year and played their role for us. It is a credit you all on how well you gelled with the team and really contributed to the games. We hope you picked up some beneficial experiences. Thank you to Lauren Anderson, Neasa Flynn, Crystal Hobbs, Jayde Jackson, Georgia Lawrence, Brooke McKenzie and Ashleigh Power. All the best of wishes for 2017.

Boys 11/12A

The 2016 season has seen a great deal of growth by all of the boys in the 11/12 program. Having the A and A Reserve teams training together once a week has been of great benefit to both programs and allowed us to develop a much wider pool of athletes. All the boys are to be congratulated on their dedication to attending training and games in what is a very busy time in their lives.

This year we have spent time implementing some of the structures and mindsets, relating to our on and off field behaviours and performance, which have been implemented throughout the top squad. The aim of this is to make the transition to the top squad from the 11/12A team an easier process and also providing a clearer development pathway.

The boys took to the game plan well after some time spent adjusting to our style of dynamic ball movement and high defensive workrate. Both excellent traits of Melville teams. From a coaches perspective it has been very pleasing to see the improvements we have made as a team and the steps that individuals have taken to improve their game. Well done boys!

I look forward to seeing a number of these boys pushing for places (hopefully not mine) in the 1s team in the not too distant future.

Thanks to Jodi Reynolds for her assistance in managing the team this year, it has certainly made my job much easier. Also to Gavin Scally for stepping in and helping out to coach the boys when I have been away and to Colleen Bentley Year coordinator for her help. Thank you to all the parents for the great support through the year.

Matt Willis

Sean Bentley (Midfield/Defender)

Sean is a very classy player who has played in the midfield and also as free defender this season. This year has also seen Sean play a very consistent role in the Men's 3's which he is to be commended for. He is definitely a player to look out for playing in the top squad in the near future. Sean, you can work on your communication and game awareness to become a more dominant player as you progress to the higher grades.

Bailey Brown (Striker)

One of our vastly improved striker group this year. Bailey has improved his skill set and his knowledge of how to play a striker. Made plenty of tackles which as a striker makes the defenders job much easier, whilst putting that seed of doubt in the opposition's mind. Bailey, you could probably use your physical size and presence more to intimidate defenders, similar to the way Doogs does for the 1's. This combined with continued improvement to your basic skills and there will be no stopping you.

Boys 11/12A (contd)

Brysen Cadle (Defender)

Strength, speed and solid marking are excellent qualities to have as an outside half and Brysen has acquitted himself superbly this year. Has an excellent knack of running down penalty corners, some of which have directly resulted in goals for us at the other end, something which is very valuable to the team. The improvements in your passing and game awareness have been great over this year and are a direct result of the hard work you have put in at training. You have been a pleasure to coach and I look forward to seeing you around the club in the years to come.

Timothy Dickson (Midfield)

Despite a late season skating injury Tim has been one of our best performers this year. His ability to carry the ball at pace and break lines is exceptional. Being a quiet guy he probably doesn't realise the impact he can have on games when he takes people on with his speed. His defensive skills in the midfield have come a long way this year but it is something he can continue to develop. A big preseason awaits for 2017 to come back fitter and stronger. I am really excited to see Tim take that step to the next level, whether that be state teams or into the men's top squad.

Jesse Floyd (Striker)

At the start of the season if you had said to me Jesse would be one of our most consistent goalscorers, I probably wouldn't have believed you. I am sure Jesse has surprised himself at the improvements he has made this season by putting his mind to the task and doing the hard work at training. He has also made great strides in his positioning in the press and knowing what lines to run and how to approach and close down a defender. For next year, keep improving your fitness and speed to make you an even greater threat at this level.

Sean Hird (Defender)

Very reliable defender, playing as an outside half mostly, but someone who without hesitation I could throw on at fullback if required. Always willing to do the hard work in defence with his marking and tackling being highlights. Sean has improved his outletting and attacking play going forward but needs to continue to develop his passing range and quality. A quality person who has lots to offer to the club in the future.

Hayden Lock (Defender)

Hayden has been one of our senior players this year and has developed his leadership skills that have been invaluable to us this year. His ability to read the play and make intercepts and tackles as the free defender have been of a consistently high standard. Another who has played plenty of Men's hockey this year and that has shown in his development. If you can continue to develop your organisation and improve your variety of passing (more than just overheads) there is no reason why you won't have a successful transition into the Top Squad in the near future.

Mackenzie Love (Goalkeeper)

Macca has had a very solid season in goals this year. On many occasions he has been the reason between a loss and a win for us. He is always full of chat off the field and this is a trait I would love to see him continue once he puts his helmet on. Being able to organise and communicate will make your job much easier. Macca has also filled in for the A reserve side every now and then, as a field player I might add. A great person to have around the team and will join our long list of exceptional goalkeepers at the club.

Boys 11/12A (contd)

Nicholas Page (Midfield)

Nick's effort whenever he runs on the field can never be questioned. He has consistently been one of our fittest and toughest competitors. Starting the year in the midfield and progressing to be an attacking out-letting option at outside half has given our team a great structure and variety to our play. Going forward as you progress into more men's hockey, continue to develop your passing game and being consistent with your basic skills. Another of our boys who has contributed in other areas around the club which is excellent to see for the future of our club.

Harrison Parkes (Striker)

Harry has some of the silkiest skills going around and is always first to get to training and working on skills before the session. At the start of the season we sat down as a team and talked about our press and the different options available. Harry has taken to these concepts very well and has a great understanding of his role in the press in all of the striker positions. To complement your great skills a big preseason working on your fitness, strength and speed will lead to more improvements next season.

Trent Potter (Midfield/Defender)

Returning to the club this year after a few years elsewhere (goodness knows why) Trent has performed excellently. Making his first grade debut midway through the year and playing a pivotal role in the 2's has seen a great development to his game. Reads the game exceptionally well for someone of his age and experience which is something that is very hard to teach. Would love to see you work on being clean with your skills in the midfield but keep the attacking mindset to your game. Look out for Trent playing in the Top squad for a very long time to come.

Alex Rayfield (Striker)

One of our more experienced players leading into the season Alex has had a good year of development this year. He has scored plenty of goals, both field goals and penalty corners. Most notably four goals in our first round game against Wolves. Alex has high endeavours to play top level hockey but sometimes you just need to take a step back and do the simple things first and worry about things within your control. Another solid preseason, with a specific focus on getting quicker, should see your development continue as you progress into the senior ranks full time.

Will Reynolds (Defender)

Will is one of the most tenacious players I have had the pleasure of coaching. He never says die no matter the situation and is willing to put his body on the line for the team. His fitness is second to none (I reckon you even have your brother covered) and has taken the responsibility of running our warm up this season. Reads the play well and has great marking position at outside half which allows him to jump in front and make lots of intercepts, something that is highly valued at the next level. Well done on your performance this year and I'm looking forward to seeing you make the step to seniors next year.

Henry Rogerson (Defender)

Henry is quite an unassuming young man who took a little while to find his feet this year but has developed into a very solid fullback. Playing both the marking role and free defender has been a credit to Henry. Has great tackling skills and is developing his overhead. Work on your fitness and communication leading into next season and you will become a formidable force at the back. I also expect you to stick at the drag flicking too!!

Boys 11/12A (contd)

Mitch Scally (Striker)

Mitch's work ethic at training and in games is second to none. Always willing to put his body on the line for the team, whether that be running first on PC's or diving for that deflection on the post. Has a great appetite to learn and improve which has shown in his growth throughout the year. In particular his ability to understand the roles within the press and execute that has been of great benefit to the team. Always asks plenty of questions of the coach about how he is going and what he can improve. Going forward continue to ask questions but sometimes just trust your instincts and back yourself, especially using your pace and strength.

Tony Ziegelaar (Midfield/Striker)

Tony has provided plenty of spark for us this year mostly in the midfield but also as a striker. Always attacks the ball, which sometimes results in some questionable tackles but something that I don't want to change. Possessing some silky skills which are valuable in creating attacking opportunities in the midfield and also the ability to finish when the opportunity arises are valuable qualities to have in any team. Moving into the senior ranks next year you need to make sure your basic skills are much more solid, I know they can be but it will take some hard work for it to become second nature. Just remember to change the mindset in your tackling from rugby to hockey before the games!

As Manager I would like to thank Matt Willis from all the boys and parents, for his fantastic coaching and dedication this year. He has given up so much of his time for the team this year. His expertise and skill is greatly appreciated. Also thank you to the boys and parents. I had a very easy time with such a great bunch of boys and parents to manage.

Boys 11/12A Reserve

Eligh Blechynden

Eligh was one of the quieter players that we had, but continued to show great effort in games and training. He improved drastically over the season which was a pleasure to see, not only in stick skills did he improve but also finding his voice towards the end of the season.

Nathaniel Bufton

When Nathaniel first came to training he trained with his earphones in listening to music, I didn't really know how to react so I just went with it; but he kept wanting to learn more and motivate the team to do better, which is all you can ask of someone.

Connor Deaville

When he wasn't running cross country events he was working hard at hockey, I don't think I saw him stop for a rest or even break a sweat; and that isn't saying he didn't work hard, quite the opposite. He played through the attack and played his very hardest till the final siren, good luck in the future.

Brendan Delaney

Brendan definitely improved throughout the season, his defensive pressure and tight marking brought many attacks to a standstill. The team having such a tough season, but Brendan showed much resilience and continued to play well.

Nicholas Deluca

Nick was one of our best players, he showed great skill and captain like behaviour that kept us going in moments of doubt. He also showed great resilience each week when faced with a tough battle ahead of us. Would be great to see him at a senior's training.

Jayde Elliott

One of our best strikers, showed a lot of skill when entering the attacking D on the rare occasion that we made it that far. Jay will go far if he continues the strong work rate that he showed every game.

Maxwell Gillard

Max had a great season and showed improvement throughout. Was a pleasure to coach as he never gave up despite the tough competition.

Ryan Lawrence

Ryan is incredibly passionate about the game, which he showed when defending with tight marking and good communication to his team mates setting up a solid defence. Although many times the ball slipped between the defence, Ryan tried his best to remain positive and motivate the team.

Jordan Lukan

Jordan, when he wasn't arguing with the umpires about a controversial call had his moments in the sun, providing some great tackles in the backline. A few times his clearances from the back may have been considered 'dangerous' but it gave us time to set up our structure at the back. Improved towards the end of the season by better understanding tactics such as switching the ball in the backline and better marking.

Liam Metcalf

Coming out of the pads for this season and stepping on to the field, Liam played well despite the transition. Off the field he was also a delight, and never got too disheartened when we lost. The last couple of games he did play in the goals I wondered why he ever took the pads off; we could have used a permanent keeper!

Boys 11/12A Reserve (contd)

Tate Metelerkamp

Tate was an excellent, hardworking player. I have never seen someone as eager to learn and take instructions to become a better player. I was very pleased with his progress throughout the season and dedication to the team, all round just a pleasure to coach.

Cameron Sinnott

If I had to sum up Cameron in one word it would be hardworking. When he wasn't suffering some kind of calf/groin/hamstring injury he was relentless on the ball, constantly providing motivation and support for fellow team mates.

Cameron Surtees

Cameron was mainly our centre half, and I apologise for leaving you on for almost full games at a time but it's just because you did so well at it. One of our most skilled players and showed it countless times beating opponents and creating space in the midfield; would be a pleasure to see in the senior competition in the coming years.

Eugene Tang

When Eugene wasn't referencing memes he was pretty handy on and off the field, basically adopting the role of assistant coach when providing cutting-edge tactics and plays. One of our stronger players, he shows much promise and hope he continues in to seniors.



Girls 9/10A

Another year, another strong team. The girls themselves are exceptionally skilled for their age and all have potential to go a long way with their hockey. My role as coach of this talented group was to bring all the skills they individually possessed into a structured game plan. The key focus for development this year was to make the girls more 'game aware'; being able to read the play, know where to be and when to be there, being selfless and setting up best opportunities for attack. We had some really strong performances where everything clicked, yet we also had some poor performances where people bickered and the game plan wasn't followed. However, a sign of their maturity, the girls always picked themselves up and regrouped for the next training session or game, ready for the next challenge. There is still plenty of development to come in terms of game awareness, but this will come from further experience playing with the same group. Overall, I'm so proud of what the girls have achieved this year, both as a group and individually. The combination of so many different skill sets has led to us being a major player in finals again this year. I'd like to thank Chloe Power, Jayde Jackson, and Chloe Forbes for filling in when needed from 7/8A's; other bright talents for the future. I'd also like to thank Chris and Tim Cocks for managing everything behind the scenes; made my life so much easier. Lastly, I really look forward to seeing how all of the girls progress throughout their playing careers and if there's anything I can do to help, I'm happy to do so.

Oggy

Lauren Anderson (STR/MID/DEF... literally any position you like)

Lauren has had another really consistent year. She plays whatever roll the team needs without question; scores a couple of goals as a striker, sets up the press as a defender, and rolling through the midfield when required. Will be great to see how she progresses into 11/12s next year.

Abigail Bell (STR)

Abi had yet another year riddled with injury. However, when she played, everyone noticed her. Whether it's kicking in her third goal for a hat trick, or laughing after she's stacked it for the third time in the game, Abi always made her presence felt. Shows so much potential, just needs to get her body right.

Emilia Cahill (DEF)

Welcome Emilia to the Club this year! Emilia has played some really good hockey. Very strong in defence, she's able to both shut down on her player and is able to push up to attack well. Always good for a laugh, hopefully we get to see Emilia around again next year.

Brooke Carew-Reid (STR/MID)

Brooke was another player we welcome to the Club this year. When she wasn't too busy being injured or making Australian teams (yeh!!), Brooke decided to grace us with her presence. It was great to have her and she added a lot of versatility to our midfield and striker rotations. Will be great to have her around in the future.

Eva Cocks (DEF)

Eva is another key player in our defence. Whether she realises it or not, we heavily rely on her running ability, both on PC defence and on getting back on opposition counterattacks. The next thing to work on is her ability to use that on the attack, overlapping as the half back. Keep up the good work!

Annabel Drane (STR)

Huge amount of respect for Annie. She always puts 110% into everything that she does, putting everything on the line for her team mates. Always a strong contributor on defence, the most pleasing improvement was her ability to score goals this year, being in the top 10 in the whole competition. Great effort!

Girls 9/10A (contd)

Neasa Flynn (MID/STR)

Neasa is an unreal hockey player with great pace and the skills to match. While she prefers to play striker, Neasa has been key to our attacks as a midfielder, using these abilities to break lines and free up space for strikers. Will be a great player for Melville women's top squad in the future.

Lisa Gleave (GK)

Without being mean, Lisa really hasn't had too much to do this year. She comes to training and works hard, really structures up the defence very well, and has made some memorable saves. At times Lisa sets up the defence so well that she won't see the ball for a whole half. A testament to her improved communication skills.

Sarah Hasselerharm (DEF)

Sarah has had a stand-out year being a key playmaker from our defence. Incredibly game aware, she regularly picked up the loose balls through our press and distributed well to free midfielders. All Sarah ever wants to do at training is tomma's and overheads, but she appears to have most other skills down anyway, so why not?

Crystal Hobbs (DEF)

Crystal has become the cornerstone of our defence. She has really developed her ability to read the play, leading to a number of intercepts and great tackles. Having saved us on so many occasions, Crystal even managed to score a goal or two for us this year. Will be great to see her continue to develop as a player.

Kayla O'Sullivan (STR)

Scoring goals is her favourite thing to do, and something Kayla has become very adept at this year. Fighting it out with a girl from Lions, Kayla has become one of the leading goal scorers in the competition by improving her situational awareness in the D. Keep improving on your first touch and you'll score plenty more goals yet!

Ashleigh Power (MID)

Ash had another very solid year through our midfield. Playing mainly on the left, Ash played her role exceptionally on defence and selflessly distributed to others in our efforts to always free up the best positioned player. She even managed to put a few goals away! Just need more confidence in your own ability (and less squealing) and you'll go a long way!

Amelia Swan (DEF)

Always with a smile on her face, Swanny has made a lot of improvements to her game this year. She always had the ability to match her opponents physically, however she has really developed some good game awareness and some strong basic skills. Just try to remember all your gear for training; she regularly forgets her shoes.

Jade Vanderzwan (MID)

Jade has been so reliable this year. Already cementing her place in the top squad, Jade has used the skills learnt through their training and become a strong leader in this group. Always a play-maker, Jade takes on the game when she needs to, but also sets up other players when the opportunities come about. Hope to work with you again soon.

Girls 9/10A Reserve

The Melville 9/10 A Reserve Girls had a fantastic year, led by their captain Eilidh Rayfield and coached by Roger Mellor.

The season started with a great win over Hale and at the time of writing this report, was bookended by a great win over the Raiders. In between it was a tough year. The scores did not however, give a true reflection of the calibre of this team. They work hard, they play for each other, but more importantly, it is the spirit in which they play the game that defines them.

The improvement over the year was tremendous, and many a time they had played themselves into a winning position only to be denied victory by some great play or a miraculous goal by the opposition. They pushed the top teams and were unlucky not to have knocked over more teams throughout the season. They trained hard and were prepared to include an extra fitness session on a Wednesday night to improve their endurance. The results of which were apparent towards the back end of the season.

Well done Girls, it has been a great year, you have provided many memorable moments throughout the year. Remember it is not so much the destination, but the Journey, and it has been a great ride you have taken us on this year.

Eveleigh Arthur (Goal Keeper)

Our team this year was fortunate to have the Arthur sisters sharing the goal keeping duties. Both girls played up from the 7/8's. With a win / loss ratio like ours, it was clear that they were tested regularly, but both stood up every game. If they were not playing, then you could count on them to assist in warm ups, coaching each other at half time and generally being a very positive part of the team, encapsulating the spirit of the Melville club. It took some convincing to get Ev to play with us this year, but we are sure glad she did. Ev, proved herself to be a very calm and calculated keeper. There were few, if any, moments where Ev looked out of her depth. Well done Ev.

Zoie Arthur (Goal Keeper)

Zoie, also proved to be an asset for the team. Zoie had a great presence in goals and looked very comfortable playing up a grade. Zoe made some fantastic saves and her clearances were great. Good work Zoie.

Alana Baskerville (Mid / Striker)

When Alana is up and about, she is rocket fast, skilful and determined. As such she played an important striker's role, usually wide. She turned many a half back inside out as they were left in her wake. If Alana could bottle this aspect of her game, and bring it each week, then she would be a force to be reckoned with.

Caitlin Bentley (Back)

Caitlyn is another one of our players that put parents at ease when she was taking on opposition players. A very gritty and determined player, Caitlyn played an important role in the mid field throughout the season, however, when we could afford to move her forward, she added an extra element of danger to opponents' defence lines.

Alice Haigh (Back/ Mid)

Alice got a new stick and could hit the ball...and what a difference that made. She is dogmatic in her approach to tagging and eliminated many opposition players from the game. She charged at any position that she was given and proved herself a great team player. With some more refinement of her skills, Alice will become a great all-rounder.

Girls 9/10A Reserve (contd)

Gabrielle John (Forward)

Gabby can hit the ball!! She showed in pre-season that she has a solid hit and now with some targets running with her up front, she has become central to the team's strike force. Her dedication to after training- training with Sam was pleasing to see from a coach's perspective. She had a successful mid-season carnival that transferred into her solid performances in the latter part of the season. She offers a quick drive out of mid field turnovers which caught many teams out.

Dana Jolliffe (Wing)

Dana played in a wing position for the season. Playing nice and high and wide, she was often the target of forward passes coming out of defence. The last couple of games saw Dana making solid leads which were rewarded by her having a couple of shots on goal putting pressure on the opposition.

Samantha King (Full Back)

Ever reliable in defence, Sam showed that despite her size and mild demeanour, she was not one to be pushed around. Once Sam has developed a consistent hit, she will be a well rounded defender. Sam reluctantly played forward on a few occasions this season, but showed that she is capable in both forward and defensive roles. I challenge Sam to make herself available to play various positions next season and to become a genuine all-rounder.

Luka Mellor (Mid)

Determined and consistent, Luka is a hardworking and versatile player who showed throughout the season that she has the ability to cause the opposition to turn over the ball. On many occasions these turnovers put our team into a strong attacking position.

Isobel Piggford (Back)

Isobel played most of the season with a fractured foot. Not only that, it got hit most weeks. This meant lots of ice, lots of medical bills and lots of hobbling around. Despite this, Isobel is one of the team's most tenacious players. Her ability to slow down the opposition, chase down loose balls and win possession has meant that Isobel has become an integral part of the team's mid field.

Zoe Polglase (Back/ CH)

Super reliable, strong, determined and skilful, Zoe soon found herself playing a pivotal Centre Half role. Her development over the season was noticed by the Junior Coaching Development Officers such was her approach this season. A parent once said to me "when Zoe has the ball, I relax a little". It speaks volumes.

Eilidh Rayfield (Back/ Mid)

Captain Eilidh as voted by the girls. The election took 10 seconds, because as the permanent captain's role was mentioned, all the girls pointed straight at Eilidh. There was no debate. This says a lot about the loyalty to the team and her club that Eilidh shows. She is a staunch defender and at times during the season found herself playing comfortably up the ground in attack. Sadly, towards the end of the season Eilidh left us to go and live in Thailand with Mark, and while we started to win games her absence was very apparent - like someone's missing from the party!

Girls 9/10A Reserve (contd)

Amy Riordan (Full Back)

Amy started the season in the wing position but ended up being one of the team's regular fullbacks. As she grew in confidence throughout the season, she stopped many teams bearing down on goals. If there was an award for the player who can wear the most amount of colours at once to training, there would be no match for Amy.

Ellen Rolls (Centre Forward)

Generally out of position (unless asked to play centre forward) and with a crazy habit of turning backwards to her left when she got the ball on the right did not stop Ellen being a significant and influential player in the team. Perhaps she confused the opposition; regardless - in most games Ellen put the opposition team's defence under pressure, particularly in the goal area. The idea of losing doesn't sit well with Ellen, and as such she was a regular feature in the best players' list.

Ciara Thompson (Back)

As a part of our defence line up, Ciara was the intercept king. Her speed and determination, and her willingness to put in the second efforts gave her the edge over many opposition forwards. Ciara's understanding of the game, coupled with her vision meant that her disposals were good. Ciara proved herself to be a great short corner injector.

Finally, Thanks Roger for coaching the team this year. You have done a great job and the improvement over the year has been outstanding. You know you are clicking as a coach when you ask a group of girls to stay back after training to run, and they embrace it as they did. Thank you also to the parents for providing great support for the girls week in, week out. In particular, to Linda and Russell for dropping the Goalies, Ev and Zoie to the games each week. It has been a pleasure to have them in our team. Thanks for the weekly fruit and jelly fix for the girls to chew on while Roger discussed strategy and game plan at half time and thanks for the support and positive encouragement at games. It has been a great year.

Girls 9/10B Sand

The girls started the season really positively with 5 straight wins - a big thanks must go to our stand in goalie, Zoie Arthur. She was outstanding but unfortunately Hockey WA wouldn't let Zoie continue playing up so the girls took turns to play in goal and did a fantastic job. The season has seen significant improvement in skills and the standard of the girls' game has improved immeasurably. Unfortunately the improvements haven't been translated into wins and the girls have struggled to find victory in the second half of the season. They have though demonstrated great team spirit and more importantly have thoroughly enjoyed their hockey this season.

India Bilclough

If there was an award for the loudest player on our team, Indie would win it without a doubt. Her non-stop talking on (and off) the field showcased her passion for the game and her team and was fantastic to see week in, week out. Always able to fire her teammates up, Indie showed great leadership throughout the season. Indie's strength and control on the ball made her a valuable asset upfront and an integral part of the team's success this year.

Mia Borinelli

Mia learnt a lot this season as she was thrown into many positions that she had not played before, however she handled each challenge with ease and showed great improvement. After our first turf game, Mia also learnt that it would be handy to have a bit of grip on her shoes too. Her ability to read the play and win the ball, as well as her happy personality made her a very important part of the team. Well done Mia!

Tara Godin

From fullback to wing and even a stint as goalkeeper, Tara's versatility came in very handy throughout the season and is a credit to her and her abilities. Her "never give up" attitude was a standout in the team, even on a freezing, stormy morning when her glasses froze over mid-game, she refused to stop playing. She was always reliable and happy to do any job that was asked. An awesome effort all season Tara!

Josie Green

Josie started off the season quietly but quickly grew her confidence and skills. Her

rate of improvement throughout the year was phenomenal and showed particularly in her ability to dispossess her opponent. Whilst she preferred a good gossip to a good running session, Josie was always at training willing to learn and help others out and she was a pleasure to have on the team!

Madison Hollander

A midfielder with silky skills, Maddie was a key player in our team this season. Never seen without a smile on her face, Maddie was a great source of positivity both on and off the field. Her ability to listen to advice and implement it in her game meant that she built on her set of skills each week and there is no doubt she will keep improving at an exciting rate in the future!

Cydney Marrington

Cydney came into the team as a solid defender and in games she always had a great desire to attack the ball, almost too great sometimes! Cydney quickly learnt to control the ball under pressure and used her powerful hit to distribute the ball at the back very effectively. Never a complaint about anything, she was a pleasure to coach. Well done on a fantastic season Cydney!

Charlotte Marshall

Charlotte came into the season with very good basic skills and has exercised them beautifully in our games as a very solid half back. Her ability to make links to the midfield was one of Charlotte's many strengths that added a key dimension to our team's dynamic structure. She was hardly seen at trainings or games without her accomplice Josie who had a new nickname

Girls 9/10B Sand (contd)

for her each training that never failed to amuse. You've had a fantastic season Charlie, keep up the good work and most importantly keep enjoying your hockey!

Marta McMeekin

Marta was one of our team's quiet achievers this year due to her insane skill set and work rate. We could put her practically anywhere on the field (including goal keeper) and she would do us very proud, adding versatility to her list of strengths. One of the many culprits caught taking selfies at our training sessions, Marta has excelled with her hockey this year by always giving each opportunity her best go and even doing some extra practice before she had to be goalie which left the crowd in awe on game day. Also a massive shout out to her amazing father David who put his hand up to take the odd umpiring each week.

Phoebe McWhae

Not only does Phoebe have one of the cutest dogs on the team, she is also one of our most valuable players due to her intelligent teamwork and skill set. She is always a positive influence upon the team at each training session and game with her bubbly personality. A key player in our midfield this year, Phoebe obviously enjoys her hockey and values the time she can spend playing the game she loves with her friends. It has been such a pleasure to coach Phoebe this year and watch her improve with each game. Keep up the good work Phoebe!

Cailey Pickard

As one of the senior members in the team Cailey cemented her place as one of our key midfield players this season. Her ability to run with, control and dispose of the ball was excellent at the start of the season and has only continued to improve. Cailey is a highly intelligent player whose gameplay was pivotal to the success of the team and with her determination to improve I am sure that she will

continue to be an asset to any future team that she is a part of.

Mary Raja

Mary started off the season with a hat-trick in our first game and it only went up from there. The only person who was ever on time to training, Mary's willingness to improve has seen her take leaps and bounds this season, especially with her hitting and close skill work. Like some other girls in the team, Mary's footwear at trainings could sometimes be questionable as she exercised her love of converse. Such a pleasure having you in the team Mary, keep up the good work!

Emma Robinson

Emma was our dedicated centre forward this year. Her bubbly personality and willingness to learn makes her highly coachable and it has been a pleasure to watch her develop throughout the season. She always puts in 100% effort during games and can pull off some awesome skills in our attacking 25. It will be exciting to see how far she goes in the years to come, great season Emma!

The season can't end without a number of thank yous. A HUGE thank you to Chloe and Mon who have done an outstanding job as coaches. Both have given hours of their time and have taken the most positive approach that the girls have both loved and responded positively to. Chloe and Mon should be very proud of all they have achieved this season. Thank you to the Year 8 girls who have played up through out the season and ensured we have had subs so we could play our very best as a team. Thank you to Maddy our umpire and to David McMeekin our parent umpire. You've both done a brilliant job. And last but not least thank you to all our parents without whom we wouldn't have a team. Here's to another season of hockey in 2017 ☺

Boys 9/10A

2016 has been a very successful season for the 9/10 A boys. Winning the Club Championships in the middle of the year and playing finals is a great achievement and a testament to the style of hockey we have developed through the season. It has been a pleasure to coach such a talented and dedicated group.

We have implemented a game style that is very similar to the Top Squad which for a group of this age is something very special. When we move the ball with speed we have frequently been able to create many chances and the spread of goalscorers is a testament to this.

Thanks to Peter Lorraine for managing the team this year, which I am sure has had its challenges. Dealing with Hockey WA and other clubs is something I am more than happy to leave with you so thanks again. Also thanks to Jack Dowie who has volunteered as our First Aider this year.

Finally thanks to the parents for their support and assistance this year. We always have a very supportive crowd and many who are always keen to help out when required. This is a sign of a healthy club.

Thomas Bergin (Defender)

A new player to the club this year Tom has been an integral member of our team. One of our growing Aquinas contingent which is good to see that they are playing for a much better club. Tom has some very impressive individual elimination skills and is developing a good overhead. Keep working on being consistent with your basic skills and making good hard passes. Looking forward to big things from you in the years to come.

Regan Bright (Striker)

A little pocket rocket striker who probably doesn't realise how good he can be. When he has put his mind to it this year he has been able to turn defenders inside out with his nifty stick skills. Has also learned and developed his understanding of the role of a striker in the press at the higher levels. I would love to see Regan really put in his best effort every time he is out on the pitch. Work on your speed and strength as you progress to the 11/12's next year and with the skills you possess you can be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Callum Brown (Defender)

Making the step up from the 7/8's Callum has developed into a solid outside half this year. Carries the ball well and has some good elimination skills that allow him to go forward. Has vastly improved his tackling and defensive work this year which will prove valuable in the years to come as I can see you spending much more time in the midfield. A good preseason of running and working on your strength on the ball and making harder passes will keep you in good stead for next season. Well done!

Bradley Dowie (Striker)

Brad has played this year mainly as a striker and has definitely held his own against the older boys. His knowledge of the press has seen significant improvement this year. His confidence on the ball has increased as the season has gone on to the point where he is now starting to back his ability to eliminate 1v1. Looking forward to Brad becoming a leader in this group next year. Keep working on your strength on the ball and developing your passing and receiving skills.

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Dylan Forbes (Midfield/Defender)

The amount of work Dylan gets through each game is testament to the effort he puts in on the training track. Another of our state representatives and a reserve for the Australian team which is a great achievement. Playing in the midfield and also as free defender at times, Dylan's ability to read the game is well ahead of his years. I think he has the skills set to spend more time in the midfield as he develops over the next few years. An area of improvement would be to work on doing the simple things really well and knowing the times when to run and when to carry the ball yourself.

Patrick Lorraine (Defender)

Playing in all of the back four positions this year. But developing into a solid fullback for the second half of the season. Possesses a very powerful and accurate upright hit which is an excellent skill to have rather than just the slap. Reads the game quite well and has a sound tackling technique which has enabled him to make plenty of intercepts and turn them into attacks for us. Keep working on your ball speed when out-letting and practice carrying the ball at pace. I look forward to seeing you become one of the leaders in this group next year.

Zachary McKinnon (Goalkeeper)

Zac has had a solid development year this season. Has had much less work to do than last year but has still made some crucial saves when he has been called upon. Has done a number of extra sessions on the ball machine with Toni Cronk which is keeping up to speed with the latest on everything goalkeeping. Always a pleasure to be around and always has something to pick on the coach about. Keep working on using your voice to organise your defenders and take charge of the defensive circle. It is pleasing to see we have so many quality goalkeepers throughout the club.

Daniel Page (Defender)

Dan has made a huge step forward this year. If you had told me at the start of last season Dan would be a consistent player at this level I would have been sceptical but to his credit he has applied himself excellently at both games and especially at training and the improvements have been excellent. A solid understanding of marking and tackling has enabled him to compete with some of the more skilful opposition players. In order for Dan to continue to improve and become one of the senior players in this group next year he needs to keep working on his passing and elimination skills. Good work Dan, thanks for always keeping me on my toes!

Daniel Paino (Defender)

One of the best tacklers I have ever seen for someone of his age. Despite his laid back attitude, he has been the one in the last line to save us many times this season when the pressure is on. Has great potential to play at the next level if he puts his mind to it. Keep working on your distribution skills and your fitness and we will have a top quality defender on our hands. Thanks for a great season Dan!

Kyle Potter (Defender/Midfield)

A very dominant figure in our team and someone who commands respect from the opposition given the skills that he possesses. Spent time as our free defender and playing in the midfield he has been able to deny attacks from the opposition and then setup some excellent opportunities for us through the middle of the field. Made the state side on the back of a solid preseason with the men and also continued good form amongst his peers. Could really take his game to the next level by getting some more early passes away and avoiding the contest (trust me it is much easier). Has a great future at the club and should play plenty of games in the top teams at Melville in the years to come.

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Joshua Scanlon (Striker)

Josh has been one of our highest goal scorers this year. Playing mostly as a striker but also filling in when required in the midfield he has done a very solid job. Has a good post up receive and some good elimination skills. We have been working on his ability to make quick passes rather than always dribbling the ball as the first option. A valuable team member who is always jumping at the bit to get out there and do his best for the team. Keep working on getting your head up to look for passes and pushing yourself to get quicker and stronger.

Justin Schonken (Striker)

Came to us from UWA via Joondalup at the start of the season and has been an outstanding contributor to our forward line. Made the state side and has also been selected in the Australian Schoolboys side - a fantastic achievement. Has matured as a player this season, playing a significant role in the 2's team and even making his MTL debut. Scoring goals is a great quality to have and something that comes very naturally to Shonks. Keep working on your receiving and passing especially as the posting up striker to get past defenders when they swarm. The hard work starts now for a big step over the next few years.

Wesley Stewart (Midfield)

Another of our state representatives who has had a very solid year. Wes always does what is asked of him and leads from the front with his actions on the field and his hockey knowledge off the field. On occasion has probably been guilty of trying to do too much rather than letting the ball do the work. Has played the majority of the season in the Men's 2's being one of their higher goal scorers which shows the potential Wes has as a striker. However the way in which Wes carries the ball in a great position to eliminate or pass should see him make the transition into the midfield at the next level. The next step for Wes is to work even harder over the off season on his fitness and to keep on improving his basic skills under pressure.

Mitchell Tate (Midfield)

Mitch has got through a power of work in midfield this year. His work rate is something that sets him above most others his age (and probably his brother too!), frequently he has been working back to help in deep defence and then working forward to create chances in attack. Congrats on your selection in the state team this year. I am looking forward to seeing Mitch playing in the Top Squad in the next few years. Keep working on being patient in your tackling and building a consistent passing game.

Aiden Vanzuylen (Midfield)

Our third new player to the club this year Aiden has been one of our most consistent contributors. Has put in the hard work at training this season and has developed into a solid player in the midfield and as an attacking out-letting option at right half. Has a massive tank which allows him to run all day helping out in both attack and defence. A quietly spoken young man but has a desire to improve and challenge himself which as a coach is something that I value very highly. Keep working on your passing options to compliment your strong elimination skills.

Boys 9/10A Reserve

The 2016 season was full of ups and downs for the 9/10A Reserve boys, we had a lot of fun and I hope the boys enjoyed playing with me as their coach. Whilst we didn't end up with the result we were hoping for by the end of the season all of my boys can hold their heads high for their performances throughout the year. Each and every week was a step forward in their development as players and I could tell by the end of the season that they had all become even better friends as well.

All I can really say is that these boys have an incredible amount of talent across the entire group. Each team member brings a different skill set to the table and really gave us a broad scope of ways we could play during the season which was fantastic for me. There is no doubt that all of these boys have a very bright future with Melville and I hope that I was a good influence on their hockey careers.

Big thanks need to go out to my manager Danielle Petch who's been keeping things in check behind the scenes every week and doing a stellar job reminding me when and where the games are, Matt Willis for helping me through the season with trainings and also for his guidance and advice for my coaching skills.

Thank you all again for a great year I hope it was just as enjoyable for you as it was for me.

Brendan Abbott (Inside Forward/Centre Half)

Brendan is the most enthusiastic hockey player I have ever coached. His never ending requests to play in a different position every week became almost like a ritual for us which became pretty funny towards the end. He has a fantastic running capacity and a big engine which was a real driving force through our midfield this year. There were many moments where his dash and speed on the outside play were fantastic. I hope Brendan will continue to work on his in close skills and staying strong under pressure, this will definitely elevate his game to the next level.

Bailey Cole (Inside Forward/Centre Half)

Bailey is a coach's dream in the sense that he can play anywhere on the field and deliver a quality performance no matter what. The whole team looked to him this year as their captain and he took this in his stride and lead the boys well each week. His composure and decision making are mature beyond his years and his calmness under pressure is to be admired. The next step for Bailey is learning when to turn the jets on and put the pressure on the opposition.

Ben Deacon (Striker)

Having 2 Ben's on the team started as a bit of a disaster, however after weeks of debate the nickname "Bendy" was confirmed. Ben played this season as one of our strikers. He is a reliable hard working forward who always did his best to create opportunities for the team. A keen learner and always looking to improve his game, there were times this year where Ben showed some incredible talent and ability. If Ben can fine tune his skills and work on being more consistent this will go a long way to his development as a player.

Lochlann Downey (Inside Forward/Centre Half)

Lochie is honestly one of the calmest and composed 15-year old's I have ever seen. Cool as a cucumber at all times and never lets anything get to him. He has great skills, excellent ball control, knows where to be at the right times and saved our bacon on many occasions throughout the season. Work on getting that killer instinct and really take it to the other team and you will lift your game to another level.

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Brodie Hood (Goalkeeper)

As far as goalkeepers go, Brodie would have to be one of the most normal and average going around. Such a great young man to have on the team, always keeping his teammates in line, his voice at the back was always heard and definitely became a threatening presence in the D as the season went on. Keep working on your footwork and resetting your position in the goals, and be absolutely terrifying to the opposition strikers.

Jacob John (Striker)

There were so many games this year which were almost won off the back of Jacobs own stick. He has an incredible athletic ability which allows him to move around the field almost effortlessly and with speed. Jacob enjoyed a great season as our central striker and was a real leader for the attacking group. He is starting to learn how to manipulate the space and defenders around him, which will prove invaluable as he develops more over the next few years.

Joshua Lawrence (Striker/Full Back)

This was a really excellent season for Josh and his development in becoming a more rounded player. Having spent the majority of his past seasons down back he spent a lot of time in the forward line this year. His hard attack on the ball and strength in the contest were vital to keep our attacking presence strong. Keep working on that control in tight spaces and decision making when you get the ball.

Jaymon Needham (Full Back)

Sharing a name with one of your players isn't always ideal, especially when their mum is shouting "Run faster Jay!" from the sidelines. Jaymon was an absolute rock in defence for our team this year, despite his dodgy knees. He is a player who thrives on confidence and it's very easy to see when he is playing at his best, because it usually means he's smashed a few balls from full back cleanly out of the park. Keep working on your vision when you're coming out of defence and not relying on that terrifying hit you have.

Liam Page (Left Half)

Liam is the ultimate measure of consistency and a real barometer for our team's performance week to week. When he played well, it usually meant the team played well. His drive and attack off left half was great to see throughout the season and barring a few not so excellent tackles, Liam has enjoyed a great season. Continue to work on your positioning and knowing when to use the back ball.

Declan Parkes (Full Back)

There are 2 words I would use to describe Declan and they would be "Pocket Rocket". Being the smallest player on the field means you need to talk a much bigger game than anyone else out there, and Declan did this perfectly. He was not only able to talk a big game but back it up week after week with solid performances at full back. He is a solid player with excellent basic skills and a great knowledge of the game. Once he gets a bit bigger I have no doubt he is going to be a phenomenal player for Melville.

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Oscar Sanchez (Striker/Inside Forward)

Oscar was a great influence in our forward and midfield group this year. He is probably the biggest strongest kid in the whole grade and this worked to his advantage in a lot of our games. He uses his body well and has good pace off the mark when he needs to drive hard into the spaces. I hope he works more on his individual skills and keeping control over the ball while he's breaking those lines through the midfield.

Luke Scatchard (Full Back)

One of our most improved this year. Luke started out the season at full back and took a few games to really get into gear. Once he was there, there was no turning back, his attacking drive from the full back or half back was fantastic and Luke turned himself into a regular play maker for our team. I would love to see him work more on his decision making and knowing when to hold the ball.

Flynn Stephens (Striker)

Flynn isn't the loudest player on the field but his actions and efforts are all he needs to show that he has great natural talent for the game. He gets to the right spaces frequently and works extremely hard defensively all the time when he is on the field which is an excellent attribute for a striker. Going into the next few seasons I'd love to see him work on his pace to be more explosive off the mark when he gets the ball.

Benjamin Tan (Right Half)

Ben was new to the club this year and made his mark very quickly and established himself in the right half position. He is a tireless worker and created numerous plays from the back line through to our midfield. Ben has shown an incredible amount of improvement this year and delivered amazing performances on the field many times. I would love to see him get a bit stronger on the ball and work on moving the ball faster when passing.

Thank you to Tom Mansfield for being consistent and confident as our referee this year. To all of the parents for being so supportive and providing tasty snacks at half time. Time for some well earned rest. See you next season.

Boys 9/10B Black

Taj Alder (Defence)

Taj has been a rock solid member of our defence all season. His determination and never say die attitude means he is never beaten. Taj has continued to work on his skills throughout the season and has developed into a very good player. He brings an infectious enthusiasm and passion to every game. Off the field Taj is very quiet and I am reliably informed an excellent artist.

Zachariah Coleman (Midfield)

Zac is a work in progress and has settled into a defensive midfield role. Given the job of marking the opposing winger has seen him grown in confidence throughout the season. Zac has also worked hard at improving his skills and this is reflected in his play. Off the field, Zac is a willing participant and great to have around – especially if the talk is about mathematics!

Trent Foo (Forward/Midfield)

New to the club this year and has fitted into the side nicely. Trent has good skills and is very strong on the ball. His ability to run with and distribute the ball has made him a key component of the midfield. Trent also likes to sneak forward when given the opportunity and loves a goal. Off the field, Trent is always encouraging his team mates and is a leader in waiting.

Matthew Harrup (Defence)

Matt has been the leader of our defence all season, setting the standard for all other players. He has excellent skills and using his height to advantage, has become a tackling machine. Matt has continued to develop as a player over the season working on his reading of the play and positioning. Another player who is very quiet off the field, but once across that line has a determination that has earned him the respect of his team mates.

Gregory Hyde (Captain - Midfield)

Greg has thrived in his role as captain, providing strong leadership and setting the example for others to follow. His ability to control the ball has enabled him to slot into the centre midfield position. Greg's willingness to chase and harass opponents, forcing turnovers and setting up attacking moves, makes him a dangerous player. Off the field, Greg continues to set the example for others to follow.

Jayden Kelly (Goal Keeper)

New to the club this year Jayden took all of a few minutes to become comfortable and let his true character shine through. Jayden is a reliable goal keeper who pulled off some incredible saves, contributing to the success of our season. Despite being the youngest and smallest member of our team, he is not short of confidence and one of the most entertaining.

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Tyler Kelly (Forward)

Also new to the club this year, but unlike his younger brother, a much more reserved player. Tyler slotted into the right wing position and with his pace was a very dangerous player, setting up many attacking moves. He has continued to grow in confidence throughout the season and has worked hard on his skills. Off the field, Tyler has established himself as a real team player, always supporting and encouraging his team mates.

Joel Lambert (Midfield)

Joel has had a season interrupted by injury. He is a highly skilled creative player, perfectly suited to a key midfield role. Always being cool under pressure has enabled him to turn defence into attack, setting up many scoring chances. Joel also has the ability to bring those around him into the game. Off the field, Joel is a hard worker and valued member of the team.

Aden Lukan (Forward)

Aden's pace and ability to read the play make him the perfect left wing. His willingness to run all day, and uncanny knack of being in the right place at the right time has resulted in him being the team's leading goal scorer. Aden had a standout game in round 4 scoring a career high 5 goals. Off the field Aden's relaxed attitude makes him fun to be around.

Oben Mchoull (Forward)

Oben had a delayed start to the season as a result of a broken arm. He is a smooth mover with silky skills, and it did not take him long to put these on display once given the all clear to play. Oben is always willing to help and do whatever is required, a true testament to his character is that despite his injury, he turned up to every game to support the other boys.

Ben Munnings (Defence)

Ben has the skills to play in any position, but has found his niche deep in defence. His ability to read the play and be in the right position makes him a vital cog in the defensive unit. Being cool in a crisis has resulted in Ben starting many of our attacking moves. Off the field Ben adds a little spice to the team with his wicked sense of humour.

Riley Needham (Forward)

Riley has been the focal point/leader of our attack all season. He has excellent skills and is super competitive, so he is never beaten. Riley has the ability to make the impossible look easy and vice versa. His efforts have not only seen him as one of the team's leading goal scorers, but also the leading assists. Off the field Riley is exactly the same as on the field, a real entertainer, and a very popular member of the team.

Christopher Soraine (Midfield)

Chris has slotted into the midfield this season and with his no nonsense attitude has become Mr Reliable. He has silky skills leaving his opponents flat footed and has been pivotal in starting a number of attacking moves. Chris continues to work hard and has developed as a very solid hockey player. Off the field Chris is a true gentleman and a pleasure to have around.

Boys 9/10C

This season has been a bit of a surprise. The boys had a wide range of abilities at the start of the season with 3 players who hadn't previously played club hockey. Despite that, we have only lost one game since round 5 and we beat the undefeated top side a few weeks ago. The boys have really gelled as a team over the season and have learnt to rely on each other on the field. It has been great to see the way the boys have developed their passing and strength over the ball and the way the whole team spreads and runs when going forward. We are a good chance of playing in the grand final. Whether we do or not, this season has been a great success.

Conor Addison (Half Back)

Conor has played at half back this season. He has a strong defensive game and always puts good pressure on his opponents. Conor has also improved his passing to become more effective as the season has progressed. To improve, Conor just needs to become more aggressive and back himself more when he has the ball.

John Argent (Fullback)

John has played mostly at full back and filling in at left half at times. He is a solid defender who tackles strongly. John is another player whose passing has become more effective as the season has progressed. Develop a strong hit John and you will be a more effective all round player.

Liam Betham (Left Inner)

Liam has played left inner for most of the year. It has been great to see Liam become more aggressive over the season and to see him starting to look for and find his team mates with the pass. A much improved player over the year but needs to stay focussed and be more aggressive if he wants to continue to improve.

Asher Blechynden (Left and Right Inner)

Asher has played mostly left or right inner over the season. He is a determined player who has a strong tackle and is happy to play whatever role is asked of him. Asher enjoys his hockey and always gives one hundred percent. To improve, Asher needs to stay focussed and continue to try and use the ball effectively.

Hewett Brown (Forward)

Hewett joined the team partway through the season and has played as a forward. Hewett reads the play well and often finds himself in space with the ball. To become a more effective player, Hewett needs to work a little harder when he doesn't have the ball and back himself more when he does have the ball.

Blake Gillett (Halfback)

Blake has played at half back this year, transforming himself from a full back to an aggressive attacking half. He has been the driving force in the midfield with his aggressive run and carry, making space to pass the ball to the forwards. Blake has also played an important role at both ends of the ground, being a courageous first runner for penalty corners in defence and injecting the ball during penalty corners in attack.

Joseph Hart (Centre Forward)

Joseph has played centre forward all year. His speed and agility has enabled him to break through team defences and score a bag of goals this season. As the season progressed and the team improved, it has been great to see Joseph being able to bring his team mates into the game with effective passing, enabling him to run on and become an even more attacking player.

Nicholas Oakley (Left Wing)

Nic has played left wing all season and has done a great job holding his position. Nic is always in the right spot at the right time and I am confident he will score a goal before the

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end of the season. Remember to back yourself when you have the ball Nic and keep practicing to improve your stick skills.

Morgan Oneil (Goalie)

Morgan has been our goalie all season. Morgan is a light hearted lad who doesn't take things too seriously. However, it has been good to see Morgan getting more aggressive and using his voice to marshal the troops in defence. Morgan needs to continue to become more aggressive and mobile to make the goals his own.

Michael Sidaway (Fullback)

Michael is a first year player who started on the wing but has settled at full back. Michael has improved significantly over the season and has become an effective defensive player who doesn't panic under pressure. Michael needs to stay focussed and be prepared to listen and learn. If he does that, he will continue to improve and become a handy player.

Nathan Thompson (Fullback)

Nathan is our Mr Reliable full back. Nathan is a committed player who always gives 100% for the team. Nathan can be relied upon as the last man in defence to always clear the ball and give the team time to regroup. Nathan is a better player than he gives himself credit for and a player his team mates look up to and respect.

Kelvin Vester (Right Wing)

Kelvin has played right wing most of the season filling in at centre forward when required. Kelvin is a quiet achiever who always gives his best and does what is asked of him. Kelvin uses his speed on the wing to break forward and regularly finds his team mates inboard with a pass. Keep improving your skills Kelvin and you will continue to be an effective member of any hockey team.

Thomas Walker (Right Inner)

Tom has played right inner most of the season. Tom is a thoughtful player who is constantly trying to improve. Over the season, it has been great to see the improvement in Tom's passing and his reading of the play. Tom has also become more aggressive in the D trying to get shots on goal away quickly. Keep improving in those areas Tom and you will become a useful and effective forward.

Thomas Wilkinson

Tom is another first year player and has played at full back and half back this season. Tom enjoys his hockey and it has been great to see the training pay off with strong tackles and taking time to find a team mate once he has won the ball. Keep working on your skills Tom and I'm sure you'll continue to develop as a player and enjoy your hockey.

Thank you to Peter Gillett for coaching the team this season. Peter has been able to transform a group of boys who at the start of the season were lacking confidence, skills and cohesion, into a successful team who enjoy their hockey. The players have been lucky to have him as coach. (Unbiased opinion: not his words!)

Thank you to Mike Betham for handling the Team Manager duties and ensuring we knew when and where we were playing each week. Thank you also for help and input on game days.

Finally, thank you to Hope O'Neil for umpiring for us during the season.

Girls 7/8A

Thank you to all the Parents for your support and encouragement throughout the year and to Gemma for assisting me and guiding me in my first year of Coaching. To the girls, I can't thank you all enough for your endless commitment and intensity at training and on game day, and finally to Siti - thank you for managing and ensuring I always handed in my match report on time. This year saw the introduction of a new game plan to what the girls have previously been playing. The girl's willingness to buy into the new tactics and work as a team on and off the ball, was a real pleasure to witness. Every game throughout the season, you all did the Club proud, always giving 110% and grinding out wins week in and week out. Congratulations to the girls who have had the opportunity to represent their state this year and to the girls who have been in the numerous hockey pathways. Thank you to Celia Evans for filling in on a number of occasions and well done to the girls for making her feel like she was a part of the team. Finally thank you to Dylan Forbes, Ashleigh Power and Taleisha Power for umpiring each week – you did a wonderful job!

Emily Billingham

Em has proven herself this year, making the jump up into 7/8's. Her speed, similar to Lucy, has really set her apart from her defenders. Her transition into this Team, who mostly played together last year, was seamless. Em has worked well with the other strikers and enjoyed playing across the front line wherever she was asked.

Lana Christie

This year, Lana has played a role in our back 4 group, mainly as our left half. With her tackling and marking always on point, very few opposition strikers have been able to get around her and she has grown into a terrific left half.

Lucy Cocks

Our speedy winger who is built for pure pace. Lucy causes havoc to opposition half backs with terrific closing speed. This year Lucy has also developed into a defensive player not only using that speed in attack but also in defence, to chase down her opponent.

Kate Cowan

Kate's fitness levels are in the elite category, with the ability to run out most of the game each week. Cementing her spot as an inner throughout the year, Kate has really been able to build on her knowledge of hockey.

Kate Edwards

I think it's fair to say that "Mini" isn't so mini any more. This year Kate has stepped up as one of the senior players in the defensive group, and well and truly earned her right to be in that group. She is a hard worker who leaves nothing on the field and is never afraid to take on an opponent. Mini's attack down our right side was influential, as the girls began to buy into a whole new game plan.

Georgia Farrow

This year 'G' has really grown in hockey ability and knowledge. She will always give 110% on the field and isn't afraid to take a swing inside the circle. 'G' has been a fantastic striker this year and, as most of the girls, has bought into the different game plan.

Ivy Filmer

Ivy (also a leader in the Team), has moved into the role as the high fullback this year, communicating to the midfield group and giving them direction. Ivy has a good hit at times, when she slows down and doesn't rush things. Her mobility and the ability to stay in tackles have been beneficial to the team.

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Chloe Forbes

Chloe started the year as a fullback and has made her way into the midfield towards the back end of the season. Her composure and leadership on the field is great to see and her ability to pierce a long ball through, has helped our strikers to put goals away.

Saoirse Hanavan

The rock at the back of our team! Saoirse has really grown as an individual and team player. She always seeks advice and is trying to improve her game at every opportunity. The team could always count on her to clean up the scraps of a miss trap, or an attempted piercing ball by the opposition. It was pleasing to see her willing to put her body on the line on several occasions, as our first runner.

Jayde Jackson

Jayde's slick skills up front caused trouble for many teams this season. Her ability to use the fore stick and back stick in the circle, always kept defenders guessing. Jayde also played a role in a midfield group when we had players away or injured. Her ball delivery for her teammates is excellent, with often hard and firm passes.

Tara Mishra

Tara's bounding stride out of central defence caused many problems for opposition attackers. Her ability to stay in the contest and just give the simple ball was always beneficial.

Georgia Needham

Needy was one of our fast, goal hungry strikers, with the ability to get on the rebound and beat defenders in a one on one situation. Needy was always willing to organise the press with her communication skills, which put our opposition under immense pressure and caused numerous turnovers.

Saysha Pillay

The little 'Dynamo' - what she lacks in height, she definitely makes up in skill, playing through the midfield and occasionally up front. Her 'never say die' attitude and work rate is an asset to her, and helped the team in leaps and bounds.

Chloe Power

Coco has kept a clean sheet for most of the season and to her credit, she has made some outstanding saves. As the season has progressed, she has gained confidence in herself and is now beginning to communicate to our defence.

Girls 7/8A Reserve

From the perspective of the manager it has been an absolute pleasure to be involved with this team and assist in some way with their journey this season.

Rohan, the coach, has done an amazing job coaching the girls and the improvement in individual and team performances is quite obvious when you compare the level of play in the first two games with how well they are all playing now at the latter end of the season.

The training and match environment has been happy and positive and you can see that the girls enjoy turning up to play and learn (as do the parents enjoy watching) and this has created a great team spirit amongst the group.

The attitude of the team can probably be summed up in comments made by an opposition coach after a fabulous performance recently, she complimented the girls on how they went about the game and said that “you never want to lose but you don’t mind losing to a team that plays well and in the right spirit”.

There have been so many highlights this season and the girls have gone from strength to strength each week.

The team’s defensive line has always been strong, having only conceded 4 goals to date, distribution from the midfielders has been decisive and the forwards have really found their stride in the last few weeks with some great goals being scored.

A big thank you to Rohan Swan for coaching the team, and also to Bruce Vanderzwan for his coaching assistance.

Thank you to Amelia Swan for being such a dedicated umpire for the team this year and to the parents that assisted with various duties from time to time.

Thank you to all the parents for turning out with great enthusiasm to support the team each Saturday morning.

Well done girls on your solid commitment, effort and attitude this season and for the positive team spirit you have displayed during each game played, you have done us all proud.

Eveleigh Arthur (Goalkeeper)

This year we should call Ev the Whirlpool because she keeps on delivering clean sheets!! Boom tish!! Right now, Ev has only let 3 goals past her all season and has started to become a real presence as a keeper. She has become very mobile and has gained the confidence to come out of goal more to thwart the attacks of our opposition. Ev has made some clutch saves this year to win us games and is a delight to have in the team. I would like to hear you bossing your team around a bit more (even Mathilda) as you have a great view of the game. Top stuff Ev.

Milah Chanter (Wing and Centre Forward)

Mouthguard – check! Shin Pads – check! Stick – check! Score Goals – Check! Milah was our goal sneak this year. Playing predominantly at wing and centre forward, Milah always got into scary positions for the opposition, and sometimes, judging by the squealing, scary positions for herself. What wasn’t scary though was the way Milah slotted crosses and rebounds and the way she fought to get the ball into the goal from those scrappy goalmouth melee’s. Just remember to stay low and be confident on the post and in the D. Great season Milah

Girls 7/8A Reserve (contd)

Celia Evans (Midfield and Forward)

Another one of our players with a big personality, but with a bigger tank! Celia would run all day and make tackle after tackle after tackle and was always disciplined in defence, all the while making sure that everyone was quite clear as to what she was thinking! Celia is a very adaptable player being able to play in the midfield and the forward line and has developed great passing skills this year which are a great addition to her tenacity and determination. Just work on your hit Celia to complete your skills.

Olivia Farrell (Wing)

Liv missed several games this year through illness but when she played she has provided a great focus in attack and scored several goals early in the season. In her first game back after several weeks, it looked like she had been having secret training as she played a blinder!! Liv always works hard off the ball on either wing and thinks about her passes to make sure they are accurate. If you work on the strength of your hitting you will score heaps of goals as you get into such good positions. Great work Liv

Morgan Irvine (Wing)

There was a scene in Die Hard 3 where the heroes were driving a car through a street and tables, chairs and umbrellas went flying. Well, forget the movies, just watch one of Morgan's barnstorming runs down the right wing! With power, skill and pace to burn, Morgan was such a weapon at our disposal. She's a goal scorer as well, with two contenders for goal of the century, one of which physicists from NASA are still trying to understand! Just remember to stay composed on the field, and you will dominate games! Great fun Morgs.

Sophia Moncrieff (Midfield)

Sophia transitioned from defence into the midfield this year and by mid-season was really starting to understand the job of an inside forward. Soph is very solid on the back stick and gets through mobs of defenders with her silky ball movement. Just remember to keep going and follow up the good work that you have done by working just as hard when you don't have the ball. The game isn't quite the same without you, but then again, Tropical Twist needed a lift!!!

Georgia Munnings (Defence)

I called Georgia 'The Cardiologist' this year as she had the ability to stop a flood of opposition players streaming towards our goal and stop my heart attacks. Georgia is patient when tackling and is composed and calm when she has the ball and very rarely wastes the opportunity to give a good pass to put her teammates into dangerous attacking positions. You have such good ability to read the game and by being more vocal on the field, it would help your teammates even more. Great season Georgia.

Olivia Patton (Inner)

The Energizer Bunny has nothing as Oli P nicked it off him!! Oli has taken her preferred position of inner to the next level this year. Oli is strong, determined and skilled and her follow up efforts to get us the ball back have been a feature this year as has her hard work at training. Her fitness and her willingness to run back into defence to assist has been a great asset to the team this year and she has topped it off by setting up and scoring goals. Oli, it has been great coaching you this year and I get puffed out watching you. This is your best season yet.

Girls 7/8A Reserve (contd)

Shaya Pillay (Midfield)

Shaya is a very smart and talented hockey player, who has been instrumental in our midfield and defensive dominance. Shaya is relaxed, composed and deliberate when she has the ball, and always works hard off the ball to get into excellent position. Topped of the season by being selected in the U/13 State squad. Great work Shaya.

Sasha Richards (Centre Forward and Inner)

With deft deflections, sneaky passes, powerful shots and excellent positioning, Sasha has become a real target up front. Sasha set up many scoring opportunities for her teammates, but also showed tenacity and desperation to score several goals herself. Sasha trains hard and has improved all facets of her game this season, and was an important member of our forward line. Just remember to pass the ball firmly at all times and all of those through passes from inner to striker will get through. Great season Sasha.

Mikaela Spires (Midfield)

Mikaela is one of those players that just does the job that is asked of her, every week. While she has a defensive mindset, her ability to see a killer pass to eliminate opposition players and put our attackers into the clear is excellent and her second efforts are superb. Mikaela is super fit and runs all day and is often one minute tackling in the last line of defence and the next slotting a ball from the attacking 25 into the D. Your ball skills and passing are excellent, but I would like to see you being more vocal on the field to bring your teammates into the game even more than you do already. Top Job Mikaela.

Mathilda Swan (Defence)

With a monster hit and a fierce determination to stop opposition attacks, Tilde has become a very, very effective defender who clears the ball (and often a few opposition players along with it) from dangerous areas emphatically. Her vision is excellent and she became a very important part of short corner set ups. I love the way you use all of your skills to bring your team mates into the game, but keep your head down when hitting and stay calm. Love your work Tilds!

Caitlyn Templeman (Defence)

Tough, determined and strong, Caity is also quick, skilled and clever. Having Caity at the back, gave us the ability to press high and attack with freedom as she was so reliable in defence. Just remember to give that killer ball early rather than holding the ball. Caity also deservedly made the State Schools 12's and the State U/13 Squad this season. Well done Caity.

Jordan West (Centre Forward and Inner)

Jordan had the uncanny ability to eliminate several opposition players turning them inside out with her deceptive speed and silky ball skills. Jordan positions herself in extremely attacking positions and scored several goals from being in the right spot. Jordan was also very disciplined and was always moving into position to receive the ball out of defence or from the opposite wing. Remember to give strong passes all the time, with your right hand further down your stick. Excellent season Jordan.

From the coach, Rohan, This team was so much fun to coach. They talk a lot, but get them on the field and they are outstanding defensively, dominant in the midfield and dangerous in attack. They play a great team game where if there was a job to be done, someone would do it and would always be backed up by other players. Great season girls!!

Girls 7/8B Black

This season, a group of girls formed a team despite many not having met or played together before. I don't think you could ask for more character in one squad! Then Kat (senior women's player) picked up the call to coach the girls, quickly joined by Tearne (senior women's GK extraordinaire!) to help Kat with coaching duties. It was great to watch the girls come together as a team from really early on. You could barely shut them up at most trainings! As coaches, we were proud to watch every team member pull their weight in games, and take on new skills at trainings. It is a coach's wish for their players to leave the season having learned new things, however big or small. So please never hesitate to contact either one of us for advice or skills work, wherever you end up in future seasons!

Thanks so much to Tearne for being an awesome assistant coach, paying close attention to our defensive line, which has been so strong all year, and not to mention her extensive personal attention to Zoie, whose goalkeeping has improved all season. Thanks to the great umpiring from Oben all season, keeping a cool head even in the heated and highly passionate moments from the sidelines! Awesome work. Thanks so much for all the management help from Linda. We don't know what we would have done without her!"

Samantha Alder (Centre Forward)

Sammy! Our power centre forward, always running hard in the games and presenting good leads that her team mates have worked hard to give her. Finishing a few of them off with some nice goals this season. Thanks for being our brave runner on short corners, which can put people in the line of fire quite often. This person has always been brave in my eyes and Sammy did a fine job of clearing lots of potential shots on goal with her speed. Another friendly, positive team member who was a pleasure to coach.

Zoie Arthur (Goal Keeper)

This girl was one of our most improved players over the season. Such a strong, positive, motivated goalie who took to Tearne's personal training so well. While quite chilled off the field, she is loud and confident calling out to her fellow players on the field. I have high hopes for you young lady! Thanks for keeping our goals so well this year. You have seriously been the backbone of this team. Well done.

Elena Bodt (Full Back)

I have watched this girl be a strong, hard to beat, defender all year. Elena has stepped up as one of the positive senior influences in this team. You drive me crazy sometimes but I love you! Your positive attitude to your team is awesome, I love that we have such a colourful team of personalities and you're up there! We just gotta get you to chill on the "chatterbox at training" thing and I really feel like you will keep improving if you decide to stick with it. Well done.

Charlotte Bunn (Inner)

Another innocent looking with tenacious skills and tackles on the field. I've seen you really improve and step up as a great team member, taking on some short corner responsibilities. But MOST importantly is how you have taken on the role as inner, which is a massive task, and you do it so well! One of the many chatterboxes at training but you always seem to do the best for your team by playing so well each week, supporting your team mates from defenders to attackers. You have been one of our key link up players this year, I think the freedom and range of the position reflects well in your personality. Great to have you in the team!

Girls 7/8B Black (contd)

Maeghan Carlsen (Inner)

This young lady is deceiving - she has a cute face and innocent look, but on the field she tackles like a beast! I am very impressed with what I've seen from you this year, a few more training sessions under your belt earlier in the year would have given us a chance to work more closely with you, but great season hun. Us coaches really appreciate that you respond very well to instructions and give us good attention. Well done!

Nikkola Champion (Forward)

This self-proclaimed lil "champ" does her best work while in the game, under pressure, looking for her team mates, and always offering a consistent target up forward. One of my girls with selective hearing sometimes, she's definitely vocal, shouting positive encouragement to her team mates wherever she can. Nikki has shown great attitude and contributions during training sessions and is always shouting positive cheers on the field. Some great runs up forward leading to goal opportunities! Stay focussed on your position on field and you'll continue to be a great team member. Good work.

Natasha Chisholm (Half Back)

Tash! Such a sweetheart. Says thank you to me after pretty much every game, even trainings! Tash, you are one of the motivations that keeps me coming down to coach you girls. It's your willingness to learn and staying productive through our training drills, as well as being a really strong half back in games. I knew from early on that you would be one of my most reliable players, who is definitely a positive contribution to anyone's team. I really think that if you continue to play you will get stronger, I reckon you have hockey smarts and that goes a long way. Great season.

Morgan Frossos (Full back)

One of my soft spoken ones, Morgan lets her hockey talent do the talking! You have a real hockey brain girly and I hope you continue playing because I can definitely see us being on the field together in the future! (More turf time too hey!?) I love what you have contributed to this team this year. I see you as one of the strongest players in our team and our defence has relied on your strong, clean tackles, sharp passes and hard hits when needed. You had great versatility too, jumping up into short corners and more recently long corners giving Ruby a hand. I've also enjoyed the interesting comments and input you have added to training sessions this year. Great work.

Alexandra Grant (Half Back)

Lexi. The girl with the sweetest accent and I love that I get to hear it a lot because she is always asking great questions at training and chatting (when it's appropriate!) to all her team mates. One of our stronger players with great versatility, Lex has tried out most positions this season, and her strengths like tackles and productive passes have lead her to find her prominent role as a defender in the halfback line. Thanks for contributing a positive attitude, interesting questions, points and suggestions, backed up by your on-field talent and strength. I hope you continue your hockey girl!

Finnity McHoull (Wing)

Finnity. Another little angel face with monster tenacity beyond her size. Thanked us after every game too! What a dynamic little pocket rocket that we've been blessed with. Good leads and attack through those wings with some great goals! Thanks for always giving your best at trainings and so much effort in games. Your happy, energetic attitude has been a welcome spark to the team. Much love little one.

Girls 7/8B Black (contd)

Grace Murphy (Half Back)

Gracey my girl. It has been such a pleasure having you on the team. A versatile player with great stick skills and an influential defender. Thanks for being our reliable short corner pusher and a strong player all round. I can definitely see us getting on the turf together one day too! Another softy-voice who speaks in volumes on the field, one of our most crucial contributors this season. Thanks for everything!

Ruby Quartermaine (Centre Half)

Ruby-dooobs! Our lovely, tall, strong, anchor of the defence. She has continued to improve all year and has taken on the role of centre half, for the majority of the time, really well. Another one with a good hockey brain, I think you have a bright hockey future if you keep playing. Cracking hit, great drive out of defence, couple of goals to your name too hey!? Such a friendly, confident player. Keep doing what you're doing lady!

Alex Rolls (Wing)

Second smallest in the team, but biggest heart! Alex has found her home on the wing offering great leads, being a solid, tiny target, on the goal path each week. Alex has a positive attitude at trainings and is there as one of the most regulars. Her game times are great too. We've seen her improve this year, with sneaky stick skills, great pressure as a forward, and shots on goal. Keep up the good work Alex! Was great to have you on the team.

Thanks finally for all the support from parents and friends throughout the season, getting all the girls to trainings and games each week. It was a fun season getting to know everyone!



Girls 7/8B Sand

What a season the girls have had, there were highs and lows but each and every one of them has persisted and had a successful season. All of the girls played with 100% enthusiasm and participated in training and fitness with a smile, eager to learn what the coaches had to offer. All of the players got along with each other and the coaches and worked very hard to improve their game skills each week. Watching from the sidelines it's a totally different set of girls now as to where they started so a big credit to the fabulous coaching by Janelle, Stacey and Eilidh. Also the assistance from Bruce and Kylie during training was greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the parents for all the support they have shown the team watching, cheering and praising the girls for all the hard work and effort each and every week. The commitment to both training and games by all the players and their parents was amazing. It has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of this team.

Sreya Aremanda (Wing/Centre Forward)

It has been a pleasure to coach you Rey. Rey is always happy to play in any position and give it a go. You are starting to read the play and make great intercepts. Your slap hit is getting strong and the rest will come with practice. Highlight for us coaches was your goal on your birthday! Well done on your continued improvement.

Tabitha Blechynden (Fullback)

One of our superstar fullbacks, Tabitha has an impressive tackle and an incredible reach that allows her to pick off opposition forwards and shut down entire plays. Always ready to take on feedback, Tabitha has played very well over the season, improving her passing and positioning to become a strong force in the backline. Hard working and always persisting, she rarely gets a substitution on game day, often having to play the entire game without a break. Well done this season Tabitha, we can always rely on you at fullback!

Alessandra Flexman (Fullback)

Alessandra is a quiet achiever, always responsive to coaching and always trying her best. As one of our superstar fullbacks, she has an amazing tackle and skill that can give the forwards a run for their money. Alessandra has worked very hard this season, more often than not, playing entire games with no substitution. Her communication on the field and teamwork with her fellow superstar fullback, Tabitha, has enabled her to become one of our strongest, defensively minded players. You should be extremely proud of yourself Alessandra, you are an expert defender and the team greatly benefits from your strength and composure at the back.

Bianca Johnston (Inner/Halfback)

Bianca is a versatile player who has played well as an inner and half back. Always tackling well and using skill to move the ball. Her ability to read the play was a great asset. Unfortunately, her season was cut short by injury however Bianca was always at the games cheering on and adding to the team talks at half time. I hope you keep enjoying your hockey and have an injury free next season.

Girls 7/8B Sand (contd)

Matilda Lane-Rose (Halfback/Fullback)

Mathilda is quiet, but deadly. Often one of the quietest at training, Mathilda is a hardworking defender who's marking and tackling abilities can easily shut down opposition attackers. She is also an excellent team player who's passing game can quickly eliminate the opposition, showing us how she can be dangerous in attack. Not only is Mathilda an awesome all-rounder in skill, but she is incredibly versatile as well, being able to play fullback and halfback whenever she is needed, all with a smile on her face. Keep it up Mathilda, you're an essential part of the team!

Georgia Lawrence (Inner)

From Georgia's 3 goal game early in the season I could see she would score a few more this year, which she has, being our team's top scorer. Playing inner she continually tried to attack the goal and used her strong running to get up and down the field quickly. Your position play is very good and you understand how the game works really well.

Yolande Pereira (Halfback)

Yolande is an expert marker and tackler. Like much of our backline, she is rarely subbed but this doesn't hinder her from shutting down players with her strong, low tackle or simply marking them completely out of the game. Yolande's attacking game is prevalent in her passing in which she eliminates players by thoughtfully passing to her teammates. In defensive short corners, Yolande is our 1st runner, saving our backsides multiple times by taking the ball off the hitter more times than not. Yolande, keep it up! You've proven yourself to be an invaluable member of the team and have saved countless short corners for us.

Leonie Ryder (Wing)

Strong on the wing, Leonie positions well and makes the most of goal opportunities. Leonie's Dad's celebration for her first goal was memorable, jumping high in the air and cheering loud! Leonie has a powerful and direct hit which continues to improve. Always working hard to win the ball and makes excellent tackles. We have enjoyed watching you improve each game.

Lily Skipsey (Centre Half)

Lily played center half this year and did a great job of holding the middle. Lily is always willing to run lots and was keen to play each week. Lily has a very strong slap hit and has improved on her ball control while moving up the field. Just keep working on controlling the ball before passing it off again. Keep working hard Lily I hope to see you play again in the future.

Dannielle Swinton (Inner)

Always ready to train and play each week Dani is a pleasure to coach. Playing inner this season, Dani can be found running down the field to score goals or running back to help defend. She was the team's main pusher for the short penalty corners and did a great job with that role. Keep working on keeping the ball on the end of your stick. Stay goal hungry and I hope to see more goals from you.

Anna Thomson (Halfback)

Highly skillful and intuitive, Anna is an attacking force showing impressive skill in dragging and dribbling which can effortlessly eliminate the opposition. Incredibly coachable and willing to learn new skills, Anna has developed a repertoire of skills over the season, making her attacking game extremely strong and effective. Defensively, Anna is able to take the opposition out of the game with an equally impressive tackle. Anna, you are a force to be reckoned with and provide an explosive drive and pace to the halfback line, you should be extremely proud of how you have played this season.

Girls 7/8B Sand (contd)

Sacha Treasure (Inner/Centre Forward)

Sacha played inner and wing this year but was always willing to play anywhere else if required. This year Sacha ran a lot and took onboard all the suggestions we gave her, which really stood out when she went on the field. Just keep working on keeping your hands together when you hit the ball. Sacha's smiling face and laugh made her such a nice person to work with. Good luck for the future Sacha.

Avery Willis (Wing)

Avery has great determination and listens well to instructions. Each week improving more and more at training and taking what she has learnt into the game. Developing good drag skills around players and making good early passes. Avery ran, ran and ran and was 'hungry in the D' and always calling for the ball! Avery showed great initiative in getting into position and chasing down the ball. A lot of fun to have in the team, often sharing funny stories.

Evie Wood (Centre Forward)

Evie loves to play Centre Forward and has played there most of the season, occasionally having a go on the wing. Fierce strong tackles often see Evie winning the ball. Keen in the D, often assisting to win short corners! Evie's positioning is improving seeing her receive the ball in space well. I can see a future of scoring goals if you keep positioning well in the 'D'.

Coach's Note and Thanks:

Coaching this team was a lot of fun, seeing the girls improve and have fun over the season has been awesome. But it would not be possible without our amazing (and I mean absolutely amazing) manager Janine. Janine has not only been at every training and game but has organised the girls to a T, including running fitness sessions for the girls. Janine has made our coaching lives so much easier and enjoyable because of it. A big thanks also goes out to our assistant coach Eilidh, who has been a big help with the goalies and even taking the reins at a few games to coach the girls on her own when Stacey and I were away playing. Also thank you to Bruce for his expertise and assistance at training and games, and Kylie for helping out with the goalies at the start of the season. Also a big shout out to all the awesome parents who have been incredibly lovely and supportive of the girls and made our lives as coaches a lot easier.

Boys 7/8A Promotion

A word or two from coach Gav Byers:

The season for this 7/8 A-Prom Team has been one that has seen the boys come on leaps and bounds with their technical level as well as their game understanding and tactical knowledge. A great group of boys who have taken on all the coaching, advice, instruction and most importantly our clubs style of play. Some of our performances have not ended in the results we wanted but as a coaching team we have been very happy with how the boys go about their business. We must be top of the league for the number of chances created, but we continue to work on our goal-scoring at training. It has been a pleasure coaching this team and there are some very exciting talents in this squad that I am extremely confident will eventually go on to play in Melville's first team!

P.S This team is full of very talented ball boys! Great work boys!

P.P.S. Remember your 20 push-ups every day!

Brodie Abrahams (Winger/Forward)

Brodie has been a great part of our squad this year. A willing runner that gets stuck into the challenge every Saturday. Brodie seems to find himself in some great goal-scoring areas but just lacks that clinical finish which is a common trend throughout our squad ... I have seen Brodie steadily improve on all aspects of his game as the season plays out. Keep putting in that effort Brodie and goals will soon follow!

Joe Birmingham (Defender)

Joe has been the teams "Jet" this year. Marauding forward from right half, Joe takes flight and is prepared to run up and down the field all day for the team. If opposition get away from him, they don't get away for long. Joe has worked hard this year to improve his stick and ball control. This has seen his game improve massively and he has become one of the teams most composed players on and off the ball. Keep sprinting Joe, a great season this year!

Lachlan Drake-Brockman (Midfielder/Defender)

Lachlan is another highly versatile player that works extremely hard during training and all games. Whether he is defender/midfielder or in the forward line, you can always be sure that Lachlan is putting in 100% effort and his body on the line, all for the team! Lachlan's determination and effort usually sees him take a stick or ball to the head/knee/chest, which seems to be a weekly occurrence...But that never stops him going back for more! A great season for Lachlan!

Ethan Elliott (Defender)

Ethan takes on a lot of responsibility within the team. He is our Sweeper/Full back who distributes the ball forward and sets us on our way, then is always on hand to nullify most attacks from the opposition. Ethan reads the game superbly and is always willing to get stuck in and win the ball back. When on the ball, Ethan is calm and composed under pressure when executing his skills and passing. His ambition and drive has seen him play a few games for the 9/10s which has really helped with his physicality when returning to play for us. A very impressive season Ethan, well done!

Boys 7/8A Promotion (contd)

Bailey Hardy (Midfielder)

Bailey is another player that puts everything on the line for the team. He is prepared to pick up a few bumps and bruises for the team which is an attribute that any coach would be happy to see! Another player with a great engine who drives the team forward, leading by example in attack and defence. A very intelligent player that has picked up on our key themes as a team and executed them well with composure and quality! Great season Bailey, well done!

Ben Harel (Winger/Forward)

Operating on the wing can be a tough role for any player but this is one Ben relishes and thrives in! Another willing runner in attack, Ben has shown some great flashes of brilliance this season and never holds back when given the opportunity to have a crack at goal. Ben is a great trainer and always gives his all for the team on a Saturday. One of these days he is gonna burst the net with a shot ... if he can keep it under the crossbar! Fantastic season Ben, keep on working hard!

Dylan Harris (Centre Forward)

Dylan is another passionate lad who gives his all for the team and loves the glory of scoring a goal. Another player who finds himself in the correct areas to score a goal, Dylan throws everything into getting that goal for the team. Another great trainer that obviously has a huge love for the game, Dylan has worked hard to improve his technical skills as well as his tactical knowledge of the game. A brilliant lad who just can't wait to get on the field and give his all! Great season Dylan, a bright future is ahead!

Brandon Lawrence (Midfielder)

Brandon has shown great determination throughout this season and is always willing to fight for the team, never backing down from a tackle. This season has seen Brandon really improve his all round game and it is plain to see his hockey development going in the right direction week after week. Keep that determination, passion and endeavour Brandon, I'm sure you will reap the rewards as you progress through the junior years.

Daniel Moulin (Midfielder)

Daniel is probably one of our most passionate squad members. Wearing his heart on his sleeve, it is plain to see his love of the game, on and off the field! A real battler who never backs down from a challenge, always wanting to get on the ball! Partial to a moan at the umpire from time to time (Don't we all...), Dan is a very tricky player and has the stick skills to match. Dan has worked extremely hard this year and continually asks questions and seeks advice which is a fantastic trait to have - the sign of a player who wants to constantly improve! Great season Dan, keep it simple!

Cassidy Steel (Centre Forward)

Cass is a real scrapper who excels in the real close games. A trait that is often hard to instill, but it comes natural to Cass! Another who is always up for the battle and is constantly looking to improve his game, Cass is determined to perfect his "Toma"! Things are progressing and it's only a matter of time before he scores the winner with a blistering Toma. A fantastic season Cass, keep working on all your skills (not just the Toma) and I'm sure you will have some great years ahead of you!

Boys 7/8A Promotion (contd)

Zachary Swinton (Midfielder/Winger)

Zach is our wing wizard! Give him the ball and he will happily bolt down the wing, jinking his way through defences and chipping in with the odd goal! Zach's decision making and skill execution has improved greatly over the course of the season which is always encouraging for a coach to see! A great lad to have in the team who is great for motivation and inspiration for his team mates, leading by example and driving the team forward with his pace and power! Keep on running Zach!

Jeremy Uy (Goalkeeper)

Jeremy has improved massively over the season and has really stepped up his goalkeeping. Trains at the club at least 3 or 4 times per week, making use of Jono Hayfields coaching expertise. A great attitude to better himself as a goalkeeper that has a massive impact on the team. Always on hand to make the important saves and has really found his voice when commanding his defence. Always full of chat, a great influence on the team. You usually hear him before you see him ... Keep up the hard work Jeremy!

Daniel Wallington (Defender)

"Wally" has been a stalwart at left half this season and has cemented his position in the team by keeping his play simple yet effective. Dan has grown in confidence as the season has gone on and has worked hard to become a vital part of PCA. The injector is a pivotal role in a successful corner attack and Dan is our man for that job. Even popped up for 2 goals at the recent Club Championships. Well done Wally!

Thomas Williamson (Midfielder)

Tom has been a real standout player for the team this season. Very composed on the ball, he always seems to find his way out of a difficult situation. His calmness and excellent skill execution really drives the team forward. Happy to talk to all the players throughout the game, encouraging and driving the team forward, Tom is a great asset to the team. Tom found himself playing Full Back at the recent Club Championships where he excelled. Versatility is a great attribute to bring to a team and Tom performs his role magnificently wherever he is on the field. Nice one, Tom!

The J7/8 A-promotional Team currently sits in the top four on the ladder for 2016 and promises to challenge for a spot in the grand final with two very winnable games left in the season. They just need to convert a few of the many chances created every game through solid team play. The growth of the team over the year has been driven by coach Gavin Byers who is visiting the club this season from Scotland and playing in Melville's MTL team. His passion for hockey and for assisting with the growth of the 7/8 boys has been clear since day-1. It has been great to see the boys listen to every word Gav has to say, and working hard to bring his suggestions into their game.

A big thanks to Emma Bell and the junior management team for organising Gav to coach the team over 2016, perfect timing for his influence on their development as hockey players and a solid step in strengthening the future of the club.

And last but not least, a special mention to Aiden Van Zuylen who has umpired our team all year ... through rain, hail and if it snowed in Perth he would be there with whistle in hand. Thanks Aiden you are a real asset to the sport and to the club.

Boys 7/8B Gold

After an indifferent start to the season of which the initial goals were player retention and developing a good team ethos, the 7/8 Boy's B team has gone from strength to strength and is now assured of a finals berth in what has been a remarkable achievement for a relatively inexperienced team. The development of the players into a cohesive unit has been accomplished by a young and enthusiastic first year coach who relished his role and went about creating a positive team environment that was supportive, inclusive and rewarded hard work. The team has won consistently this season by playing exciting attacking hockey that has come from the players' belief in themselves, each other and a high level of output at training which included physical fitness testing, skill development, tactics and strategies.

A big thank you must go to Keith Harper who is instrumental in ensuring the continued success of the MCHC. The well organised and run preseason greatly benefited our players as well as his technical assistance at training sessions over the season. Thanks must also go to Colleen Moulin and Sarah Billingham for managerial organisation and support. Thank you to Daniel Page for umpiring and disallowing so many of our goals. Finally thanks to all the parents for the support of your boys who have performed outstandingly all season.

Harry Armstrong (Striker)

Harry was new to hockey this year and played in the striker line. Harry's effort and willingness to learn and improve is admirable. Harry has managed to develop into a strong striker with good presence. Harry could work on his positioning and composure with the ball. Well done Harry and good luck for your future endeavours.

Joseph Bunn (Halfback)

Joseph was a forward we transitioned into a halfback. Joe has been very solid in this role and his marking and tackling pressure is outstanding. Joe could improve on his ball use. Well done Joe and good luck for your future endeavours.

Ben Creighton (Striker/Midfield)

Ben has been in the striker line most of the season. Although one of the quietest in the team Ben's work rate and strength over the ball has improved significantly from the start of the season. An area that Ben can improve is his composure and positioning in front of goal. Well done Ben and good luck for your future endeavours.

Dylan Crowe (Midfield)

Dylan has played mostly as an inner and halfback this season Dylan's work rate and desire to improve is a credit to his personality, the way he always puts in 100% effort is of great benefit to the team. Dylan can keep improving on his hitting. Well done Dylan and good luck for your future endeavours.

Charlie Gorton (Midfield)

Charlie was one of our first year players. Charlie has become a great all-round player this year playing all over the field and was always willing to do what he could to benefit the team. Charlie's work rate and basic skills are a great asset to the team. One area Charlie can improve is his game awareness. Well done Charlie and good luck for your future endeavours.

Jeremy Gribble (Midfield)

Jeremy has developed into a strong midfielder this season, his desire to improve is a credit to his personality. Jeremy has great composure and ball use, he has the ability to set up players in great scoring positions. Jeremy can improve on his defensive pressure. Well done Jeremy and good luck for your future endeavours.

Boys 7/8B Gold (contd)

Maxwell Harler (Midfield)

Max is a player who always tries his heart out every game he has a high output and has shown great leadership in the team. Max has played mostly in the midfield switching between Inner and Centre Half. Max has great individual skills and run, he is always hungry to score when around goals. One area of improvement may be his defensive output. Well done Max and good luck for your future endeavours.

Joshua Hood (Goalie/Striker)

One of the two goalkeepers for the season. Josh was solid in goals as usual always showing great commitment. Going from goals one week to striker the next week showed great versatility, in the weeks Josh had to play on the field he showed great positioning and knowledge of the game and even managed to knock a few goals in. Well done Josh and good luck for your future endeavours.

Quaide Kieser (Halfback)

Quaide has become a very strong halfback this season. Quaide's knowledge of the game and strength over the ball is a great asset to the team and the way that Quaide manages to bring the rest of the team into the game is admirable. One area Quaide could work on is his tackling. Well done Quaide and good luck for your future endeavours.

James Latto (Goalie/Striker)

One of the two goalkeepers for the season. James was a great contributor to the Game both on and off the field and always had time for a laugh. James was great in goals always looking to improve and ask questions. His work rate and desire to help the team was admirable in the weeks he played on the field showing a great desire to score. Well done James and good luck for your future endeavours.

Nicholas Massie-Taylor (Midfield)

Nick played in the Midfield this season, his close in elimination skills and passing were great assets to the team. The way he managed to beat players and set the strikers up for goals was admirable. Nick always had a desire to score goals when put upfront and was always keen to learn new skills to develop his game. One area Nick can improve is his defensive pressure. Well done Nick and good luck for your future endeavours.

Daniel McGahren (Halfback)

Daniel played halfback this season. Daniel has develop over the course of the season into a strong defender. Daniel's tackling and ball winning skills have improved out of sight. Daniel can improve on his ball use and attacking pressure. Well done Daniel and good luck for your future endeavours.

Kye Osterhage (Striker/Defence)

Kye has played mostly as a striker this season. Kye has been a pleasure to coach this year always putting in 100% and open to listening to advice. Kye has very good knowledge of the game and his positioning on the field is an asset. He has always been in the dangerous spots and hungry to score goals. Kye could improve on his hitting. Well done Kye and good luck for your future endeavours.

Corey Rynvis (Defence)

Corey has been solid all year in defence. Although he preferred to play higher up the field he always did what was best for the team and became a very strong fullback. Corey has very good basic skills and didn't miss a trap all season. One aspect he could work on is his communication down back. Well done Corey and good luck for your future endeavours.

Boys 7/8B Gold (contd)

Riley Stephenson (Striker)

Riley has played striker this season and is known as the team's goal sneak he is always around goals and finds the dangerous positions. Riley's desire to score and his work rate is admirable to his game. Riley can improve on his hitting towards goal from deeper in the D. Well done Riley and good luck for your future endeavours.

Josh Uy (Defence)

Josh played full back this season. Josh has developed into a strong defender and shows great tackling pressure. Josh is always willing to listen to his teammates and is always looking to improve. Moving forward Josh could work on his defensive positioning. Well done Josh and good luck for your future endeavours.

Good luck to all the teams for the rest of the season. To the 7/8 Boys team, be proud of your year because no matter what the finals outcome it has been a highly successful and fun season of hockey.

Nick Page and Matt Gorton



Girls 5/6A

WHAT A STELLA SEASON BY THE 5/6A MELVILLE GIRLS!!!

The 5/6 girls may not have had many wins this season, but they have had a 'STELLA' year. So what defines STELLA!!!

1. Improving their skills consistently across the year.
2. Developing a strong sense of positions – each girl even played a whole game as goalie!! Some real potential here!
3. Understanding different strategies.
4. Knowing the importance of commitment to training, each other and game day – they were always on time and ready to rumble!
5. Last but not least and probably most importantly – the beautiful mateship that has been formed.

They are a close bunch of girls, with each girl being confident to be themselves and have a go! This is what makes them a 'stella' team. They were a pleasure to watch by all that had the opportunity to do so.

Not only were the girls 'stella' but their coach was a 'superstar'. Warren Farrow bravely took on the coaching role of 14 young 10 – 11 year olds. This was a huge step after coaching the testosterone footy team of his son. Nevertheless - he took it on and he took it on in superman style! He had a fantastic balance between nurturing and challenging the girls – this balance created a lot of confidence and the desire for each girl to be on that field and play for the team. Warren never missed a game or training and even managed to remain calm when we were playing in storms and torrential rain.

Not only did we have a stella group of girls, and a superstar coach, we also had a supreme bunch of parents. They were a great support not only to their own child, but also to all the other girls in the team. Shared car pools, encouraging words to the girls when on the field, commitment to early mornings (lots of coffee was drunk) and simply a wonderful bunch! Thanks a million to each of you!!

Charlie, Talia, Ashley, Ruby, Ellie, Abbey, Zara, Lexie, Alex and Bec all have the opportunity to play 7/8's next season. The hockey smarts and skills they have developed this season should serve any team they play in well. **Sophie, Hannah and Darcie** all get to go around 5/6's again, improving the skills and maybe the win loss record.

Finally thanks to our manager for the year (you may have noticed the transition in author for the article) Vanessa, without fuss, managed the girls, coach and parents, ensuring the year was enjoyable for all and making the Coach's job a simple one.

Finally Finally.....thanks to the Club and ALL those involved that assisted our team directly and indirectly (through general club "stuff"). Thanks to Bruce for his assistance throughout the year. The girls appreciated and benefited from a different coaching perspective. Also thanks to those that selected and trained the girls at the start of the season.

Girls 5/6C

We had an amazing and lovely group of fifteen girls on our team. With a couple of players new to hockey and the rest of the team coming up from Grads to 5/6s and many of the team not having played together before, the team took a little while to gel. Learning new names, new positions, rotating through different positions, new skills and settling down and growing in confidence as the season went on. It was great to see so many players volunteering to have a go at Goal Keeper! The support, encouragement and positiveness of the players to each other was noted at every game.

Chloe Billingham (Attacker)

Chloe's season has gone from strength to strength. Chloe has amazing ball skills that are beyond her years. Chloe is a natural in the wing position and helps to draw the play out wide by positioning herself really well. Chloe is a little pocket rocket and is able to work with her team mates with angled passes down the wing to penetrate our attacking D. With her second and third efforts and determination, Chloe is one of our top goal scorers and is a player who can hit the ball. Chloe is always happy and brings a lot of humour and fun to the team.

Beth Bond (Defender/Goalie)

Beth has shown great improvement throughout the season. Beth has worked really hard to improve her game by attending training clinics and specific additional goalie training nights and clinics that have really developed her game. Beth is a reliable full back who has learnt to position herself well. She has become confident at taking the 16 yard hit and sending the ball out wide. Goalie duties were shared amongst players in the first half of the season, however Beth was very keen to use her goalie skills that she has developed during goalie training to become our fulltime goalie for the rest of the season. A friendly natured girl who always tries her very best.

Meika Bond (Attacker/Midfielder)

Meika has really stepped it up since the beginning of the season which is evident with her increased confidence with the ball. An adaptable player that has shown she can play different positions across the forward line and occasionally playing in half back when required. Meika has attended training clinics during the season which has seen an increase in her ball skills and game play. Her hits have improved dramatically as has her determination in the attacking D. Meika has been another regular to our goal scoring and setting up of goals throughout the season. Meika always tries her very best, and is an outgoing, friendly member of our team.

Caitlin Davies (Forward)

Caitlin is a natural at the wing position having played it for most of the season, however she is able to adapt to other positions when required. Caitlin has a natural sporting ability which is evident with her speed and her excellent ball skills down the wing. Caitlin did some awesome runs forward when playing wing helping to set up goals. She scored her goals using great positioning and second efforts. Caitlin works well with her team mates doing inside/outside passes to get the ball down the field. Another one of our top goal scorers. Her contribution to the game play has continued to increase throughout the season. Caitlin is a great team member and is very calm, quiet and friendly.

Girls 5/6C (contd)

Ashleigh Farrell (Midfielder)

Ashleigh is a very talented half back who has natural sporting ability. Ash is always very reliable in the half back line, however she is a very adaptable player who would always step up and play any other position well when required. Ash has excellent ball skills and amazing speed which helped to get the ball out of defence and feed it into our attacking half. Ash has shown us that she can hit a ball well in many games. Her trapping and feeding the ball forward has set up some great plays. Always putting in 100% effort at training and the game. A friendly, happy girl who always brings a bit of fun to the team.

Luna Felipe (Attacker/Defender – all rounder)

Luna is a very adaptable player who is able to play many positions across the field. While Luna does prefer the forward line, she always does her very best in whatever positions she is asked to play. Luna may be small but has some speed about her which often helped us win the ball and get it down the field. Luna is a solid, 'no fuss' player who just gets on with the job and does it well. A great supportive, calm and reliable player for the team. Very calm girl, with a quiet but friendly nature.

Alyssa Godin (Attacker/Midfielder)

Alyssa is a solid player who is adaptable across the forward and halfback line which has been a great asset to the team. Alyssa has good speed which has helped with the team getting the ball into our attacking half. While Alyssa does prefer the forward line, she has done an excellent job as a halfback, by taking the free hits in midfield and feeding the ball down the wing. Another solid and reliable player. Alyssa is another of our players to contribute to our goal score. A happy, friendly team member who always puts in maximum effort.

Tyla Grant (Forward/Defender – all rounder)

Tyla has shown that she can be put anywhere on the field and do a solid job. Tyla has spent a fair bit of time on the forward line in inner and wing positions, helping to set up goals. However, she happily slips into halfback or fullback when required and is equally comfortable there. Tyla has developed her ball skills throughout the season and this is becoming increasingly evident in her games. Another of our players to try GK. Tyla is again a calm, confident and solid player. She is a friendly natured girl.

Scarlett Huston (Attacker)

Scarlett's season has gone from strength to strength. A very skilful player who has been invaluable in the forward line and particularly as a centre forward. She moves forward quickly and effectively with the ball, with confidence. Scarlett has excellent ball skills and is great at winning the ball in the midfield and working with her team mates by using angled passes to get into our attacking half. Her second and third efforts have made Scarlett another one of our top goal scorers. A happy, vibrant team member who always brings a positive energetic vibe to the team.

Brooke McKenzie (Midfielder)

Brooke is a natural half back with excellent ball skills and is very strong on the ball. Brooke plays the position of centre half back very well and is very good at winning the ball in the midfield and switching up the play, feeding the ball through to the inners and wings to get the ball into our attacking half. Brooke is a very determined girl who always works very hard at training and the game, and her hard work is to be commended. A calm, reliable player who makes very good decisions with her play using great passes which has allowed the play to move forward. Another friendly and good natured girl.

Girls 5/6C (contd)

Hannah Patton (Forward/Midfielder)

Hannah is another adaptable player on the team who can be relied upon to get the job done in many positions across the field.

Hannah does prefer the forward line but is solid as a halfback or fullback. Hannah has learnt to position herself well in the inner and wing positions and works well with her team mates to do angle passes down the field to penetrate our attacking D. Hannah is another of our top goal scorers and by using her great determination and positioning to get that ball into the goal has really helped the team to win games. A very calm and friendly natured team member.

Stephanie Potma (Defender/Attacker – all rounder)

Steph's willingness to try new and different positions has been great. Even having a turn at GK with good saves and positioning herself well in the goals. Her commitment to training and the team throughout the season was terrific. She is good at offering support to her team mates and has a lovely calmness and confidence about her game. Using angled passes has helped to clear the ball and set up goals. She showed us she knows how to score too. We love the positive, cheerful nature and the big smile you bring to each game and training session, it has been awesome.

Yvette Rigg (Attacker/Defender – all rounder)

Yvie is a skilful player who is very adaptable and can be relied on to play all over the field - this has been a major asset for our team. Yvie is very reliable as a defender and has learnt to pass the ball out wide on our 16 yard hits. Yvie works well with her team mates in the midfield and as an attacker to angle pass the ball into our attacking half and always looks for opportunities to get the ball out wide. Another one of our goal scorers and good contributor to setting up goals. Also, tried GK and was solid and well composed in the position too. Yvie always puts in 100% at training and the game. A fun, happy girl who always lifts the spirits of the team.

Sophie Sherriffs (Defender/Midfielder)

New to playing hockey this season but you wouldn't have known it. It has been a real pleasure to see Sophie's willingness to learn and contribute each week. Sophie settled into the backline and it seemed to be a natural position for her. Her good use of wide angled passes in defence has helped set the team up to move forward for the attacking goal. She even tried Goal Keeper for two games and did well. Calm, confident, enthusiastic and a solid, well composed player with a quiet but friendly nature.

Girls 5/6C (contd)

Ava Spurling (Ava – Defender/Midfielder)

Ava's first season of hockey. Ava has grown in confidence and skills each and every week. Playing in the backline has suited her style of play. She has proven to be a valuable half back. Ava always tries her best even when under pressure from the opposition. Learning to mark players, using angled passes and clearing wide in front of goals are only some of the things she has learnt. Her one on one confidence has grown throughout the season. Ava is a quiet and friendly team mate with a desire to improve and willingness to listen and process the information given effectively. I am sure you will continue to keep growing as a player.

The difference in the team has been significant over the season. With the girls commitment to training each week as well as turning up to the games ready and willing to play rain, hail or sunshine. It has been a pleasure to watch them all grow with skills, confidence, fitness and understanding of the game. The Bunbury Carnival was attended by some players giving the opportunity to gain more experience. More than half the team attended the July holiday clinics with Tilly Carmichael and one player to the Goal Keeper training with Toni Cronk too, bringing more valuable skills to the team. Not forgetting all the terrific parents whose positiveness, support and assistance has been very much appreciated during the season.

The sportsmanship shown by the players and parents is to be commended. Thanks so much to our two main umpires - Tilly Swan and Jade Vanderzwan, great work girls! The commitment from our Coach, Kim, has been fantastic and not gone unnoticed. Standing out during the severe weather warning coaching shows how dedicated and amazing you are. Our season also could not have run as smoothly as it did without the amazing efforts of our Team Manager, Trish, who always sent out weekly team emails, managed the team on game day and completed all the behind the scenes managerial duties that were required of the role. We thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the team. It has been a pleasure to be part of this wonderful team. Thank you all.

Boys 5/6A Promotional

This is a talented team that could 'turn it on' to deliver some magic hockey at times. Some great passing led to a number of memorable goals, as well as some successful short corner work. Our defence strengthened noticeably in the second half of the year as the team settled into their roles. The work rate of the midfield was also noticeable, where they worked hard to run to support the attack and defence. In the end, the results were up and down, but it was great to see the improvement in skills of all the players as the year progressed. This improvement was a credit to Roger and Phil's coaching too, and thanks fellas for turning up during the stormy weather this year – hail, rain or shine!

Angus Bell

Angus was a reliable half back with the ability to read the play. He also consistently showed great commitment to win each contest. This was great to see, especially as his year was affected by injury.

Dylan Bradshaw

Playing as a forward or occasional half, Dylan showed silky skills to break the lines and create opportunities for himself and team mates. His moves often earned hearty applause from the team's supporters when he took on the game with success.

Eamon Cooper

Eamon showed an ability to unexpectedly emerge from many contests with the ball under control. His runs down the wing and baseline created lots of chances for his team mates. He also ran hard when inner to present as an option. On the whole he had a very consistent season.

Oliver Cooper

Playing as a half, wing or inner, Oliver never stopped running this year to assist his team mates. Oliver settled into his stride after the first few games to play his positions well and demonstrated a good capacity to shut down a player when marking. His passing also improved.

Jason Dowie

Playing as a centre forward or at centre half, Jason's speed and skill allowed him to be a menace for the opposition at the top of the circle. By running into space, Jason got away numerous shots at goals to keep Melville's hopes of a win alive in several games.

Torin Dyson

Although his team mates would have preferred that as goalkeeper, he had a quieter year, Torin was kept busy saving shots at goal in many games. His quick reflexes and some great slides saved the day on many occasions.

Tadhg Hanavan

Tadhg showed strong commitment all year. He was particularly solid in defence to make his tackles count. It was also great to watch his second efforts to win a ball back.

Michael Hellberg

Michael improved through the year to feature more prominently, presenting as an option and showing some speed on the wing. Michael is also good at positioning himself around goals to cause concern for the opposition.

Kirby Hobbs

As a regular full back, Kirby formed part of a solid defensive back line to frequently thwart the opposition. Kirby seemed most comfortable under pressure, when taking on three opponents on the backstick - and then winning!

Boys 5/6A Promotional (contd)

Mitchell Horrocks

Having good speed, Mitchell's fast break got the opposition worried. He also was able to position himself well in the attacking D to capitalise on some opportunities. He top scored this year, well done.

Benjamin King

Ben settled into the full back role, and as the year progressed he grew into a very effective defender. He read the play beautifully to repel countless opposition attacks, positioning himself well to ensure that the ball or the player didn't pass together. When in possession, he had a good hit to get the ball through to team mates.

Jude Mellor

Jude's fast reflexes caught many opponents unaware. He intercepted many passes and also used his speed to put pressure on the opposition.

Cosmo Quartermaine

Cosmo led and carried the ball well as a half or forward. He also followed the coaches' instructions all year. A highlight was the 4 goals he scored in one game in front of his proud grandfather!

Timothy Tan

Playing at centre half or inner, Tim ran hard all year and delivered some telling passes to his team mates. When tackling, he always went in with 100% commitment – although it did result in some injury time off the field!

It was a great year of skill development and we wish all players every success for next year and beyond. Thanks for the season!



Boys 5/6B Black

In all, the team had a great year. We had a slower start in the first half of the season as the team formed, got to know each other, and got used to their positions. After the mid season break, the team started to really gel together, and became almost unstoppable. With the ability to score goals improving, a long string of wins ensued. It has been great to see the improvement over the season, from skills, to endurance and teamwork. This was all made possible as the team listened to the coaches both at training and during the games. We were fortunate to have Keith Harper helping out at training, and the extra coaching really allowed the team to hone and improve their skills.

William Bindon (Forward)

Will is a skilful forward with pace and a keen desire to score. As centre forward, Will was a key component of the forward line. Helping to coordinate the forward line, Will scored and assisted with many goals.

Zane Bloomfield (Wing)

A winger with pace, Zane's skills have improved throughout the season. Zane's understanding and confidence grew over the season, and he made his presence felt in the forward line, giving the defenders something to think about.

Zac Burvill (Wing)

Zac improved over the season as he grew into his position. An awareness of his role, staying wide and looking for the opportunist goal at the post assisted with our attacking line up.

Joseph Coleman (Inner)

Joseph was a dependable player all season. He worked well to drive forward, and played a key part of an excellent forward setup. Joseph always worked hard performing well in attack as well as assisting in defence.

Carrick Dodds (Fullback/Halfback)

Carrick was a rock solid defender with a great hit and good tackling skills. He didn't mind running into attack at any given opportunity. His tackling and ability to turn the ball over and send the ball into attack turned many ominous situations into goal scoring opportunities.

William Dodge (Fullback/Halfback)

William was a vital part of our defence. Working well with the two Lachlans and Ed to ensure Lachlan Flynn (GK) didn't actually have much to do for most of the season. William worked hard to move the ball out of defence and away from the goals.

Seth Elliott (Halfback)

In and under, a small agile player with good trapping skills, Seth works hard thru the midfield. A strong tackler, with good pace Seth has been an important link between the back line and the forwards throughout the year, creating numerous attacking opportunities. He continues to develop his stick skills and executes tackles well, turning defence into attack. Always listening to the coach will make him a better player and ease the nerves of the said coach.

Lachlan Flynn (Goalkeeper)

Lachlan has had a great year in goals, and it has been clear to see his confidence in his skills grow stronger each week. He was instrumental in keeping the team in many games (and the opposition out of them), and increasingly came out of his goal to take on attackers. Stronger communication with his backs (yes, yell at them!) will ensure that goals become even harder to come by for opposition forwards.

Boys 5/6B Black (contd)

Ethan Forbes (Halfback)

Ethan has proven to be a valuable member of the back line. He has shown improvement through all parts of his game throughout the year, particularly with his disposals. Ethan's enthusiasm and endurance helped him perform a vital defensive role from the start to the final whistle.

Jackson Harmsen (Forward)

Jackson offers strong drive to the forwards, playing wide, and puts enormous pressure on the opposition's defence and succeeds with his goals.

Edward Hart (Fullback/Halfback)

Edward's performance in his first year of hockey has been outstanding. He has proven to be rock steady in defence and keen to push forward to assist in attack. Further improvement with his hitting and positional play will see him become an even more formidable member of the backline.

Matthew Lippiatt (Wing/Inner)

Matthew has improved significantly through the year. He is eager to get the ball, and not scared to tackle larger opponents to send it forward. Matthew positions himself well to assist goalscoring, and has scored a few goals himself.

Lachlan Paterson (Fullback)

Lachlan has proven to be a very reliable fullback, especially in the second half of the season, and was rarely beaten when one on one with an opposition forward. His hitting has improved (including a pre-hit ritual quick step) and is now a real weapon in sending the ball into the forward line. Part of the ever social backline, I'm sure he will miss his team mates over the summer.

Aidan Rolls (Inner)

Aidan worked hard all season, his skills and knowledge of his role improved over the season. An integral part of the forward line, Aidan played his part in many a goal and keeping the pressure up in attack.

Thomas Stone (Halfback)

An important link between the forwards and backs, Thomas helped move the ball forward and keep it in attack. Super reliable, Thomas is strong, fast, plays wide and provides drive to the wings.

A big thank you Todd Elliott for coaching the team two nights a week and Saturday mornings; Donna George as Team Manager; Keith Harper for his time and skills assisting with training on Wednesday evenings; Greg Paterson & Scott Forbes for their help during training; Ellen Rolls for giving up her Saturday mornings and umpiring every week. Great work to all of the team, and thank you for all the support from the parents.

Boys 5/6C Gold

The season started with some players who hadn't played before or hadn't played a lot of hockey, so the first game was going to be interesting. The first couple of weeks were about developing some structure, learning the rules, positions and getting to know their team mates.

The first game was interesting to say the least but the boys have improved so much along the way and they are a credit to themselves on how they are playing at the end of the season.

A big thank you to Kendall Brown for being our team manager and ensuring we have been on track each week. Also ensuring the match report was completed! Thank you to Keith for your expertise at training and also coming to some of our games. Super Job Kendall and Keith!

Quinn Brands (Full back, half back)

As the season progressed Quinn became more comfortable playing other positions rather than full back. (We had six players who wanted to play full back). His confidence with clearing and defending grew each week which was great. When he moved to half back his tackling was stronger, he show determination and connected with the forward line. Well Done Quinn!

Kaelan Bridge (Wing, HB)

Kaelan is quiet achiever whose confidence also grew as the season progressed. Kaelan plays well in the forward line and held good position. Most importantly he listens and takes on what he was asked to do. Great effort Kaelan!

Daniel Brown (Centre Half and Half Back)

Daniel played most of the season as Centre Half which was a huge effort considering he was new to hockey. He played that position because he wasn't afraid to tackle and he never gave up. He was also happy to run out on short corners and by the end of the season he was directing the play more. Fantastic effort all year!

Travis Canny (Goalie)

Travis was determined to be goalie from the "get go" - he made some great saves during the season and always watched the ball well. It is a massive effort to be goalie, to pad up each week and carry all that gear around twice a week (Thanks to his mum, Sue, for helping Travis get ready each week). Travis was the only one who attended the Busselton carnival from our team, so well done! We would have been lost without you.

Jude Foss (Inner, center half)

Jude mainly played right inner during the season, which was quite different to being a full back all last season. Unlike half the team Jude was pretty keen to give the forward line a go. Jude showed great improvement with stronger tackles, good ball movement forward and constructive passing. Jude also was happy to run out on the short corners and contribute in our attacking corners. Well done Jude on a solid season and communicating well with the team on the field.

Aidan Harvey (Inner)

Aidan was one of our more experienced players and demonstrated great skill with ball movement, foot work and goal scoring. Aidan was our highest goal scorer however more importantly gave 100% each week. Aidan had numerous break away in the forward line and showed composure in the 'D' which often resulted in scoring. He plays the game in a calm manner and this will carry him forward well. Great season Aidan!

Sam Heard (Full back, half back)

Sam loved to played full back but the position was highly sort after, so at times Sam had to move to half back or wing. You were a character at training and loved to have a chat. You also showed great character in the backline and gave it 100% when focused. You game improved greatly, well done Sam!

Boys 5/6C Gold (contd)

Zachary Kelly (Half back, centre forward, wing)

Zac enjoyed game day more than training and responded well to instruction during games. Zac like a few others was a fair weather player, but we did face some awful weather on numerous Saturdays. Zac performs better in the forward line due to his pace and is not afraid to work the ball into the "D". In the second half of the season he displayed great foot work and strength in the "D". If he remains focused his output is great and he will play good hockey going forward.

Ross Miller (Centre forward, wing)

Ross found his position as a centre forward during the season. His game improved greatly in the middle as he constructed good passing, held position well and good movement into the "D". It was great to see Ross's confidence grow as he had success. Great job!

Donovan Morris (Half back, inner, wing)

Donovan is always fun to have around and always has a story to tell. Donovan didn't love training either but he was always there and early (so maybe he did?). He was also a fair weather player but it was hard for him to keep warm on wet days. When he plays with focus we see some great and determined hockey (it puts a smile on your face). We look forward to watching him in future years when it all comes together. Donovan is always fun to have around and always has a story to tell.

Oscar Nordon-Ramsay (Full back, half back)

Oscar plays with fantastic enthusiasm and spirit. He mainly played a high full back and intercepted the ball well. As the season progressed he directed the ball wide and became very comfortable in that position. He also contributed well in short corners and wasn't afraid to run out. Oscar always wanted to stay later at training and practice his hitting. It was really important to him to get the hit right. Solid season, well done!

Blake Prince (Wing, full back)

Blake played both positions each week and held his position well. It was great to see Blake's confidence grow, especially with free hits and clearances. Blake got better and better as the season progressed and it was great to see his success on the field. We hope you continue to play hockey in the future. Nice work Blake!

Cooper Spann (Wing, half back)

Cooper played most of the season as right wing. Cooper cemented the right wing as his position due to always listening, holding position and doing what was asked. He is a delight to coach and always has a smile on his face and is ready to play hockey. Cooper showed great improvement and should be proud of his efforts.

Matthew Vermeulen (Full back, half back, wing)

Matthew played his best as a full back and his calm nature never saw him panic in the back line. As the season progressed he made strong tackles, excellent clearances and really earned his stripes in the back line. Matthew was also a delight to coach and never took himself too seriously. Matthew keep up your fantastic attitude!

Ganleon Wong (Half back, inner, wing)

Ganleon had to train with another team however it didn't affect him on game day. He played numerous positions during the season, but performed at his best in the half back position. Ganleon was always accountable for his player, listened well and displayed a solid performance all season. We hope you continue to play and enjoy the game of hockey. You also win the best manners award. Great effort!

Mens 040 Midweek & 040 Division 1

After reaching the finals in both grades last year, a major review was carried out and mediocrity was decided on. Having to play those games in September is just too much for these aging and broken bodies. Just about everyone found out they do have hamstrings and they are not up to the task of playing out the season.

Cam Robinson

A large part of our season has been spent in defence which has meant Cam's been front and centre most games. Cam did however save us from utter embarrassment on a number of occasions with classy saves and his outstanding communication.

Simon Klass

Our resident ambo, as a keeper he is trying to create work for himself but rather fortunately for the opposition he was unable to in the limited games that he was available.

Aki Etelaaho

Our new third keeper. As a kicking fullback, Aki has a better win/loss record than our regular and fill in keepers, just ask Wolves and Vic Park about his skills under the helmet.

Todd Barrett

A lynchpin in our over worked backline, even though Todd is relatively young he succumbed to a season ending back injury. He is working his way into this Vets caper very successfully.

James Pickering

He's just a Picko! Enjoyed hacking the odd opposition player and delivering some good ball to our attack.

Michael Starling

A case of 'Twins' robbed us of his supreme talents, the wee triangles and unmistakable accent for much of the season.

Grant Watton

Grant has a great ability to hold the ball inside the circle and is much more effective when he chooses to earn a short corner rather than attempt the tomma. Grunter has a passion for developing umpires and is often heard providing "feedback" in the event a close call goes the way of the opposition.

Richard Williams

The ever reliable general in the middle was again back to his usual tricks, including maintaining his regular last minute warm-ups. If we can just convince him to play more games.

John Cooke

I have quite a good memory, so I can remember when John was a speedy, superfit midfield distributor. While the rest of us are held together by a combination of skins, compression bandages and rock tape, Cookie, being a pharmacist, survives by consuming large quantities of Swisse multi vitamins on a daily basis.

Andrew Criddle

Impassable at left half using his deceptive lack of pace to lull the opposition into a false sense of security.

Michael Fardon

Made a move to inside forward to better use his elite fitness - well, compared to the rest of us. A good distributor, defends well, scores the odd goal. Therefore sadly very much out of place. Needs to improve on being very ordinary like the rest of us.

Mens 040 Midweek & 040 Division 1 (contd)

Bruce Hancock

A beacon of kindness shining out over troubled waters, Bruce radiates calm and brings light and warmth to all those he comes into contact with.

Eric Hardy

A new recruit who after playing for Rocko last year and knowing Aki for many years. Actually turned out to have some skill, especially around the goals, and more speed than expected.

Mark Lyons

An old, old man masquerading as a...well, he looks like an old old man now. Backed up everyweek with an "I'll be there just to run off the bench (have a injury this week)" and proceeds to play a full game.

Simon Mathew

Can run without hamstrings, which shouldn't be physically possible but found out that you need an achilles tendon. Simon was fatally cut down with a case of Twins which I hope is not too catching...

Ted Neesham

Some say he is an axe murderer.. Some say he is a bikie... Some say that hidden deep within that truly awesome beard hides a third fist... All we know is he keeps coming back each week!

Brad Potter

Picked up many a seagull ball this year and assisted on many more goals. A preseason injury after 10 seconds of a game almost ruined his season. His "Country Road" appearances and photogenic style was a highlight of the year.

Gavin Scally

Used as a pinch hitter in the few games that he was available, he has shrunk to a shadow of his former self which I think is the reason for his knee not being able to handle the amount of running that started to occur.

Warren Farrow

A new recruit to the club, has far too much speed and fitness to be playing with us although he did manage to fit in on the injury front.

Andrew Scanlon

Mr Consistent. Well he is a statue. Not much changes with a statue. He stood still in the back line. He stood still in the midfield and finally stood still in the forward line.

Stefan Willett

Did a hamstring so badly he missed the last 5 games of the season, rumor has it that he was actually trying to sprint after the ball - a ridiculous rumour I'm sure.

Mark Watton

The Silver Fox... runs at pace all day and therefore he too doesn't fit the team ethos. His season was curtailed by injury and not being able to play more than one game a weekend.

Mens 040 Division 2

After a very slow start to the year, only winning 2 games in the first half of the season, the team rallied and with 6 consecutive wins in the second half of the year finished in third position.

Simon Chapman (Chappo)

Chappo drives the team with his enthusiasm and his will to dominate the opposition with the ball. He is a can do guy - every time he is asked to do something on the field he replies with "I can do that." Tried to influence the umpires again but didn't succeed.

Derek Doak (Doakie)

With his trademark hat and no nonsense approach, Doakie provided the Yin to Chappo's Yang. A move up forward to stiker bedazzled the opposition with his skillful moves and goal scoring. A voice of reason when the boys were getting hot under the collar.

Alan Eager (Al)

Al formed part of our strike force in attack. Al was good at putting the ball in the net on more than one occasion.

Michael Girdlestone (Girdy)

Part of our Hardy Girdy combo, Girdy played left wing. His legs pump up and down like a cartoon character but he doesn't travel as fast as he looks.

Timothy Heard (Hardy)

Hardy used his superb passing skills to bamboozle opposition players. Provided a great link from defence to attack. Loves a beer after the game.

Justin Holt (Holty)

What a great bloke. Holty is like John Farnham as he provides "the voice" that all the players are supposed to listen to. Part of the shorter brigade to talk tactics and organise the team.

Ian Neill (Chooka)

Good at putting the ball in the net and assisting attacking moves with Al and Chappo. Mrs Chooka was our best supporter for the year.

Brett Pickering (Monassa)

Finished the FIFO life and was a valuable contributor to the team.

Andrew Shearing (Shearer)

FIFO bloke who managed a few games for the boys. A force in attack, Shearer blasted through opposition defences and managed to score a few goals too.

Andrew Shorter (Shorter)

The mad bloke who made it all happen. Shorter got all the boys together and provided the spark of inspiration at half time and with his endless inciteful text messages. Played all over the field, even scoring a goal at one stage. Loves a beer and singing the song.

Phillip Smith (Smithy)

Finally, after several years, a goalie has been found for the 2's. Like all goalies he is a little crazy.

Jeff West (Wristy)

Made the move back to Melville after many years in the wilderness and instantly made his mark at centre half or inner.

Kelwyn Yeo (Roodog)

Super speedy utility player and our secret weapon. Give him a job and he does it. He is super fit and like his nickname he chases down the ball and opposition players with ease. Other teams complain that it's not fair as they don't have a roodog of their own.

Special thanks to Brad Lynn (Lynny) & Wayne Harries (Wayno) who came back to the team late in the year after missing most of the season due to injury and work commitments. Thanks to the many fill-ins over the season and next year lets improve again and finish top 2.

Mens 040 Division 4

With a few changes to personnel due to 'retirements' to the 50's and players moving elsewhere, we struggled to find any form in the first half of the season. Some late inclusions during the year added much needed depth and a much better showing in the second half of the year allowed us to finish just in fifth place, although a couple of games behind fourth. There has been some great courage and determination shown by all the players, and just the time taken for the 'team' to get to know one another contributed to our slow start to the year.

The old team of;

Brett Gibbins

Ian Munns, Carlo Bontempo, David Joseph

Bryan Kennington, David Wauhop, Paul Paino, Paul Brennan

Michael Lawrence, Sean Pszczola

Were bolstered by the return of Matthew King & Jarron Baker after many years in the wilderness.

Stephen Criddle made the switch to playing permanently for the side, then the addition of Gus Ingenlyuff, Anand Pillay & Rob Tancredi filled out the side.

Thanks also to the numerous players from the 40's, 50's and even 60's that helped out when injury and work depleted the team.