

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1977

If the success of the Club is to be gauged by the number of pennants we win, 1977 has been a very lean year. The records show we won 1 Guth Ardagh Pennant - Reserve Whites; one Challenge Cup Pennant - Under 11A's and only two teams, the Under 17A's and 17N's participated in the Grand Finals in their respective grades and without success in both cases.

However, I believe the year has been very successful.

We achieved one of our main objectives and that was to ensure all senior sides maintain their grades, but more importantly many of our junior players gained valuable experience in higher grades. As an example: 5 players who were eligible to play Under 17's played with distinction in senior ranks and it is essential to the future of the Club that this policy is pursued.

At this point I would like to congratulate the selectors, whose names are recorded for the positive approach they applied to their most difficult task. Players who were showing potential were given the opportunity to display their skill and when changes were necessary it is pleasing to report that players who were relegated accepted the decision in a true sporting manner and continued to strive for the betterment of the Club.

The ability of our players was recognized by the State Selectors. John Meacock was selected in the State Junior side for the second time, however it was with further honour as he was also the team Captain. Alan Meacock became the first Applecross YMCA player to gain State selection in the State Colts side. The Metropolitan Junior side included Andrew Boyd (captain), Geoff Reynolds, Talwyn Widger and Blake Smith, while Brian Matthews captained the Public Schools' team that played the Hotspurs. Congratulations to you all.

My report would not be complete without acknowledging the efforts of our Club Coach, Max Currell. Max has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the Club in general and the 1A's in particular. He has been ably assisted by ex-Olympian Ron Wilson. Both these players, through their experience, are aware of the dedication, discipline and enthusiasm necessary to succeed in top hockey and if we are to maintain our position as a top hockey club it is important that all players recognize their obligation in this regard.

Max has indicated his desire to step down as Coach and the Committee is endeavouring to secure the services of a suitable replacement. I'm sure all players and supporters join with me in thanking Max for his efforts both on and off the field and we look forward to his continuance as a player.

During the course of the year, a special General Meeting was called to discuss a change in club colours. A very well attended and representative meeting voted in favour of changing from the traditional red and grey uniform to maroon shirts with white trim, white shorts and maroon and white hooped socks. A complete change for all grades will be introduced at the commencement of 1978.

With the exception of our main ground (whose surface left a lot to be desired) the playing surfaces of other grounds were far from satisfactory and it is for this reason we have re-opened negotiations with the Bateman P. & C. to secure the use of at least two grounds at Mandalla Reserve. It is obvious that to maintain our position as one of the State's leading clubs we will have to see a marked improvement in playing surfaces and we will look to the City of Melville to assist us in our endeavours.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (contd)

The Social Committee didn't receive the support their efforts warranted and players are going to have to choose between a substantial increase in subscriptions or supporting social functions. I believe the social life of the Club is important and should continue, and I would recommend the incoming committee do a survey on the type of social functions players (and friends) would support.

During the season we were grateful to be able to attract financial support from Alco, King's Travel and Melville Motors, and as sponsorship is becoming a very important part of hockey it is essential to the future development of our Club that we receive additional assistance in this area.

While on the subject of sponsorship one of our keen supporters, who wishes to remain anonymous, must receive acknowledgement for the kind donation of shirts - complete with numbers - for our 1A and 2A sides.

While 1977 hasn't been without its problems, as President, I have found it very rewarding and this has only been made possible by the assistance and co-operation received from many people. In this regard I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to members of the Management Committee who have attended meetings every Monday evening since well before the commencement of the season (actually, it's a little difficult to determine when one season ends and the next begins), to attend to the duties of the Club. Several of the Committee have indicated their wish to stand down in favour of younger members. I'm sure there must be players amongst our 100 senior members who would be good administrators.

To all team Managers and Coaches without whose efforts our junior club would not function, I would extend the thanks of players, parents and the Management Committee. This year's experience should stand you in good stead for 1978.

To the people who turned out to assist with repairing pads, marking grounds, repairing goals and the numerous other jobs associated with the smooth running of the Club, your efforts were appreciated. While I realize it is dangerous to single out any one person I would like to pay special mention to the efforts of Ed McKinnon. Every year Ed arrives with his equipment to ensure our grounds are the correct size and square (if not flat). Thanks Ed.

It was pleasing to see the supporters continuing to follow the fortunes of our teams - particularly the 1A's. While some of the results of our games didn't bring a lot of joy, there were several encounters when we were beaten by inexperience rather than the opposition, however the enthusiasm of our supporters never waned and I'm sure this spirit can only lead to greater success in 1978.

Mrs Edsall has decided to "call it a day" after 5 years as Property Officer. It has been very re-assuring to the Management Committee to know that there has been somebody as capable as Wyn looking after this important facet of our Club.

To the President, Centre Director and staff of the Melville YMCA I would like to extend thanks for their friendly assistance and co-operation.

In conclusion, to players and supporters who have acted in any capacity and who for various reasons, will not be with us in 1978, please accept my sincere appreciation for your part in making 1977 a successful year.

KEITH TIMMEL

CLUB ADMINISTRATION 1977

PATRON	Mr J.F. Howson O.B.E., J.P.
VICE PATRONS	Cr S.W.J. Bray Mr M. Bennett Mr M.Reynolds
PRESIDENT	Mr K.E.Timmel
VICE PRESIDENTS	Mr J. Pickering Mr H. Bradfield
SECRETARY	Mr W.Forward
ASST. SECRETARY	Mr F. Bell
TREASURER	Mrs I. Reynolds
ASST. TREASURER	Mr K. McGuire
AUDITOR	Mr D. Hagen
PROPERTY OFFICER	Mrs J.Edsall
CLUB COACH	Mr M.Currell
ASST. CLUB COACH	Mr R.Wilson
SELECTION COMMITTEE	Messrs Currell, Wilson, D.Porter, Pickering and McGuire
JUNIOR TEAMS CO-ORDINATOR	Mr R. Revell
SOCIAL COMMITTEE	Mrs K. Spitteler, Messrs A.Meacock, Bishop, Cole, Marshall Mesdames McGuire, Pickering, D.Halliday were co-opted.
W.A.H.A. DELEGATE	Mr H. Bradfield
LIFE MEMBERS	Mr V. Dalton 1969 Mr D.Spitteler 1971 Mr P. Noad 1972 Mr R. Halliday 1975 Mr B. Spitteler
STATE REPRESENTATIVES	1956 D.Spitteler (Juniors) 1960 B.Spitteler " 1962 M. Currell " 1963 R.Robinson " 1967 M.Griffiths " 1968 G. Argæt " 1968 I.Halliday " 1968 R.Hope-Johnston" 1973 P.Meacock " 1974 P.Meacock (V.Capt) (Juniors) 1976 J.Meacock (Juniors) 1977 J.Meacock (Capt.) (Juniors) 1977 A. Meacock (Colts)
METROPOLITAN JUNIORS	A. Boyd (Capt.) M.Reynolds T. Widger

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CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS 1977

CARNIVALS

Perth Hockey Club - Six-a-Side

CHALLENGE CUP PENNANTS

11A

GUTH ARDAGH PENNANTS

Reserve White

TEAMS IN FINAL FOUR

4A Reserve White 17A 17N
15A 15N 11A

GRAND FINALISTS

17A 17N

STATE COLTS

Alan Meacock

STATE JUNIORS

John Meacock (Captain)

METROPOLITAN JUNIORS

Andrew Boyd (Captain)
Talwyn Widger
Geoff Reynolds
Blake Smith

200 GAMES AWARDS

Keith Jackaman

100 GAMES AWARDS

N. Atkinson
H. Bradfield
N. Banham
M. Currell
M. Ogilby
K. Harper
G. Hunt
G. Ranford
A. Rogerson
J. Shannon
T. Widger

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APPIECROSS Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY CLUB

AWARDS FOR 1977

1A	Fairest and Best	A. Reynolds
2A	Fairest and Best	...	...	G. Cole
3A	Fairest and Best	...	...	T. Johnston
4A	Fairest and Best	...	...	R. Ten Van Holt
5A	Fairest and Best	...	...	B. Kjellgren
6A	Fairest and Best	...	...	P. Reddell
Reserve Red	Fairest and Best	...	...	N. Backhouse
Reserve White	Fairest and Best	...	...	G. Oeding
17A	Fairest and Best President's Award	...	...	D. Ford P. Bennett
17N	Fairest and Best President's Award	...	...	M. Wilkes D. Green
17S	Fairest and Best President's Award	...	...	W. Doyle G. Jacobs
15A	Fairest and Best President's Award	...	...	A. Boyd G. Chester
15N	Fairest and Best President's Award	...	...	B. Underwood M. Ogilby
15S	Fairest and Best President's Award	...	...	M. Allen I. Jones
13A	Fairest and Best President's Award	...	...	D. Johnston D. Stewart
13S	Fairest and Best President's Award	...	...	A. Doyle R. Hunt
11A	Fairest and Best President's Award	D. Revell B. Ryder
11S	Fairest and Best President's Award	M. McGuckin P. Ruthven

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FINANCE REPORT

Although the club financial year has not finished at the time this report was written, the pattern is clear enough to comment in broad outline. Once again the amount due from members' subscriptions was \$4500, and our commitment to the Western Australian Hockey Association was of the order of \$4300, and to the Melville YMCA \$672. It is possible that the WAHA commitment for 1978 will be increased, and for this and other reasons the whole subscription structure of the club needs to be reviewed. The relatively large number of student seniors playing affects the fee structure, as does also the number of juniors playing in senior ranks.

Donations to date amount to about \$250 (9 donors), and the club is grateful for this support. Those parents who are unable because of other commitments to offer their time to the club administration are urged to consider the advantages their sons are gaining through their association with the club, and respond in this tangible way.

For the first time ever, bulletin advertising realised \$300, and thanks are due to the members who worked on this aspect of fund-raising. Mrs. Edsall, whose efforts in looking after equipment sales deserve special mention, will not be continuing this activity next year. Although revenue for 1977 from this activity is expected to be comparable with other years, it may be necessary to depreciate red and grey stock on hand. An effort has been made by the committee to sell some of this stock, but it is possible that with the members' resolve to change the club colours, a future loss of \$200-250 may be incurred.

The social club's fund-raising efforts have been complicated by a lack of support for several functions, and comment will be made elsewhere in this booklet on this matter. If members are unable or unwilling to support club functions then it is inevitable that subscriptions will increase, as operating expenses do not get any less each year. Support for the raffle has been generally satisfactory, but it seems that relatively few members realise that increased raffle ticket sales would allow the committee to stabilise subscriptions. Thanks are due to Bruce Cadd for his handling of this difficult task, and to those several members who really made an effort to sell extra books.

This year the club is committed to meet the cost of paper, ink and stencils for the club bulletin and annual booklet. All operating and equipment costs have been carefully watched by the committee; full details of all income and expenditure will be presented, as usual, at the annual general meeting, and members are urged to attend and express their opinions on matters concerned with the club's finances.

Thanks are due to John and Geoff Cole for their swapmeet effort, the social committee for their often unappreciated efforts, and committee members and team managers for their collection of money from members. It is disappointing to note that several players have not yet honoured their financial obligations to the club.

I. REYNOLDS
HON. TREASURER

1A TEAM REPORT

At the end of our first year in 1A, I think it is a good time for the players to look back and try to assess their strengths and weaknesses in preparation for a very hard year next season.

We had our games this year where we played hockey that was equal to the best sides in the competition, on some occasions we had our chances to beat them, on others we played some pretty poor hockey. This is to be expected from an inexperienced side. Probably our biggest asset is the number of young players who gained experience this year. Some of our weaknesses were caused through inexperience, inability to score easy goals, lapses in concentration which allowed sides to get back on top after we had them under pressure, and the inability to keep opponents under pressure.

It was a season that should give us confidence for the future and I would like to thank the players for their help through the year.

MAX CURRELL Club Coach and Captain of the team. Max has put in a great season both on and off the playing field and has turned in some great games through the year. We hope an injury that Max has been carrying for the latter part of the season clears up for next year. Max's dedication and courage are an object lesson to young players.

GRAEME MEACOCK Vice Captain. Graeme proved to be one of our most reliable players this season and was always trying to inspire the team with his fast and forceful play. This year's experience should help Graeme to come up next year as a top 1A player.

RON WILSON Assistant Club Coach. Ron came back into the side halfway through the season to add his experience and ability, both of which were evident in every game he played. Ron's goal scoring ability is outstanding and he is a model in this department for the other forwards in the club. His keen hockey brain was also a great help to the team.

BRIAN MATTHEWS Brian, the youngest member of the team, showed that he will be a good player for the club in future years. He has the skill and ability but is having trouble at the moment, sorting the good advice from the bad. When this problem is solved he will be one of the best full backs in the state.

PAUL MEACOCK Paul found his position at centre half midway through the season and continued to improve with every game, Paul is starting to learn how to direct the play and with the aim to improve this side of his game over the summer, will be an asset next year.

NEIL WOOLLACOTT "Waldo" is another young player with plenty of ability which he proved to some right wingers from other clubs. He was unfortunate to lose his place late in the season. Needs to believe in his own ability more and will become an even better player.

ALAN MEACOCK Alan's ability on the field allowed him to become our first senior chosen in a state team. When he returned from Hobart he proved to be a very attacking and skilful right wing. Too much self-criticism is his main fault. Overcome this Alan, and big things will come in the future.

DAVE PORTER Dave had the unenviable job of being goalkeeper in a team that was being consistently beaten. He continued to come up smiling each week and played some very good games. Being one of only three experienced players in the team, Dave's game suffered at times from trying to help the young players.

ANDREW REYNOLDS Andy's speed and ball control skill are his best attributes and along with his ability to chase and prove that he is never beaten, he has drawn favourable comment from a lot of good judges. Listen to them, and not yourself Andy.

1A TEAM REPORT

KEITH HARPER Keith's speed is also one of his big assets and along with his constant search for inowledge from other experienced players, he can only go on improving. He came into the team during the season and formed part of a fast and skilful forward line.

SIMON FORD Simon's biggest asset is his ability to fight back. Dropped through the season he fought his way back into the team and showed through consistent but unspectacular games that he was a worthy member of the team, Along with other members of the forward line, needs to convert opportunities.

STEVE COLE I think it would be fair to say that Steve came into the team as a stop gap, but he proved three things - his ability; the faith the selectors had in him; and the depth of players in the club. Steve continued to hold his place in the side for the rest of the season, and featured among the best players on a number of occasions.

OTHERS TO PLAY:

BRIAN SPITTELER Spitz forced his way into the side towards the end of the season with some good games in 2A. If business allows more time for training next year, he will keep pressure on the top players again.

PATRICK MATTHEWS Patrick started the season in the team, but lost confidence and spent some time in 2A. A change of position in this team to inner allowed him to force his way back into 1A at the end of the season.

IAN HALLIDAY Ian started off the season well. A great goal scorer and team player. Unfortunately business and family commitments didn't allow Ian to train and bring out his ability.

DAVE HALLIDAY Dave is a good young player who is unfortunate to be in a club loaded with good young players. He has continued where he left off last year in being a great clubman.

JOHN COLE John is among the players who can't devote the time required for training due to family and business commitments.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

YMCA, TOMPKINS PARK

8.00pm, 21st NOVEMBER

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2A TEAM REPORT

With the growing pains associated with a 1A club, the need for the selectors to look at all players, the 2A's had a very unsettling first round with the result that at one stage, relegation to 2B's looked a distinct possibility.

The first game of the second round saw the commencement of a winning run which continued until the last game when changes, made necessary through illness, resulted in our only defeat. The team finished the season on a high level of morale, happy in the knowledge they beat or troubled all other sides in the grade.

JOHN PICKERING (Extract from 1976 Bulletin) - Captain. Right full back, fat, slow, should retire (but won't).
Ed. comment: A terrific club and team man.

JOHN COLE "Baby Cassius". Will take on all comers irrespective of size and reputation. Provided much needed drive to forward line. Was a tower of strength, particularly when the chips were down during the first round.

GEOFF COLE Probably the team's most consistent player for the season. Had the legs to run all day and provided the forwards with many opportunities with his attacking style. With John, is a full bottle on Swapmeets.

IAN HALLIDAY Joined the team halfway through the season and immediately made his presence felt. Having been dropped from 1A's didn't make any difference to Ian's attitude and he appeared to relish the slower tempo of 2A's. Thanks Ian for your contribution.

GREG HUNT Greg showed all the skills that have characterized his game during the years he has played with the club. Earned promotion to the 1A's at the end of the season, but preferred to have his appendix removed instead.

DERRYK DIAZ Derryk turned in some excellent games, particularly in the second round and in an area where we haven't an over-abundance of goalies, it is comforting to know we have a player of his ability. His clearing kicks would be the envy of many a footballer.

BRIAN SPITTELER After a slow start "Spitz" played some tremendous games at full back. His coolness under pressure was an example to all players. Through his perseverance he realized a life long ambition - and that was to play 1A's for Applecross. We hope you are around in '78 "Spitz".

JIM BELL Commenced the season in 3A's. However, when the opportunity to play 2's arrived he grabbed it. At times found the going pretty tough but the year's experience will be a benefit to him and the club. Jim was still eligible to play Under 17's.

DAVID HALLIDAY Used his fitness and speed to great effect. Was probably a little disappointed early on not to make the 1A's, but showed what a great team and club man he is by his attendance at training, assisting with juniors and his work on the social committee. Well done David.

PAT AND BRIAN MATTHEWS Both these boys commenced the season in 1A's but lost their places and became vital players in 2A's. Their performances in the second round contributed to the team's steady climb up the ladder. Brian continued to play strongly at fullback while Pat appeared to enjoy the opportunity of playing on the forward line. The 1A's haven't seen the last of these boys.

KEITH HARPER Played most of the season in the 2's but earned the right to get a chance in the 1A's. A long striding forward whose speed often caught opponents off-guard. Enjoyed a good season and has a big future with the club.

3A TEAM PROFILE

The season began with Ron Wilson in the team and with his experience and ability to pass on his knowledge, enough games were drawn to play in the Challenge Cup.

Ron's transfer to 1A's was a big loss, but even though there were many other transfers all members seemed to enjoy their afternoon's sport.

Training as a team was practically non-existent and so very few games were won. Ian Halliday was included in the team for the last game and helped to save us from relegation.

Next season with many promising juniors trying to gain positions in the higher grades, the team should have a far more successful season.

IAN "THE MOUSE" LYONS Played where necessary in the forward line. As captain he lifted the team on numerous occasions by his determination, effort and long reach.

DAVE "BICKIE" BICKFORD throughout the year he held the backline together with his strength and experience.

KEITH "SCINTA" JACKAMAN Half back who was often late but always there.

BRUCE PORTER Right wing and inner - a very aggressive player at all times with the strength and speed to play in a higher grade provided he develops ball control skills.

TIM "BEAR" JOHNSON Centre forward and wing - a good all round effort throughout the season with some especially good performances on the wing.

BILL WOODS Transferred from 2A's to halfback line but was soon back as a forward because of his enthusiasm to drive forward with the ball on the end of his stick.

PETER COOPER Halfback from 2A's due to elevation of John Meacock. Peter played a very steady game throughout the season.

MARK WILSON Full back - a very hard hitter who gained confidence as season progressed. Although he never played in a winning team his future looks promising.

PHIL BRADSHAW Forward - played well for the first five minutes of each game but seldom in the form expected.

MIKE BRADSHAW Forward - Showed evidence of past skills but like so many others in 3A's did not attend enough training sessions.

GREG COLE Goalkeeper - playing in a team with few wins enabled Greg to at least get plenty of practice.

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A N N U A L G E N E R A L M E E T I N G

Monday, 21st November 1977 at 8.00pm

YMCA, Tompkins Park.

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4A TEAM REPORT

We began the year with three good wins, followed by three bad losses and at this stage our future as a team was in the balance. Midway through the season, our team became reasonably stable and we soon realized that we were premiers material. With Kingsley McGuire at the helm, we played some really good hockey, including a crushing 5:1 win over previously unbeaten University. However, it seemed that whenever the balance of our team was slightly upset, we were beaten. This is indicative of the fine team spirit we had.

Unfortunately, our season ended on Saturday the 10th, when we were beaten 3:1 by Cricketers in the semi final. It was unfortunate, but overall, the season was enjoyable and several younger players will benefit from the experience.

KINGSLEY MCGUIRE Captain. Full back. Kings proved himself as an excellent team leader, and his experience reflected on the rest of us. He didn't play a bad game all season and only threw his weight around in the interest of the team. A fine example to the first year players.

JIM PAPAS Goalie. Jim was a great team member and his dedication was evident in his fine saves on Saturday afternoons. Jim has a lot of potential and I am sure he will play in higher grades in the future. Jim took pride in beating oncoming forwards.

MARK TAYLOR Half back. Mark was one of the biggest tryers in the team. He always kept his cool, probably because of the parental support on the sidelines. Unfortunately, he had a sudden appendectomy three weeks before the end of the season and his talents were missed.

GREG STEWART Centre half. Digger does pretty well for a little bloke and although he's often involved with larger characters, he wisely never retaliates. Perhaps this will change when he is married. But Digger's skill and determination were also a fine example to the younger members of the team.

DANNY ROBERTS Half back. A very reliable first year senior player with a great deal of skill. Danny could be relied on to cut out the opposition winger, and his punctuality at games (he usually got a lift with Kings) was appreciated.

JEREMY ALLEN Utility player. Jerry's not bad considering Kings says he has only got one hand. Jerry's team spirit was immense, and he played admirably wherever he was put. His "freaky" one-handed tackles saved us in defence on many occasions. He never argues with anyone, especially the opposition.

PHIL HARRY Centre forward. Phil would have to be the club's most adamant umpire, and his achievement of playing on the field for the whole season probably disappointed a few of his supporters. Some of his goals were gems, and although he may not provide the perfect example, his experience was an important part of our winning combination.

* Phil was sent off the field in the semi final for backchatting the umpire. I must admit, this time he was right.

MIKE BLAKISTON left wing. Dynamic winger, Mike scored many fine goals. His positioning was always spot on, but he seemed to be in the wars more than his fair share. Nevertheless, he never lost his temper and with Mike's great courage, he'll go a long way,

RON TEN VAN HOLT Right inner. Ron developed throughout the season and he did extremely well for his first year in seniors. His opponents soon found out that there was a lot of skill inside those baggy shorts and Ron proved this with some timely goals during the season.

4A TEAM REPORT (contd)

KEITH JACKAMAN Full back. 'Tall one' missed most of the second half of the season because the 3's wanted him, but he made his presence felt when he did play with us.

ROD BISHOP Full back. Rod is renowned for hitting "through" his half backs. His burly frame saved us on many occasions and his first time clearing hits deterred even the silliest of forwards. He fitted into the team well and encouraged the younger players.

PAUL STEVENS Left inner. Wilbur is a real tryer and his uncanny knack of making long solo runs in midfield often baffled the opposition. I once heard him referred to as "the hairy one" by an opponent, but he didn't seem to worry about it. Wilbur is a good team man and never became involved with umpires.

GREG KIDD Right wing. Manager. Greg in his first senior year improved with every game. The Club expect a lot from Greg in the future both on and off the field as he has shown this year, that he is a fast and tenacious forward and a very competent administrator for the team. (He mixes a pretty mean jug of jungle juice for the games).

ALSO PLAYED TONY FLETCHER, JACK WARMAN, BARRY KJELLGREN, DARRYL MALACARI, CRAIG SMITH-GANDER, GEOFF REYNOLDS. TALWYN WIDGER.

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5A TEAM REPORT

GARY SEARS Gary is a flashy figure on the wing, who centres a good ball, sometimes without losing his feet.

GARY DIENHOFF Captain. Gary, the captain of the side who can still send a mean ball into the back of the net. Highlights this year include several masterly reverse stick shots of near brilliance.

RAY BACKHOUSE Ray shifted to the right half about halfway through the season and has held his berth there since. Shows touches of class that at times even surprise himself.

TONY BINT Tony was a mid year arrival. Tony, like several of the younger players, gave us an added drive in attack.

ALAN BEALES A very late arrival, however Alan like the left wing, gave us some "young legs", much needed in the forward line.

HOWARD BRADFIELD One of the rugged old men who has filled a side as a stopper for several years. A quiet vice-captain, yet often noisy manager.

ALAN BACKHOUSE Provides a touch of daring distributing from centre half, and occasionally, the wing. A real fighter.

BRUCE CADD Never cross Bruce on the field - he's rough, tough and determined. Anyone near him loses the ball - occasionally even his own team mates.

ALAN HOLBROOK A dasher on the wing, Alan really cuts up the left side and crosses a good ball. We needed his assertive play on the wing.

BARRY KJELLGREN Provided an added drive often needed when we couldn't get going. Versatility is his middle name. I think Kell has quietened a little this year - must be maturing.

ROD BISHOP Bish always makes at least one scintillating run for a goal each game. I have yet to see one scored! Although he does hit a good short corner.

5A TEAM REPORT (contd.)

ROSS OLIVER Ross is a late comer to the team and not only filled Shannon's place well, but provided us with a solid defence. Not often knocked down, but quick to bounce back.

JOHN SHANNON John played his last games with the club this year and was forced into an early retirement when transferred east.

6A TEAM REPORT

NIGEL ATKINSON Full back. Played strongly throughout the season proving a very dependable and capable member of the side. Also thanks for the excellent job he did as captain.

GRAHAM RICKMAN Centre forward. Strong and very determined player providing the fire which we required to carry on.

PETER BESTE Half back. Played steadily throughout, passing the ball forward and into attack.

GREG MUTTER Right wing. An asset to the team showing remarkable bursts of speed and whose hockey skills often resulted in goals. Well done.

PAUL REDDELL Full back. Paul proved over and over again to be a very reliable full back, letting very few balls past him, tackling well and clearing strongly. A very worthwhile player.

SPENCER COMPTON Inner. A good determined player who gave his best effort throughout the season.

PAUL CRESP Left wing. Seemed to put his heart into the game, making every effort to get to the ball first. Maximum effort throughout.

CHRIS COMMUSKEY Inner. Played good position hockey and when a ball was passed to him, Chris executed his move with speed and skill.

IAN DEVESON Played only a few games with us to fill in in our hour of need. This he did more than adequately and for this we were very grateful.

PETER HUNT Half back. Hasn't been playing for a great number of years but certainly proved his worth to the team as a good strong player.

RON AMM Goalie. Played only the last few games but was a competent saver of goals in what is not an easy position to play.

STEVE McCANN Goalie/full back. Saved a number of goals and cleared strongly from the backline. A valuable member of the backline.

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RESERVE RED TEAM REPORT

Although the side finished with the wooden spoon for '77, the season enabled some interesting characteristics to be observed. The following "pen pictures" are an attempt to show some of them; any similarities to the living are purely coincidental.

LEFT WING often vacant, filled by sundry visitors, especially Steve.

LEFT INNER generally filled by Richard "Pass the ball" Bruce, when he is not oil rigging.

CENTRE FORWARD seldom had occasion to run over the centre line; showed considerable skill at retaining possession. Our usual game often left Peter Brian feeling depressed!

RESERVE RED TEAM REPORT (contd)

RIGHT INNER Greg "the runner" Anderson: often did not have to run.

RIGHT WING Dave Oliver endeavoured to control the usual panic shots that fly out of a backline under extreme pressure (there's no other type). Also filled by Steve (he got around).

LEFT HALF Mick "the dasher" Gill was the adventurous defender who showed great skill to hold up the left half of the defence.

CENTRE HALF Noel "the anchor" Backhouse was the cornerstone of the team. Prone to great feats of speed, skill, temper, speed, skill, temper.

RIGHT HALF Dino "the roamer" Pardini helped to bolster everyone with his classic "Well, I think"

LEFT FULL BACK Ron "It's yours Greg!" Amm plugged away except for the last five games when his fame (???) got him promoted to 6A goals (where he still plugged!)

RIGHT FULL BACK Greg "Damn, missed him!" Harbour played with great dash and energy, saving often on the line.

GOALIE Rick "Dangerman" Yeates volunteered to fill a position that no one else wanted. While only a rookie Rick tried hard and took the pressure very calmly.

Others who played at various times were: Alan, Steve Mac, Paul Digger.

Thanks to all. Hopefully next season will see a full team more often and our true skill (???) can come forth.

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RESERVE WHITE TEAM REPORT

GUTH ARDAGH SIDE 1977

BRUCE "THE BODY" CAMERON Bruce plays for two teams - Charmaine and Applecross in that order. A great goal scorer with many hidden talents, which unfortunately have remained that way. Otherwise, a man of wine, Charmaine and song.

PETER PURSER Peter is unmoveable in defence. In fact, completely unmoveable. Known for his precision passing to a man, no matter what the team. Otherwise the full back with the full front.

KEN "ATOM BOMB" STRAUGHAN The world's only nuclear powered goalie. Radiates fear and evokes terror into opposing forwards through his blinding kickouts. We still don't know why "Atom Bomb" hands out Anti-Uranium posters.

RAY "SPRINGBOK" DAVIS Has an aim to get the ball, no matter how. He'll go over, round and under players to get it. Other than that, plays with a lot of cuts - literally.

PAUL "PLATO" SLAVIN A great meditator, thinks carefully about making a foolish move - then makes it. A picture of concentration, on things off the field!

PETER "PATON" JONES The little General of the team. This lad never lets go - of the ball that is. Every ball he hits has a definite swing to the left - probably something to do with his golf or grip.

GEOFF "BULLDOG" BELL The biggest bulldusting merchant ever launched into hockey. Balls fly off his stick while he flies off the handle. A true blue "Cross" "Club" man - crosses the ball and clubs his man!

RESERVE WHITE TEAM REPORT (contd.)

TERRY O'RAFFERTY Known to everybody as "Irish" for the wise things he says at halftime.

JOHN SUMMERS The only bionic half back known to survive a full game without losing his head. Uses his stick like a fan to cool the circuits.

GEORGE "FIREBALL" CAMERON A player willing to advise the umpires on decisions and communicating frequently with the opposition, Has a tongue as fast as his feet and stick like a 'copter rotor.

GERRY OEDING Remarkable for his punctuality - like a clock without hands. Covers his man like he covers floors - not very well. Known to fill his heart with Scotch and his stomach with beer.

JOHN "EDRICH" OLIVER Known for hitting many boundaries and bowling many players, but a weakness for a yorker. Establishing this; we feel he could possible be in the wrong eleven.
Manager: Who selected this side?

I'd like to thank the team throughout the season for the fine effort produced each week. This can be attributed to the knowledge of each other's play over two years, and thus it was very easy for newer players to enter the team. Thanks go out to all supporters for following us throughout the season and also to Gerry and Dianne Oeding, and the Jones' for the use of their homes for team functions. Thanks also go out to John Summers for filling in for George Cameron, who was badly injured. Remember, it takes 12 working members to make a team, so the best of luck to everyone for next year.

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GRAND FINAL MATCH REPORTS 1977

U.17N lost to Bass.Morley Half Time 0:2 Final 0:2

Best Players: Bullock Baker Costello

We opened the game very well but did not make the most of our opportunities. Just when the game had settled down after 15 mins, Bass.Morley scored and followed up with another shortly after. In the second half, we were unlucky not to score twice in an even game. Congratulations to Bass.Morley for an undefeated season and thanks to all those who tried so hard.

U.17A lost to Vic.Park Half Time 0:2 Final 0:2

The grand final was lost, but it's no disgrace to be beaten by a better side.

Vic.Park scored well early and luck saw them scoring a second time. As in previous games, 'cross came back in the second half, but could not score.

Although not a high standard game, it had the vigour and spirit of any Grand Final.

To those players moving into seniors next season, the best of luck. To those still in 17A's, keep up the "cross" tradition.

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"CROSSFIRE"

We've played our last in red and grey
Our founders will bemoan
Our pheonix figure rises high
Now decked all in maroon.

Let's strive with this new image
To command our due esteem
And enjoy the game we love to play
Played with the old Cross team

77 has been our 'A' Grade year
Competing in the states big league
Our youngsters have gained steadily
Although our coaches show fatigue.

Some moments were of vintage stuff
With the Reds and Subs our foe
At others when we played young Ric
The tale was one of woe.

However our 2As came good
Success to stir our reader
Halls scored the goals up front for them
And Picko was their leader.

The Threes with Ronnie at the helm
Played off the Challenge Cup
Then their draws into losses turned
Their last draw kept them up.

But still amazing as it seems
Young Mark our new recruit
Has played the year in 2s and 3s
Not one win to show as fruit.

The Reserve Whites were our glamour team
They outplayed the whole array
They won the Guth Ardagh for the Club
But have no Premiership to display.

Our 17's finished in Grand Final form
Guided by Howard and Dave
The Souths won the contest with the Is
Manager Max their way did pave.

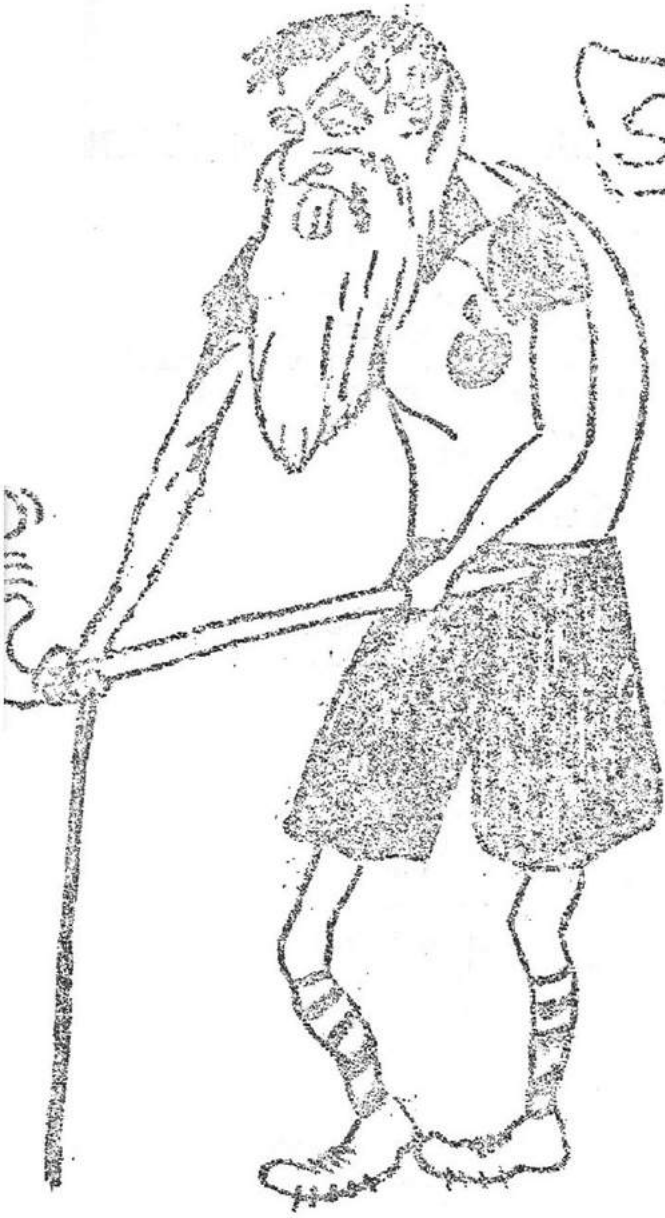
Fine support we've had from far and wide
Even Hank in Cocos still
Yes our One A's must help to coach the young
So they play with top line skill.

So rally round the flag boys
The new maroon and white
Shoulder to the wheel boys
Let's show them we can fight

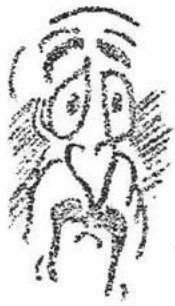
Salute to the old year
The one that is past
With hopes that in the new year
We'll never be outclassed.

SPITZ

500 and still
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The Reserves
White
Triumphant

"How yer going?" says Bill, in his usual way,
"I've got a feeling that this is the day
We'll beat Old Wesley. Mole, what do you think?"
"If we win," says Mole, "I'll buy you a drink".
"We'll win", says Ila, whose mathematical mind is equalled by fe
"I've worked out the odds and we are at seven to two."
Graham wanders along, broolly in hand,
Eyeing the sideline where he wants to stand,
For Chris is there (and his wife as well),
With Beth and Max and Ace and Kell.

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The supporters are quiet, and there's not a sound
As Max leads the Red and Greys onto the ground.
He loses the toss, but gives a quiet grin
For this time he's sure it's our turn to win.
The Ump's whistle blows, the game's under way,
The ball moves about and swiftly the play
Glides over the field from end to end -
Both sides are fighting, but neither will bend
Until Paul flicks to Andy, and into our "D"
A pass goes to Alan, where it's easy to see
He's deliberately fouled. "Penalty Stroke!" yells the mob.
But Ashley, the expert, is right on the job,
And quietly, deliberately, leaves no doubt
A Penalty Corner is what he is about.

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The players take position; the ball's on the line,
John says to Pat, "We must score this time."
"Don't hold your breath," says Keith, "or I'll take a bet
You'll long be dead before the ball hits the net."
A quick push out, a nice clean stop,
And a sizzling drive - right over the top!
The supporters all groan, a great chance is missed,
Another to add to the growing list
Of lost opportunities which sort the wheat from the chaff.
So the game goes on to the end of the half.

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Quiet words from Max, a precis from Ron,
And in no time at all the players are back on.
This is our half, the one where we score,
'Tis a win we want, not just a draw.
The opposition's attacking, we are deep in defence
Where Graeme clears to Waldo, and showing good sense
On to Simon, when Keith makes a call
And weaves his way through. Now Ron has the ball.
He's given an elbow, then the end of a stick
As he twists and turns swiftly and shows them a trick.
Hullo! What's happened? As quick as a flash
The Wesley bloke's fallen with a heck of a crash!
He is trying to speak, and is moving one arm,
Ron walks back to see he's come to no harm.

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"IT'S A HARD GAME"

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Getley blows time on, and looks real tough
For he'll not allow any rough stuff.
Tempers are cooled, play resumes once more,
And both teams strive to chalk up a score.
With a minute to go there's a swift forward thrust -
Wesley breaks through (they'll win this or bust)
But David is there, pads wide and strong,
With timing and judgement he'll clear the ball long
And does so. But what terrible bad luck,
He's hit that forward like a ten ton truck
And dropped him cold. He's out like a light!
David looks innocent and most contrite.

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Getley walks up and without a sound
Points one hand to the sky, the other to the ground.
It's a Penalty Stroke! All supporters go numb
But one staunch supporter is not struck so dumb.
"Come off it Ump," Wally calls out,
"He just fell over. What's this all about?
He wasn't touched, he slipped on the grass
When he stepped aside to let the goalkeeper pass!
A Penalty Stroke? Not on your life!
If you have any doubts, just ask my wife."

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The umpire is calm, not at all disconcerted,
The stroke is taken and duly converted.
Down one goal, and the whistle has blown
On another loss. But one thing the season has shown
Is that with dedication, sweat and some tears
We will make the top and stay there for years.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Well, where have we gone wrong? Where have all our loyal supporters gone? What do you, the club member, want in the form of social events? Despite the hard work of the Social Committee under the leadership of Helen Pickering, there has been an extremely disappointing response to most club functions by senior players and members this year. As usual, these functions have proved loads of fun and excellent entertainment for the small band of members who regularly support such functions.

The Junior Quiz Night was an outstanding success. Thanks to Devo for being a great quiz master. Other social events - the Cabaret, and the Senior Quiz Night were on the whole poorly attended. A number of social nights were held in various homes this year. The aim of these evenings was to provide an alternative venue to the pub for club members to get together straight after the game and talk about the day's play. Money spent on drinks at these functions goes to club funds. These evenings met with limited success this year but are worth persevering with and we are looking to a lot more support in 1978.

If you are not happy about the way the social calendar is run, or the type of show being held, please speak up! We are always looking for new ideas and will be only too happy to listen. Remember you only get as much out of the club as you put into it. We need your support!

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (contd)

1978 is a vital year for Applecross - we must be a successful club both on and off the field. Let's all get right behind our club, support social functions and help to establish Applecross as one of the great clubs in West Australian Hockey.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Helen Pickering, Judy McGuire, Geoff Cole,
David Halliday, Ian and Pam Deveson,
Alan Meacock.

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UNDER 17A TEAM REPORT

The team has developed well during the year; however, team training as a unit was unavoidably not possible and performance became a mixture of some good team efforts and sporadic individual efforts. The weakness in this system showed up against strong clubs with well-developed team work. Nevertheless, our team effort continued to improve during the season, so much so that all players at times warranted inclusion among the best players.

Coaching was in the hands of David Halliday and Howard Bradfield, and while they could not always attend games due to their own commitments, there is no doubt that the improvement shown during the season was in no small measure due to these two fine club members. Our thanks to "Hals" (alias "the tooter") and Howard: also to Mrs Jean Harper for taking over as manager on several occasions.

DAVID FORD Captain. Centre half-back. Played many inspiring games and led the team well, commonly taking the team out of defence into attack. His speed and ball control is a tremendous asset.

PETER BENNETT Vice-captain, full back, an integral part of the strong defence which developed during the year, with a strong voice and good talker in the constructive sense. Cool in a crisis.

CRAIG SMITH-GANTER Goalkeeper. A welcome and effective addition to the team, Craig made some fine saves including some penalty strokes. Very flashy in some new shorts towards the end of the season.

ANDREW SEE Full back. Joined the team early in the season and became the other link in the strong defence. Another year of consistent effort.

MATTHEW JONES Left half back. Was promoted to this team during the year, and performed well, both in his interception and delivery to the forwards. With more strength and speed will have a good future.

GEOFF REYNOLDS Right half back. Quietly effective in marking his opposition and in cover defence. Marked improvement in trapping and stick work showed out late in season through extra experience gained in Metropolitan Under 15 side.

RAY MCKINNON Right wing. Rangy forward who provided many scoring opportunities, and scored some good goals, particularly the fine angle shots.

IAN TAYLOR Right inner and utility player. A bustling player who can be counted on for maximum effort for all of the time. Always capable of a goal or two, commonly scored the goal which set the stage for a win.

UNDER 17A TEAM REPORT (contd)

STEVE FLETCHER Centre forward with a lot of skill and determination. Problems with speed because he could not attend training, and a knee injury in med-season. The individualist of the team.

CRAIG HARPER Left inner and youngest member of the team. Trains hard which showed out in some good games during the year. Trapping is sometimes a problem, but this will improve with practice.

LEW BINT Left wing: another consistent member of the team and his enthusiasm resulted in marked improvement. Playing well enough to have more confidence in attack.

KIM COSTELLO Half back who played in the "A's" at the beginning and end of the season. A skilful and reliable player who fits into the team easily.

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UNDER 17 NORTH TEAM REPORT

The attitude of all players in their approach to the game and the co-operation received has made this a very rewarding season. The success of the team is related directly to the level of skills achieved and the efforts of all players to operate as a team. Congratulations on a fine season.

KIM COSTELLO Captain. Centre half back. A really determined player who has lead his team well and assisted in moulding this team into a unit. Although troubled at times with disposal, Kim, by his overall skills and determination, set a high standard for his team to follow.

MARK WILKES Vice Captain. Left inner. Although starting the season as centre forward, Mark really made his impact when moved to left inner. Always a danger in the scoring area and willing to chase and work with his team mate.

NEIL BANHAM Left wing. Forced into this position by the abundance of forwards. Always trying hard and co-operating with other players. Needs to endeavour to improve ball control.

TALWYN WIDGER Centre forward. After joining the team midway through the season, Talwyn has made a good spearhead scoring many goals. Playing beside two good inners topped off a very dangerous forward line. Must endeavour for a more consistent effort.

SIMON JOHNSTON Right inner. A very willing worker. Started the season slowly mainly due to what seemed to be a lack of condition. Really came into his own later in the season. Always trying to do something. Must improve his ability to score.

DAVID DANKER Right wing. At his best burning off his marksman. Always endeavoured to take advantage of the opportunities presented to him by the backs. He set up many goals with his quick breaks and fine crosses.
Also a great Reserve Umpire.

DAVID GREEN Left half. An apparent casualty from our abundance of forwards, David filled this position because of his willingness to follow instructions and his determination. A great effort in a difficult situation. Needs a little more work on trapping.

DARRYL MALACARI Right half. Starting at centre half then fullback, Darryl played his best when moved to right half. A very determined effort all season. Has a tendency to get the ball onto his feet.

UNDER 17 NORTH TEAM REPORT (contd)

QUINTON CLARK Left full back. A good strong player showing many flashes of skill. Not as experienced as the rest of the team but a very important member of the team. Worked hard to improve all year.

ANDREW BULLOCH Right full back. A player with great stick skills and a cool head. A consistently good game although needs to improve on recovery and pace.

RON BAKER Goalkeeper. The last in a strong backline. He was a big factor in maintaining one of the best defensive records in the grade, by combining with his fullbacks. It is necessary to correct the tendency to fall on the ball.

BRETT FREEMAN Full back. We had about half a season from Brett. A fast and skilful player. To show his full potential needs to improve his tackling technique.

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UNDER 17 SOUTH TEAM REPORT

The side that never gave up!

MARK SMITH A fearless goalie whose efforts with the pads were responsible for saving many goals.

PAUL BIDE Started the season at left wing but when moved to full back became a reliable cog in the defence wheel.

JAMES STOBIE Possesses the two assets of stamina and ability; this player has great potential.

STEPHEN GAFFEY A skilled centre half who never gives up; played some great games after a break mid season (broken arm!)

ANDREW ROGERSON Great tackler and able to capitalise by making sure that the opposition paid for obstructing - did well as skipper.

GARY FORD Probably the most improved member of the side; developed into a wiry half of great tenacity.

GLEN JACOBS A very creative player who showed the advantages of good positional play.

NATHAN CRAIG Nathan improved as an inner with every game; he showed the advantages of regular training.

BILL DOYLE A very penetrating centre forward; tenacious and skilled.

DARRYL KAYE A flamboyant forward who takes advantage of opportunities.

PETER STANLEY Always in position and initiates many forward moves; a reserve goal keeper who has definite ability in this area.

CHARLES SCOTT A half back who played some useful games. Unfortunately unavailable on many occasions.

GRANT BESTE AND DEAN STEADMAN Two reserves whose efforts were appreciated.

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UNDER 15A TEAM REPORT

NORM KIDD Coach, Cheerleader, Controller, Chaplain?
Noted for his 'short' training runs. Is it true that the next marathon champion will come from our Under 15A's? A successful season, a coach that the club could ill afford to lose. Congratulations Norm on a job well done!

ANDREW BOYD Always to be found where not expected; a reliable solid defender. Is he our own threat to the timber industry, what will he use for a hockey stick if they can't find a tree long enough? A versatile player. Congratulations on making the Metropolitan side as Captain.

BRUCE SNOWBALL A player who does not melt easily, and one who can be relied on to freeze out the opposition. He has found himself in many hopeless situations, and has usually handled them coolly. The only thing he can't do is to win the toss.

MICHAEL BURROWS The way he steps those goals, you would think that the rabbits were on his side. Has the ability to burrow through the opposition. One team asked us why he wore that mask - they tried to take it off - they couldn't - it wasn't! It could be worse, he could be playing for the opposition.

CLINTON REVELL They say little and good, well perhaps he goes between his opponents' legs. However he does it, he usually comes away with the ball. A promising player.

GAVIN CHESTER Determined, fast, versatile, and he tackles back like a greyhound chasing a hare. His namesake Charlie was a comedian, we would not be laughing if he played for the opposition.

ALAN PEERLESS It's Academic to list his skills. He is a developing player who keeps the ball going forward.

PHIL RILEY An outstanding left winger, who prefers to be a half back. This is a pity, for good left wingers are hard to find. A good season Phil.

CRAIG WILKES Where did he learn that stick work and ball control? A player who makes his stick do his thinking for him. He is worth three goals every time he goes onto the field. Craig Roasts All In Goal.

NICK LETCH A reliable right winger, who is as safe as the other NICK at Fremantle. He runs like an emu. Seems to carry the ball on his stick. A good season, keep it up Nick.

MARK SCRIVEN A half sized player who has only been with us for half of the season. He has proved that he can find the 'mark', we hope that he does so during the final rounds. When he runs, he is so close to the ground, we wonder how he would manage in the mud.

BLAKE SMITH Perhaps his ancestors were experts at knocking nails in horses' hooves, he can certainly knock the goals in. Congratulations on making the Metropolitan Side.

ALAN KIDD A player who is able to kid the opposition, and make goats out of them. A versatile player who never stops trying, he is capable of playing in most positions. Safe and steady in defence, but sometimes wears ball attractive boots.

D. BURROWS Manager. Unlike other teams at the beginning of the season, we were not 'poisoned' by the cordial - we made him drink it as well. Where does he get those oranges from? (If you find out, make sure that you don't shop there). Mum wants to know who he telephones after the games, she knows it's a female but the only time that Mum rang the result through, they already had been advised Who is going to dob him in?

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UNDER 15 NORTH TEAM REPORT

A most successful year during which the boys developed into a very good team. We finished in second position on the points table, and at time of writing are still hopeful of winning the gran^d final.

The team could not have achieved this without the assistance of the many parents, who provided transport, and who gave vocal support from the sidelines. We say "Thank you" to those parents and ask them to continue giving their time to help the club. Special mention to Pat Mathews, who trained the boys each Thursday and attended matches wherever possible. We would like to thank Pat for his help and the keen interest he has shown in the team.

MURRAY OGILBY Captain. Centre half back. A capable leader who sets a high standard for the boys to follow. A reliable and skilful player who is noted for his hard hitting from defence. Murray is due for his 100 games badge this year.

IAN HILL Vice Captain. Right inner. A good player who is only in his second year of hockey and keeping up his good form. One of the leading goal scorers for the season.

GLEN HENLY Left wing. A useful member of the team who always does his best. Has played centre forward. Glen will not be eligible for Under 15 grade next year.

GEOFFREY RANFORD Left inner. Centre forward. Another season of dashing hockey from this good player. Missed some early games, but still managed to be top goal scorer for the season. Geoffrey is now due for his 100 games badge.

IAN CAIDWELL Right wing. A speedy winger who usually manages to be in the right position and passes well into the "D". Ian has turned in some good games.

GREGORY DOUGLAS Left inner. Latter games on right wing. In his second year of hockey and continues to improve. Greg should be satisfied with his form through the season.

BRUCE TURNER Left half back. A reliable player who worries the opposition into errors. Bruce has played well during the year and is an asset to the team.

ASHLEY STEWART Right half back. A defender with plenty of dash who seldom allows his opponent to get the better of him. He was forced to miss the final games because of injury. Sorry about that, Ashley, we missed you.

BERNIE UNDERWOOD Left full back. A class player with plenty of potential, who always gives his best. Bernie reached top form towards the end of the season and several times was the best man on the field. "Foreman material!" Bernie.

MICHAEL DREWELL Centre forward. A versatile player with confidence in his own ability. One of the leading goal scorers and also does well in the back line. Michael leaves for New Zealand in the new year and the club will be sorry to lose him.

JOHN MCKENNA Right full back. A quiet lad, but a consistent and reliable defender. He has played well through the season. John, you should get your doctor to do something about that bad back.

PAUL FIELD Goalkeeper. A really top class keeper who joined the team late in the season. Paul has been the subject of many favourable comments from the sidelines.

Other members of the team at various times during the year were: PETER READ, PAUL PAARDEKOOPE, BLAKE SMITH, CRAIG WILKES and CLINT REVELL; and we are grateful for their assistance in helping us reach the finals.

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UNDER 15 SOUTH TEAM REPORT

A disappointing season as regards winning games but one that provided the boys with plenty of experience. Every player gave his best against some strong opposing teams.

Thanks to all the parents who helped with transport and other assistance during the season.

NEIL TWEEDIE played left wing most of the season, putting in some good games and always prepared to tackle hard for the ball.

DAVID SEE a fullback that proved a headache for the opposing forwards. A pacy player and shows determination in tackling to gain possession of the ball.

PHILLIP MALACARI played well at centre forward and managed to net lots of goals; also has a mother who provides coaching tips from the sidelines.

PAUL PAARDEKOOOPER a natural goalie following in his father's footsteps. Spent some of the season loafing in Under 15N but found he had to work harder for us - good work Paul.

MURRAY ALLEN Another full back worth his salt and responsible for saving many goals with good anticipation in tackling. Murray has a bright future.

IAN JONES a player of few words but lots of action - played left half back and was responsible for covering the opposing right wing which he carried out capably - well done Ian.

PETER REID combines hockey with acting and performs both activities equally well - played some games as a half back and finished the season as right wing where he added extra drive to the forward line.

WAYNE LUCE played centre half back and literally stuck to the opposing centre forward as instructed. Played well up behind our own forwards and provided them with plenty of passes.

PAUL LOCKWOOD Missed a few games because of illness but the rest as inside right or right wing were played remarkably well, combining well with the other forwards. Well done Paul.

ROBERT RIPPON a right half who provided the forwards with lots of lovely passes (except for the last game) and hopes to play in the forward line next year. This shouldn't be a problem, as he has good ability to control the ball.

IAN COULSON played practically in every forward position when needed (which was often) and gave support to the other forwards when under pressure - hope to see you next year Ian.

MATTHEW CRAIG a tenacious little player who showed courage in tackling bigger opponents and gaining the ball. Played mainly between half back and the forward line - good work Matthew and don't forget the 1978 season.

C. Luce
Coach (in name only)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN? Monday, 21st November 1977
WHERE? YMCA building, Tompkins Park
TIME? 8.00pm.

SEE YOU THERE!

UNDER 13A TEAM REPORT

The Under 13A team had a reasonable season. We were a little disadvantaged in size and strength and that alone made it difficult for the boys to score against the top teams.

However, when playing boys of their own stature and were able to use their skills the fellows turned in some brilliant games. Who amongst the parents could forget the game against Trinity?

This year I tried to adapt the boys to some of Ron Wilson's ideas and style of play and the boys responded well. I only hope that they don't forget the little we were able to cover by next season. May I take this opportunity to thank the parents for their continued support, John Andrews for managing the team (with help from Wyn), Keith Barrett for his assistance at training and the players for co-operating with my crazy ideas.

Colin West.

DAVID ANDREWS First year in Under 13's. Played at right wing and centre forward. Turned in many good games in both positions using his energy and speed to advantage. Likes a bit of room to play in and so should have his stick skills developed to get out of trouble.

GRAHAM BELL First year in Under 13's. Played at left wing. Would fool the opposition with his sleepy appearance, but managed to work the ball deep into the forward zone, game after game. Capable of surprising fellow players, opposition players and Dad.

ANDREW FORD First year in Under 13's. Youngest member of the team as he was eligible for Under 11. Played at centre forward, centre half and left inner. Plenty of skills and talent here. For a little guy he has amazing stamina and courage. Learnt to become a team man this year by passing the ball well and playing tenacious hockey.

DAVID JOHNSTON Second year in Under 13's. Captain. Played at left inner, centre forward and centre half. Strong player, possessing most of the required hockey skills. Played many good games and some brilliant ones. He is a fierce competitor when he wants to win. David was capable of inspiring the side on occasions.

KIM LANCE Second year in Under 13's. Played at left half back. Has a sound trap and can play the cross ball. Makes up for his lack of pace with his keenness and desire to do well. Plays good position and passes the ball well. Will do anything to save having his hair cut.

GREG RUTHVEN First year in Under 13's. Played at right full back and right half. This boy never stops trying. Has great desire to do well and win the ball. Seems to prefer half back and it suits his style. Played many tigerish games and never gave in. Worked hard at training to develop his game.

MIKE SHANNON Second year in Under 13's. Our goalie. A great keeper who played well all year and saved many certain goals. Can kick the ball well out from defence. This may be Mike's last season with Applecross. Best of luck wherever you go, from your team mates.

DOUG STEWART Second year in Under 13's. Played at right wing, left wing and centre forward. Developed into a great right wing who was able to travel with the ball and deliver it accurately into the circle. Must be the most improved player in the team and was willing to train hard to develop his game.

VERN TIDY Second year in Under 13's. Played well at right inner all year and scored some very fine goals. Combined well with right wing and left inner. Very fast player, but is inclined to hit the ball when a push could do the job. Don't forget Vern, "short handle grip".

UNDER 13A TEAM REPORT (contd)

STEVE WEBB Second year in Under 13's. Played at left full back. Has a nice hit and does not shirk the hard tackle. Capable of getting out of trouble with ball control. Good to see some push passes coming out to the inner.

CHRIS WEST Second year in Under 13's. Vice captain. Played at right half back and right full back. Has nice crisp hit and good stick work. Gave the side drive when playing at full back. Can be inclined to be a bit casual (tea and biscuits) but is capable of producing great hockey when the desire is there.

PAUL WILKES First year in Under 13's. Played at left inner and centre forward. Another boy with lots of hockey skills. Plays good position and passes the ball nicely. Opportunist in the circle and very unselfish. Should have a great year next season when he is stronger and playing boys his own age group.

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UNDER 13S TEAM REPORT

Finishing outside the four with 16 points the team had a successful season with a few poor games (quickly forgotten) and many fine games. The boys played as a team, showed good sportsmanship and most importantly enjoyed their hockey.

CRAIG BARRETT Centre half. As captain, Craig set a fine example to his team and played consistently well throughout the season. Showed hockey maturity in his distribution of the ball.

CAMERON BINT A very skilful right half back. Cameron was a steady and thoughtful player who could be relied upon to set up fine attacking moves.

NIGEL CLARK A good first year in hockey at left full back. With natural ability Nigel quickly developed into a very stubborn defender who earned the respect of the opposition. Always came up with a smile (or a broad grin).

MARTIN COOPES Although hockey had to take second place to music, Martin had a very successful season at left wing. An unassuming player who always gave his best.

ANDREW DINNIE Left Inner. A hard working player who was never far from the action. Always willing to listen and never frightened to talk, Andrew was a very effective and valuable team member.

ANDREW DOYLE A studious and effective right inner. Made an excellent start to his hockey career and must be listed as one of the club's assets.

GREG FOGARTY Centre Forward. Quiet and unassuming, Greg persevered throughout the season and was always in the action. Scored some clever goals and has stacks of potential.

DAVID HOPE-JOHNSTONE Right full back and vice captain. A determined hard hitting player who was able to drive the ball into attack from defensive situations. Rather vocal at times! He includes umpires and team managers in his diet.

ROGER HUNT A very solid performer throughout the year who as goalie saved his team from much embarrassment. When allowed out of goals, Roger showed the forwards how it is done by scoring a sensational goal.

NEIL JACOBS Appearing to cover metres at a stride Neil gave the team great drive from the right wing. A very capable player especially when he felt like it!

ANTHONY JOHNSTON An improved player who finished the season very well at left half back. Never ruffled, Anthony's brilliant save on the goal line at Kings Park will be remembered for a long time.

UNDER 13S TEAM REPORT (contd.)

DAVID KEYS The utility player in the team David played well in five different positions. Had a preference for right wing where he was able to give the team considerable drive. Always made a good contribution to the team's effort.

IAN MUNNS Another versatile player who played very capable in the forward, half back and full back lines during the year. Ian has had a good season, responding well to plenty of "sweet" talk from the sidelines.

PHILIP KIRKE & BILL RIPPON Arrived early and stayed late at every Thursday training session. They both showed up well when the opportunity arose and will be right up front next year.

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UNDER 11A TEAM REPORT

The twelve boys making up this team have each enjoyed a good year of hockey, their combined efforts as a team having won the Challenge Cup and enabled them to finish second on the premiership table. At time of writing, the finals remain to be decided, however, if the team presents the same determined spirit shown during the year, win or lose, they will have done their best.

Thanks are offered to the parents and families who supported and encouraged the boys right through the season.

Finally, best wishes to those boys progressing to the U.13 grades, it is hoped to see you and the remaining U.11's back with the club next year.

DEAN REVELL Captain. Centre forward. Dean has given the team much of its drive and been a consistent goal scorer. He is a dedicated and skilful player who should go well in the 13's.

ALLAN DICK Vice Captain. Right Inner. Allan has displayed a lot of natural ability and during the year has combined well to provide an effective forward line.

CRAIG SHIELDS Left Inner. Craig is a very stylish player who contributes well to the forward play. He is a consistent and good team player.

IAN REID Centre half back. Ian proved himself to be a consistent and thinking player in attack and a dogged defender who puts his all into the game.

JEFFREY LYON Left full back. Jeff has provided a consistent display in this position throughout the season. His partnership with the R.F.B. position created a formidable defence.

BRODERIC RYDER Right full back. Brod, noted for his coolness under pressure, has been a matched pair with the L.F.B. in providing an excellent defence. He should be pleased with his performance for the year.

ALLAN WISHAW Goalie. Allan, our irrepressible goalie, proved time and time again he has a keen eye and matching reflex in the many excellent saves made through the year.

Each of the foregoing boys will qualify for U.13 next year.

DAVID OGILBY Left wing. David has shown an ability to both call for the ball and then use it profitably, particularly close in to goal. His short corner hit outs have been a feature.

RICHARD PATE Right wing. Rich, while being one of the younger players has demonstrated his dash and capacity in this position, adding drive to forward attacking moves.

CLAYTON RYDER Forward, wing and back. Clayton started the season as a reserve and as a result was called on to play a number of positions. He has shown a versatility and keenness that contributed to the play wherever he was placed.

UNDER 11A TEAM REPORT (contd.)

ROBERT SEE Left half back. Rob has been a consistent and dedicated player, improving through the year. He can be relied on to play well in a number of back positions.

PETER BARRETT Right half back. Peter has shown an ability to lift his game when it is needed most. A reliable and enthusiastic team member.

The five boys above will be able to continue in U.11's next year and should provide a core of veterans.

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UNDER 11S TEAM REPORT

The team had in all a very good year, winning 5 and drawing 2 of the 16 games, to finish in fifth position, a big improvement on last year's second from the bottom. The boys played well as a team and improved steadily through the year. Unfortunately, a four week break in mid season unsettled the team and led to a couple of losses. Without this break we would have done even better.

Eighteen players appeared in the team and except for the last game, attendance was always good. Special thanks too, to the many Mums and Dads who manned the sidelines regularly each week and gave lots of encouragement.

IAN BELL Ian played in goals most of the season and by the end, had developed into a very useful keeper. He should have a good season next year.

RICHARD BULLOCH Richard was an ardent supporter for the first half of the season and made the most of his opportunities when a regular place became available on the right wing. He is one of the smaller players but has developed a high degree of hockey skills.

EVAN COOPES Evan was the youngest of the regular players, sharing the left wing position for most of the season. He turned in some creditable performances when switched to left half back in the latter part of the season.

DAVID HUNT David played at left half back for most of the year. He was one of the most consistent and reliable players in the side and always a thorn in the side of the opposition.

PETER HEWETT Peter is a solid and reliable player. He settled in at left full back and by the end of the year always turned in a good game.

CRAIG MITCHELL Craig was right inner in our steadily improving forward line. He always threw himself energetically into the play.

JULIAN MATTHEWS Vice Captain. Julian was consistently among the better players and at left inner developed a good eye for the goals. He scored 21 of the team's 34 goals.

NEIL MCKENNA Neil shared the left wing and the left half back position during the year. He tried hard and shows promise of developing into a useful player.

MARK MCGUCKIN Mark enjoyed a very good season on the right wing and turned in consistently good games. His long legs frequently showed their heels to opposition backs.

SCOTT NALDER Scott showed the benefit of being a regular supporter when given his opportunities near the end of the season. He played some good games on the forward line and at half back.

JOHN LEE John joined the team towards the end of the season. He played several good games in goals and should do well next year.

MICHAEL PULS Captain. Michael started at left full back then changed to centre half back. He is a strong player and his powerful hitting cleared the ball many times.

UNDER 11S TEAM REPORT (contd.)

PAUL RUTHVEN Paul played at left full back most of the year. He has a lot of natural hockey skill and promises to develop into a sound defence player.

FRASER SMITH Fraser was centre forward most of the year and has great potential as a forward. He was a tenacious player who succeeded in incurring most of the team's injuries for the year. Second top goal scorer with 8 goals.

GAVIN LEE and BEN MATTHEWS These two young players supported the team regularly then played in the last match of the season. They both showed the benefits from regular training and should improve their skills as they grow older and enjoy a good future in hockey.

NICK WIGHT and TIM WIGHT Nick and Tim both played in the season, before they shifted to Melbourne.

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A FINAL REMINDER!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN? 21st NOVEMBER, 1977 at 8.00pm

WHERE? YMCA CENTRE, TOMPKINS PARK

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND - SO

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SATURDAY

MORNING AT GOLF WITH THE BOYS