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# MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)

## LIFE MEMBERS

V. DALTON	
D. SPITTELER	(1969)
P. NOAD	(1971)
R. HALLIDAY	(1972)
B. SPITTELER	(1975)
M. CURRELL	(1978)
W. MEACOCK	(1979)
K. TIMMEL	(1980)
W. FORWARD	(1982)
J. COLE	(1984)
M. REYNOLDS	(1985)
B. HANCOCK	(1987)
I. DEVESON	(1988)
N. KIDD	(1992)
W. ATKINSON	(1993)
G. NAPIER	(1994)
C. WILLIS	(1994)

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27th NOVEMBER, 1995

7.30 pm

AT THE CLUBROOMS

# MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)

## CLUB ADMINISTRATION 1995

PATRON:	<b>Mrs J. Barton (Mayor, City of Melville)</b>	
VICE PATRONS:	<b>Merv Bennetts</b>	
	<b>Max Reynolds</b>	<b>(Life Member)</b>
	<b>Wally Meacock</b>	<b>(Life Member)</b>
	<b>Colin West</b>	
	<b>Darryl Williams MHR</b>	
PRESIDENT:	<b>Ian Deveson</b>	
VICE PRESIDENTS:		
Senior Administration:	<b>Mark Watton</b>	
Finance & Development:	<b>Graham Napier</b>	
Junior Administration:	<b>Rob Walker</b>	
TREASURER:	<b>Cheri Bowater</b>	
SECRETARY:	<b>Gavin Scally</b>	
SOCIAL CONVENOR:	<b>Colin Willis</b>	<b>(Life Member)</b>
UNIFORM OFFICER:	<b>Janice Barrett</b>	
VETERANS CO-ORDINATOR:	<b>Johnson Orr</b>	
BULLETIN EDITOR:	<b>Leslie Walker</b>	
GAMES RECORDS:	<b>Maria Reay</b>	
GROUND MARKING:	<b>Craig Shearer</b>	
EQUIPMENT OFFICER:	<b>Norm Kidd</b>	<b>(Life Member)</b>
WINDELYA SPORTS ASSCN REPRESENTATIVES:	<b>Wayne Atkinson / Graham Napier</b>	<b>(Life Members)</b>
AUDITOR:	<b>Geoff Smith</b>	

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Each time I sit down to write one of these, or similar, reports and begin to think of the people I need to thank for their contributions, I experience a fear that I will leave someone out. Today is no different and so I am not going to list individuals once again, but simply say, to all those who contributed their time and expertise in whatever way, a heartfelt thank you. Without all of your efforts, large and not so large, our club could not function.

At the time of writing this report seniors and veterans still have one fixture to complete what has been a season of mixed success. The juniors have overall, not been as successful as last season, however, the primary reason for this is the natural cycling due to aging as many of our members moved up to their first year in the next age group.

Once again we benefited from considerable financial input from our sponsors. In return for their support our sponsors ask that any potential business be directed to them initially to allow them to quote for your requirements.

We have received criticism for the condition of our grounds this year. The City of Melville believe they have isolated the cause and will commence work immediately our home and away fixtures are completed to bring the grounds up to the condition they were a few years ago.

I have made no secret of the fact that I will not be seeking re-election next season. While I have not achieved all the goals I set myself for our club, I will stand down at the AGM content with the knowledge that Melville City Hockey Club is respected by it's peers, remains financially sound and provides an avenue for sporting and social activity to its members.

To my family, Pam, Jodie, Kelly and Michael, go my thanks for the support, assistance and patience they've provided once again.



**Ian Deveson**  
**President**



# SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT

It looked ominous at the beginning of the season when we were without a club coach for most of the pre-season, but after a few hiccups, Keith Harper came forward to take on the job. To his credit, both of the top sides have had a successful season, with the 1B's playing in the Challenge Cup mid-season and the 2B's just missing out. Thanks Keith for a job well done!

The 1B's and 2B's will finish second and third respectively, and both have a good chance of bringing a pennant home.

The 3A's struggled through the season but thanks to a gutsy effort by all, they have avoided relegation and with quite a few U17's moving up to seniors, things are looking good for next year. Thanks to Geoff Ranford and co. for their efforts this year.

The 4A's had a slow start to the season as per usual, but once they shook the cobwebs off, the season went well. They finished in the four and will give the other teams a real run in the finals. Thanks once again to Pat Matthews for taking control of the 4A's.

The 5A's didn't have a very successful season and unfortunately, due to a lack of communication, often played short. Bruce Turner and his dedicated team stuck it out all season and I thank them all for their commitment and patience.

The "Scrubbers" or Regional South team lead by Gary Thomas, have had another successful season, both on (it looks as though they will make the finals), and off the field.

The extended training sessions that were organised were greatly appreciated by all who had the fitness and stamina to attend. Thanks to Gary and the boys for their continued contributions to the Club.

Johnson Orr took charge of the Veterans again this year and thanks to him and his helpers, everything ran smoothly as per usual. The Vets B's will be promoted next season, Vets C's finished in the middle of the pack and the Vets E's tried their hardest to miss the finals, but it looks as if they have made them.

Thanks to Ian Deveson and Ian Hale for their work behind the bar on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Thanks to Colin Willis, the Committee and everyone else who has helped me during the season. Your assistance has been invaluable.

It has been a learning season for me and I thank everyone for their patience. Next season we will start all over again and from what we've seen this year it can only get better. Melville has a lot of young and enthusiastic players coming through the ranks so the future looks bright.

**Mark Watton**  
**Vice President - Seniors**

# JUNIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT

I am sitting writing this report just after the last round of home and away games has been played. It has given me time to look back on the season, my first as Vice President - Junior Administration.

It has been a mixed and varied season, but I am reminded of what has been said in the past by past junior administrators, coaches, supporters, etc, about junior sport. That is that final four finishes are only a small part of the criteria that should be used to judge the success of a junior program. Items such as enjoyment level, improvement in individual and team skills, understanding team commitments and responsibilities, learning sportsmanship and respect, contributions to others and the club, etc, are much harder to measure than finals success, but become very important in the overall review process.

Taking this into account, I am confident to report that for the majority of our juniors, the 1995 season has been a great success. Hockey, like most other challenges in life, rewards effort, dedication and perseverance to the extent that the greater the contribution the higher the enjoyment and achievement.

The season has seen some great achievements and innovations being introduced into our sport. These include:

- The 17C #2 team winning the Challenge Cup in great fighting style.
- All the U17 teams making the finals.
- The Association has adopted a rule that sees the under 11 competition playing two extra games at the end of the season instead of playing finals. Even so, I think all four teams are in the "four".
- We contributed several new participants to the WAHA junior umpiring program (Brett Martyn and Sven Tegeler), and Craig Wood goes from strength to strength in the program and was rewarded with an interstate trip to umpire in one state's junior state titles.
- The Bankwest Under 15/Vets competition was introduced and immediately voted a success by all internal and external participants, and all hope it continues next year. A report on the team is included in this magazine.
- Brett Martyn and Sven Tegeler have been selected in the preliminary State Under 14 Development Squad. Also a fair few of our club members made it through to the final selection trials for the various state teams. To Brett, Sven and all the others, congratulations, it all goes well for the club's future.

Many people have contributed to the success of the season. The Committee is again to be thanked for their support given to the development of the juniors during the year. Thanks to Norm Kidd for that behind the scenes work in the preparation and maintaining of the Club's equipment.

I think the loudest thank you must go to our coaches. We are lucky to have the services of many capable and talented people who give time each week to pass on their skills, knowledge and experience to their teams. It was great to see the diversity of people who volunteered this year which included a group of younger and possibly less experienced people who have taken on the role and "given it a go". Equally important are our managers who give their support to the coaches each week. To all I say thank you, your efforts are most appreciated.

# JUNIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT (Cont.)

On a personal note I would like to thank Ian Deveson, Colin Willis (who each week got the under 15/Vets team into action), Ron Wilson, Gary Bowater, and others not named here, who gave me untold support.

I would be remiss not to give a special thanks to my family, Leslie, Christy and Dean for the support given to me and for answering the many phone calls and taking those important messages.

Without wanting to sound like an election message, I have indicated to the Committee, and if needed, I am willing to fill the role of Junior Administrator again next year. If this is so, or to the next incumbent, may I be bold to suggest that, to continue our established excellence, that:

- We make sure our Junior Skills Certificate Program is re-activated, (due to time constraints it was not run this year).
- We offer our coaches/prospective coaches the chance to gain their Coaching Level Qualifications by running courses within the Club.
- Take on some task, no matter how small, within the Club so we share the load.
- We support all the social events as they help fundraising to keep the level of fees down.

Club members know this is a great club, but as mentioned in one of my weekly columns in the Club Bulletin it is also recognised as being one of the best junior clubs by people external to the club. With your support I am sure this recognition will continue to surpass our previously established high standards.

**Rob Walker**  
**Junior Administration**

# FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

I have been very fortunate over the four years that I have held this position to have contact with some very generous business people who have given so generously, in excess of some \$40,000, to help this great club function with a little more financial ease. With the greatest respect I thank each of these businesses for their continued support:-

1. Patrick Wee - **LJ Hooker Leeming**
2. Steve McEntee - **Dura Craft Panel & Paint**
3. Bruce Shannahan - **Melville Toyota** (& his trusty offsider Stan Bibra)
4. Luke Schoonens - **Urban Landscaping**
5. Ian & Jill Halliday - **Network Packaging**
6. David Donaldson - **Hannahgate Settlements**
7. Bruce Porter - **Porter Matthews Real Estate**
8. Peta Pozzari - **Parry Place Cellars**
9. Hugh Patterson - **Australian Spit Roast Professionals**
10. Tony Pearse - **Home Building Society**
11. Stuart Merredith - **Fremantle Sports Medicine Centre**
12. Cheri & Gary Bowater - **Bowater Marine Electronics**
13. Barry Rutter & Peter Selfe - **Hockey Action**
14. Marc Crowe & Patrick Matthews - **Richard Ellis Real Estate**
15. Rod Wood - **Gateway Printing**
16. Chris Bagios - **Kardinya Tavern**
17. Neil Ashley - **Ashley Computers**  
and a very big thank you to my Company:
18. **AUSTRALIAN HOUSING & LAND - THE No.1 LAND DEVELOPERS**

Each of these supporters needed to be emphasised so that every one of you once again saw in bright lights just who keeps your fees down each and every year. Its not hard to realise by looking at the end of year balance sheet that what we get in by way of fees, and what we spend in supplying to you the game of hockey each week, don't add up. The difference is the donated sponsorship dollar, and the fund raising carried out, the latter of which not many of you support. If either of these two wain then guess where the difference has to come from. *Your pocket!!* Please, help these most generous people who help you. All they expect is a fair chance to compete for your retail dollar. So, when buying goods that are supplied by one of these sponsors, give them a chance.

This is my last year on the sponsorship trail. I am looking to concentrate in other areas of hockey, junior umpiring within WAHA being one such spot where there is a great need. I believe everyone needs a change and new ideas need to come from different avenues. My business contacts need a rest, my company, and I think my family, need to see a little more of me. I know for sure that some of your contacts need convincing that a little of their spare cash can be put to good use with our Club. When the AGM comes around your Club is going to need someone to help raise that extra needed money. If that someone doesn't put their hand up then no matter, the club won't stop functioning, but you can be rest assured that you will have to put your hand a little deeper into your pocket to maintain the good training venues and the low fees that you now enjoy.

Thank you to the committees of the last few years, and in particular to Colin & Chris Willis and Ian & Pam Deveson, a better and more dedicated pairing you will never find.

I wish every one of you a great remainder of the 1995 year and a successful and fruitful 1996.

With great appreciation for all your friendship over the years.

**Graham Napier - Vice President  
Finance & Development**

# SENIOR AWARDS 1995

## FAIREST & BEST AWARDS

1B (Founder's Shield)	<i>MARK LYONS</i>
2B	<i>MARK WATTON</i>
3A	<i>SCOTT PITTER</i>
4A	<i>ALAN MEACOCK</i>
5A	<i>MATTHEW WAY</i>
REGIONAL SOUTH	<i>LINDSEY BORTHWICK MALCOLM FARMER</i>
VETERANS 'B'	<i>SHANE KNAPP</i>
VETERANS 'C'	<i>FRANK WILLIAMS</i>
VETERANS 'E'	<i>BRUCE JOHNSEN</i>

# JUNIOR AWARDS 1995

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>FAIREST &amp; BEST</u>	<u>MOST IMPROVED</u>
17A	<i>MICHAEL DEVESON</i>	<i>ANDREW KING</i>
17C #1	<i>STEVEN WALSH</i>	<i>REGAN JONES/ SCOTT SPARKES</i>
17C #2	<i>BRENDAN JOSS</i>	<i>JOSHUA SMALES</i>
15A	<i>JAMES PICKERING</i>	<i>RYAN WILLIS</i>
15B SOUTH	<i>ADAM HALL</i>	<i>GRANT LEHMANN</i>
15 REG. SOUTH	<i>MADELEINE DAWE</i>	<i>ADAM IVEY/ DEAN WALKER</i>
13A	<i>BLAKE ROWDEN</i>	<i>RYAN BACKHOUSE</i>
13B SOUTH	<i>JOEL LE BRETON</i>	<i>JUSTIN WAKE</i>
13C SOUTH	<i>BRYN DODSON</i>	<i>AEMEE SAVICH</i>
<b>MOUNT WAVERLEY HOCKEY CLUB TROPHY (Most talented U/17 Progressing to Seniors)</b>		<i>MICHAEL DEVESON</i>
<b>LIFE MEMBERS TROPHY (Most Improved Junior)</b>		<i>ANDREW KING</i>
<b>DAVID PORTER TROPHY (Most Improved Goalkeeper)</b>		<i>JAMES PICKERING</i>

# MELVILLE CITY HOCKEY CLUB (INC)

## GAMES PLAYED AWARDS - 1995

### 400 GAMES

PATRICK MATTHEWS  
GEOFF RANFORD

### 200 GAMES

MICHAEL SHANNON  
NICK TWEEDIE

### 100 GAMES

ANDREW CRIDDLE  
NATHAN ELLIOTT  
MIKE JOLIFFE  
PETER KAZAKOFF  
PETER DAWKINS  
GARRICK ALLEN  
ROHIMAL WEDDIKKARA  
COREY ATKINSON  
MARK CARSON  
SVEN TEGELER  
RYAN WILLIS

### 50 GAMES

SIMON BIGNELL	MARK JOHNSON
TODD ELLIOTT	JOSHUA SMALES
SCOTT PITZER	SCOTT SPARKES
JOHN MAHER	BEN STEEL
MARK MEYERS	JAMES HACKETT
PETER STEEL	ADAM HALL
STEVE McENTEE	CHRIS INGLIS
BRUCE JOHNSEN	CLIVE PATERSON
GRAHAM RAYNER	SIMON McINNESS
JOHN TEGELER	MICHAEL ASHLEY
ROB WALKER	PATRICK COLE
GRANT WATTON	JANE FINLAY
STEVEN WALSH	ALISIA HARMON
STUART CURRELL	RYAN KELLY
CLINT DYMOND	XAVIER MARTINEZ



# THE TOP SQUAD

## 1B & 2B

We're a fairly interchangeable bunch this year so we haven't separated the guys into ones and twos - about 20 of the blokes played ones at some stage. We did fairly well and really should improve next year based on our results this season and last. Keith Harper who was press ganged into coaching at the last minute did a fantastic job and is a sad loss as coach. Hopefully his successor will have the same enthusiasm and unfailing good humour that Harps has demonstrated all year.

Well, we've given him a rap, now he can go first in the grand slander.

### **KEITH HARPER**

Whilst single handedly attempting to re-populate Alfred Cove, the man with the white eyebrows took the time to attempt to bring some direction to a motley crew of callow youths, cynics, enigmas and one old bu...r (Jenno). Generally he did a good job, although paying a sadistic man hater to take aerobics was not a promising start, and his obsession with the Dockers was never going to help. All in all, despite being older than dirt, father of 15 kids and wearing boots made in 1973, he is still faster than the statue.

### **ANDREW 'The Statue' SCANLON**

Demonstrates admirable economy in his running style, whilst providing inspiration and gentle advice in his own special way. This year's club captain earned his nickname by his incomparable dash and pace (not by being a target for pigeons) as demonstrated by straining a hamstring (while removing his tracksuit). He showed great team spirit by leaving us to go to Sydney and Thailand on repeated occasions and was generally acknowledged as the best worrier in the team (go wart!) with the hairiest legs.

### **MIKE 'How old - you're kidding' JENSEN**

The only person still playing 2B hockey that qualifies to play Vets. Mike made a slow start to the season but with experience on his side made a perfectly executed slow finish. Jenno introduced a new defensive technique into the game involving the traditional Scottish art of tossing the Caber, or in this case his stick. This strategy however was somewhat flawed as without a stick in hand, it proved difficult to stop the opposition forward line with a vacant net beckoning. As they say, "there is no substitute for experience". Well that's what all the old guys tell you anyway. Even though approaching 90, Jenno is still faster than the Statue.

### **SCOTT WILLIS**

Graduated from the U17 ranks and played everywhere before settling at fullback, where he learnt a great deal from Jenno - although he forgot to throw his stick in the patented Jensen style 'D' clearance. He suffers from being trained to shoot at goal by his dad and tends to wear headbands for no apparent reason. Managed to beat the statue in all the sprints though.

### **TIM 'The Wild Man from Borneo' REID**

Renamed Indiana Jones for immigration purposes. Tim spent most of the year looking for the lost tribes in the wild jungles of Borneo equipped only with a receding hairline, a protruding stomach, and a stubbie holder. On failing to find the ancient Timawi pygmy tribe of which he is a descendent, Tim returned to the fray in the 2B halfback line - once again, only armed with his receding hairline, protruding stomach and stubbie holder. Note: even Tim's stomach is faster than the statue.

### **BRIAN 'FX' PEREIRA**

Brian has been renamed FX because he has too many R's in his surname. FX, as well as being well known for films such as Cocktail, Blood Oath and FX2 was not to be outdone by other acting greats such as Luke Perry in 8 seconds. FX played a starring role in the film 15 seconds which is a story of a young hockey player who managed to play 15 seconds in a 1's team before being unable to play 2's due to an obscure WAHA rule. He played this role, as always, with heartfelt conviction and a true sense of style - Brian Brown eat your heart out! Despite such acting talent, even he can't appear as slow as the statue.



# TOP SQUAD (Cont.)

## 1B & 2B

### DALE REEVES

A man of blinding pace and great stick skills, Dale decided early in the year that he didn't want to peak before the finals and therefore gave up training. With Joanne's verbal support, Dale runs all day, and is more than willing to assist the umpires in their interpretation of the rules. Captained one game this year which we lost. Pure coincidence. Nothing to do with his captaincy. Continues to make the statue look slow.

### Name: BRUCE HANCOCK

Born: 6/7/71

Favourite Colour: Pre-visine red

Favourite Movie: Coneheads

Favourite Book: Cone-an the Barbarian

Favourite Hobbies: Horticulture and Horse Riding

Favourite Food: Cookies and Cake

Favourite Drink: Anything free with any sort of alcohol content

Best Moments in Hockey: The days of playing on grass

Worst Moments in Hockey: Introduction to astroturf.

Bit hard to roll.

Worst Nightmare: The fear of being the only person on earth slower than the statue.

### PAUL 'Billy' FIELD

The 2's goalie is small in stature but he is also not tall. He is worth two of any other keeper in the grade (which is good as he is only half their size). Seriously though, Paul is an absolute legend and a great asset to the team, even though he spent a fair amount of time out with leg injuries - surprising his legs caused him so much trouble given their size. Surprisingly, although vertically challenged, injured, and covered with goal keeping equipment, Billy can still outrun the statue.

### NATHAN ELLIOTT

Moved back to fullback this year, thus decreasing the average age and increasing the average speed of our fullbacks. Nathan scares the hell out of everyone by relying on his pace and his tackle, which allow him to turn, accelerate, catch, and then maim opposing players. He is faster than the statue even when he is standing still.

### STEVE 'Spider' MAHER

The stick skills, the shots, the largest skinniest bike pants in the world, the arms, the legs, the elbows, THE SPIDER. The only person to undertake 5 minute discussions with the umpire on how the sun must be getting into his eyes, without being sent off! The only other person who discusses the intricacies of umpiring with the umpires during the game is Steve's dad. Unlike Steve, however, he has been sent from the field. The Spider takes 3 steps and 3 seconds to cover 25 yards. This is comparable to the statue who requires 50 steps and 5 minutes to cover the same distance.

### SCOTT 'The Plaintiff' FORBES

Always has his attorney present. The original assassin won the goose of the year when he bu....ed a knee jumping off a six foot fence (you may laugh but that is twice his height). That's all we can say on this matter due to legal advice. Scottie will return next year with his own brand of Cookie inspired tackling carnage once his knee has healed. Funny thing is, even the snapped cruciate didn't slow him down enough for the statue to catch him.

### MARK 'Blots' WATTON

Watto, recent graduate, car buyer, 2B captain, and the only guy at the club who can keep up with Hank in Northbridge, has spent another frustrating year trying to convince anyone who would listen that he is a forward. No luck! We tried him in the forward line but he dudded, so he was shuffled back to linchpin in the halfback line. He would've played more games of 1's but the statue wouldn't let him, as he would've brought too much pace to the half back line.

### ANDY STARLING

The 2's import, who has mellowed somewhat this year, only breaking one guy's arm and sending another to hospital for stitches. Known for his ethnic calling style (streeeeeeet - gi't a good poooooosh) and his desperate efforts to score more goals than anybody else, he managed to hold down centre-forward with aplomb and not to embarrass Trish too often. Is obsessed with winning, which is why he always runs against the statue in sprints at training.

# TOP SQUAD (Cont.)

## 1B & 2B

### **RAY 'The Colonel' RODRIGUEZ**

The Colonel not only has uncanny stick skills on the hockey field but immaculate driving skills in tricky conditions as he has mastered the drive through at each KFC outlet throughout WA. Ray manages to maintain a calm unruffled exterior whilst simultaneously attempting to murder both the ball and his opponent. He has Stefan's pace and Psycho's shot selection, and is therefore a dangerous forward, especially to himself. Even after consuming 2 Buckets, 6 Zinger Burgers, 3 large fries, and Coke, the Colonel is still faster than the Statue.

### **MARK 'Clarrie' LYONS**

Clarrie the crosseyed Lyons ran all year again whilst scoring goals, turning so fast he beats himself and generally causing havoc with opponents. He has earned much respect at training since purchasing one of those damn metal sticks and topped the year off with his first win as captain. His pace cannot be compared to that of Captain Statue, who is much not faster.

### **MATT 'The Professor' READ**

Mattie is a left half masquerading as an inside forward, best known for being completely absent minded, basically forgetting everything. Mind you, he is very careful about keeping his socks dry, especially after running around in the rain for a couple of hours. He likes his fluid intake in small quantities - no more than a glass and a half. Even sitting down, he is faster than the statue.

### **JOHN 'Psycho' D'ALTON**

When I see him running down the wing,  
I see red, I see red, I see red...  
Criticising the umpiring,  
I see red, I see red, I see red...  
Tim Finn wrote this song about Psycho just after his birth - what an inspiration the bloke is! He is at his best on his reverse stick a yard from the backline with several defenders up his date. The Statue beat him in a sprint at training once, but only because he hadn't turned up yet.

### **CRAIG 'Clickgothe' SHEARER**

Shears was a welcome addition to the 2's, as we can always use someone who is able/willing to run. Known for his protruding bike pants and unwholesome displays of post-scoring joy and...other things, Shears concentrated on playing 1's and growing sideburns this year, with equal success at both. He played about 35 minutes of 1's and his sidies have yet to fulfil their promise. No worries Craig, 1996 is your year for both ... or maybe 1997 for the sideburns. Maybe you should concentrate on growing the hair you displayed at the first cultural evening - or then again maybe not. He is young and fast and I therefore don't need to mention the statue.

### **NATHAN 'Homer' ROWDEN**

A tremendously committed preseason from Rowds led to promotion to the 3's from where he slowly descended to the 1's via three or four games with the 2's. He plays an exciting brand of hockey, so interesting that the only game that his girlfriend came to watch saw her get through half the novel she brought with her. I understand that book was on this year's Year 11 reading list but that may be a coincidence. He tackles beautifully from the left, receiving the odd head wound for his trouble and is a hell of a lot faster than the Statue, even while running on his hands.

### **JOHN COOKE**

Formerly Captain Cooke, he has now been demoted to cabin boy, as he continuously insists on bringing his bag of many colours to training. It's Cookie's own technicolour dreambag. The brightly coloured bag belied the aggressive (but fair!) play that Cookie has inflicted on many opposition forwards. The predominant colours of this now famous bag are at least colours that he has become familiar with over the years - green, yellow, red! Although I do think pastel colours would have suited him better. Cookie is one player who is faster than the Statue while walking backwards against the wind in a hurricane.

# TOP SQUAD (Cont.)

## 1B & 2B

### **PAUL 'Stringer' EARLY**

Stringer's main role at the club this year has been as Attorney for the plaintiff (Forbesy) and his attendance at training has been in inverse proportion to his social calendar. If he did nothing else this year, he got the Celica tuned. Stringer has been as solid as a rock all year at fullback. While simulating a rock, Stringer would still be faster than the Statue.

### **BRIAN LITTLE**

The man and his mobile phone. Why does Brian own a mobile phone?

Is he a high powered executive? No

Is he a member of the medical profession? No

Does he sell real estate? No

Is he a member of the Bob Jones Corporation? No

Is he a stockbroker with a hectic schedule? No

Is he a busy tradesman out on a job? No

Why does Brian own a mobile phone?

By the way, is he faster than the Statue? Of course, don't be silly!

### **GAVIN SCALLY and STEFAN WILLETT**

Look guys, it's our fault. Someone had to write these and it was us. We got together, dropped a few tabs, channelled in Ernest Hemmingway and Jim Morrison, and this is what came out. So to us:

**Gav** - Bu....ed knees, bu....ed shoulders, bu....ed hips, stuck in the mud, waiting for the safari to come along and put him out of his misery .....still faster than the Statue

**Stef** - Rolling around in agony on the ground, snapped medial ligament, thighs out of all proportion to the rest of his body, slower than everyone in the world .....except for one person. Guess who!

### **...and the others:**

#### **MIKE 'Sumo' SHANNAN**

The nightmare returns - and he's still quicker than the Statue.

#### **MICHAEL DEVESON**

The dynasty continues, although this bloke weighs less than his old man's shadow. Mind you, even Ian is faster than the Statue.

#### **CRAIG WOOD**

The best umpire lecturer to come up from Juniors in years - and is heaps faster than the Statue.

Thanks also to Regan, George, Trent, Mal Farmer, Scott Pitter, and everyone else who helped out this year. And special thanks to our loyal band of supporters, including Maryanne, Lynn, Tina, Joanne, Jane, Janice, Chris, Nicki, Irene, Trish, Leanne, and the Maher, Read, Willis and Deveson clans.

# 3A

It is always tough to win in this grade and 1995 proved to be no exception. The team was bolstered by the return of Keith Harper from the 4's and Mike Shannon from retirement which helped lead to more on-field success. Some excellent wins in the second round saw us finish clear of relegation and retain the grade for the '96 season. Highlights included great wins over University and WASPS.

## **GEOFF RANFORD (Centre Half)**

Ram said at the beginning of the season " I think I'll play 4's this year" but after some sweet talking he was convinced to play 3's for another year and as per usual did a great job of holding things together when they looked like coming apart at the seams.

## **BRAD SHEARER (Forward)**

Brad continued to improve this year scoring some memorable goals and never being intimidated by the opposition. Unfortunately he suffered a leg injury and missed several games towards the end of the season and his drive in the forward line was sorely missed.

## **ADRIAN MAHER (Fullback)**

Proved to be a great inclusion in the team this year. His solid tackling and bullet like hits assisted in repelling many an attack. Unfortunately Adrian had the habit of going missing on occasion.

## **NATHAN ROWDEN (Right Wing)**

Fortunately for us Rowdy was unable to play with the 1's or 2's due to study commitments and this added a definite punch to the forward line. Rowdy's uncanny ability to put the ball in the back of the net is one of his assets and along with his pace he was able to drive many a defender wild attempting to keep up with him.

## **SCOTT PITTER (Left Wing)**

An excellent season and was rarely beaten by opposition right wings. Scott has deceptive pace and always puts 100% into every game. A keen participant at the after training cultural evenings where he found a liking for nivea cream.

## **MIKE SHANNON (Goalie)**

It was great to have a goalie this season and especially one of Mike's calibre. He made many fine saves throughout the season including two classic strokes from Wasps. Always enjoys a beer after the game.

## **PAUL VEITCH (Fullback)**

Joining us from Scotland and slotted in at fullback. Found it hard to get used to playing on Saturday without a hangover from Friday night but soon settled in and became one of the teams most consistent performers. Always enjoys a solo run down the field but finds it hard to stop.

## **ANDREW CRIDDLE (Forward / Right Half)**

Started the season at right half and played a key role in both attack and defence. Shifted to inner mid season and added more punch to the forward line. Has that annoying ability of running all day with no training.

## **STEPHEN CRIDDLE (Forward)**

Started the season with a little more weight than last year but always tried hard in every game. Had an accident mid season with a pizza and was one of the weird few who regularly turned up for training.

## **GREG NORTON (Forward)**

Returning to the club after a few years absence, Greg provided another target on the forward line and with his strong hit he always made it difficult for both defenders and goalkeepers. Unfortunately Greg went missing at the end of the season and as yet has not been found.

# 4A

After cleaning up in the 4B's last year there was clear justification in our promotion to 4A's as our good performance this year resulted in our third placing after qualifying rounds.

The season was again most enjoyable involving no less than 17 squad members drawn from far and wide to strengthen and replace those injured and/or those taking rest and recreation in far away places.

All players revelled in the tougher competition and enjoyed the higher skill level. All games were hard fought making the pleasure of winning even greater.

Injuries were a regular occurrence and would suggest that age and fitness might have something to do with it. Notably John Meacock saw little of the season courtesy of a broken finger and Chez had his usual hammy problems. Despite these set-backs the team was always able to rally to make a contest of every game.

Importantly, there was good humour and fellowship amongst all players which we can again look forward to next year.

Welcomed this year were Ron Chesney from long standing retirement, David Timmel, Alan Kidd, Evan Floyd, Rob Currell and Jeff West.

## **DAVID HALLIDAY - Halfback**

A very experienced player who keeps to the task. David has continued his good form from last year and still cracks a smile or two during the game. Strong defender with an attacking flair.

## **BRIAN MATTHEWS (Bazouka) - Fullback**

Solid as ever and combined very well with Simon, providing excellent defence, but also able to rebound and thrust through the mid field on his occasional solo runs.

## **SIMON FORD (Woosha) - Fullback**

Tough as old boots with no quarter given. Constantly advised to take it easy as his enthusiasm can often get the better of him. A frantic player with very good all round skills. Forwards are recommended to give him a wide berth.

## **EARL HARPER - Wing**

Had a stop start season this year but highly valued for his pace and mobility. He beat most fullbacks and created many scoring opportunities.

## **ALAN MEACOCK - Inner / Wing**

Shows little signs of slowing down and played some of his best hockey this year. A true ball carrier with enormous tenacity able to eliminate two to three players to then create a scoring opportunity.

## **NICK TWEEDIE - Inner**

Nick had another solid year in the demanding left inner position which requires a high work rate. Another player with tenacity always willing to take on the opposition defence.

## **WARWICK FRY - Goalie**

A very reliable team member who saw more action this year. He made some crucial saves in close games ensuring our win. Very steady!

## **JOHN MEACOCK - Halfback**

Poor old John! Raised ball to finger. Finger shattered. No more season. See you next year!

## **PATRICK MATTHEWS - Halfback / Inner**

Kept the rabble together like patchwork, filling gaps here and there. Had a good season and played his best hockey in the latter part of the year when given greater attacking responsibility. Seen on occasions to use some of his old flair that could turn any defence.

## **DARYL DEDMAN - Inner**

One of our most valued players able to dribble and control the ball with a high degree of finesse. Another good ball carrier with excellent creative skills. His sore knees slowed him to walking pace at the end of the season but the urge to play was so strong that Daryl still took to the field to score three goals in the last game.

## 4A (Cont.)

### **ALAN KIDD - Halfback**

A well balanced player who brought stability and strength to our half line this year. Can always be relied upon to back tackle when others can't and then overlap in attack when others can't.

### **EVAN FLOYD - Halfback**

Fit as a fiddle, agile and has the biggest poke tackle. Assumed the centre half position when John sustained his injury. Evan has bolstered our mid field strength and has provided very good support to the forwards.

### **DAVID TIMMEL - Halfback**

Joined the team mid year as a fill-in player when our injury toll was rising and performed remarkably well with no fitness. David has been a significant contributor during his time with the team particularly for his distribution skills and jovial personality.

### **ROB CURRELL - Wing**

Our youngest member of the team who has performed with great credit this year. Often played off the bench providing a back-up to our forward line. With more game experience his overall skill level is sure to improve. A solid contributor.



# REGIONAL SOUTH

With one game to go we look like making the four, not a bad effort considering that after six games we had only won two games and were seventh. Since then only one loss has meant a pretty good season for the Scrubbers.

Special thanks to "our supporter" Keith Skinter Jackaman who hasn't missed too many games this season. Is he looking for a place in the team next year?

Also thanks to Keith Harper who through having his top squad training at home this year has livened the place up a bit on Thursday nights and the players from the club who supported our two "Cultural Evenings", shame there weren't a lot more, we made money for the club and had a good time doing it.

## **ROB ARTS**

Rob spent most of the season on the half back line after years at fullback and seemed to relish the change. He's still itching to get in the forward line and score goals, but he's not allowed to.

## **CHRIS AVENT**

Grandad improved in the most deficient part of his hockey this year - punctuality. Living across the road from Lindsay and coming to the games with him worked wonders. On a more serious note another great year at fullback.

## **NOEL BACKHOUSE**

Noel is still working on the rigs and therefore is a part time player. He played most of his hockey on the half back or forward line and failed to get into any fights - for a change!

## **SIMON BIGNELL**

Simon started with the Scrubbers last year in the forward line. This year he started at half back and spent the second half of the season at fullback. Jolliffe, beware, your job's next. He formed a great partnership with Chris at fullback.

## **LINDSAY BORTHWICK**

His first full year in the team and he got stuck with centre half. A tremendous organiser at centre half where he uses his reach (and he's got some) and skills to set up plays. He also scored a number of short corner goals.

## **GRAHAM COLEMAN**

Graham started with a bang, died out in the middle and really started firing again in the latter part of the season when he slotted two of the best goals we scored all year.

## **MAL FARMER**

Probably the main reason for turning our season around, he added a lot of bite and a touch of class to our forward line. At time of writing he had scored goals in ten consecutive matches.

## **MIKE JOLLIFFE**

Who needs Neale Denman? Mike had a great year in goals. Every week he makes some tremendous saves and always talks the backline up. He gets better every year.

## **JOHN MAHER**

Right inner who scored a number of goals. A reliable player capable of filling in anywhere on the forward or half back line.

## **AL MARSHALL**

Our left winger! He probably played the best hockey I have ever seen Al play in the latter part of the season, particularly one game where he slotted two second half goals.

## **MARK MEYER**

Mark has had a good year out on the right wing where he can use his pace to good effect. He is getting better at the passes across the face of goals.

## **ROSS READ**

Ross played the first half of the season before his work took him up north. He particularly enjoyed his stint of a couple of games in goals where he made his presence felt against Wolves with some particularly aggressive goalkeeping.

## **KIM SEWELL**

Kim had his best season yet with the Scrubbers. He played in every position across the forward line and scored some vital goals. He never stops talking and encouraging his team mates or advising the umpires.

## **COLIN SLATTERY**

Colin decided that he'd prefer to spend the first half of the season on a honeymoon in the Greek Isles and Turkey than play hockey. On his return he slotted back nicely into the half back line, playing as dependably as ever.

## **GARY THOMAS**

Once again, the less said the better.

# VETERANS 'B'

A great year by a great team with Challenge Cup and Guth Ardagh pennants to date.

The Vets B team has gained promotion to A grade for next year. As well, a number of players who nominated for State Veteran's teams were also successful in selection (Norm Hoskins, David Porter, Shane Knapp and Peter Dawkins). Well done!

## **WAYNE HUDSON - Goalkeeper**

A good year in his first season as full time goalkeeper. Always learning and his timely saves gave the defence confidence to play attacking hockey.

## **KINGSLEY McGUIRE - Evergreen Fullback**

Has played his best hockey for a decade. Kingsley has a steadying influence in defence and by now must be the leading game player for the club.

## **NORM HOSKINS - Fullback**

Dashing player who sets up many forward moves. His speed in defence can match that of any forward.

## **SHANE KNAPP - Centre half**

Maestro of the mid-field. Displayed excellent grass hockey skills to be the true pivot point of the team. His solid defence and accurate distribution created constant opportunity for our forwards.

## **PETER DAWKINS - Right Half**

Played consistent high grade hockey all year and created that extra man in the forward line with his overlapping play. Along with Shane he provided a creative avenue of attack.

## **DAVID PORTER - Left Half**

Played safe defensive hockey all year and teamed with Bruce Porter to make the opposition pay for too many right side attacks.

## **BRIAN McCUBBING - Halfback**

A rugged defender who showed his mettle in the tough games. Unfortunately he suffered a number of injuries both on and off the field.

## **DARRYL KNAPP - Halfback/Forward**

A willing participant in either the halfback or forward line. Showed persistence and endeavour and made a significant contribution to the Challenge Cup win.

## **ALEC JAMES - Right Wing**

Always fast and always unpredictable. AJ got a number of spectacular goals throughout the year, and none more important than those when Hals was absent.

## **PETER KAZAKOFF - Inside Right**

Like his beloved red wine, Peter keeps getting better with age. Peter captained the side and was the creative link between mid-field and the strikers.

## **IAN HALLIDAY - Centre Forward**

Arguably the best striker in Vets hockey, and again was our leading avenue for scoring goals. He combined well with our forward line but we could have sought him out more in deep attack.

## **BRUCE PORTER - Inside Left**

The dynamic work-horse of the team and also one of the younger members. He ran hard every game. He tackled hard every game. He thoroughly dis-spirited the opposition every game. Gave great impetus to the whole forward line as well as nullifying the opposition.

## **TERRY PARKER - Inside Forward/Wing**

An effective and hard running forward. Terry provided considerable flexibility to the team and created a number of scoring opportunities.

## **JOE STOCCO - Left Wing**

An enthusiastic forward with an excellent cross hit. Always a threat when close to the circle.

## **JOHN SMITH - Left Wing/Right Wing**

Skilful forward who was very aware of his position on the field and scored a number of telling goals. John was always a reliable avenue from defence to attack.



# VETERANS 'C'

## **JEREMY ALLEN**

We blame our entire season on Jeremy. We were doing pretty well until he decided that having an operation was more fun than playing in our team. Maybe if we offer him a run up forward he'll come back next year.

## **JEFF ANDERSON**

(Left Half) Jeff is a very reliable halfback with an uncanny one-handed style that often causes havoc to the opposition. A very consistent year

## **TERRY BISHOP**

Playing in the back line this year meant that Terry had plenty of work to do but he stood up to the pressure well and became one of our most reliable defenders. His hardest task this season was learning his team mate's names. With another season he should just about get there.

## **GARY BOWATER**

Gary plays an inside forward most of the time although he is a more than handy centre half when called upon. Husband of our treasurer, Cheri and dad to several playing children, Gary also finds time to coach the Under 15B's. Together the Bowaters must go close to taking off the "Family Participation Award".

## **BRUCE CADD**

The "Smiling Assassin" of umpires and rogue opposition players. He got the goal of the year in the last game. Next year trade in your stick, Bruce!

## **KIM FISHER**

There was a lot of action in our goals this season but thanks to the courageous efforts of Kim, our gaolie, we held many an opposition at bay. Sometimes Kim went home a little battered and bruised but then so did a few opposition forwards.

## **STEVE McENTEE**

(Centre Forward) A mild mannered panel beater by day, turns into a panel denter on weekends. Probably not his best season goal scoring wise, but continued to run and try hard causing the opposition lots of concern.

## **JOHN PICKERING "Picko"**

(Fullback and Captain) Our captain and leader by example. John is the rock of our defence with the skills and coolness of a "veteran". His ability to tackle cleanly and read the play is exceptional. A very good year.

## **PETER STEEL**

Graceful, fast, skilled and poised under pressure. Just what A grade needs. Peter finished the year with a flurry of great shots and goals. Good season Peter!

## **BARRY WAKE**

(Left Wing) His first season back after many in retirement. He had to learn a lot of new rules. Tried hard and improved. We look forward to next year with the same rate of improvement. He volunteered to be manager too. Obviously a newcomer to the side!

## **FRANK WILLIAMS**

(Centre Half) Definitely the legs of the half line. A player who runs and tries all day and never gives up. Great back tackling ability. Always out to beat more opposition than was sometimes necessary. All round, a great year's effort!

## **COLIN WILLIS**

Colin tried to miss all the goals early in the season and finished up with the "ugliest" goal of the year. Ever there, ever reliable. Good to play with you Col!

## **KYM WILSON**

Our quickest forward by half and scored some great goals this year. He needs to buy a bigger car so next time when he breaks down I won't be forced to drive his toy car again.

## **KEN WOOLLAMS**

Ken is one of our stalwart band of half backs ever vigilant to cut off the opposition's attacks and rebound the ball back to our forwards.

# VETERANS 'E'

## **DENIS BAWDEN**

Denis tells us that he is enjoying his hockey even more this year. Could it be the fact that he can now see the ball when it is passed to him, and even better, he can see the ball when he runs with it? Thanks Denis for another good year.

## **IAN DEVESON**

What can be said about this incredible and dynamic hockey player. If Ian passes the ball to you and you miss it, you might get one more pass, but if you miss that one he becomes deaf to the sound of your voice calling, or is he trying to get a point across? We will not let you retire!

## **PETER GOULDTHORP**

Peter is one of the new players to our team this year. It cost us half our player budget this year to obtain this lightning fast centre forward, but the money was well spent. He got through the season without injury and did a scintillating job at centre forward. Thanks Pete!

## **TONY ILLMAN**

Tony is one of our utility players. He can fill any position on the field, never complains, and towards the end of the season he managed to keep Johnno a bit quieter. Tony got his first goal this year and well deserved it was too. He never gives up and he has the speed to recover quickly. Thanks for a great season Tony!

## **BRUCE JOHNSEN**

OUR Bruce, ( the Steven Davies of the VETS E's ), got most of the goals for us again this year. Bruce plays at right inner and always has the ability to build up our attack, then be there to finish it off as well. See you next year Bruce. Bruce has also been enjoying the U15 / Vets comp on Sunday mornings.

## **IAN KNIGHT**

Old reliable, Ian, will always be the back stop, last man in the defence. He has a great eye for the ball and never complains. Like Devo, he has one of those old sticks that have to be returned to the museum after the game. John Tegeler nearly had a heart attack one game at Newman, Ian turned up 40 minutes early!

## **BARRY LANSDOWN**

Barry will be the first to say he has enjoyed his season out of the goals. He has been playing on the left wing and has shown great touches during the season. His mother told the hockey club under no circumstances was Barry to be allowed to play in the rain,( but he did ), and his mum never found out.

## **NEIL McPHAIL**

The centre point of our team. It all revolves around Neil (Sir). His trade mark is the gentle lifting of the ball over the opponents stick, then the quick spurt of speed. Neil makes unbelievable decisions when he is the captain!

## **JOHNSON ORR**

During the summer Johnno is having hypnosis to enable him to play without talking back to the umpires. Rob and Tony have been allocated the job of keeping him in toe. Playing at inner, he did lots of running and I am sure enjoyed his season.

## **GRAHAM RAYNER**

Left half, Graham, had a wonderful season. His penetrating dead ball hits, started many an attacking move, some of the balls were too good for the forwards! Graham's strong hit gave him the ability to change the play from one side to the other with great ease.

## **JOHN SANDERS**

John will play wherever he is needed, from deep defence to centre forward. His skills are wonderful to watch. The little touches he played were sometimes too good for us. John will be back next year to keep us amused at half time with his little stories.

## **JOHN TEGELER**

J. T. has been known to be a frustrated coach. He has nearly scored a goal in the VETS / U15 games on a Sunday morning, but without a doubt John is best in the goals. With his spectacular saves and the loud yelling from the back (pick that one up), John had a great season. Thanks John.

# VETERANS 'E' (Cont.)

## **ROD WAKE**

Rod's first year with us and he has scored a goal in his first year of hockey. (more than a lot of us have done) Well done Rod. We look forward to your return next year. Your enthusiasm was a great lift to us all. Good on ya mate!

## **ROB WALKER**

Rob had his under 15 team to look after this year which made him miss a few games with us. His presence was felt when he was there. Like Graham, (left half) Rob also was our right half. With his strong hit, ability to read play and get the attack on the move he was an asset to the team.

## **NEIL ASHLEY**

Neil was our stand in man. Out last year for the end of the season and the start of this season, he came to play with us when we were short and he ended up being our first choice stand in. Great skills and disposal of the ball, thanks Neil.

# UNDER 17A

**COACH: PHIL TODKILL**

**MANAGER: IAN DEVESON**

Phil has managed to mould a group of young men of varying hockey abilities and skill levels into a co-hesive team that has finished fourth after a disastrous start to the season. Phil's biggest job has been to have the team members believe in themselves. Each time this belief was present they played great hockey.

## **PAUL BRADBURY**

First year in 17's and found the transition a little daunting initially. He held down a fullback position all year and has improved his skills as the season progressed.

## **MICHAEL DEVESON (Captain)**

Michael has led by example as a captain should, and rarely played below the level we know he's capable of. He set up many forward moves and goals from the pivotal centre half position.

## **ANDREW KING**

What a leap from 15 Regional South's to 17A's. Andrew found that if you apply yourself and listen to the coach's instructions you become a valued member of the team. Andrew can well be proud of his contribution at left half.

## **REGAN McCLURE**

Regan joined Melville this year when his family moved from the Mt Barker Region. A tall well mannered young man who slotted into inner and became a great contributor both in defence and attack.

## **SCOTT MARTYN**

Scott found 17A's stretched him this year and to his credit stuck at his game and has shown vast improvement. Most weeks Scott played "off the bench" and not once did I hear him complain. He had an understanding with Phil that seemed to work well. Always a word of encouragement for his team mates - well done Scott!

## **DANIEL PICKERING**

Daniel moved from 17C's to 17A's around the end of the first round to add another forward to balance the team. Daniel has ably filled the centre forward position. He has a good burst of speed that caused most opponents concern.

## **TIM PRICE**

A most capable right half who's not averse to overlapping right wing and delivering a cross pass deep in attack, or the odd shot at goal. Tim has been a consistent contributor all season.

## **TRENT ROWDEN**

A very talented forward with uncanny skills. His mouth often gets him offside with the umpires. He has slotted some nice goals this year and is more than capable of contributing as an attacking halfback as well.

## **PAUL SPEERING**

Being very fast across the ground, Paul was used on a wing. While his skills have improved this season he still needs to slow down his game so that he can dispose of the ball more thoughtfully, and therefore more accurately.

## **JARROD SYMES**

Jarrold is very fit and appears able to run all day. Being a late starter in hockey, Jarrold is still honing his skills, particularly tackling and disposal. With his speed he can be used anywhere in the forward line.

## **GEORGE WATTS**

George continues to improve his keeping skills. Without George in goals this season the results would have been vastly one sided. Some of George's saves astounded spectators as he threw himself around the circle. Well done George!

## **ROHIMAL WEDDIKKARA**

Roh started slowly - then gradually he began to assert his influence from his wing position. Roh is also very fast over the ground and is able to make good position to receive a through ball. He should be pleased with his efforts this season.

## **CRAIG WOOD**

Ever reliable Craig moved from centre forward to fullback after a few games because the need arose. He acquitted himself well and was often the last line of defence, pulling off some miracle saves. Craig is also an umpire of some repute, however, that repute did not help him when he engaged umpires in conversation about their decisions. A big zip might help! A good season, Craig.

Others who helped the 17A's in 1995 were Mark Johnson, Dale Tribbick and Richard Williams.

# UNDER 17C #1

The team had an up and down season this year but deserved to end up in the finals. Good work. Many thanks to the Team Manager, Mr Sparkes for all his efforts and help. His was the job to sum up the games (not always easy) and do the paperwork that goes with playing hockey. Thanks also to those parents that come and watch the game. The cheering and applauding and your presence all goes to make the game more enjoyable and fun for all.

Hockey is a team sport and the efforts of each of the players contribute toward the success of the team. A team's success is not only measured in the final position on the ladder but also in the enjoyment and fun the players had experienced during the season. It was a pleasure to coach this team even if from time to time there were some frustrations.

## **Ray von Mollendorf**

### **GARRICK ALLEN**

Garrick started the season as centre half and ended the season playing as right wing. He is a quiet achiever and a good hockey player. His efforts in the front line helped the team get the goals it needed. Thanks Garrick!

### **STEVEN COOPER**

Steven is a versatile player who was used in many positions. He played as a left half, inner and wing. He is one of those players that go about their work on the field with the minimum of fuss and always puts the effort in as required. Good work!

### **REGAN JONES**

This was Regan's first season on the field and what a season for him. He mostly played as left wing and did a very good job. He enjoyed his hockey and as a result always put his best effort in. Good work Regan, pity you missed the finals due to work commitments.

### **MARK JOHNSON**

Mark is a player that puts all his effort into his game. His work at fullback stopped many an attacker from completing his mission. Good Work!

### **MICHAEL PARKER**

Michael played mainly as a full back and sometimes as a half. His cool, calm manner and good stick skills ensures that very few attackers get past him. Always a dependable player on the field. Keep at it!

### **MARC SANDERS**

Marc may be small in build but that does not deter him when he is playing hockey. His tenaciousness as a left/right half took the play away from the wing he was playing against. He also played as an inner/wing in the latter part of the season and gave good account of himself. Thanks Marc!

### **SCOTT SPARKES**

Scott once again did himself proud this season. His skill and effort he puts into the game has stopped many many goals from being scored against us. The goalie seldom occupies the limelight in hockey but without Scott I am sure we would not have got as far as the finals this season. Great effort!

### **DANIEL PICKERING**

Daniel played the first half of the season with our team before being promoted to the 17A team. He is a player with very good hockey skills and was our highest scoring player. He played as a centre forward and inner. I am sure our team's loss was the 17A's gain.

### **DOMINIC REAY**

Dom takes his hockey seriously and works very hard on the field. He is devastating when he has the ball in our opponent's circle. Dom played mostly as a centre forward and inner and sometimes helped out as a centre half. Good Work!

# UNDER 17C #1 (Cont.)

## **BEN STEEL**

Ben plays a very dependable half back. He enjoys his hockey and it shows on the field. Ben is a quiet achiever that goes about his work on the field with enthusiasm. Thanks Ben!

## **STEVEN WALSH**

Steve is a very skilled and enthusiastic defence player. He played as a fullback for half the season then moved to the important centre half position. He has done excellent work in both positions. He is also a fast runner and stopped many short corners becoming goals. He was voted team captain by the rest of the team and did this job well too. Thank you for your efforts!

## **RICHARD WILLIAMS**

Richard is a skilled hockey player who plays the inner/centre forward position with great gusto and determination. He is a player that seldom gets hassled and can be depended on to score those all important goals. Great work!

## **DIETER von MOLLENDORF**

Dieter played as right wing for the first half of the season and used his speed to the teams advantage. He finished the season as right half and in this position cut many a wing out of the game. Thanks for your efforts!

Thanks also Ben Dunstan and Sven Tegeler for their contribution toward the end of the season. We enjoyed your company.



# UNDER 17C #2

## **AARON SMITH (Goalkeeper)**

Aaron has played an extremely important role in this team's successful year. His no worries, she'll be right, I've left my pad at home sorry sir, Not! attitude has inspired him to perform above all expectations, after all he is a goalkeeper. Good luck and thanks Aaron!

## **LUKE SMITH (Soccer Player)**

This is one Soccer Player that I recommend to play hockey. The team has used Luke's services throughout the year and appreciates the way he has contributed to our success. This is one young man that in the little time we have had his services has gained a lot of respect. All the best in the future wherever it may lead you.

## **GRANT WATTON (Fullback)**

Grant is one of several players who have played a versatile position in this team. Each new challenge saw Grant play the different positional roles with great maturity, and highlighted his possession of a good hockey knowledge. This is one player who, it doesn't matter where you put him on the field, he will want to be somewhere else. Later in the season he has proved himself to play an amazing fullback role. Grant you can wander around aimlessly on my team any day!

## **BRADLEY HILLER (Fullback)**

A young player whose first year in 17's has seen him go from strength to strength. His ability to dispossess the oncoming forwards with ease is a highlight in every game. A great team player and if he keeps on playing has a bright future.

## **SIMON LALOR (Halfback)**

Simon had a slow start to the season but as things progressed he became a valuable link in the halfback line and the team. With the good hockey knowledge and the skills he possesses he has a great future ahead.

## **BRENDAN JOSS (Centre Half)**

Brendan has taken to the centre half role with great maturity. With his cool and calm personality he plays an important part in the team. With another year in 17's and a bit of work he has a great opportunity to stamp a position in Melville's top team.

## **DALE TRIBBICK (Halfback)**

Dale plays with an extreme amount of confidence and inspires his team mates to play the same. It's great to see him with the ball on the run and his finishes are top quality. Seniors awaits you Dale, Good luck!

## **SCOTT LEHMANN (Wing)**

A late inclusion and a definite loss to the other Melville team. Scott proved to be invaluable with his ability to turn any defence inside out, strength over the ball, great crosses and bullet like shots at goal. Scott will be a great asset to the club as he moves up to seniors next year. Good luck Scott!

## **KANE WOOLLAMS (Inner)**

Kane throughout the year has been asked to play several positional roles and has done so with maturity. A quiet achiever who continually goes out onto the field and works himself hard. He really found himself playing great hockey when he was moved up front into the forward position and set up some great plays. We wish him all the best as he goes up to seniors.

## **CLINT DYMOND (Centre)**

Clint through the year made a large impression on his team mates, coaches and spectators through his drive to master the game. All the work he has put in through the year is clearly shown on the field. Clint is one of those players you want to play with and not against. If he continues the way he is, Clint can create a bright future in seniors.

## **STUART CURRELL (Inner)**

Stuart through the year has shown his fellow players the easiest way to have a rest when the coach does not have the use of a reserve and at the same time create a loving relationship with the umpires. A young man who plays with a lot of heart. Stuart you can play on my team any day.

## **JOSHUA SMALES (Wing)**

A player who has developed over the year into an extremely strong left wing. His continual drive and strength over the ball has even Jonah Lomu ducking for cover. A great team player who has gained everyone's respect.

## **MARK WATTON (Coach)**

On behalf of the guys, I would like to thank Mark for his services through the year. It's Club members like Mark that make things go round and all his time has been appreciated. He has had a large impact on the guys either through his vocal antics or motivation speeches. Thank you, Mark!

## **TODD BARRETT (Coach)**

Although Todd didn't play with the Club this year, he showed commitment by taking on one of the U17 teams, and to his credit they have done extremely well, taking out the mid-season Challenge Cup, and they have a real chance of taking "the lot". Thanks from all of us Todd! With people like you associated with the Club, a lot more juniors will want to move up to seniors.

# UNDER 15A

Season '95 was always going to be a difficult year and the aim was to develop a style of hockey and an awareness of the game rather than to concentrate on wins, losses, draws, etc. Nevertheless the team performed creditably with only a poor performance against our only rival for fourth position costing us that place in the four. We now have a very sound base and the team can look to greater consistency and success in 1996.

## Terry McIntyre - Coach

The "wine-lovers" guide to our team :

### JAMES PICKERING

The find of the season. James was excellent in the net and just kept on keeping them out. Saved us time and time again from embarrassing score lines. *"More consistent than a Coonawarra Cabernet."*

### GRAHAM WATTS

Versatile and skilful with great ability to read the play. Graham played well at the back and provided opportunities from the mid-field. *"Handle with care, as could develop into the surprise package."*

### NICK BOWATER

Nick is learning fast and is now becoming a much more reliable tackler with a better sense of position play. His distribution still requires work. *"Robust and powerful but needs to develop some finesse"*.

### ADRIAN DUSSELDORP

A reliable performer with a good clearing hit (ask David Pozzari!). Adrian can play in both attack and defence and with commitment will achieve better results. *"Keep this one in the cellar for a few years. Could be worth the wait"*.

### DAVID POZZARI

Right half, left half, left wing - David can always be relied upon to perform well against someone who is bound to be bigger. He is deceptively fast. *"More reliable than Queen Adelaide"*.

### SIMON RATE

Simon held down the mid-field position with distinction, but needs to be more assertive to make the most of his ball handling skills. *"Smooth at first but lacking finish. Will develop"*.

### RYAN WILLIS

Another team member who is rapidly coming to grips with the complexities of the game. Size and strength are becoming less of a problem and position play is improving weekly. *"Light and tangy. Comes from good stock"*.

### CLIVE PATERSON

A penetrating left wing when he decides to take them on. He has a good change of direction and is developing a more reliable cross pass. *"An interesting blend with a capacity to surprise"*.

### TIM GOULDTHORP

A speedy player with ability to put opposition under pressure. Tim scored some fine goals but needs to be more aware of when to take shots and when to pass off to others. *"Effervescent and fruity. Hard to keep the cork on this one"*.

### SVEN TEGELER

A reliable link between defence and attack. A very strong cross pass with the ability to bring others quickly into the play. Some finely measured passes to the left flank. *"Round and full flavoured. Ready now but will improve with age"*.

### BRETT MARTYN

Hard working and enthusiastic with the ability to eliminate opposing defenders. Brett's position play and shooting needs work but he should be looking forward to a fine future. *"Needs to be handled with care for best results. Huge potential though occasionally temperamental"*.

### TRAVIS McINTYRE

Travis is very creative with fine passing skills and is always aware of available options. Not a good year by Travis' own high standards. *"Smooth and well blended. Great promise early and will now develop with maturity"*.

### LUKE SMITH

Fine attacking skills. Luke is fast and creative with good ball handling and loads of ability. Unfortunately he was not always given enough of the ball. *"Mellow yet complex, with a long, smooth finish"*.



# UNDER 15B SOUTH

**COACH: GARY BOWATER**  
**MANAGER: WAYNE ATKINSON**

This season has not been easy, but team morale has remained high. Enjoyment at training and at games has been a high priority and winning at all costs has not been part of our team make-up. Our sportsmanship under pressure has passed the test with an "A" rating. Coach, Gary Bowater, has done a marvellous job in imparting his hockey knowledge to the players and teaching them to be good sportsmen.

## **COREY ATKINSON (Left Inner)**

Corey has had a very consistent season. His endeavours to work hard to create opportunities for his fellow forwards has been a feature of his season.

## **ALISTAIR BURTON (Centre Forward/Wing)**

Alistair has worked hard all season and has contributed some exciting forward moves during the season.

## **CHRIS BUSWELL (Right Inner)**

Chris has been a hard worker this year and finished off with some good opportunist goals. Chris has definite ability and just needs to improve on his concentration during the full 70 minutes to become a top player.

## **MARK CARSON (Fullback)**

Mark has tried his heart out this season and gives 100% on every contest. Mark can improve his game by learning to relax on occasions and think about other alternatives to the big clearing hit when not under pressure.

## **BEN DUNSTAN (Wing/Centre Forward)**

Ben showed that he had good skills and potential but did not have the time to execute his skills at this level. Ben has the skills to achieve at a high level, but must develop a more desperate attitude.

## **JAMES HACKETT (Left Halfback)**

James has played extremely well this season in a variety of positions and can be considered to be one of the most improved players in the team.

## **ADAM HALL (Right Halfback)**

Adam has been another outstanding player in our team this year and surprised me that he was not playing in a higher grade. Adam has great skills and composure and will play hockey at a high level if he so desires.

## **MICHELLE HITCHENS (Fullback)**

Michelle has put in 100% at fullback along with Mark, and has made sure life has not been easy for the forwards. Michelle was in danger of losing her nickname "Smiling Assassin" until the second last fixture, when the umpire had to ask two prostrate Kalamunda players if they were with HBF.

## **TAMSYN ILLMAN (Wing)**

Tamsyn has shown great skills during the season and has withstood a lot of physical pressure asserted by the opposition halfbacks. Tamsyn enjoys her hockey and I am sure will continue to play the game for many years to come.

## **RHYS JOHNSEN (Right Inner)**

Rhys is a very quick player who features in most of the teams forward moves. If Rhys can develop a bit of vision in his game I am sure he has the ability to play at a high level.

## **BYRON LAST (Centre Half)**

Byron has definitely been the hardest worker in our team and never lets an opponent get an easy ball. When Byron develops a little bit more thinking into his game and conserves some energy he will be able to blitz the opposition at centre half at "A" grade level.

## **GRANT LEHMANN (Wing)**

Grant has played well in the latter part of the season, when he has gained more confidence in his own abilities. Grant will be a stronger player in under 15's next year if he can commence the season full of confidence.

## **CHRIS MARSHALL (Goalkeeper)**

Chris also was a slow starter for the season due to lack of confidence, but has shown tremendous improvement and has been in our best players list frequently over the last five games. Keep up the improvement Chris. Next year will be a big one.

## **BRENDAN RIPP (Wing/Fullback)**

Brendan has played some excellent games this year in a variety of positions. Brendan's game will improve when he can develop vision and placement with his hitting which is sometimes rushed when not under pressure.

# UNDER 15 REG. SOUTH

The team, with a mixture of first and second year players, (even two that are still eligible to play U13's), I believe, has had a very successful year. As a playing unit, the team came together fairly early in the season and by the end was working as a very cohesive unit. Players were asked to play in varying positions which were often new to those players. They showed that they can play those positions and will only improve as they advance through the ranks. Skill levels of the team and individuals showed a marked improvement throughout the year which, as a coach, is great to see.

To all team members I say thank you for your efforts. It has been my pleasure to be associated with you. To my manager Aileen Ivey, thank you for your efforts during the season they were much appreciated. Thanks to Craig Inglis who helped me and deputised for me when I was unavailable, and to Ron Wilson for the valuable advice given during the season. Lastly but definitely not least, thank you to the large "band" of enthusiastic parents and supporters that supported the team each week. I am sure, as with myself, it was appreciated by the team.

## **Rob Walker - Coach**

### **MADELEINE DAWE**

Versatile in both forward and halfback positions, Madeleine has proved her worth to the team time after time. Many an opposition player has underestimated the tackling skills and speed of this small but tenacious player. Totally fearless, Madeleine can be relied upon to tackle the most fearsome opposition.

### **JAY GAWLEY**

Jay has spent most of the season at right inner where his speed has proved invaluable. This season Jay scored several goals himself and set up a great many more for his forwards. He has a promising future as a striker where his speed, combined with stick skills, will enable him to force his way through the opposition defence.

### **MICHAEL GOODING**

Michael is an enthusiastic team member who works hard in defence. Michael is always in position, doing the right thing at the right time. His tackling skills and positional play have improved markedly during the season.

### **BETHANIE GOULDTHORP**

Whenever a ball is passed out to the wing, Beth can be relied upon to be in position, ready to trap the pass cleanly and carry it up the field before passing it across to the centre. A good team player, Beth takes her hockey seriously and is always working towards improvement.

### **CHRIS INGLIS**

Chris has had an excellent season as a solid and skilful fullback. He can always be relied upon to trap the ball and get it back up the field to our forwards. His free hits are taken strongly and cleanly and placed intelligently every time.

### **ADAM IVEY**

Adam's tackling and stickwork have improved immeasurably this season. A quiet team player who can tackle, trap and pass with accuracy. Whilst he usually plays half back, a turn on the forward line revealed considerable speed.

### **ADAM MARGETTS**

A hardworking player forming the backbone of our defence, Adam can always be relied upon to turn in a strong performance at full back. Adam was rarely beaten and his positional play was excellent during the season. His hard and accurate hitting shows great promise.

### **SIMON McINNES**

Simon has only recently joined the team but has already proved his worth as a strong attacking player with good speed. Simon has played both attack and defence with versatility and has fitted in well with the rest of the team, both on and off the field.

## UNDER 15 REG. SOUTH (Cont.)

### **VIVIAN OLDFIELD**

Viv has played in the forward line this season. He is an enthusiastic team member who scored some great goals during the season. His skills have improved and, given the commitment shown in the last few games, should have a very good season next year.

### **BRAD POORE**

The teams "mollydooker". Brad has played as one of the team's inners with great effect. His skills have improved during the year and some deft footwork and left handed hitting left many an opponent wondering what happened to the ball. He was instrumental in setting up many of the teams goals. Brad, keep up the enthusiasm - it helps lift your team mates.

### **GREG ROOS**

The enigmatic centre forward. Greg shows some great skills and has scored some good goals during the season, much to the disgust of the opposition backs. Greg is not short of a few words of encouragement, which helps the teams morale and humour, although at times, I believe has caused the coaches hair to go greyer.

### **JUSTIN ROSE**

Another of the team's quiet backs who works extremely hard and has given many an opposition forward a headache. His tackling and general skills improved greatly over the year. He shows that he has the ability to play in both the forward and back lines, which will be a bonus to his future coaches.

### **ROB THOMPSON**

One of the team's wingers (both sides). Rob is a first year player whose tenacity and determination showed throughout the year. His skills have vastly improved from the first to the last game and if the season had been longer, the opposition would have had to watch out. Rob, you should be encouraged by your performance this year.

### **DEAN WALKER**

The teams goalie. Dean has worked hard all season on all aspects of his keeping and the extra coaching undertaken has shown. Another quiet back line player who is not afraid of the hard work when the "chips" are down. Keep up the work rate and you can only improve. Well done!

### **GRAHAM WALSH**

Graham has played mostly as the team's centre half back although he has also played in the full back positions. He is at home both in defence and in attack and has scored for the team. As a learning year for Graham, it was a season well played. Keep up the work as you progress through the ranks.

# UNDER 13A

**COACH: NEIL ASHLEY**  
**MANAGER: JOHN COLE**

## **MICHAEL ASHLEY**

Mike played in various positions this year from fullback to inner. He was used as a stop gap player by the coach due to his ability to read the play well in all positions. Always gives his best wherever he plays.

## **RYAN BACKHOUSE**

Ryan started the season as a forward and ended up playing at fullback using his Dad's 37" stick. Has progressed very well in this position through his ability to tackle hard and deliver the ball well. A most improved player this season. If he keeps growing, a 39" stick won't be out of the question.

## **PATRICK COLE**

Pat was amongst the leading goal scorers before his season was cut short by an unfortunate injury. He has good ball carrying skills and goal sense and was playing his best hockey when he broke his elbow.

## **DANIEL CREEDON**

Daniel experienced a hard season compared with a premiers year in '94. Always tried hard but was sometimes found a bit wanting in the pace department on turf. Work on your sprint work over the summer, Daniel and your game will certainly improve.

## **BRENTON JACKSON**

Brenton joined the team mid way through the season and had a rocky start. He realised his ball skills were best utilised on turf and was keen to stay in the 'A's. He has good stick work and speed and is learning a lot by playing alongside more experienced players. Keep up the good work, Brenton, perseverance pays off.

## **XAVIER MARTINEZ**

We asked a lot of Xav in goals in his first year in Under 13's against some pretty strong forward lines. He improved in all facets of his game and made countless saves during the year, including one fantastic save of a stroke.

## **ALISIA HARMON**

Alisia has had a very good season. She is a solid defender who always makes the ball her objective and is not frightened of the sometimes overbearing presence of strong boys running hard at her. Has a good sense of where to be and when to tackle. Alisia has a future in hockey encouraged I'm sure by her parents. Well done Alisia.

## **RYAN KELLY**

Ryan played most of the season in the forward line. He found the pace of turf a little hard to come to grips with but always tried his best. Ryan's close-in skill work needs to be developed a little more before he fulfils his true potential.

## **BRENAN McCLURE**

Brenan played in a number of positions and proved to be a very versatile and solid all rounder. Spent the latter part of the season at inner where his high work rate and well-developed skills were an asset to the team.

## **CAMERON PORTER**

A tenacious tackler at times, Cam developed into a useful left half where he greatly improved his positional play. He also had some runs in the forward line and played his best in the last game of the season. Keep working hard Cam.

## **BLAKE ROWDEN**

The team's striker, Blake's work rate has to be seen to be appreciated. He never stops running and chasing the ball. Blake was easily the top goal scorer this year and has a great future ahead in hockey. Well done Blake.

## **JACK STEEL**

Jack is the type of player that every coach wants in his team. Always cooperative and puts in maximum effort wherever he is playing. He has good skills and always gives his best.

## **STEVEN WILLIAMS**

Our captain this year, Steven is a natural center half. He has great skills and works tirelessly for 70 minutes. He also has an attacking flair and was unlucky not to score on a couple of occasions. Well done Steve.

Thanks to the parents for their undying support and encouragement throughout the season. You were always there to support the kids and only they know how important that is.

# UNDER 13B SOUTH

With no wins and only one draw for the season, some people may say that we had a very unsuccessful year. However those parents and club members who had the opportunity to see this team play, would all agree that It was an extremely successful year. Their improvement over the season, and the enjoyment from playing the game, was the true success story of this team. Having to adopt to playing on both grass and on the turf, was a big step for the players of whom all played under 11's the previous year. For all of the players in this team, '96 will be a successful year. Special thanks go to our many umpires over the year, Jeremy Allen, Barry Wake, Gary Bowater and Brett Martyn. Also thanks go to David Palmer for his help at training sessions.

**Scott Willis - Coach**

**Ron Wilson - Assistant Coach**

## **BREONY ALLEN (Ony/Dr Ones) - Right Half**

Breony has had an excellent season. As a half back, Breony shows no fear when mixing it with the boys. Her persistence in pressuring opposition forwards, and occasionally leaving them on the deck has been a valued asset to the team.

## **DAVID BELL - Wing**

David is a player who is always very enthusiastic about playing. He continually fights hard for the ball, and has a good clearing hit. David has improved greatly over the season and has developed into an effective winger.

## **EVAN BOWATER (Goldberg) - Centre Half/Inner**

Evan moved to centre half after playing the first couple of games in the A's. He has been an excellent asset to the team with his ability to give the ball to both the left and right sides. Evan has good stick skills and great penetration into the circle. Played well in the inner position when needed.

## **GARTH DICKSON - Centre Forward/ Wing**

Garth is a player who always puts in during games. He has developed his skills as a striker, and has scored some good goals through his constant persistence and determination. Garth has the ability to be an excellent hockey player in the future.

## **DEMELZA DRAVNIKS - Left Half**

A player not humbled by giant opposition. Demelza shows the fight of a tiger. Her skills and ball handling have greatly improved this year. Demelza shows great enthusiasm, and always works hard both during the game and at training.

## **JANE FINLAY - Fullback**

After a fairly slow start to the season in the centre half position, Jane made the move back to fullback. Not afraid of giant opposition, Jane showed that she is a defender not to be taken lightly. Many fine tackles were made at crucial times throughout the year

## **DANIEL IVEY (Mr Versatile) - Full Back/Centre Half**

Daniel has played in just about every position on the field this season. Predominantly a defender, Daniel has the ability to distribute the ball in all directions and make a solid tackle. Played well at centre half with his strength being a valued asset to the team.

## **JOEL (Heart of Iron) LEBRETON - Goalie**

Don't be fooled by his size, Joel has no fear of giant opposition. His many saves this season have been an inspiration to watch, and have often attracted the question from opposition coaches "WHAT DID YOU FEED YOUR GOALIE?" Joel has a big future in hockey. (I will burn your beanie Joel!)

## **TEGAN MARTYN - Wing**

Tegan has shown great skills this season, being able to beat defenders with ease. Her ability to see and use the players around her, has been one of Tegan's greatest assets. Look forward to a big season in '96, Tegan.

## **DARREN PALMER - Left Inner**

No matter how big or mean, Darren is always found hassling the opposing players. Together with his skills and his ability to make the uncanny trap, Darren has been a force in both our attack and in deep defence.

# UNDER 13B SOUTH (Cont.)

## **ANDREW POWELL (Flounder) - C Forward/Wing**

Andrew made the move into the forward line this year, playing predominantly at centre forward. He adapted to the position fairly quickly and proved to be a strong determined attacker when the opportunity arose.

## **TIMOTHY ROBINSON - Right Inner**

Tim is a player who is very team orientated, and always gives the early pass. He has developed to be an excellent inner, who runs hard all game. With plenty of work, has the ability to be an excellent player of the future.

## **ANDREW TAYLOR - Fullback**

Andrew is a very determined fullback, who has shown a great deal of improvement over the year. His ability to 'Channel' opposition players, has made him a difficult defender to pass.

## **JUSTIN WAKE - Fullback**

Our most improved player this season. In the space of six months, Justin has improved his hitting and his tackling, and his confidence has grown considerably. Justin's hit often left players asking "HAS HE HIT IT YET?" when the ball has already reached the other end of the ground. His couple of runs with the ball late in the season were great to watch.



# UNDER 13C SOUTH

## **JONNO BOYLAN**

Our great goalie put in a solid year, despite a mid-season break (his left arm!) He worked hard to save us from many opposition goals and , hopefully, won't be turning his back on the job next season.

## **KENDALL CRAKE**

A season of consistent improvement in both stick-work and team skills for Kendall. She developed into a very reliable, well disciplined winger, and a vital team member as the season progressed, and the team learnt to make more effective use of their wings.

## **PETER HEAVENS**

Determination and excellent striking ability showed in Peter's play throughout the season. Not one to let anyone overpower him, Peter scored us some valuable goals against strong opposition and is a particularly good team player.

## **SANDRA INGLIS**

Positions in the defensive zone, mainly at half-back, provided many opportunities for Sandra's speed and tackling to be displayed, and she proved a hard worker in defence.

## **CORRINE JOHNSEN**

Terrific work in the forward line as Corrine displayed superior ball-control skills and tactical expertise in drawing opposition defenders and providing scoring opportunities.

## **ANDY MEACOCK**

A great, hard-hitting defender, Andy showed dogged determination in the backline, and enthusiastic striking on his occasional stints in the forward zone. Andy gives great energy, whatever his position on the field.

## **AEMEE SAVICH**

New to the sport this year, Aemee has started to settle well into a defensive playing position. Her stopping and pushing skills are really starting to develop with some great play in the last few games of the season.

## **KRYSTINA PYE**

Krissy played this season mostly on the wing. Tenacity in tackling and the willingness to run hard and support well were the characteristics of Krissy's play as our other specialist winger. Attacking work really improved as the season progressed.

## **JADE CHEESBROUGH**

Jade is one of the team's quiet achievers. His attacking skills are continually improving, with the last game of the season producing some excellent passages of play.

## **BRYN DODSON**

Bryn started the season taking every missed opportunity as a personal blow. By the end of the season not much got through his excellent defending skills. It's taken the coach and others all season but we finally worked out Bryn's unique hitting style comes from another sport - cricket.

## **LISA INGLIS**

Having double trouble in a team is no easy feat, unless of course your father is the coach. For the rest of us it took a while to work out who was who - Lisa please don't change your hat! Lisa is one of the few team members who is able to play both striker and defender positions and still gain best player points.

## **LAUREN JACKSON**

Getting hit in the head, stung by a bee and hassled by some of the larger opposition was not enough to deter feisty Lauren. When in top gear she is able to produce some excellent defensive work.

## **TIM McENTEE**

No-one could dispute that Tim is one of the team's most versatile players. Stepping into Jonno's shoes was no easy task, especially when the "kickers" keep coming off. When given the chance to play the other end of the field, Tim proved to be one of the top goal scorers.

## **LUCAS OLDFIELD**

An early-season injury and clashes with other commitments meant Lucas was only able to play part of the season. However his big-hitting style made him a strong mid-field asset and valued team member.

## **LUKE SMITH**

Hard running and deft interceptions are characteristic of Luke's style. A developing striker with strong teamwork , he has contributed well, both in assisting and scoring throughout the year.

# UNDER 11A

I would like to thank Nigel Atkinson for coaching the team this year and Dave Porter for umpiring each week. Both did an excellent job and their efforts were greatly appreciated. Good luck to those players moving up to 13's next year.

## **PAUL ASHLEY**

Robert's twin with the yellow stick. Paul has endless energy and a great hit. He is never afraid to mix it with the tougher sides and plays some good thinking hockey.

## **KATHRYN ATKINSON**

Affectionately known by the guys as "Chimp" or "Kat", Kathryn has been a very reliable and effective fullback this season and has shown she is ready to move on to 13's.

## **MATTHEW BROCKMAN**

A gutsy little player who played some very solid hockey throughout the season. Matthew can play a back or a forward very competently.

## **BEN DAVIS**

Is a good ball carrier, making the most of goal scoring opportunities (provided the goal post doesn't get in the way) and is prepared to tackle the whole team to get there if necessary.

## **JAN HAAK**

Jan is the race horse of the team. His long fast runs are a feature of his game and often catches the opposition off guard.

## **EVAN KELLY**

Evan has excellent ball skills and can be a real goal sneak on his day. Evan can play a variety of positions with ease and will cover a lot of ground in his efforts to gain control of the ball.

## **COREY LEBRETON**

Corey is an enthusiastic player who battles the ball vigorously on the right wing. His ability to carry the ball and switch across goals is a real asset.

## **DANIEL MCENTEE**

For one so small (with an even smaller hockey stick), Daniel has shown that size is no handicap and tackled the biggest of opponents without fear.

## **CRAIG ORR**

Has put in a good strong season on the left wing. Craig tends to baffle the opposition with his reverse stick drag as he switches the ball right.

## **ROBERT PORTER**

Robert has combined well with Kathryn this season to protect the defensive 25 from ambush by the opposition. With his swiftness and strength, he is able to clear the ball to safer territory.

## **OWEN POWELL**

Is an important part of the team with his strong defence and never say die attitude. Owen has shown his versatility when asked to play goalie as stand in for Mike.

## **MICHAEL RITCHIE**

A specialist Goalie who even impressed a State level player. Mike saved many a spectacular goal during the season and proved he can run like an Emu and play good hockey when let free from the goalie pads.

## **PAIGE TUCKER**

Our ever reliable left half back. Paige plays a tireless and effective game at all times and her backing up is superb.

## **BROOKE WILLIS**

Brooke has shown she can play any position assigned to her, going from a back to a forward without question or hesitation. Brooke has improved in all aspects of her game this season.



# UNDER 11B SOUTH

## MINOR PREMIERSHIP WINNERS 1995

This year I was given the task of running the B squad of Melville's Under 11's. A task not to be taken lightly as these players are likely to go on and achieve any level of hockey they choose to. I hope they enjoyed their hockey this year as I have coaching them.

Through the entire season all players showed themselves to be good sports and a credit to their parents and Melville City. All bar Lauren and Ben will venture into Under 13's next year, that's 12 out of 14 players.

The team and I would like to mention a special thank you to Mr Wake for umpiring our games (hope to see you there again next year.)

### **BEN ALLEN**

Ben joined the team late in the season. He showed plenty of enthusiasm and always went hard at the ball.

### **KATE BEST**

Kate has developed into a solid defender. She consistently held her ground against opposition forwards who were moving down the ground, and always attacked the ball aggressively when it needed to be dug out of a pack.

### **REMY DONDRAADT**

When Remy is focused on the ball he is very hard to beat. His two goals in atrocious weather against Dale, which saved us from certain defeat, typify his great spirit.

### **JAMIE DREW**

Jamie has continued on from last year in his role as a strong and reliable defender. In the short time he spent up forward he proved he can score goals as well.

### **SCOTT FAULKNER**

As team captain Scott led by example all year. A cool head in defence and aggressive in attack. Some fantastic crosses from short corners had spectators on their feet.

### **NADIA LEHMANN**

Nadia is a very confident player. She is capable in defence or attack and played a role in many of the forward moves made by the team.

### **LAUREN MILLER**

Lauren may be the smallest player in the team but she has a big heart. She never gives in, and she regularly took on and beat several opposition players at a time. Sure to be a regular goal scorer next year.

### **ANTHONY RICCIARDONE**

Anthony has great ball control skills. On many occasions he moved the ball from defence to attack beating several opposition players along the way. He always backed up forwards and scored several goals as a result.

### **BLAKE ROSE**

Blake has been developing into an attacking right wing but is competent playing in other positions. A very quiet player off the field, but Blake has displayed many times he can shoulder a heavy work load.

### **CHAD SILVER**

Chad has been tried in various positions this year and shows signs of developing into a sharp attacking right half back. to develop on this next year he will have to train harder on his fitness, as he will have to cover a lot of ground.

### **VAUGHN TAYLOR**

A prime mover up forward, Vaughn kept up the good work from last year. He played a few games in defence, but always seemed a bit faster once he came within scoring range of the goals.

### **BRAD WAKE**

Our star goalie. Brad went from strength to strength as the year went on with few balls beating him. Keep up the good work next year Brad, as good goalies are hard to find.

### **BRONWYN WILLIAMS**

Bronwyn covered plenty of ground going up and down the wings. As the year went on she developed more confidence in her own ability and played a greater role in the team's attacking moves.

### **MATTHEW WILLIS**

Matthew is a tireless worker whether it be in defence or as an attacker. With this ability he was often used to mark key players on opposing teams and still be ready to break free and push into attack.

# UNDER 11C SOUTH EAST

For most of the players this was their first season of "true hockey". To their credit and to Sarah Tegeler who coached them so well, congratulations on a tremendous season. It was great to see such enthusiasm from all players who played their best at all times. This enjoyment of the game is what hockey is all about and was seen every Saturday morning from the whole team. Thank you, Sarah, from all the parents and players.

## **M & J. Pearce** **Team managers**

### **MORGAN BEARD**

The team's main goal scorer. As the season progressed, his improved stick work and team skills resulted in many exciting forward attacks.

### **NATHAN BEARD**

Nathan has developed his skills throughout the season. His ball skills have improved greatly and his attacking and defensive skills have been an asset to the team.

### **DANIEL CHAPMAN**

Daniel played strong in his fullback position, improving his skills in every game. Renowned for giving a solid whack, he was always reliable in defence.

### **TRISTAN DRAVNIKS**

Tristan was one of the fighters of the team. Showing good skills and working hard in defence, he never gave up. Tristan also showed his versatility by stepping in as goalie at times.

### **DAVID MARSHALL**

David played most of the season as goalkeeper, a position in which he excelled. Throughout the season, David was also given the opportunity as a field player, giving it his best at all times.

### **TAHLIA NAUGHTON**

A very strong attacking player. She always enjoyed changing defence into attack. She was a good team player and could always be sure to play a good hard game.

### **CATHERINE PEARCE**

Catherine worked well as a halfback. Being quick on the ball with newly acquired hockey tactics, she was seen to set up many of the team's plays.

### **LARISSA PEARCE**

An enthusiastic player showing determination throughout the whole season, Larissa was a reliable player who always did her best. As the season progressed so too did an improvement in her skills.

### **MARTHA REAY**

One of the thinkers of the team. Martha, throughout the season developed well as a wing, a position which saw her many a time skilfully control the ball alone down the wing. A pleasing season for her.

### **DAVID RYAN**

David worked well as a strong forward or in defence. A skilful forward, David has developed well into a good team player and could always be relied upon for strong hitting.

### **RENAE STIRLING**

Renaë has adapted well to various positions on the field. She has developed her skills and team play throughout the season.

### **ALEX WALLIS**

Our terrier of the team. Alex was always there determined in attack and defence. He has had a great season.

### **MEGHAN WILLIAMS**

A quiet achiever of the team. Her skills have improved greatly and she is always ready to defend.

# UNDER 11C SOUTH WEST

## **SHAUN BANNER**

A great little player who showed he could play in both defence and attack. Liked to work with the ball close and wouldn't give it up easily to the opposition.

## **PEGGY COOKE**

Our Rock of Gibraltar in defence. Could always be relied upon to keep the opposition out. Showed increasing skills and confidence as the year progressed - how does a full back get to score goals?

## **KIERAN DREW**

The quiet achiever of the team. Showed the ability to play his position well and run the ball into attack. A player to watch in the future as he develops the confidence to use his talents to the full.

## **RYAN FULLER**

A solid player as full back but with the ability to play the wing with incredible skill. Showed steady improvement over the season as he settled in. Will have to watch him in the future to see where we can best utilise his skills.

## **ANDREW GALBRAITH**

A talented forward who provided us with a sure avenue to goal. As the season progressed he developed stick skills on both sides of his body and should continue to rattle defences for years to come. Is he an Under 11 or a young looking vet?

## **ADAM HALLIDAY**

A determined young man who continues to grow in stature. Not afraid to mix it with the bigger kids and showed the ability to play in a variety of roles, excelling on the wing where he penetrated the defence on many occasions.

## **DEVLIN JOHNSEN**

Improved her skill level over the season and demonstrated that she will continue to do well in the future. An aggressive tackler she seldom gave up the ball without a fight.

## **SCOTT MEACOCK**

An extremely reliable halfback who could both run with the ball into attack or hit with accuracy to another team mate. Great tackling skills ensured that attackers always had to work hard to beat him - then watch out when he caught up with them!

## **SANDRA MILLAR**

A great team player who would always do the task allocated to her. Stick skills improved as the year progressed and, as her confidence grows, don't be surprised to see her taking on a more attacking role.

## **DAVID ORR**

The Kevin Bartlett of Under 11 Hockey. A great little inner who loves to get into the scoring, always hovering around the goals. Someone to keep an eye on in the future as his strength and speed increase - defenders watch out!

## **JARED RAYNER**

A versatile player who could fill many positions. Was prepared to take on the opposition and rarely gave up the ball without a determined fight. Should continue to improve with each season and will definitely be amongst the goal scorers of the future.

## **RORY READ**

A very talented player who could split the defence with his quick runs into the forward line. Has good stick skills and the ability to bring others into the play. Sorely missed when he departed for the holidays. Hope to see him back next year.

## **ADRIAN SCHUBERT**

A power player who often created an opening for the forwards and a ball to run onto. Needs to contain this and learn to fully utilise the running part of the game he showed when placed in the forward line. An excellent season and he will continue to greater heights in the future.

## **HELEN TAYLOR**

A determined young lady who showed the ability to play as both an attacker and defender. Her interrupted season did not alter her willingness to work hard. She should continue to improve as her confidence grows.

## **JAMES WELTEN**

The player with the biggest grin on the team who developed into an extremely good goalie. Relished being able to come out and take on the forwards, kicking and clearing everything in his path. Showed his talents go beyond this position and it will be good to watch him develop over the next few seasons.

## **BANKWEST - Vets/U15 Competition**

Firstly I would like to thank BankWest for organising this unique competition. As a club we organised Fathers and sons/daughters to play, with a few fill-in's on occasions.

The competition consisted of Dale, Kalamunda, Willetton and Melville. We only lost one game and we finished on top. However the main objective was to enjoy the game and mix with the opposition over a sausage sizzle, which was run each week by the host club.

I would like to thank the main families involved for participating; Gary & Nick Bowater, Peter & Tim Gouldthorp, Tony & Tamsyn Illman, Bruce & Reece Johnsen, John & James Pickering, John & Sven Tegeler, Rob & Dean Walker and Colin & Ryan Willis. Many enjoyable moments were had, especially when we shared players with the opposition. Thanks also to those who participated in playing, umpiring and cooking. I'm sure we are all looking forward to next year's competition.

Colin Willis



## Poison Pens of the year

- The **Walker** family were surprised to find an extra body sitting in their living room after everyone had left the club barbecue on Saturday the 6th. Really, **Willis** family! With three of you having cars at the function, you'd think at least one of you, **Colin, Chris** or **Scott**, would have remembered **Ryan**.
- While we're on the subject of the **Willis's**, which well known VetsC player, after beating the opposing goalie, ran into an open goal.....*and missed!*
- Our **president** has been more than happy with his new mobile phone. But ask him about the problems you have when you clip it on your belt on the side of the hand you use when going to the toilet.....and it rings while you are standing at the urinal. It is reported that **Pam** waited a long time for an answer.
- The club congratulates **John Cooke** (1B's) on his recent marriage. But **Stephen Willett** was seen arriving at the wedding just as the bride and groom were emerging from the church.
- When he discovered his car key was missing off his keyring at the Leeming Rec. Centre, **Rob Walker** set out to walk home to Kardinya. When passing Murdoch University (almost home) he had cause to search through his gear bag and found, to his surprise, *his* set of keys, *with* car key. (The set he had found earlier in his pocket was his wife's set which has no car key.) He then had to walk back to Leeming to pick up the car. (Where *do* we find these committee members?)
- Talking about committee members, our keen secretary, who's name escapes me, was noted to turn up for a committee meeting one week early. All I can say is, **Gav**, you must be keen. *Keep it up!*
- Seen at Saturday's **Vets E** match, was an unconventional use of a hockey stick. After locking his keys in the car, and unsuccessfully trying to open the vehicle, the stick was used to break a side window of the offending vehicle. An unusual and expensive way to retrieve your keys, isn't it, **Graeme Rayner?**
- It seems that certain families within the club do provide this correspondent with a ready source of incidents. It was therefore, not unusual to hear of a certain 2B player and Under 13B coach, who was seen climbing the hockey stadium fence late one evening to retrieve a good pair of shoes he had left behind. Could have proved to be expensive, eh, **Scott W.?**
- It has been reported that a few home truths about **Peter Steele** (VetsCs & U15 women's coach) were aired on 92.9 FM last week when the morning crew spoke about his recent birthday. Would you like to fill us in on some of the details, **Pete?**
- It is true! Our treasurer, **Cheri Bowater**, was seen at a Collar and Cuffs Night last week, and from all reports had a thoroughly enjoyable time.
- Not to be outdone, husband **Gary**, was seen at the Club's Players Tea and it should be noted that he looked rather tired and had trouble holding his hands up. Ask him about it!

## Poison Pens of the year (Cont.)

- The **clown of the week**, and the appropriate wearing of the hot pink shirt, goes to **Andrew Scanlon**, the captain of the 1B's. When asked by the umpire which of two players made an incorrect tackle, he "dobbed in" **John Cooke** who consequently received the unwanted yellow card.
- The quote of the week goes to **Frank Williams**, our 11B's coach and VetsC player, when during the initial preliminaries of the **VetsC** match, the team was asked who would toss the stick, he stated that he was the best tosser in the team. The result of the toss is unknown.
- This week the **clown of the week shirt** is worn by **Craig Shearer** (2B's). What's this about celebratory dances after scoring??
- **James Pickering** (15A's) was warned, by the umpire, to be quiet whilst sitting upstairs at a recent game at the stadium. Could it be something to do with the *squeal* he issued forth after **Michael Deveson** absconded with part of his "killer python".
- Which 15 Reg.South player, when going one on one with the goalie last week, lined up what was to be the goal of the match, but instead, hit a windy and fell flat on his back? Embarrassing, wasn't it **Greg Roos**?
- In the father/son match on Sunday, prolific ballgetter **Sven** was replaced after 10 minutes with Dad, **John**, because he hadn't had a hit. **John** (who normally plays in goals) was later moved to centre forward and *almost* scored .
- When you're a fully qualified chef, you'd think that heating up a few pies would be easy, but apparently not so. Just ask **John Tegeler** (goalie VetsE's) how easy it is to burn pies.
- It seems that "Poison Pen" features goalies quite a lot - they're a unique breed of people. One such goalie, **John Boylan** (13C's), recently, was going down the steps at school four at a time, missed the last one and broke his arm. Some of us learn all sorts of lessons at school.
- **Tim Gouldthorp** was pushing his luck with Dad, **Peter**, during the Bankwest Vets/U15 game on Sunday. While Dad was taking his swing with a sure goal lined up, **Tim** stepped in and took the ball from him - and then lost possession to the opposition. Sounds like good grounds for making one son walk home!
- Apparently the 17A's suffer from a disorder called "Lockomus Keys In Carus Syndrome". **Craig Wood** is the latest to fall victim. After borrowing Mum's car, and upon arriving at McGillivray, he locked the keys in the car. He thought it would be okay as mum was due to arrive later to watch the game but, alas, she did not bring the expected spare set with her. Thank heavens for the RAC eh? **Craig**.
- The "**Clown of the Week**" shirt goes to **Bruce Hancock**, who was awarded it because he wore his own pink shirt to training. It was a brighter pink than the "clown" shirt so the team felt he deserved to continue in the "pink tradition".



## Poison Pens of the year (Cont.)

- **Nigel Atkinson**, our 11A's coach, learnt that you should not contradict umpires or you confuse your players. The umpires spent considerable time explaining to the players that you call *round* or *flat*, not *rough* or *smooth*, when tossing the stick at the start of the game. So what happened at the time of the toss? **Nigel** stepped in and asked *rough* or *smooth*. I believe the team was left slightly confused for a little while, **Nigel**.
- I am led to believe that **Colin Willis** was the only player that did not get wet in Sunday's 15's/Vets game. Starting off the field he didn't sub himself on till the rain had finished, and then managed to sub himself off again just before rain re-started, and then finally subbed on again when the sun came out. Nice one, **Colin**, I think I might have done the same!
- Our **President** has done it again! When a penalty flick was awarded in the VetsE game, **Ian** claimed he was the best man for the job, so he was given the chance to redeem himself. But, alas, like the last effort, he flicked straight into the goalie's pads. I am told by team members that he has been stood down as their flick taker. Although he was heard to remark that he *was* successful in one flick last year.
- Congratulations to **Wayne Hudson** (Vets B goalie). In all his years in hockey he's never had a penalty flick awarded against him - until last Saturday's game, that is. He now has a 100% record for flicks saved. Better quit while you're ahead **Wayne**!
- Maybe **Wayne** should have quit before last Thursday's training when a lifted ball made mince meat of his helmet.
- When **Mark Watton** took a tumble over the side line, with an opponent, in last Sunday's 2B's game, the cry was heard across the field "Bring me a bandaid - and make it a big one". After holding up the game for five minutes attending to the injury, the "ginormous gash?" in his arm took on secondary importance when he realised that the draw string in his shorts had broken, and he subbed himself off, anyway. Thanks **Mark**, the guys really needed that breather! And as for the offending pair of shorts? Well, to the rescue came **Bruce Hancock** with one slightly sweaty pair of shorts from the previous 1B's game.
- The VetsE players were aghast, and all simultaneously synchronised watches when **Ian Knight** turned up forty minutes early for the game last Saturday. Is this why the team lost a game they should have won? Were they all still in a state of shock???
- It's also reported that VetsC goalie, **Kim Fisher**, turned up uncharacteristically early for his game last Saturday. **Kim**, who normally runs onto the field five minutes after start of play, was rewarded for his punctuality with the captaincy for the day. But when calling for three cheers before commencement of play, had to ask who the opponents were. Could it be that Fremantle's uniforms aren't distinct enough?
- The **boot scooting night** was a "hooting" success and, of course, the Poison Pen was present on the night to bring a few snippets to this column.



## *Poison Pens of the year (Cont.)*

- It seems that the Club has people of many talents within it's ranks. All managed to acquit themselves very well on the dance floor, but two stood out on the night. Firstly, the winner of the Women's division of the **Inaugural Melville City Hockey Club Boot Scooting Championship** was **Maria McPhail**, wife of Neil McPhail (Vets E's). The male equivalent of this award went to none other than **Nick Bowater** (15A's) who showed that he can really "shake a tail feather". Congratulations to both!
- **Matt Read** may not have been among the best "scooters" on the night but he sure made an impact with those boots.
- Seen in the queue-up for the "bump and grind" were **Scott Willis** (2B's), **Nathan Elliott** (1B's), **Gavin Scally** (2B's) and **Bryon Little** (1B's). But to get the full visual impact of this "gyrating" combination you just had to be there!
- **Graham Walsh** (15C's) needs to remember that when you go back on the field after half time it helps to take your hockey stick with you.
- It seems that the father/son combination of **Robert and Dean Walker** just wasn't gelling in the **Bankwest U15/Vets** game last Sunday. Father, **Robert**, at full back let an airball, which was heading for the back line, ricochet off his stick, where it then found it's way between the pads of gaolie son, **Dean**, and into the goals. Lucky for **Rob** that **Dean** doesn't drive, or he may have found himself walking home from Armadale.
- Apparently **Patrick Cole** (13A's) doesn't do anything by halves. Not content with breaking just one bone in his elbow he had to break several. Hope you're back in action soon, **Patrick**.
- In the words of our esteemed President, after attending the 15B's game last Sunday, "the **Smiling Assassin** is alive and well"!
- The "quote of the week" goes to **Matt Read** (1B's) whilst **Mark Watton** was writhing on the ground and making valiant attempts to walk again (with the help of the "magic spray"), after being hit pretty badly in the knee/leg. In anticipation of a night out on the town, **Matt** was heard to say, "I guess this means that **Watto** won't be driving tonight. Can we find a replacement?". Good to see we do have some compassion in the club????
- After the 11C South West's game last Saturday, **David Orr** and **Jarred Rayner** were seen scouring the field for the tooth which **David** had lost during the course of the game. Apparently they were planning to split the proceeds from the tooth fairy if they found it.
- A very red-faced **Poison Pen** humbly apologises to **Matt Read** for attributing remarks in the last edition of **PP** to him. In fact the remarks made during the 2B's game actually came from none other than **Nathan Rowden**. Apparently **Nathan** was concerned that he hadn't had a mention in **PP** yet this year, so he thought this was his big chance to own up and get the notoriety?? he deserves.
- It was good of **Keith Jackaman** to volunteer, at the "cultural evening" last Thursday night, to drop the bar takings and keys off at the **Willis** residence after the evening finished that night. However, when **Colin** opened the front door, after hearing a noise at 6.20am the next morning, he felt that **Keith** was having a little trouble telling the difference between night and day - especially as he was still on his way home??

Just in case you thought you'd gotten off scott free this year (E.g. **Aaron Smith**), think again. Here are some new snippets from:

## *The Poison Pen*

- Overheard at the Vets E semi final, an interchange between our illustrious president and **Col Willis** during **Ian's** rest on the sideline. Newman had just scored their second goal, and **Col** stated "Now we're in trouble!" **El Presidente** answered that we were about to be in worse trouble as he was due back on the field. Sure enough! Within a minute of him going back on the field they scored their third. Do you have Psychic powers, **Devo**???
- **Aaron Smith**, the 17C #2 goalie, is pondering the possibility of receiving a bill for the repair of one of the goals at Burrendah Reserve. During a lull in the play he sat down on the back of the goal's backboard, and proceeded to fall through the back netting. **Aaron** ended up flat on his back behind the goals with his rather ungainly feet sticking up on the backboard. Coach, **Todd Barrett** who was nearby at the time, was heard to say something to the effect, "you keep goals in front of the line not at the rear of the goals, and we still have 10 minutes to go and we really need you." Well **Aaron**, you did make Poison Pen this year.
- After the 1B's last home and away match, it was suspected that **Craig Shearer** was suffering from concussion. When questioned as to how he had received it, he explained rather gingerly that it was compliments of **Matt Read**. Craig was rushing up to congratulate **Matt**, who had just scored a goal, when **Matt** raised his arms in a victory salute to the crowd. It seems that **Craig's** head and **Matt's** elbow didn't see eye to eye. I think **Craig** will think twice before approaching jubilant goalscorers in future.
- **Terry Bishop** (Vets C's) found he'd forgotten something when he arrived, by himself, at the team end of year function. After seeing it was a mixed evening he stated that he had thought it was a team members only night. After a quick phone call and a rush trip home, we can report that all worked out well when he arrived back at the function with his rather bemused wife.