

Melville City Hockey Club

Yearbook 2001

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Life Members

V. Dalton	1959
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
J. Pickering	1991
N. Kidd	1992
W. Atkinson	1993
G. Napier	1994
C. Willis	1994
K. Jackaman	1997
K. McGuire	2000

Melville City Hockey Club Club Administration 2001

Patron:	Ms K. Mair, Mayor, City of Melville
Vice Patrons:	Merv Bennetts Max Reynolds (Life member) Wally Meacock (Life member) Colin West Darryl Williams MHR Norm Kidd (Life member)
President:	Hans Geers
Vice Presidents:	Carolyn Jones - Senior Administration - Women George Watts - Senior Administration - Men Keith Harper - Junior Administration
Treasurer:	Pat von Mollendorf
Secretary:	Maris Margetts
Veterans Co-ordinator:	Johnson Orr
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President's Report

My first year as President of Melville City Hockey Club has been one of mixed fortunes. Our Goundrey Cup side started the season several players short due to family, work and study commitments. These losses proved hard to fill and were exacerbated when one of our AIS players played little hockey throughout the year due to injury. Had we had our full complement of players I firmly believe we would still be in the Goundrey Cup Competition. Although disappointing as a club, I believe we should take the set back as 'character building', move on and fully commit ourselves to regaining our deserved position in the Goundrey Cup in 2003. Ben Taylor, our other AIS and Australian representative, and Russel Lee - our Thundersticks representative - are to be thanked for their commitment, support and professional approach to the game. Our team worked manfully in the latter half of the season under coach Colin Brandis to restore club pride. They are a tremendous group of young men and I hope their continued involvement in hockey is with Melville. Stick around, guys and let's do it again, but better.

Carolyn Jones has ably led the women's division throughout the year and I believe, in the years to come, we can become a force in women's hockey. It will, however, take time, commitment and a growth in numbers in this division to achieve this. Andy Starling and Joel Brown with the help of Sumo, coached the men's and women's senior teams respectively. Both groups got off to late starts for various reasons but displayed greater consistency as the season progressed. Johnno has co-coordinated the men's Vets sides magnificently all season while also managing the top squad.

Keith Harper completes a successful period as Vice President - Juniors and will concentrate on the all important Minkey and Graduates program next year. Keith ensured that quality coaches, supported by excellent managers, were appointed to the junior teams. Given time the full value of this coaching will come through. Andy, Joel, Sumo, Johnno, Carolyn and Keith are to be thanked for their commitment to the club.

I had the pleasure of attending the Graduates and Minkey windup during August and was impressed with the support of parents and the positive feeling among the players. As a club we need to continue to develop Junior Hockey further as it will be the lifeblood of the Club in the years to come. To Alison and Joe who run the canteen each week, thank you very much. The numbers and quality of our junior members continue to grow. Next year we will have a serious membership drive in the hope of further boosting numbers and involvement in our Club.

Melville City Hockey Club has a group of sponsors without whom we could not survive. This support allows us to fund projects we normally would not be able to. There are many avenues the club would like to pursue, but are hampered by funding constraints. The value of these sponsors cannot be underestimated and I pass on my deepest thanks. There is, however, always scope for additional sponsors, large or small and I would be happy to talk to interested parties.

Coaches, managers, parents and supporters continue to play an important role in our club. It would be impossible to survive without you. It has been one of my great pleasures to have the opportunity to meet so many new people in my role as president. Your support is enormously appreciated.

This year's committee and club membership have worked diligently to raise the profile, image and reputation of Melville City Hockey Club. Part of this has been the work inside the clubroom itself. This has taken much longer than expected but will enhance the appearance of the clubrooms no end. We will now be able to display our shields and trophies on a more permanent basis. Graham Coleman has been a tremendous support in this project and his expertise invaluable. Pat van Mollendorf leaves the treasurer's position after several years. Her contribution during that time has been outstanding. To the remaining members of the committee not previously mentioned, thank you for your support and contributions. Your work and commitment has contributed to the Club being as good as it is.

President's Report

The fellowship around the Club has improved as the season has gone on. This helped develop a tremendous atmosphere around the place and augers well for next year. I believe the Club has the potential to really move forward in the coming years. A great deal has been achieved this year and I am excited and enthused about the future of hockey at the Melville City Hockey Club. I am already looking forward to the 2002 season and hope over the off-season to pursue business and financial plans for the Club. I ask all members, supporters and friends of the Club to stick around and bring a friend in 2002, it's going to be huge! I look forward to being a part of it together with the membership as company. In the coming years we will be endeavouring to become the best and strongest club south of the river, catering for both elite and social players. We can only achieve this with the full support of the membership. Be involved and come along for the ride; it is going to be good.

All the best for the off-season.

Hans Geers

The Maple Leaf Cup

Presented by Kip Hladky - inaugurated 1982

Paul Meacock	1982
Geoff Morris	1983
Alan Meacock	1984
Keith Jackaman	1985
Ross Read	1986
Wayne Atkinson	1987
Harold Farmer	1988
Keith Harper	1989
Graham Napier	1990
Wayne Atkinson	1991
Colin Willis	1992
Bruce Read	1993
Rob Walker	1994
Les & Rob Walker	1995
Colin Willis	1996
Johnson Orr	1997
Pat von Mollendorf	1998
Mal Farmer	1999
Nicola Ogden	2000

Senior Administration Report - Women

It is just over a year since I was cajoled into considering taking on this role. Knowing the normal response at AGM's once it's known that you would fill a particular role if needed then you can virtually guarantee it's yours. Not that this is a bad thing! Actually my words of wisdom mentioned to a young girl at her second ever training session with the club led to her volunteering to do the weekly newsletter while Alene was away, (thank you Fiona) and then Kymberley willingly took the reigns as secretary, while Maris was away. These happenings, and the way people accepted the tasks that I delegated to them, made my job easier.

I decided to keep a diary at the start of the season so that I could recall the major events. The only entries I have are that I scored a goal for the Vets and set up a goal in the State 3's (only joking!)

At the start of season we had the annual "find a coach" game. After a number of false starts we were fortunate to secure the services of Joel and Mike. Then we had to find not one but 2 goalkeepers! Unlike the men, our goalkeepers tend to get pregnant and we all know it is a health hazard to play while pregnant (best wishes to Jen on the imminent arrival of Junior). To their credit, some of our outfield players volunteered to fill the gap, fortunately we were saved (no pun intended) by finding Kristy all the way from Toodyay and Nicola who delayed her full time transition to "Vets." Special thanks to Fiona who filled in for the 6's when needed.

We had a few highlights during the year. Metro 1 have again excelled, winning the Challenge Cup and heading the table and looking forward to winning the finals this year. Well done Jan Davis for your continued role as manager, coach, chief organiser. Your efforts are appreciated.

We again fielded 2 teams in Vets. Thank you to Jan and Maris (Vets 1) and Kymberley (Vets 2) for managing their teams. Good to see that there was a regular 11 for the Vets 2. Our top side has again lead the way which has rubbed off on the second team with both teams at the time of writing having made the finals. Good luck to both teams.

One of my objectives this year was to see a smoother transition for the girls from under 17 to senior hockey. This was achieved in a number of ways. Several of the girls were invited to participate in the pre-season 7 a side competition and have also been included in senior training with an eye to next season. Special mention to Nadia who has played seniors all year and applied herself admirably. To Tara, Claire, Brooke and Kathryn, it was good to see you joining in and filling in as the season drew to a close.

Overall the season has again been one of rebuilding. Our State League 3 & 6 sides have both struggled to some extent and found scoring goals difficult. All of the girls that compete at this level need to increase their commitment levels if we are as a club move to higher a level, possibly even maintain what we have. Some people have suggested that we have done the right thing in improving the mobility between our top two sides and that we should in fact go further and include the Metro girls and truly act as one club, providing more balanced sides across the club. In moving forward the club needs your input as to what your goals and aspirations are so that as a club we can achieve them. Your thoughts and feedback will determine how we move forward.

Another achievement this year was the introduction of the Pink "Melville Moron" T/Shirt. The shirt reflected our season to some extent, it was lost in June along with the player to whom it was awarded; perhaps we need another idea for next year?

Finally I would like to thank coaches, managers, captains & supporters for their efforts this year, along with the players. Looking forward to a solid 2002.

Carolyn Jones

Senior Administration Report - Men

It has been a mixed bag of results for the club this year. Despite the best efforts of the top squad relegation looms for the Goundrey Cup side, whilst the State 2A's continue to go from strength to strength by appearing in the finals for a second year. Next year will see our top side rebuild and make a direct return to the top level.

The club fielded four teams in the Metropolitan League this year. A dedicated group of players attended Thursday night training, led by the enthusiastic Scot Andrew Starling and ably assisted by John Cooke. Difficult to say if any of the Metro teams will reach the finals at this stage although it seems likely that the Metro 1A's will be in the top four, but it is a hotly contested grade and will go down to the wire.

The season brought about success for a few individuals:

Russell Lee again was again selected in the Thundersticks squad, appearing in a number of games.

Graham Watts flew to Tasmania to compete in the U21 National Championships.

Roscoe McKinnon played in Tamworth in the U18 Nationals accompanied by Michael Ashley who umpired at the championship.

Special thanks must go out to all those that assisted me in my role this season. For the committee putting up with my continued absence, Andrew Starling for dealing with some "occurrences" with professionalism, and a huge thankyou to Clint Dymond for spending every Thursday night ensuring team selections were all done on time (after a few initial hiccups).

George Watts - the cardboard cut-out

Major Club Awards - Seniors

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

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

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

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

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

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

Junior Administration Report

In 2001 we were able to capitalise on our solid work of past years. Our under 17's and under 15's played A grade for the first time in many a season and we were able to field a girls' team in under 11's. The majority of the 17's players (both boys and girls) gained valuable exposure to senior ranks and will acquit themselves well in 2002 because of this experience.

Brett Martyn, Todd Barratt, Dave Porter, Paul Meacock and the players in the 17A/17B teams deserve the highest praise for the way that they managed with 22 players to not only field two teams each week but to do so in a highly competitive manner. With a batch of players coming up from a tough year in 15A's Melville's squad under 17's should be hungry for success next year. Brian Chapman, Corey and Julie Fuller ensured that Melville's third under 17 team, together with a couple of boys who agreed to come up from 15's, were able to stick together and enjoy another season. Most of these boys play together in the off-season at indoor and are the current premiers in their division. There would be very few clubs who could boast of having a third under 17 team let alone having one so tightly knit. Hamish West's under 17 girls were rescued by a group of 15's at the start of the season and we were able to put together a girls' team. One of our aims must be to build up the numbers in our girls teams. We've started the process through our graduate program and are seeing the rewards in our under 11's being able to field a team. However, everyone needs to be on the lookout for new recruits for under 13, under 15 and under 17 teams for 2002.

Our Under 15's won a play-off at the start of the season to gain the privilege of playing in A grade. They then went through a testing learning curve that was very tough indeed. The bonus for these players is that they will be able to adapt to 17A's far easier next year than if they had played in the softer 15B competition. Thank you, Dave Halliday, for your efforts with these boys. John Sander's 15C South also found the competition to be very stiff as well, this year, but the improvement that the boys made was very pleasing.

Melville's U13 teams finished well down the ladder but no one could doubt the efforts that the kids put in week in – week out. I really hope that we can gather together enough girls to establish an U15 team next year. The girls who played in the South West team certainly showed promise and we need these girls to work through the club and into our senior ranks. Thanks to Kelvin Woodward, Leo Welten and Tom Harmon for their efforts in this grade.

As for our 11's, I heard a whisper that there are a few real strikers within their midst. No doubt the coaching of Greg Hunt, Derek Doak, Bev Gardner, Robin Winthrop and Alisia Harmon encouraged this trait. We'll be watching this group's progress in the years to come to see if we have another Ian Halliday on our hands.

As for me in 2002, I'll be concentrating on co-ordinating the Graduate and Minkey programs. I believe that the standards of our juniors will soar if we can instil correct basics from the very start of their hockey lives. That's the challenge that I've set for myself and the terrific band of workers down at Buzza. I'd like to thank Jo and Alison Hardinge, Susan and Doug Aberle-Leeming, Audrey and Robin Emmett, Ian Crosby and Sue Clarke for their efforts this year.

Indeed, thank you to everyone who has assisted the juniors in our Club over the last two years. To whoever takes on the role of Junior Vice President, I can assure you that you will be mixing it with a quality bunch of people.

Keith Harper

Finance & Development Report

This year has been an exciting year for everyone at the club. There have been quite a few committee member changes from last year. Although I might add other than our Club President, who is new to our club, these same people have helped the club out for years. What a great injection of energy and "get things done" mentality Hans has brought to the club. It was great to see some of the younger seniors get involved with the social events, as trainers and even as VP seniors. Well done the committee and helpers.

Unfortunately the same can be said about our sponsors. Our loyal, always there, sponsors were still there to help us. What a great bunch of individuals and companies they are, once again backing the club with financial assistance. Thank you to our sponsors.

This year, like other years, I informally asked many of our sponsors how much business feedback they received from club members. Believe me, they are very conscious of how much business does in fact come from the club. In almost every case there was a feeling of not getting support from club members. Sometimes this was in the form of not realising that a club sponsor did not provide a service or that by giving business to a company with a similar name was helping a club sponsor. When in fact the business was totally independent of the sponsor.

As a club that has high overheads and depends on funds coming in from all over, this is, quite frankly, not good enough. We owe it to our sponsors to at least give them a chance to quote or have a go at our business. If their quote is not good enough we also owe it to them to have at least one more shot at it. This helps them with two important business items. That is (one), if their quote is ok they get the business and (two), if their quote is not competitive, they get honest feedback from a club member and can make the necessary adjustments. This is business and one business (our club) and another business (our sponsors) help each other out for mutual benefit.

If we can increase our sponsor level next year and support our loyal sponsors our club fees will remain one of the lowest in WAHA.

Sponsor Honour Roll

Duracraft Panel and Paint	Home Building Society
Twin Disc (Pacific) Pty Ltd	Kardinya Tavern
Gateway Printing	Porter Matthews
Fremantle Physiotherapy Centre	Network Packaging
Night Day Canningvale Pharmacy	Wink Web Page Design
Victor Sports Medicine	Hockey International

Gary Bowater

Veteran's Report

Well there goes another season! Makes you wonder though, for the money we pay in a season to play this great game, a few more games would be nice, perhaps that and many other issues should be addressed to ensure the future of hockey.

So why do us old fellas and chooks play hockey? Did someone say for fun? Or its just the pre-entertainment before the drinks at the bar? (after the game!) So, as always the teams have played the season of hockey, in rain, sunshine, freezing temperatures, and still they come back for more each week. The women play their games on Wednesday nights on turf at different venues as do the vets 1's which are called surprisingly MIDWEEK VETS! I must admit that I did not get to watch any of the men's midweek games due to other club commitments, but Leo Welton kept me up to date with game reports - thanks Leo. Also the old CHOOK (Marrs Margetts) who fired up the ladies on many occasions, never failed to tell me how well the both chook teams were performing (at hockey). The rest of the men's teams have had I suppose reasonable seasons, while most of the teams have struggled at times for numbers they got there.

A special thanks to all the managers from the teams, who keep things flowing, a special thanks to the wives and husbands of the vets players, for the massage work done after the games!

The next thing for us oldies is Busselton and SUMMER sevens - good luck and stay fit!

Johnson Orr

Major Club Awards - Juniors

The junior side of the club also presents several major awards that deserve further description. It is important to recognise the efforts and commitment of our younger players as they develop in their skills and abilities and preserve the future of the club.

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

The Life Members' Trophy - presented by the life members to the junior player chosen by the junior coaches as the most deserving recipient from all those players receiving coaches awards. Coaches awards are generally given for the player displaying the most commitment to the team, great personal achievement or having shown an outstanding quality deemed by the coach to be deserving of reward.

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

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

Melville City Hockey Club Games Played Awards 2001

500 Games

Geoff Ranford

400 Games

Maris Margetts

300 Games

Lindy Coss

200 Games

Nathan Elliott

Gaye Glaskin

Mike Joliffe

Ian Lyon

Mark Lyons

Alan Marshall

Johnson Orr

Scott Willis

100 Games

Helen Constable

Demelza Dravnieks

Peter Heavens

Matthew King

Shane Knapp

Scott Lehmann

David Orr

Anthony Ricciardone

Robert Thorn

James Welten

50 Games

Wayne Anderson

Stephen Beatty

Jeneane Becu

Michael Benbow

Ellen Bloxsome

Joshua Brown

Rachel Butler

Sue Clark

Christopher Cooper

Mark Davies

Jan Davis

Nigel De Silva

John Dewing

Audrey Emmett

Aki Etelaaho

Lauren Ferguson

Neil Ferguson

Ryan Fuller

Joshua Gardner

Christopher Geers

Hans Geers

Peter Gell

Mark Hackett

Carl Harper

Denise Jones

Athlene Marshall

Rob McKenzie

Joanne Mitsopoulos

Joel Newman

Chris Potter

Brendon Spark

Stuart Taylor

Sue Wilson

Kristian Woodward

Melville City Hockey Club

Senior Awards 2001

Fairest and Best

Founder's Shield:

Fairest and best - men's top side.

Russell Lee

Wiffen Trophy:

Most improved younger player - women.

Nadia Lehmann

Catherine Bayens Trophy:

Player displaying most commitment to club - women.

Jane Minchin

State 2A:

State 3 Women:

State 6 Women:

Metro 1 Women:

Metro 1A Men:

Metro 2A Men:

Metro 3D Men:

Metro 4A Men:

Veterans 1 Men:

Veterans 1 Women:

Veterans 2 Women:

Veterans 3 Men:

Veterans 5 Men:

Over 50 Division 2 Men:

Brett Martyn

Natalie Adams

Maris Margetts

Audrey Emmett

James Pickering

John Dewing

Damien DeSilva

Cameron Porter

Michael Jensen

no award

Audrey Emmett

Lindsay Borthwick

David Porter

Terry Parker

Coaches Awards - Women

State Division 3:

State Division 6:

Metro 1:

Veterans 2:

Kobi Williams

Demelza Dravnieks

Chris Wardell-Johnson

Linda Forbes

Melville City Hockey Club Junior Awards 2001

Division	Fairest & Best	Coaches' Award
Under 17 A:	Evan Kelly	Lloyd King
Under 17B:	Ryan Mahney	Michael Pugliese
Under 17B Girls:	Kathryn Atkinson	Raylene Robinson
Under 17C:	Frank Padovan	Kendrick Pool
Under 15 A:	Adam Halliday	David Orr
Under 15 C South:	Kieran Sanders	Rhys Spedding
Under 13 B:	Chris Lees	Joshua Harmon
Under 13 South:	Jonathan Greenacre	Stacey Omay
Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy: Most talented junior progressing to seniors.		Kathryn Atkinson
Life Members' Trophy: Most improved junior player.		Lloyd King
David Porter Trophy: Most improved goalkeeper.		Tim Heavens (U15A)
Ian Halliday Trophy: Highest junior goal scorer.		Ashleigh Brickhill (U11B North)

Top Squad - Men

The Goundrey Cup team started the season with great expectations to improve on its seventh place from 2000. The season started, however, with a number of key players unavailable; Russell Lee and Ben Taylor with National Hockey League duties, Graeme Watts with work and our second AIS draftee Travis Brookes through a long term injury (an inflexible and narrow visioned draft system). We started the season competitively but further injuries depleted the team, truly testing the depth of the top squad. The first round of the season came and went with only one win on the board.

It wasn't until the second half of the season that we found consistency and went on to play well for the remainder of the season winning two, drawing two and losing by one goal in a number of other games. Our level of competitiveness was evident in the latter part of the season where we took points from two of the three top teams and lead for the large part of the game against other top five teams. It was pleasing to be part of a group that continued to stay focussed, who learned and improved even when the odds seemed against us. The fighting attitude and dedication will serve us well for future successes.

A number of our players achieved individual success in 2001, including:

Ben Taylor – AIS Australian Kookaburras
Russell Lee – Perth Thundersticks
Graham Watts – WA Under 21 Team & Australian Indoor team
Ross McKinnon – WA Under 18 Team
Toby Taylor – Australian Indoor Team
George Watts – Australian Indoor team
Travis Brookes – AIS Junior World Cup Team
Steve Beatty – Leading Goal scorer 12 Goals

Our State 2A team, made up of a good blend of experienced and young players, had a very positive season with a good first round that saw them just miss out on playing in the mid season challenge Cup. The second round was tougher with varied results that saw the team finish just out of the finals, a creditable result in its second season in this grade. Having a competitive team in this grade provides the club with a great career path for the talented youngsters and provides a less intensive atmosphere for those experienced players leaving the top team.

With the commitment of our current seniors and depth of talented juniors developing within the club through our top two senior teams and our under 17's, Melville City is well placed to regain entry into the Goundrey Cup competition. We certainly have the depth and potential to be a force in the top grades of WA hockey for along time to come.

On behalf of all the players in the top squad I would like to take this opportunity to thank several people. Thanks to Johnno Orr for his exceptional feats as the senior team manager and to Russell and Michael for their leadership as club captains. My gratitude to Stefan for his coaching and captaincy of the 2A's and to our loyal sponsors, Hockey International and Duracraft Car Craft Panel and Paint, whose support makes our teams and club such a success.

Colin Brandis

Top Squad - Men

The Squad

Wayne Anderson - Classic League
Stephen Beatty - Classic League
Travis Brook - Classic League
Joshua Brown - Classic League, 2A
Mal Cowan - Classic League
Mike Deveson - Classic League, 2A
Nathan Elliott - Classic League, 2A
Stephen Gibson - Classic League, 2A, Under 17
Bruce Hancock - Classic League, 2A
Andrew Hunt - Classic League, 2A
Brendan Joss - Classic League, 2A
Russell Lee - Classic League
Brett Martyn - Classic League, 2A
Regan McClure - Classic League, 2A
Daniel McEntee - Classic League, 2A, Under 17
Rob McKenzie - Classic League, 2A
Ross McKinnon - Classic League, 2A
Ben Meacock - 2A, Under 17
Craig Orr - 2A, Under 17
Rohan Power - 2A, Under 17
Rory Read - 2A, Under 17
Dom Reay - Classic League
Cameron Robinson - 2A
Nathan Rowden - Classic League, 2A
Ben Rushton - Classic League
Ryan Rushton - Classic League, 2A
Ben Taylor - Classic League
Toby Taylor - Classic League, 2A
Grant Watton - Classic League, 2A
Mark Watton - Classic League, 2A
George Watts - Classic League, 2A
Graham Watts - Classic League
Hamish West - Classic League
Stefan Willett - Classic League, 2A
David Williams - 2A
Richie Williams - Classic League, 2A
Scott Willis - 2A

Johnson Orr - Manager
Colin Brandis - Coach

Top Squad - Women

We started off the season with the usual "we have one, no we don't, yes we do" method of establishing coaches and were grateful for the services of Joel Brown and Mike "Sumo" Shannon. Then there was the goalie drought - when we managed to get Jen Mellor and Nic Ogden to hold the forts (although Jen promptly got pregnant and had to withdraw after a few games) and we were lucky to secure the travelling services of Kirsty from Toodyay. With all that sorted out, we managed to pull together two teams with varying strengths - which could have been improved by regular attendance at training (a regular gripe, but it does make a difference!) Although not as successful a season as we would have liked, both teams managed to keep away from relegation in their respective divisions and I'd like to think that "a good time was had by all." Maybe next year those goals that were noticeable by their absence will drop in and make the season extra successful. Thanks to everyone for their efforts and we'll look forward to more successes next year.

Natalie Adams

Found her position where she is most content - on the field working hard. She is a great player who always gives 100% for the team and likes to sing after we win a game! A talented, dependable and very consistent player - Nat rarely has a bad game. Nat has a great attitude and is a highly committed player both on and off the field. Always positive -no matter how bad things can appear to be, Nat is always there trying to cheer us up with a contagious laugh or a smile. Plays hard, parties hard!

Kathryn Atkinson

Kat filled in a few times when numbers were short and proved to be a valuable player. She improved her game after her run with the big girls, and gained maturity.

Sarah Bleach

A Hale import with a powerful and accurate hit. Slops can certainly hold her own. She's our ace goal scorer/short corner taker (if only she wasn't always injured!) with great skills and strength over the ball - what a flick! Fantastic skills and very committed to the team. Lots of fun to go out drinking with and a great friend. Must have a secret admirer in the cricket nets (she spent a lot of time chasing balls there!)

Tara Bowater

A very talented junior with skill, pace and a great attitude to her hockey who has helped fill in for us, who should have a bright future ahead of her. Absolute dynamite, with great enthusiasm and maturity, Tara has great potential and always listens and learns. If Tara keeps up her commitment, she will achieve very high. Watch out senior players!

Rachel Butler

Rach is not scared to put her body on the line. She plays with passion - a great forward with heaps of pace and skill, a good individual player. Rachel's hockey game is characterised by a fine balance of aggression and desperation - an inspiring player to have on the forward line. Unfortunately, we missed Rach for part of our season due to a 'Kylie Minogue dancing / wine glass on the floor' related incident. It has been said that between herself and Slops they have nailed more opposition butts to the ground than seen in any other women's games this year, but Rachel would definitely take the award for the most spectacular. When she gets fired up, watch out!

Ashley Coombs

Unfortunately moved to Kalgoorlie half way through our season due to uni circumstances. Her speed and ball skills down the wing have been greatly missed. Another inspiring forward.

Top Squad - Women

Fiona Diprose

Saying 'no' is not in Fiona's vocabulary. Always willing to help out – and proved it by temporarily stepping most capably into the goals when the goalie drought was on. A fun girl who is great in defence, Fee scored one of our teams only goals, unfortunately at the wrong end of the field!

Demelza Dravnieks

A talented player who never gives in and has shown great improvement this year. A fantastic defender, very strong over the ball and tenacious in her tackling – keep up the good work. Our push bike marvel.

Georgie Drysdale

Georgie works hard and after two minutes looks like she has played all day - may look worn out but will go on forever. Very good at attacking and tackling. Good to have her on the team, hope she'll stick around next season too.

Kate Fennessy

Kate's not much of a morning person, but when on the field uses her good ball skills to be one of our key forwards. She has formidable skills and a good shot on goal. Don't let her youthful looks deceive you! A very talented forward...takes on one defender, around another, and another...our main goal scorer. What a party animal, found her way through many defences.

Bev Gardiner

Our "Rock of Gibraltar", regardless of which team she played in, Bev is a very strong fullback with an excellent tackle and strong hit. She excels in reverse stick tackles, gets down low and stymie's the opposition. And if all else fails, there's always her patented reversing technique – guaranteed to stop them dead in their tracks!

Gaye Glaskin

Gaye as 3's team captain was our biggest motivator and has done a great job with her strong play controlling the mid field. She kept our team on the right track and still enjoyed a drink after the game. She unfortunately suffered an injury but was back to help us have a strong finish to the season. When times were low, Gaye has been there to kick us back into shape. She leads by example and her commitment to the team and club is outstanding. Without a doubt is the backbone of the team. Even when unable to play through injury, Gaye is there firing us up with her motivational talks before, during and after a game.

Beth Gouldthorp

A talented player who shows great potential, Beth has great skills Our lady, very polite, always in the right position and runs hard. Really good forward who is great at reading the play and knowing where the balls going to go.

Claire Hadley

Came up from under 17's when we needed a hand. Was heard to say "Senior training is different - you all want to run!" Keep up the good work!

Leanne Jarvis

A "one game wonder" but has been seen around the club in various positions (played regularly with the metro's). Good to have you drop in!

Carolyn Jones

Jonesy has done a solid job at fullback this season and even had a star run in the forward line for a while. She shows great team commitment and has done a good job filling in as captain when Gaysey's was injured. Jonesy's organisational and leadership skills have been great for us and Melville as a club. Always solid in defence, she would also do well on the soccer field - uses her feet too much! Remember Carolyn, push not hit!

Under 15 C South

Kieran Sanders (Captain)

Played an important role at centre half where his vision and distribution of the ball was very important to the team. His quiet leadership included positive support of his team mates. Stronger hitting when required was an area of improvement this year. Kieran is a member of the WAHUA Junior Umpiring Scheme.

Peter Gell (Vice Captain)

Peter played as inside forward although his enthusiasm often took him all over the field. His humour and hard work was appreciated and contributed to a few good laughs this year, sometimes at his own expense.

Chris Cooper

Played in the main at right half, however proved his versatility by playing as full back and even left wing. Chris enjoys his hockey and thinks a lot about the tactics to be employed to beat the opposition. His indoor hockey experience has proved an asset during this season.

Joshua Gardner

In various positions across the forward line Josh showed his versatility and understanding of the game of hockey. He showed that he was able to anticipate where the ball was likely to go and therefore was able to get in good position to receive a pass.

Dylan Hadley

Dylan proved to be an effective full back who has ambitions to play further up the field. His tackling will improve when he learns not to commit himself too early. His solo runs have electrified his team-mates and set an example for increased effort.

David Wake

David played on both left and right wings during the season. A regular participant in practice sessions the hard hitting developed there has been used to good effect during the games.

Sam Kenny

Sam developed into a dependable full back with an excellent, flat, free hit. He too likes the occasional run in the forward line but can do a defensive job when asked. Sam is a member of the WAHUA Junior Umpiring Scheme.

Glenn McGrath

Glenn played as the centre forward for much of the season. He had some narrow misses on occasions but his contribution, particularly during attacking short corners was pleasing to see.

Isaac Middle

Came back to hockey after a break. Isaac's excellent hand-eye coordination converted many half chances into useful passes or even goals. Isaac was probably the leading goals corer for the team, mainly from the left wing position.

Brendan Spark

Brendan played in a number of positions and always tried to implement the instructions of the coach. He showed that he could control his aggression when given feedback. His unique method of getting to games is a source of constant amazement to his friends.

Rhys Spedding

Rhys proved the mainstay of the defence as our goalkeeper. He was always ready on time even though he had the longest preparation for a game. He regularly attended practice and organised the defence, particularly when defending short corners. Rhys is a member of the WAHUA Junior Umpiring Scheme.

Matthew Wake

Matthew played in the critical left half position where his steady play and high work rate was an important part of the team's defence. As his tackling improved the number of attacks down the opposition's right side became less of a problem.

Top Squad - Women

Sarah Lee

Nat look-a-like. Always the one with spirit on the field. Sarah's a strong half back and is a new asset to our team this year. Good support off the field (thanks Gavin). Sarah's skill and strength has been an asset for our team in her first season with Melville, she's also very committed on the field.

Jane Minchin

On the field – a little fighter, always gives 110%. The smallest player (needs a crate on wheels!) but the biggest voice...although she will try to tell you otherwise. Always goes in hard at the ball (even though the umpires think she's after the opposing player) but Jane is sure to tell them otherwise. Steady and consistent in the back line but needs to learn how to pronounce the club name. Off the field – a canny little vet student who has a fetish for castrating cats (or as she so subtly puts it 'de-nutting them') and perving on the Classic League.

Nadia Lehman

Another from the junior ranks with very good skills and shows great potential. Showed excellent devotion to training and should also do well in the future. Earned herself a reputation as a "thug" for her tenacity and lack of fear in tackling the ball/opposition. Has a problem with other people's sticks - pity about the injury in the 2nd half of the season! Continue your commitment and there will be some nervous players in the 3's.

Fiona Lumsden

Found time to come to running training and leaves before turf training started - what dedication! A reverse stick specialist, Fi is hard working and gives her all when tackling. A mobile forward with a strong hit at goal.

Maris Margetts

Our 6's captain who deserted the ship briefly to travel Europe. A formidable defender, her skills and experience on the field are always welcome. Has the opposition players riled because she's still there and playing hard and aggressive hockey...and the umpires are thinking 'where are my yellow cards?'

Jen Mellor

Played a couple of games at the beginning of the season, then started a goalkeeper breeding program. Good luck with Junior, Jen – maybe you'll be back next season??

Nicola Ogden

Nic stepped up this year to play goalie and showed a natural talent for such a hard position. Her voice in goals cannot be missed - Nic mastered the vital role of directing play up the field. Mind is in the gutter...always. Everything she says usually has some sort of sexual inclination. All girls under 18 cover your ears. Has magic fingers too...so if you need a massage, this is your girl.

Meagan Parry

Meagan's always willing to listen and as an inner puts in lots of effort to be both up front and get back to defend. Meagan is awesomely fit and keeps running the whole game. She has great skills and speed - with those legs, she could be the next 'Gazelle'.

Robyn Pease

A great runner and always in the right position. Versatile on the field – plays hard in any position. Gives her all in games, strong and reliable. Keen and fast with a lovely hit.

Top Squad - Women

Mandy Pike

Plays well but constantly gets hurt - started the fashion for heavy eye shadow. Great attitude to life, she is great fun to play or train with. Put in a lot of effort for club social activities and is a great club person.

Karen Rossel

Karen showed up for the first time in style - new socks, new shoes, new shorts and new stick. With her pace and commitment to our team she played a vital place in our forward line. She has perfected her stick stop beautifully. Karen made first use of our first aid kit with a lovely 'look at me...I can catch the ball in my mouth' trick. Thankfully, she didn't practice this again! A quiet player who nevertheless has good ball strength and a big desire to succeed. Broke the goal drought for the team.

Helen Scott

One of our new faces, who worked hard on the forward line. Helen covered a lot of ground on the field, determined to be in the right place.

Katie Simcock

A student who found more enjoyment elsewhere.

Cassie Van Beek

A compatriot of Kristy's, Cassie was a country lass who enjoyed two games in the city. Would've liked to see more of her!

Kristy Warbuton

The Toodyay traveller - only joined us mid year when the ladies' teams were in dire need of a goalie. A country lass who came to the city to have her keeper gear stolen. Has saved countless goals and offered to take out players who hassled her fellow defenders. Could have lost many more games by a bigger margin if it wasn't for Kristy's goal saving ability. Please come back next year - we need you.

Alana Wake

The "bully" wasn't in as much evidence this year, unfortunately laid low by illness and work took its toll as well. A workaholic in defence when she was able to be with us - better luck next year!

Kobi Williams

Kobi's very fit and has excellent ball skills, which is why she made her mark from day one. Another Adelaide import, Kobi has awesome skills and talent and an excellent hockey brain. On the field she has the speed, stamina and ball control some of us wish for. The quietest one on the team, but give her a few drinks and watch the rapid transformation from 'little Miss shy girl' to party animal. Kobi is a great addition to our team, an excellent all-rounder with fantastic skills.

Kymerley Wilson

Dropped in to help out when numbers were tight and proved herself to be a goal scoring machine.

Lauren Reeve

Only joined us late in the season but already we have benefited from her awesome tackling skills and controlling mid field play. A very skilful, strong and needed player...when she turns up!

Ellen Bloxsome

Unfortunately hasn't been able to play so many games with us due to work commitments. An extremely fit, aggressive and strong team member who could keep running all day - definitely the fittest girl in the team. A very quick, solid and skilful defensive player. She always puts in 100% at training and on the field.

Top Squad - Women

And then there's the coaches:

Joel Brown

Our new coach always had a positive view. He had good advice on what our game lacked and put these into our training drills. Has done a great job this year and helped us out when it looked like we'd be coach-less! Likes to make us do push-ups when we miss goals at training and gives out multiple fines. Doesn't mind a drink or two ten at hockey functions, but he can't handle his alcohol.

Mike Shannon (Sumo)

Oh Sumo, Sumo, Sumo – capably assisted Joel in putting us through our paces. Spent many an hour on the phone checking numbers for the weekend games.

Metro 1 - Women

The glamour team of Melville, the Ladies Metro 1's are a team of hand-picked professionals, with a great deal of experience. The phrase "*old age and treachery defeats youth and talent*" was coined for us by one of the many opposing teams we left saddened but wiser as we forged our way to yet another Challenge Cup victory. We made Minor Premiers yet again and hope to win the final Pennant in 2001. It has been a great year on and off the field.

Jo Mitsopoulos

(Super Sadie Supplier) – centre half. Mother of our No.1 card carrying supporter. (Thanks for supporting us, Kane!!) Always dependable and ready for the second tackle, giving no quarter, we try hard not to sub Jo as she becomes so engrossed in her chat on the sidelines, she forgets to come back on. (Pink shirt material) However, the intensity of her sideline participation is more than matched by her strong and exuberant on-field performance.

Audrey Emmett

(Minkey Mum) – left half. This year Audrey has taken on two roles: left half and striker. As left half she has been unrelenting in her pressure on the opposition. As a striker, she has proved that she could be an excellent forward. A terrific season yet again, Audrey!

Susan Wilson

(Tassie Tiger) – centre forward. Welcome back, Susan! Straight back into your usual spot as though you have never been away. Half of the "Susan Factor", she has been instrumental in scoring and assisting in several goals. Her heritage called her home for several weeks during the season but she came back refreshed and with renewed intensity.

Susie Clark

(Pool Investigator) - inner. Thinks she is a half back but still makes a wonderful inner. Although recruited as a part-time player, she still manages to instigate and score several goals each time she plays. Needing a few weeks off, she fell over somebody's stick but we have relaxed now, as she is back in time for the finals. (Whew!)

Denise Jones

(Antarctic Annie) - full back. Denise and her Denephew are back from the frozen south. This year Denise generously offered to move back to replace Katherine as full back and coped very well with the change in position. Even straight from a night shift, Denise can stagger into the correct position and block the opposition.

Helen Constable

(Constable Cool) - inner. Always late but always valued – especially with Debbie and Kate in tow!! Not only does she do a really good job on the left inner, she provides us with excellent fill-ins. Aggressive and competent.

Kymerley Wilson

(Dr Kym) - wing. Our top goal scorer for the second year, Kym is also instigator of many other goals and has a strong hit across the circle. Fast and fearless, the holder of our only yellow card.

Marie Hinkley

(Super Mum) - half back. Always consistent, always tenacious, a beautiful position player. Give her a task to do and know it will be done to perfection. (Congratulations, mother of Kurt, on his selection in the All Australian U16 Football squad – he must get his talent from his mother!)

Christine Wardell-Johnson

(Environmentally Friendly) - wing. We really had to twist Chris's arm at the beginning of year to play for us and what a blessing she has been!! Always in position when the long shot comes her way to pick up the deflection. Great year, Chris!!

Metro 1A - Men

David Williams

Dave is a player with very high fitness, work-rate and is also blessed with good skills. He has been very handy up forward for us this season, being able to run all day.

John Dewing

An addition late in the year which payed huge dividends from the start. John had the grit and determination to work hard all game. Blessed with quick leg speed, he was able to account for his opponents, and like Steve Walsh, was handy to use in a tagging role.

Scott Willis

I'll probably go down as the first player to miss more goals than my infamous father, (and in only a handful of games), and hence was moved from the forward line to centre half. Had a good finish to the season in the middle, as did the team. Thanks for a great year boys!!

Added thanks must go to all those players who played some part in our season aside from the above. Your contributions were all well and truly needed - **Daniel Pickering, Denby Jackson, Luke Jackson, Nick Bowater, George Watts, Graham Walsh, James Walton, Nathan Elliott, Ross McKinnon and Chris Criddle.** If there are any others who played for us, I am sorry, but my memory is only so good.

Metro 2A - Men

A great year for the 2A team. Missing out on the finals by goal difference was a fantastic effort in a very tough and even competition. The team improved throughout the year despite the same pre-game and half time talk by the coach every single game. Every sporting cliché known to man was used, "keep it simple", "take it one game at a time", "it's not about winning or losing, it's how you play the game."

A true team effort (cliché no. 312) saw a young team improve immensely which is great for the future of the top squad and the push back into 1st division for Melville.

The most pleasing part about playing with the 2's this year was the great team spirit and positive attitude that the guys showed on and off the field. The willingness to work hard and fight out each game meant that out of 22 games we gave ourselves a chance to win all but 2 games.

Of course the true team motto is "it's not about winning or losing but it's about LOOKIN' GOOD!" and did we ever.

The Core:

Evan (Man Child) Bowater

Played a handful of games. He found the going tough and dropped down a grade.

Nick (Flash) Bowater

Hair streaked with blue or jet black, he made his statement on the field as strong defender. Played a few games for the 1A's.

Joel Brown

Ex-Busselton and the current Melville women's coach played four games, first year back since playing as a junior.

Andrew (Cridds) Criddle

The teams pivot man, did not score many goals this year. Cridds took time off for a holiday. Played most games under the weather from the night before.

Christopher (pushing forward) Criddle

Loves to smash the ball as he gallops around the hockey field, needs to be more confident under pressure.

Aki (Old Man) Etelaaho

Made Full Back his position this season. Assisted the opposition in two games by taking his own team out of the contest, resulting in a goal against each time.

Chris (Onion Head) Geers

The mouth - will back chat coaches, team mates and umpires. He has scored about half the teams goals. He delighted the team, with his variety of hair styles and trendy clothing.

Luke Jackson

Joined the team from Warren (Manjimup) South West Hockey competition. Always keen to smash the ball, a handy acquisition to the 2A's this year.

Dennis (Hamstring) Loffel

Joined the team this year. Puts in a 110% every game, a very handy half back. Missed a few games with Hamstring injuries.

Ted (Rocket) Neesham

Promoted from the 3D's when the 1A's took three of our forwards. Ted has a great understanding of the game of hockey, just ask him.

Metro 2A - Men

Adam Sparkes (Ribsy)

Ribsy played all the position on the right hand side of the field this year. He copped a ball in the face at training, breaking his nose.

Mark (The Wall) Thorpe

As goalie, not too much got past Mark. The team was in the top 4 defensively this season, thanks to Mark.

Players who moved between 1A's and 2A's:

Michael (Stick) Ashley

He outreaches all opponents, with a powerful hit. Should give flicks a miss, he will make the state grades next year with a little extra effort.

Ryan (Injured) Backhouse

Great ball skills and positional play. Should improve his fitness and trial out for the state grades.

John (Doctor 'J') Dewings

Mister speed, usually outruns the ball as he streams up the field.

Demby Jackson

Joined the team from Warren (Manjimup) South West Hockey competition. Very fit - chasing down just about every opposition player some games, as well as playing three or four positions at once.

Dan (Spankee) Pickering

Played when not away working or playing for the 1A's, his best ability were off field at Metro's, trying to convert a pair of carpet lickens. This commitment has been applauded by his team mates and bro.

Steve Walsh

His speed made him a target for the 1A's, providing them with that extra toe, which was sorely missed by the 2A's.

Players who helped make up the team in times of need:

Clint (one cut) Dymond

Played three games, greatly assisting our plight of a lack of players. Most memorable game versus raiders when he cut a ball into the goal net.

G. (Rammer) Ranford

Played a two critical games to try and avoid relegation.

Ray (Quick Sticks) Rodrigues

Played two games, scoring a goal in each game.

George (No Goals) Watts

In the previous 2 years George has filled in for one game and scored two goals. This year, NO goals.

Paul Ashley, Matthew Geers, Daniel Ivey, Chris James, Scott Pitter, Scott Willis. All played one game each, thanks for the efforts.

Metro 3D - Men

Once again, us boys in the 3D's had a mixed year with some brilliant games of attacking hockey and some very ordinary games, but we all had fun and enjoyed a beer after every game. Good work, boys!

Chris James

Still an angry man but you never have a dull moment when Chris is on the field. We need to make the goals 2cm wider.

Scott Sparkes

Our mighty little keeper who tried his heart out every week and has the ability to pull off the great save when needed.

Mark Davies

Another solid season from one of our most consistent and actually scored a goal this season. Well done Marcus.

Nick Stubbs

One of our utility players who played with 100% effort wherever he played. Still, Nick and Mark are never interested in turning up on time.

Justin Wake

A junior (I think!) who slotted into full back nicely and played some great hockey and was never scared about what went on around him.

Cameron Charnley

Came from Esperance and found himself in with us. Will go flat out for a while and then decide to go grazing all over the field.

Scott Lehmann

Played out on his trusty wing and did it well. Had some great runs down the wing taking on anyone that came near him.

Scott Forbes

Our prize recruit who could only play every couple of weeks. Showed glimpses of the skill he possesses but usually ran out of steam and died.

Justin DeSousa

Went missing in action half way through the year but was always keen to give any position a go.

Ty Johnson

Another recruit who came on in leaps and bounds throughout the year. Hopefully buys a shorter pair of pants for next season.

Nigel DeSilva

Our trusty right inner who can do anything on his day, depending on how he feels. A great season from Nige.

Damien DeSilva

Once again, Damo had a great year. First at full back, then at left inner, where Damo yet again found out about his lack of fitness.

Evan Bowater

The manchild with the sideburns, the Gemini and the girlfriend. This guy could destroy any forward who comes near him but just hasn't learnt yet.

Clint Dymond

Captain and manager. Had to organise this bunch every week. Slotted in to right half and loved it. For a change, managed to do some constructive this this year.

Also thanks to **Ryano, Ted, George, Steffi** and a special thanks to **Mr Wake** - our number one supporter - who was there every week, in full voice.

Metro 4A - Men

The 4A team had an extra ordinary year with some outstanding performances, possibly the most telling was our 11-nil demolition of Riverside Lions. Although we did not make the finals, I feel the top teams would be shaking in their boots if we were there. After four years of strategic planning, this team is now ready to make the next step in 2002. Our scouts will be looking for a coach over the summer and we will be ready for a heavy pre season; 2002 is gonna be huge.

Mark Tate

Our Captain, played with vigour in the forward line. Also our much reliable bus driver.

Jeff Gangell

Played some exciting hockey this season scoring many goals, loves a fag at half time to boost performance.

Kane Woollams

Changed to centre half this season and found a new talent. Managed to blaze a few into the opposition to keep them quiet.

Cameron Wittber

Our super star goalie who only conceded 3 goals this season, the other 40 were from the full backs.

Josh Smales

Our top goal scorer for the season, and doesn't he let us know about it, never shuts up.

Cameron Porter

Plays all over the place, loves to run, another great season from Cam.

Clint Chase

Chases the ball like a fox terrier, Clint played forward this season with great results.

Mat King

Puts in a big game week in week out, one of the backbones of this team.

Phil Minchin

Phil played some of his best hockey this year, although distracted from losing his sunglasses, hockey stick, hockey bag, jacket, mouthguard, and his car hitting a post all at different weeks, he was very focussed.

Craig Tate

Plays a major role in our defence, if Craig's not there we might as well go to the pub.

Mark Myers

Played an attacking fullback this season with great success; the hair, I don't know.

Rob Thorn

Wow, what a hockey guru.

Mario Coelho

Played various positions all year, but found a niche at fullback.

The team is also grateful for guest appearances from **Dale Tribbick** and **Tim McEntee**.

Veterans 1 (midweek) - Men

The guys were so busy out there doing their thing that they didn't get a chance to put in a report. The following people were regular and visiting players in the Vet's midweek side:

Lewis Bint

Allen Chellew

Peter Dawkins

Keith Harper

Wayne Hudson

Michael Jensen

Bruce Johnsen

Stuart Kenny

Lindsay Kerr

Shane Knapp

Pat Matthews

Jim Polinelli

Bruce Porter

Dave Porter

Geoff Ranford

Mark Thorpe

Richard Thurtle

Leo Welten

Andy Wiseman

Veterans 1 - Women

Melville Vets 1 has had another great season. On 12 September we will be playing in the Grand Final, and hopefully by the time you read this, we will have won.

This year we were joined by a new vet but certainly not a new player to Melville. Sue Clarke (playing right half or is that right wing?) now plays with us on a Wednesday along with Lindy Coss (goalie who got us into the Grand Final.) The rest of the team includes: Jan Davis (ever reliable back), Marie Hinkley (either flashing along the wing or defending at the back), Sheri Stokell (solid as a rock in centre half), Maris Margetts (left half but is still trying to convince people that she is a 'natural' forward), Athlene Marshall (left wing scorer who plays better after a 'quick one' but we're not keen to ask more), Gail Anderson (rare left inner who knows what 'tackle back' means), Helen Constable (centre forward who likes a giggle), Janese McDougall (right inner who is always there), Vicki Silich (left or right winger – works smoothly on either side) and a return to the team after a couple of years Julie Branley who has played all over so far (very versatile).

A big thank you to Carolyn Jones and Gaye Glaskin who filled in when anyone was ill or had a more pressing engagement (something that is frowned upon ,but they are big girls now and won't listen to a word I say).



Veterans 2 - Women

This was our second year and after struggling for numbers through most of 2000, it was satisfying to have a stable team this time around. The results reflected this and we finished fourth on the ladder, won both the semi and the preliminary finals and are looking good for the big finish - a vast improvement on last year's position at the bottom of the ladder.

Alene Ivey (goalie)

Our wonder goalie who brings along her own cheer squad, the team photographer, surrogate umpire, team mascot and husband (all in the one person!) Alene does great work in saving the shots that we allow to get through the rest of the team. She's always there for us (unless she's in Africa or globetrotting elsewhere). She does a great job and gives us lots of (shouted) support.

Audrey Emmet (left half)

Audrey has had a consistently good year and has been voted our best player by the rest of the team. She is solid in defence and rebounds the oppositions attack into one of ours. I don't know why they haven't figured out attacking down their right side is a waste of effort. Congratulations and well done.

Debbie Gibson (full back)

Deb is our tenacious and well-skilled full back. Our rock in defence that the other team find hard to get around, contributing to our successful year. It was a pleasure to play with you. See you next year.

Sue Wilson (centre forward)

Suzie is the best goal scoring centre forward in the competition. If having a year off from hockey means you come back and play at Suzie's current standard perhaps we should all do it. However it should be noted that her good form is only made possible by the great service she gets from the half backs. Suzie's best attributes are her silky skills and deft stick work. We all look forward to playing with her in 2002.

Jo Mitsopoulos (right half)

Tenacious, fearless, always reliable. That's Jo on the half back line. She has a bit of a reputation with some of the opposition for being less than ladylike. ("Why do they think I'm rough, Darl?") Always brings her son to support us and to do her voting for her after the game. Great season Jo.

Kelly McCall (left inner)

A team mate with "fancy foot work" and the nickname of "Smell," Kelly is the older of the two sisters, with Kim also being an attacking player. Kelly started playing at 13 in high school. Her leisure activities include reading and eating – she loves Caramello bars. Kelly is a terrific asset in our mixed bad team. See you back in 2002.

Kim Gotch Martin (centre half back)

Kim is the perfect centre half – strong in attack and running back fast in defence. She combines smoothly with Kelly and Lee, the two inners, resulting in a great many goals for the team. In defence, she tackles strongly and keeps a close eye on her opponent. All in all, a great asset to the team and sorely missed during the weeks she was injured.

Kymerley Wilson (right wing)

You will often see Kymerley chasing down that rocketing pass and firing one across the goals or into them. She holds the honour of having scored the most goals for the team for the season – of course with the team's assistance. Kymerley always seems to have her hand out for \$2 here or there and has done a great job managing the team.

Veterans 2 - Women

Lee Maxfield (right inner)

Lee has missed a few games this season - and the team has missed her on those occasions. Another of our hard working inners, she is dogged in the defensive role and has scored several goals as well.

Linda Forbes (left wing)

Where would we be without our left wing Linda. Always on the post for that quick cross. Doesn't let us down. We don't think you're a seagull! Another with her own cheer squad (and part time adviser to the whole team) Steve.

Nicola Ogden (full back)

After blowing the dust off her fake id last year, (previously used for getting in to bars when she was 15) Nic has finally reached that ripe old age where she can legitimately play in the Vets. Her volunteering to play in goals at the start of the year while Alene was away had the whole team grateful. It was in this period that we beat the 2 teams who eventually finished at the top of the table. Once Alene returned, Nic got to have a run on the field and it is always a relief for the forwards to see her sweeping the ball out of our defensive circle. One less goal we have to make up.

Fill ins:

Thanks to the following girls who filled in during the year often playing out of position when doing so.

Denise Jones

A semi regular member of the team whose work roster keeps her from playing full time. Helps out in the back line but has occasionally been asked to play forward.

Tracey Altria

One of last year's players who managed to get in a few games before taking up her new job in Saudi Arabia. She played full back while Nicola was in goals and helped us through the start of the season when Alene was away.

Jeneane Becu

An "old" Melville girl now living in Canada. She was visiting for a month and played 3 games for us - anywhere from full back to centre forward. Her timing was exceptional since Kim was injured for those weeks.

Lynne Stowe

Lynne has filled in a few times mostly playing inner. Since she lives North of the river, she is one of the few on the emergency list to ask to play at Joondalup.

Leonie Arblaster

Leonie has again filled in for us, sometimes at very short notice, and has even scored a couple of goals.

Robin Pease

We have missed Robin as a regular player but her speed and stamina are appreciated when she fills in as inner or half back.

Veterans 3 - Men

Early April as usual saw the assemblance of a group of unlikely looking hockey players primed for a fresh start to a promising season. The only thing we didn't count on was that the opposition would have some idea of how to play the game. The season progressed with the customary friendly advice amongst players with a complete lack of skill and fitness being displayed on the field. Our form was somewhat erratic, taking it up to top teams and losing dismally to bottom sides. By some stroke of luck in the latter part of the season we managed to make the finals.

Chris Avent

Grandad once again managed to pull the boots onto his very old feet this year. Now in possession of a stick that has one end significantly shorter than the other, he played in the non running full back position.

Noel Backhouse

Still works overseas and generally managed to be home for all the buys. Played forward and back when available. Like Samson, should not have cut his hair.

Lindsay Borthwick

A towering centre half who controls the play well when there. One of the many in our team whose reliability in attendance is questionable, with trips to the country, tennis and family commitments. I'm not sure if a mid season letter signed by the team to his wife seeking clarification of his availability was at all helpful.

Gary Bowater

Tireless worker at inside forward where he runs himself ragged every game. Should try using some of the radar gear he flogs for a living when in the circle, particularly on the short corners.

Terry Brookes

Brooksy is under the impression that a bully still takes place at the start of a game, as he has never been there to witness the beginning of a game. The lack of pre match appearances may be due to the fact that we suspect Terry is being stalked by Calvin Klein and Pierre Cardin.

Graeme Coleman

As a leader (team manager) this guy is no Steve Waugh. Commands little respect from both his team mates and opposition but somehow managed to be our leading goal scorer for the year, that is a sad indictment on the quality of the defences of our opposition.

Hans Geers

Dutchy plays extremely well on the half back line, centre half when Lindsay's unavailable. Also our penalty stroke taker and let me tell you as a flicker he makes a great president - none from two so far this season!

David Graham

Mr Emergency, as we call him. Dave only plays as a "fill in" in our team, consequently he played every game again this season. I suspect he still hasn't worked out that we pay the umpires not to give him any free hits.

Keith Jackaman

Life member whose work commitments restricted him to only a handful of games this season and then he was generally late. Reliable full back as long as there is already eleven players there at the time the game's due to start.

Mike Jolliffe

There's one thing that Mike cannot be accused of, that is being unreliable. He always calls shortly before each game to find out what time we are playing, where we are playing and how to get to the ground, even if it is at home.

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John Maher

The newest father in our team played well in the forward line but found the goals elusive. Obviously too many late nights looking after the new daughter.

Alan Marshall

Al was caught off guard for the first game of the season and managed to drive to Rockingham. There was only one hiccup along the way, when the boys stopped at traffic lights and a windscreen washer cleaned the windscreen, it took a while for Al to collect the 25 cents from the other three occupants. Eventually they were on their way once again.

Greg Newman

New to the team and club this year, Greg played nearly all positions on the field, mostly in defence. Particularly stood out at full back late in the season. A good mate of Dutchy's as they are able to see eye to eye.

Greg Riley

We discovered during the season that Greg was a distant relative to Christopher Columbus. Unfortunately, as time has progressed the navigational ability has not been passed on, which has meant that he has often ended up at the wrong ground.

Eric Rogers

Eric was a recruit from the summer competition this year. He played most games early in the season but disappeared mid season never to be seen again. One question we have to ask "Are you the all new 92.9 fugitive?"

Garry Thomas

Mudguard took some time off mid season to go on some kind of hunting expedition. Several team members and opposition players have enquired as to where Gary buys those caps with the hair glued to the sides.

Leo Welten

Leo began as a fill in mid season and has played every game since being originally conned. This caused a huge problem with the confusion of having two Leo's in one team.

Veterans 5 - Men

2001 has been a very good year for the Vets 5 side. Last year we made the finals for the first time and lost the preliminary final 1-0. This year we are unbeaten so far and victories have included the Challenge Cup. We have been boosted by an influx of good forwards from last year's Division One side which makes the forward line very flexible and dangerous in this division. We scored many more goals than the second placed team. So far we have used 18 players. Many thanks to Bruce Porter, Chris Potter and Dave Halliday for helping us out this year.

Rod Wake

Our team manager and reliable left half who turned in some solid performances in the first half of the season with his one handed tackles. A leg injury and a transfer to Sydney interrupted the second half of the season for him. Thanks Rod for organising the Team.

Dave Porter

An inspirational addition to our side this year and a guy who seems to be really enjoying his hockey at present. Dave is a great team player and club member who has scored some really special goals in 2001. He has played at centre half and inside right and gives the opposition no rest with his constant running game.

Col Brandis

Col has only played 3 games so far this season but has had a big impact and brought some organisational skills to the team. Hopefully he will be fully fit for our finals campaign as he was a key player during the 2000 finals.

Neil Ashley

Mr Versatile, Neil has filled in as a forward, half back and umpire during the season. A highlight for Neil is playing on the grass at Hale and he was rewarded in the last game there with a great goal from the top of the circle, high into the net. This set the trend for the side to gain the upper hand and go on to another win.

John Smith

Spent most of the season at left wing and left inner and scored a number of goals.

Johnno Orr

Johnno was once again a key defensive player for the side holding down the key centre half position. He caught many opposition players off guard with his famous backstroke hits but he could not buy a goal. He even claimed that one of the forwards deliberately stopped him from scoring. Johnno also gave the umpires in most games the benefit of his expert guidance and kept them on their toes.

Tony Patton

Tony's second season of hockey and he has improved tremendously. He is rarely beaten playing at right half and last week convincingly cut out the key forward of the opposition. A great effort, Tony - keep up the good work.

Ian Halliday

Hal's is the most dangerous forward in the Vets 5 grade. The other sides have realised this and play him very closely. Ian gets a bit of a buffeting in some games but is impossible to contain for the whole game and invariably scores or sets someone else up to score. A classic this year when we were 1-0 down against second side Mundaring and staring at our first defeat of the season. Five minutes to go and Ian came on for his first run (did not intend to play due to back problem) and scored the equaliser.

Veterans 5 - Men

Wayne Hudson

Wayne started off the first few games in the field and his unorthodox style confused the opposition no end. However Chris Potter when to help out the 50's side and get some real drinking partners and has not come back. So Wayne went back into his familiar role as goalie. Wayne has been steady and reliable in goals and has had no strokes to fend off so far. Great effort Wayne, keep it up.

Kelvin Woodward

Kel is a solid, reliable and hard hitting fullback. You only need to ask Aldo of Stirling City Rangers how his head is after trying to tackle incorrectly. Kel sometimes has a rush of blood to his head and charges down towards the forward line being pursued by opposition players. He would just love to emulate the forwards and score a goal but no luck so far in 2001. He usually recovers and sprints back in time to frustrate the opposing forwards.

Norm Hoskins

Our other hard hitting fullback who also loves to run up to our forward line in the hope of scoring a goal. Norm is also our eager short corner striker. He quickly moves up to push home our advantage by setting up a number of short corner variations. Another sound season Norm, well done.

Geoff Riley

Geoff returned to the club after a number of seasons absence and has struggled with muscle strains etc all season. Last week played solidly at left inner and left wing and remained injury free. Hopefully this means his old legs are getting used to the stress again and Geoff can look forward to the finals with confidence.

Steve McEntee

Steve once again contributed strongly to the forward line effort and always scores the most difficult or miraculous goals. Steve has changed his approach to the game considerably this year. With such a strong forward line it has taken a lot of pressure and expectation off Steve to score goals himself. His teamwork and excellent passing to another forward in a better position has set up some great goals for the team. One of the best was his pass in the Challenge Cup which resulted in a goal that clinched the game. Looking forward to Steve scoring a few more in the finals.

Rob Knynn

Rob is one of the true workhorses of the team at inside forward and runs almost continuously. He has scored some great goals this year including 2 penalty strokes. None of the opposing sides inside forwards or back line players have been able to cut him out of a game and Rob just moves freely where ever he can to pick up a pass or lay one off. Keep up the good work Rob as your input is vital to the success of the 5's.

Geoff Trainor

Geoff was supposed to be a fill in player but of course when you say you might be available for Vets that means you are generally needed every week. Geoff has played in a number of games and roles this year and played well. He has also picked up a few goals and his best game so far this year was in the Challenge Cup.

Over 50 Division 2 - Men

Dennis Bawden (forward)

Dennis has had a very good year in 2001, always steady in attack - a versatile utility player generally playing wing positions. Dennis is an asset to the "selection committee" allowing the selectors to play him at any forward position, which is a prerequisite for those of the fitter department in the team. Being a bit younger than the others, this is your penance. Dennis has the ability to bring the ball forward and on many occasions has given terrific assistance to the other goal hungry forwards whilst he knowingly will not receive the recognition he is due. Being a bit fitter than the current "aging" forwards, bigger things will be expected of Dennis in 2002 as he reaches his "peak" in this grade. See you next year, mate!

Bruce Cadd (forward)

(Mr Dependable) Caddy is the team man as he will play whatever position is requested of him, including at times more than his share of the interchange bench without complaint. This may be the reason why he has chosen not to rest behind the goals this season. He must have been close though when he had the "Head Butt" though this again DEPEND's on who's version you heard. Yes we can DEPEND on him to, be there each week, and you can DEPEND on him to disagree with the umpires, opposition and team mates. Although he has been on the receiving end of a few wise cracks this year, he just smiles and gets on with it. We just hope we can DEPEND on Bruce for a few more years of the effort he puts in each week.

John Tegler (goalie)

John started off as our trusty and fearless goalie, but during one of his defensive manoeuvres he hurt his leg and missed the remainder of the season. John is one of the quiet members of the team but always gives his best effort. He has been to most of our matches since his injury and supported us from the sideline. We look forward to having him back in the team next year."

Ian Lyon (forward)

Known as "mouse" on the field, was one of our reliable forwards throughout the season. He is an important part of our team's attack. His stick skills enabled him to weave through the opposition backs and score on a number of occasions. Unfortunately for Ian and the team, leg injuries interrupted his season.

Tony Illman (forward)

Plays as a forward, always running to tackle or make himself available and he is still running when trying to get back to help the defence. Although he has worked out that it is a bit easier if he lets the opposition hit the ball into him, so he can limp back a bit slower as they go back to take the hit still faster than most of us). Tony is always there for a beer and a chat at the end of the game even if at times it is hard to understand what he is saying due to his accent; maybe if he did not talk as fast as he runs it would be easier. Thanks for the effort each week.

Ian Knight (full back)

Ian had another excellent season. Ever reliable and dependable, he is a rock in defence. His ferocious (but fair) tackles kept many good forwards quiet and licking their wounds. Ian can take a fair share of credit for our team's outstanding defensive record over the years. Thanks for your efforts.

Chris Potter (goalie)

All the team agrees "oh what a replacement." Chris stepped into the breach early in the season with the injury to John Tegler. His keeping skills have been brilliant but he has also is known for his wit and the home brewed stout that appears at the club on home games. Chris sacrificed a chance to play in a Challenge Cup to be with the "oldies" and this was most appreciated by all. Chris, we will release you back to the Over 40's at the end of the season but thank you for the great work done for us this year. All the best for your forthcoming marriage.

Over 50 Division 2 - Men

Terry Hudson (defender)

His first year with us "Oldies", and a good year it was. Terry slotted into half back like he had been there for years. Not only did we enjoy his effort on field, but loved his sausage sizzles after as well!!! Thanks for a good year Terry, see you again in 2002.

Kingsley McGuire (full back)

"Don't forget those legs aren't as fast as they were 25 years ago," he says but sometimes we wonder whether that knee bandage is really a con job. Kings is a Rock of Gibraltar in our defence. Many opposition forwards have watched downcast as he takes the ball from them and drills it back into our attack yet again. Another great year and contributor to the success we have enjoyed.

Neil McPhail (centre half)

Our ever reliable centre half. We always know that he's going to run and do something with the ball. Stole the ball on many occasions from the unsuspecting opposition. A player with a good sense of humour who enjoys a joke and his surfing. Many of our forward attacks started with Neil and he likes to have the odd shot at goals. A solid team member who always puts in a good effort each week.

Terry Parker (left inner)

Terry is the real workhorse of the team. He creates a lot of opportunities for the other forwards as well as scoring some fine goals himself. Terry drops back deep onto defence to also help the backs. He never knows when to stop. A pleasure to play with him.

Rob Walker (defender)

Rob can play either side of the ground, either half back or full back. He has good anticipation and knows when to commit to a tackle, making it difficult for the opposition to pass him. A sound knowledge of the game provides useful half time advice to the team.

Colin Willis (forward)

Colin joined the team when we had a few injuries to players and we were short of class players. He was back to his old self in no time and was diving for balls in the goal circle and scoring a few occasionally (but no coffee and Mars bars for him at halftime this year). All agreed Col was a great asset to the team and there is no retiring for him next year. Well done and thanks Col.

Syd Wilson (half back)

Showed class across the half back line all season, defeating many opponents and directing play. His knowledge of the game and ability to read the play resulted in many words of advice and encouragement to everyone on the field. The net result was an improvement in the skill levels and enthusiasm from all players - and continued frustration from Syd.

Ken Woollams (forward/half back)

Ken, always there, always on time and always reliable, complete with his wife, manager, trainer and cheer squad all rolled into one. Ken has had a good steady season and although normally quiet god help the opposition who rub him up the wrong way. Ken can always be relied on to be in position to receive the ball.

The Invited Few - Johnson Orr and Kasu Nair

Thanks for the effort of filling in when we were short a few personnel. Special thanks also go out to our supporter who turned up for a lot of our games. This season has seen a real close tussle between the top 6 teams and at the time of writing this it looks like we will contest the finals. A good season was enjoyed by all and we look forward to all players (including Willy) returning next season with maybe some new recruits.

Under 17 A

The 17A's had a moderately successful year in what for most of them was their first year in under 17's. The high intensity at which hockey was played in Under 17A's and the slow starts the team produced meant that they had to call on all their skills and work hard to stay in the games. The second half of the season was a marked improvement and the team performed creditably to finish in the middle of the grade.

James Welton (goalkeeper)

James is a very determined goalkeeper who trained hard and played with courage. James could be relied on to Marshall the team from defence.

Rory Read (full back)

Rory is a highly skilled and mobile defender who played consistently throughout the year. His hard and accurate hitting were both a value in moving the ball out of defence and in our corner battery.

Craig Orr (full back)

Craig trained very hard during the year and played consistently for the benefit of the team. An excellent defender and very quick to change defence into attack.

Dan Scott (half back)

Dan played a season of good year of hockey and it was even more meritorious in that it was his first year of field hockey. He has a high skill level and a competitive spirit and will further develop as his understanding of position and plays improves.

Evan Kelly (half back)

Evan had a good year providing drive and support to the team through the midfield. Evan is a skilful player and very creative when given latitude in the middle of the ground.

Ben Meacock (half back, forward)

Ben is super keen with his hockey and trained hard. He developed as a tight but attacking defender as the season progressed.

Rob Porter (half back)

Rob is a tall, strong half back with deceptive skill. He often created penetrating forward thrusts and resisted aggressive opposition.

Paul Ashley (forward, half back)

Paul forced his way into the team midway through the year and played a very direct style of hockey. He was a considerable asset against the stronger and more physically robust teams.

Anthony Ricciardone (forward, half back)

Anthony is a highly skilled player who can when in the right frame of mind, turn a game completely. He combined effectively with backs and forwards to create a regular avenue to attack and was not afraid to make penetrating runs into the attacking circle.

Stephen Gibson (forward)

Stephen is a very talented player who played a very effective midfield role. He was always keen to get in to the circle and show his strength in deep attack.

Tom Patton (forward)

Tom had a good first year of field hockey. Tom has great skills is learning how to use them more often. His game improved as his understanding of position developed.

Mark Hackett (forward)

Mark developed over the year to become a very strong and attacking forward who scored a number of goals for the team. His has good skill and is able to use it to get himself into scoring positions.

Under 17 A

Daniel McEntee (forward)

Dan played most of his hockey on the left side and understood very well the value of keeping the game wide. He scored a considerable number of goals for the team and was always a reliable avenue to attack and never daunted by the size or quality of opposition.

Lloyd King (forward)

Lloyd forced his way into the team early in the season and became a very strong attacking midfield player. His forceful running combined with just the right amount of skill put pressure on oppositions each week.

Brett Martyn (coach)

Brett committed himself to looking after the 17A's and indeed most of the 17's during the year. He was joined part way through by Todd Barrett and introduced a consistency with the senior team approach and encouraged creativity by all the team members. The second half of the season performances were what he had been aiming at for the whole year.

David Porter (with much assistance from Paul Meacock) (manager/s)

The team also thanks the following players who helped out during the year and made sure we fielded a full team each week: **Peter Heavens** -2 games, **Ryan Mahney** - 2 games, and a game each from **Brad Channer**, **David Orr**, **Ross McKinnon** and **Chris Patton**.

Under 17 B

The 17B's had a relatively successful year finishing in the top four and displaying on occasions some very creative and attacking hockey. Unfortunately the latter half of the season was largely played on grass which reduced our overall effectiveness, however a measure of the team was that they still managed to win or draw when playing under more adverse conditions.

Chris Patton (goalkeeper)

Chris played his first year of field hockey and is an exciting prospect. He has exceptional reflex and skill and loves to be in the play.

Simon Zybrko (full back)

Simon is a strong defender who loves hockey, both playing and umpiring. Simon worked very hard in defence and played a team game. His positioning and constructive talk was excellent. Simon also had an outstanding year in his umpiring.

Paul Ashley (full back)

Paul played very strong positive hockey all year. His strong clearing hits and speed were a feature. A great return to hockey after a year off in football.

Rob Porter (right half)

Rob played strong hockey all year and showed considerable skill as an overlapping right half to create the extra forward. Combined well with our halves and inners to create a very strong midfield.

Matt Geers (centre half)

Matt was given a very responsible role of being the pivot for our team. Matt displayed excellent skills and distribution to control the midfield and create a platform for our attacks.

Michael Pugliesi (left half)

Michael played very tight and effective hockey all year. He developed the left half to a specialist position and never gave an opponent any latitude. Combined with Paul Ashley to nullify most of our opponents right side attacks.

Matt Willis (right wing)

Matt's hockey improved with every game of the season. He learnt to hold his position on the wing and combine very effectively with the midfield and other forwards to set up strong right side attacks and shots on goal.

Tom Patton (wing/centre forward)

Tom provided spark and energy in every game he played. He has excellent skills and troubled most defenders when he cared to use them.

Duncan Brown (forward)

Duncan was our super sub for the year. Duncan has outstanding hockey skills and a high work rate. He combined well with our forwards in midfield to set up scoring opportunities. We hope Duncan plays a full season with Melville next year.

Jamie Drew (centre forward)

Jamie had another solid year and was an ever reliable avenue to goals. Jamie's work rate in midfield this year was excellent but it is his scoring ability close in that sets him apart from other forwards in the grade. Jamie also had an outstanding year in his umpiring.

Peter Heavens (left inner)

Peter was a hard working, goal scoring inside forward this year. He has the ability to hold his position well and combine with our midfield and left wing to both create attack and score from our strong right side forward plays.

Under 17 B - Girls

Sandra Millar (left wing)

Sandra is a strong player with a powerful hit. She reads the play well and by being in the right spot, has scored some fine goals this season. With a little more self belief you will enjoy your hockey for years to come. Another graduate to seniors next year to boost the strength of the club. A consistent year.

Tara Bowater (left inner)

The pocket dynamo is our Tara. Will take on anyone and generally wins. Tara is very strong on the ball with excellent stick skills and good goal sense. At only 14 she has a fine future ahead. She is already playing seniors in the top side. An excellent year with many more to come.

Sarah Hanagan (half/full back)

Sarah is another of our versatile defenders, slotting in wherever required and doing an excellent job. Her skills and uncanny ability to steal the ball from opposing forwards is great to see. Sarah is another of the younger brigade in the team and has a good future ahead. You will enjoy next season as well. Good effort.

Kimberly Welten (wing)

For a girl who is just 13 and never played hockey before, fronting up to under 17's is a very tough ask. Kimberly, however, never shirked anything. Playing on either wing she gave her all and steadily improved during the year. Scoring a goal in the first game must have been a highlight for her. Kimberly also put on the pads a couple of times - very courageous (or silly!) Well done.

Erin Stanfield (goalkeeper)

Always good for a chat and a smile is our Erin. On the field, Erin had a lot of work to do this season and had it not been for her many fine saves, our score line could have been a lot worse. Unfortunately Erin missed a few games but this allowed her team mates to see what it was like from behind the mask. Good season.

Raylene Robinson (right half)

Raylene is another of our newcomers having only played a few games last season. Very steady in defence and always ready to listen to advice, Raylene improved remarkably during the season. Keeps her stick on the ground and her eyes on the ball. I'm sure you enjoyed your year - well done.

Hamish West (coach)

Early in the season when we needed a coach, Hamish, from our men's classic league team, put up his hand to give it a go. I don't believe he knew what to expect. Let's face it: 13-17 year old girls, fifteen of them! You know what I mean - a bit of chatting, how's your day, what's the latest scandal, who's going out with who, and so on. However, Hamish soon gained the respect of the girls and although it took a little time, moulded them into a competitive unit. His knowledge and experience in junior and senior hockey soon evolved from the girls to see them play some brilliant hockey. Thanks Hamish, for your time and effort with the girls and I'm sure you gained some additional experience from this venture. If you are willing, I'm sure the girls would like to see you continue next season. A tremendous effort.

Colin Willis (manager)

A very enjoyable season with this fine group of girls. They all mixed in well together and with the parent support, made my job easy. A special thanks to the girls who shared the goalie duty in Erin's absence - you get a different outlook on every game from this position. Also thanks to Nigel, Evan, Gary and Leo for umpiring and general help during the year. Finally, a special thanks on behalf of Hamish and myself for the fantastic support given by the parents and followers of this great team. Until next season... Merry Christmas!

Under 17 C

Daniel Chapman

Reliable fullback who enjoys preventing opposing forwards from scoring goals.

Eric Cheung

Developed into a excellent half back with a strong tackle. Major strength is reading the play and positioning himself in the ideal position for a forestick tackle.

Ryan Fuller

Robust centre forward who enjoys his hockey and is very good at getting into position ready for a goal.

Frank Padovan

Centre half, best player in the team, excellent skills combined with a high level of fitness made Frank our "go to" player.

Kendrick Pool

Excellent skills and work ethic allowed Ken to be a key forward or fill in at fullback when required.

Tim Priest

Played inside right for a while but is more suited to right wing where his powerful hitting helps cross the ball.

Ben Read

Dynamic left wing who reads the play well and combines with Kendrick to form an excellent avenue of attack.

Brendan Toomey

Forward, Most courageous player in the team. Never gives up and never flinches when being monstered by giant full backs.

Trent Van Beem

Fullback combined with Daniel to save many goals. His desperation to clear the ball out of the circle is a feature of his game.

Reece Crake

Reliable half back who's skill and effectiveness improved greatly as the season progressed.

Matt Smith

Joined in the last six weeks. And has improved beyond the expectations of both players and coach. Well-Done Matt.

Brad Wake

Wakey had a very very very busy season and saved countless goals.

Tristan Dravnieks

Transferred from the under 15's half way through the season and added a lot of drive to the forward line. Most memorable feature of his game is the desperate 8 meter dives and wild reverse stick thumps.

Under 15 A

Most of these guys have played hockey together for several seasons now. And, after attempting to nominate in A grade last year, it was reward for them, the coach, and the club to achieve that aim after a qualifying game at the start of the season. Despite that early success, 2001 proved to be a difficult year for the players on the scoreboard. Despite this, it is very satisfying to continue to be associated with a group of young men who display character and dignity in all situations.

In terms of players there were no major changes to a team that enjoyed a high degree of success in under 13B's, so the essential ingredients are still there. The move to A level proved a real challenge for the team, and that challenge that was met head-on.

Overall, 2001 was a year for this team to mature, both physically and mentally. Physically in the sense that many of them had grown 6 inches over the summer break, and mentally as a result of a hard season. The increase in tempo of top competition hockey has seen them learn a great deal more about the game that I'm sure they will benefit from in years to come. We have shown everyone over the past few seasons our great depth of character as individuals and as a team. We have displayed our ability to win with humility and lose with dignity. We have never lost sight of the fact that we can continue to learn in all circumstances, whilst continuing to have fun and enjoy the friendship of our team-mates. When viewed with this perspective, 2001 was a great season!

Tim Heavens (goalkeeper)

After some nerves in the first few games, Tim has keenly accepted the challenge of A grade hockey. We have seen him improve week by week to display excellent reflexes and judicious attacks when repelling the ball from advancing opponents. As his confidence grows Tim will exert his authority more. Tim shows all the makings of a first-rate senior level Goalkeeper in the years ahead. Congratulations Tim on the way you accepted and dealt with the challenges thrown at you this season.

David Orr (centre half)

A lot was asked of David to fill this demanding position this year where, like Kieran Drew, he was sometimes close to only half the size of opponents. The task was made even more difficult by ongoing knee problems that often resulted in David experiencing soreness that caused him to leave the field in the second half of many games. Those problems aside, David would have to be one of the team's most skilful players. These skills are invariably on display when intercepting a pass from the opposition and negotiating the ball through a series of opponents.

Kieran Nettleton (full back)

This team would never seem the same without "Netts" barking out the instructions from full back. Tim may control the "D", but the rest of the back 25 yards is Kieran's. He backs this up with a fierce determination and you can rely on him holding the defence together. Kieran's approach to the game and his physical presence on the field matured greatly this season. Well done, Kieran!

Kieran Drew (full/half back)

"KD" is the quiet, but competent complement to Netts. Whereas most of his team mates have experienced their major teenage growth spurt, Kieran was often dwarfed by the opposition. However, it never ceases to amaze me how that size is levelled out when Kieran successfully extracted the ball from an attacker. Although he is not one of the quickest on the field, it is Kieran's intelligent approach to hockey which enables him to compete at this level. A great learning year that will stand KD in good stead for coming seasons.

Under 15 A

Cameron Dickson (full back, centre half)

The short corner exponent, Cameron has been one of Melville's "recruiting coups" for 2001. When he arrived at the start of the season from another club he was quickly recognised as a player with very good ability which complemented a fair, but aggressive approach on the ball. As such, he has performed many "pinch hitting" roles for the team as the positions were shuffled in an attempt to find a successful formula. Although the team in general could not be considered small in stature, it was Cameron's physical presence and attitude that provided that essential bite and power hitting to our defences.

Russell Davies (right half)

Another consistent and unobtrusive performance throughout the year by Russell. There are many games when most of the spectators would not even be aware that Russell was on the field, but that was generally because he was quietly and effectively fulfilling his role. This alone is proof that he has adapted to A Grade hockey with a minimum of fuss. There is no doubt that Russell has the ability to reach greater heights of performance.

Geoff Hansen (left half)

Geoff is a tall, strong half back with a big reach that he uses to great effect. In some regards Geoff plays a similar game to Russell; rarely standing out, but reliably playing his part to foil his opponent. Every year that passes sees Geoff acquire that extra little bit of flair, whether it be to intercept a pass to cut off a forward move, or create an option to enable the defence to clear the back line. It is those small pieces of hockey intelligence that distinguish an average player from the rest. Mr Reliable!

Reece Sloan (inner)

Reece was unable to join the team at the beginning of the year as he was away on an extended holiday over East. On his return he fitted into the side as though he had never missed a game. With his enthusiasm and skill he'll take all that he has learnt this year and build on it in the seasons ahead with great success.

Adam Halliday (vice captain, left wing)

Adam was again one of the prime movers of the team's offensive component in 2001. Many of the goals that were scored this year came as a result of Adam's speed and persistence down the wing, or were even scored by Adam himself. So many times we saw Adam take the ball deep in defence and take on many defenders, niggling away at the ball to frustrate the oppressors, before delivering it into the D. Adam's great determination to win a ball was an inspiration to his team-mates, often at times when spirits needed a lift. He has also shown his flexibility by successfully filling roles in defence and in other forward line positions. Selected in the Regional Representative team for 2001.

Reece Hyatt (captain, inner, centre half)

The ability and respect Reece has within the team was reflected in his selection by the players as team captain. Often appearing laconic on the field, Reece is a dogged and skilful competitor who has great pride in his on-field performance. Rarely rested during games, his endurance is an invaluable asset in a fast moving sport. Selected in the Regional Representative side for 2001.

Under 15 A

Michael Benbow (wing, inner)

I still have vivid memories of a goal that Michael scored one Friday evening at Hale. It was at a stage of the game when we weren't going to win, but that probably made the goal even more meritorious. Skirting around several defenders, a couple of feinted shots, and the final blow executed past a confused goalie from an oblique angle. The result was reward for effort for Michael. I have never tried to count the number of runs down the field that are made each game, but it always seems that he is one who always puts in the hard work to provide a presence or sometimes carry the ball himself.

Simon Bint (wing, inner)

Simon has always shown a keen attitude on and off the field this year. This he combines with a friendly manner and a willingness to accept instructions. He applies these attributes with the energetic performance required for the hard working roles that a wing and inner require. I'm sure Simon has learnt a lot about the game from season 2001 that he will benefit from in future years.

Chris Loveridge (centre, inner, wing)

Chris's style sees him use his speed to push forward hard after a turnover to run far and wide for his team mates. Unfortunately for Chris it was often the case that the hockey ball did not reach him on a sufficient number of occasions to provide him the opportunity to show his goal shooting abilities. However, Chris always showed his persistence and character with his dogged "never give up" attitude. Another solid year from Chris that saw him selected in the Regional Representative side 2001 and it was interesting to note that he was one of the leading goal scorers in that tournament.

David Halliday (coach)

The unfortunate part of 2001 for Dave was that under 15's is the age group for coaches when many of the players suddenly put on growth spurts. This resulted in him having to look up into many of his player's eyes when issuing instructions. Small matters like that have never worried Dave. In fact, many superlatives come to mind when describing his contribution:

- enthusiasm – every training session and game played were accompanied by his positive comments and constructive input to each and every player;
- innovation – changes in training routines and the use of "guest" coaches;
- dedication – right down to providing his own pair of sports shoes to a player whose hockey boots had run their match one cold and wet Friday night;
- faith – every game, at every break, there was always the encouragement to suggest that the team would take a positive result from what were many defeats.

After several years association with Dave, it has always been a pleasure to have him as my son's coach.

Under 13 B

Even though we did not have a winning season, the team - collectively and individually - improved as the season progressed. Each player gained experience, both in experience and in the knowledge of the game. As a team, you could not have asked for more. They played as one unit and supported each other throughout the season. They displayed maturity and worked diligently in playing good, respectable hockey. Because of this, they brought excitement to the game and it was a joy to all of us to watch them play. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both coaches, Keith Harper and Leo Welten, for spending their personal time in helping the team progress in their skills and knowledge of the game. Also thanks goes to the parents for their support not only of their own sons, but for the other members of the team. Furthermore, for their support of both coaches as well as having to put up with the manager. Maybe next year the parents can get a Hungry Jack's voucher as well as the players - or maybe a free drink at the pub for their much appreciated support.

Mathew Bell

Belly has shown enthusiasm and willingness to play any position, even though he prefers to play in the front line and score goals. He has taken each task responsibly and with confidence. He will always improve as time goes on, particularly when he understands where each position is supposed to be on the field.

Neil Ferguson

Neil - the wall - always indicates to the attacking opposition that the ball stops at his stick. He then politely takes the ball from them and then passes to his fellow team members. He has applied this technique to the various positions he has played throughout the season. Expect to hear more of him in the future.

Cameron Hancock

Cameron, the happy winger in whom you can have confidence, when he has to do what is required. He thinks, as well as listens, along with keeping the opposition goalie conscious (more like worried about!) of his presence. With more experience he will become a formidable player against any side. Just remember, Cameron, to hang out at the post and you'll score more goals.

Joshua Harmon

At right half, our big bad boy terrorised left wingers and everyone else who ventured into his territory. A very strong and tenacious tackler, Josh assumed on-field leadership as the season progressed and became the general of our defence. He still has work to do on his hitting, but he has the essentials of a quality defender.

Carl Harper

First year playing Under 13's, Carl has shown confidence and tenacity. He has demonstrated his skills in dribbling around his opposition as well as "borrowing" the ball from them. He reads the play well and knows what is required of any position he plays. When he concentrates on his own game, he is hard to stop.

Elliot Kenny

Controlled right wing with an eagle eye. He has demonstrated his powerful hits by zipping the ball into the "D." For his first year in under 13's, he has easily fitted into the team. He has kept the opposition honest and on their toes. By learning to keep the stick on the ground, he has scored goals as well as trapped the ball.

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James Kenny

Sergeant James has progressed from a quiet goalie to a commander on the last line of defence, directing his troops with authority. On top of that, he has shown no fear when it comes to tackling the opposition, which has resulted in some spectacular saves throughout the season. With more experience and confidence, he will become an asset to the club as a goalie.

Chris Lees

The clinical full back who hones in on the ball and then accurately passes it to our forwards. He is like a spider on a fly when the ball enters his territory and knocks the ball out before you can blink an eye. He is a dependable fullback and has contributed to the defence line of the team.

Chris Morrison

Chris is the analyst full back who uses his good knowledge of the game along with his ball handling skills to get the ball out either by a long hit down the line or with his strength in hitting or dribbling the ball forwards to put the team in an attacking situation. This is a great asset and one any coach would like to have in any of their players.

Joel Newman

Mr Excitement who enjoys utilising his good hockey skills to get through the defence with the intent of either scoring or passing the ball to his fellow forwards. He is a good team member, encouraging everybody and we would expect to hear more of him in the future. Like the other forwards, he will learn more about second phase play as time goes on.

Alex Obiri-Boateng

The "Mr Speedy" of the team who uses his speed to zip past the opposition before they know it, then focuses on the goal, deciding which is the best option - to go for the score or pass the ball to another forward. A good future ahead and will eventually learn along with the other forwards about the second phase.

Jonathan Stewart-Dawkins

Even though Jonathon came in during the first part of the season, he instantly blended in with the team and positively contributed. With his good trapping and hitting of the ball, he is a threat to any of his opponents. Expect to see more of him in the future.

Stuart Taylor

"Mr Stealth" who quietly uses his skills and experience to put terror in the opposition's defence, then scores before you know it. He plays with confidence and can play equally well in defence or attack. With more experience, he will become an even better player, particularly when it comes to second phase playing.

Mitchell Welten

Mitchell is an all-round player who you can rely on under all circumstances. He possesses good knowledge of the game and is able to play in most positions with confidence, utilising his all-round skills such as positioning, trapping and hitting, making him a person you need in any circumstances.

Under 13 South

Coached by Kelvin Woodward for the second season, this has been a tough year having several new players in the team, with some not having played competitively and others not having played at all. When this goes to print, we are still waiting to win our first game, but the coach and players have not lost their enthusiasm - who knows - the big one may be next! All players have played with enthusiasm every week despite no wins and some terrible weather. A big thank you to Kelvin's dedication and parents that have helped out on Saturday mornings and with training.

Kate Bawden

Kate has played on the wing this season and has shown skills with tackling and running. Each week you see her confidence growing and her positive attitude has taken her a long way in the game.

Leigh Brown

Leigh has played half back, after having played goalie for part of last season. He does plenty of running and passing of the ball out to the forwards and his tackling has improved vastly.

Brad Churcher

Brad has played centre half, is a very strong tackling player and can run the ball well. He never gives up. He plays with a lot of confidence, which goes well for the future.

Stuart Gibbins

Stuart played half back and wing, and for a first year player, Stuart has shown great confidence and skill. He has played well all year. His enthusiasm puts him in good stead for the future.

Jonathon Greenacre

Jonathon has played at fullback this season and his skill level has improved vastly. He has no fear to go in and tackle until he gets the ball out. Many a time he has stopped the opposition. Well done Jonathon.

Jaimee Hadley

Jaimee played wing and her skill level has improved rapidly. She has no fear of the ball and isn't afraid to tackle the opposition and run with the ball. Good luck for the up and coming season - and well done.

Katherine Hall

Katherine has played wing extremely well. Katherine is a very strong player and has no fear of going in hard. She played consistently well all season. Well done.

Tim Meiri

Tim has played half back throughout the season and his skills have really improved. He's not afraid to go in hard. Good luck for future seasons.

James Olsen

James has played in the full back position this season and has played well. When he goes in to tackle, you can see his ability and skill level has improved as the season has gone on. Keep up the good work James.

Stacey Omay

Stacey has played left inner in her first season of competition and has performed very well. As captain, she shows no fear in going for the ball and tackling the opposition. Her skill level and her ability to read the play has improved greatly. Well done.

Kathleen Roberts

Kathleen has played in the position of right inner and is another player in her first year of competition. Plays the game hard and is starting to read the play more as the season goes on. Keep up the running and the skilful play.

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Angela van Es

Angela has played in the position of full back in her very first year of hockey. She has gained great confidence and her improvement and skill level has been great. She shows no fear of the opposition. Good work - well done.

Kristian Woodward

Kristian has played centre forward this year and has done so extremely well. A very skilful ball player. As the season progressed, his ability to read the play and pass off to his team mates has improved. Good luck for the up and coming seasons.

Under 11 B - Boys

The team had a very good season. Some of the players were first timers in the division and learnt very quickly that they were up against some very good teams. Even so they fought out all games rain hail or shine and showed an enthusiasm for the game always. We had our fair share of wins losses and draws and always put up a good effort against the teams positioned higher on the ladder than us. Some of the boys have a few more years still to play in this grade and will be extremely strong players for the team in the future. Well done boys – it was great to be part of the team. Our support for the team was fantastic and my thanks go to Derek and Marnie for their roles of coaching and managing. To those who umpired namely Lou and Kelvin, many thanks and to the parents of the players, I thank you for being there for your children and supporting with the dignity that is a trade mark of the Club.

Greg Hunt

Marcus Toleman

Marcus was our strong man. He always showed strength and aggression and tempered it with some sensational stick skills. He could play any position and fitted in well in the key positions of centre half and right wing. Marcus developed well in his game during the season and will be a great asset to any team and the club. A great season Marcus.

Jordan Hunt

The link man and the thinker of the team. Jordan often turned defence into attack with a well timed tackle and a strong, accurate pass. He had the ability to bring team members into the play with wide passes. Jordan played most of the season at centre half and controlled most of the games from that position. Jordan has a good future in the game and was a great team player. Excellent season Jordan.

Callum Bint

Callum was an intelligent forward holding down left inner most of the year. He worked hard as an inner must and frequently tackled back and held up the opposition. When Callum got the “fire in his belly” there was no stopping him. He was a good team player and worked well with his winger and centre forward. Keep up the good work Callum – great season.

Graydyn Doak

Graydyn played many positions for the team and was brilliant in defence as full back and was wily in offence as a winger. As the season went on Graydyn grew in confidence and showed startling skills that often left his opponent flat footed. He had a good centring ball from the wing and set up a few goals for his other forwards. Fantastic season Graydyn.

Sean Ranford

A goal sneak with no equal. Sean has proved to be a fantastic left side player and positioned himself brilliantly to score many goals during the season. He learnt the value of sitting on the post and turning balls into the net. He also showed that he could win the hard ball midfield and feed his fellow forwards. Sean enjoys his hockey which is obvious in the way that he plays the game. Great season Sean.

Karl Tulloch

Karl displays the tenacity needed to make it as a top line striker. Playing most of the season as centre forward he exhibited the touch of a true goal scorer many times. He worked very hard to win the ball in the packs that developed and his stick work was outstanding. Karl seemed to enjoy every minute he was playing hockey. Great goals and a top season Karl.

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Stephen Hall

Stephen was our silent but strong right inner. He moved extremely well with the ball and was rarely beaten in that position. He worked hard in defence and turned defence into attack many times. He knew how to bring his winger into the play and set up many right side thrusts that resulted in goals or chances. Great season Stephen.

Alex Wragg

AJ was another of our rovers, a coaches dream. Someone who could fill the hole. He showed he could handle defence or attack and kept most opponents at bay by showing them his wind up for his hit early in the game. AJ was a great team man always talking to his team mates. He enjoyed his hockey and had the ability to gee up his team mates. A fantastic season AJ.

David Ogden

David grew in stature as the season progressed and showed a liking for fullback where he repelled many attacks. David played a few games as goalie and acquitted himself well. He was a quiet achiever and was probably one of the most improved players for the season. Keep up the good work David.

Liam Woodward

Liam worked tirelessly all season running from attack into defence on many occasions to help out his team mates. Liam is a strong fullback with a fantastic hit but can also be devastating in front of goals. His skill with the ball had many opponents baffled and he set up many opportunities for his fellow forwards with strong cross balls from the right side. Liam has a great future and was one of our most consistent players all season. Well done Liam.

Blake Sims

Blake showed a keenness to get in amongst the play and showed great skills on many occasions to keep the ball going forward towards our strikers. As a half back he kept his opposition under control very well and invariably won the 50/50 tackles and pushed forward into attack. Blake's confidence grew through the year and he can be very pleased with his improvement. Great season Blake.

Joshua Kent

Joshua 's confidence grew as the season went on and was willing to play any position that was asked of him. He played mostly as a half back and learnt the important skills of watching his player and being in the right position to thwart any attack from his opponent. A great season Joshua.

Under 11 B - Girls

The team this year was a mixture of veterans from the previous year, players coming up from Gradates and new players. The inexperience of playing games and playing as a team was evident in the first game, however since then the team have been successful in improving both their individual skills and teamwork to be a strong team in the second half of the season. The team has managed to score wins against all teams in the comp except Hale who have proved a tough proposition. The team should easily finish in the top four (if not the top two).

Mai Barnes

Mai has been one of the quiet achievers of the team. She has spent most of the season playing in the role of inner and is a good all round player that knows her position. As her confidence increased throughout the season she has proved to be a valuable contributor.

Ashleigh Brickhill

The highlight for Ashleigh this season must be game two where she managed to score all 7 goals to see the team achieve their first win of the season. Ashleigh has played the whole season in the position of wing, a role she has performed well in, keeping out wide as the position dictates and providing the necessary support to the team's offensive attack. Her good positioning in the D has resulted in her being the highest goal scorer of the team.

Sheridan Gore

Sheridan has been an enthusiastic member of the team. Playing her first year of hockey she volunteered for goalie duty and spent the first part of the season capably defending goals. The latter part of the season saw her move into the midfield. This has helped Sheridan develop her playing skills further and give her more confidence in her abilities.

Jaime Greenacre

Jaime has been a strong player all season, however in the second half she has performed particularly well. Spending most of the season in the position of half back she has been a good link between defence and attack and her skills have improved well throughout the season.

Vanessa Martin

Vanessa came up from graduates this season and has played consistently during the season. Starting in the role of fullback, she moved to the position of wing early in the season and has worked hard on developing her skills. Vanessa's positioning and calling are excellent and her skills are developing well. Once Vanessa gains some confidence in her abilities she will further develop as a reliable and valuable member of the team.

Lalitha Menon

Lalitha has done a lot to develop her skills this season. She played in a number of offensive positions early in the season before she settled in the position of full back. She is always a very enthusiastic member of the team, a tenacious defender. Her skills have improved throughout the season, as has her knowledge and understanding of her position.

Caitlyn Ogden

Caitlyn has been a strong defender for the team, first in the position of fullback, then midway through the season moving to goals. Caitlyn has a good understanding of the game and is a keen defender. She has performed well in both positions she has played and has been a valuable member of the team.

Ellen Oosterbaan

Ellen has played consistently in both the forward and half lines. A sociable player, which assists in her calling, she has filled each position asked of her capably.

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Lauren Sims

Lauren has been a steady midfield player all season. She has been a positive, enthusiastic member of the team with good skills. She spent the latter half of the season switching from centre forward to centre half back (with Caitlyn Surman). The switch has seen the two of them develop their team skills, working well down the field and into the D.

Stephanie Stidolph

Stephanie has performed solidly in the fullback position for the season, with a stint in goals at the end. Her defence skills have developed throughout the season and she is never afraid to attack the offensive players as they come down the field.

Caitlyn Surman

Caitlyn has been one of the stronger and skilled player in the team, being in her second season of Under 11's. She has spent the season in midfield positions (centre half back and centre forward) and has excellent skills. Her speed and persistence have seen many balls taken from an offensive player (particularly on free hits). She is a joy to watch as she takes off down the field in offensive play. Her speed down the ground has put the rest of the team to the test in keeping up with her to support her in the "D".

Other Players

A quick mention also to a few players that have been involved in the team during the season:-

- Sarah Kelly, whilst only with the team for the first four weeks of the season played well in defence and was a valued member of the team, particularly in the first few weeks where we were all finding our way.
- Daniel Sims, who usually plays in Minkey but stepped into the breach on a couple of occasions when we were short of players. Daniel was an enthusiastic member of the team and shows great promise.

- Alexandra, Daniel and Dana who were unable to play on Saturday mornings but came along to training on Thursday nights and are gradually building their skills. We look forward to their full time participation next season.

And then . . .

We were lucky to have the services of two coaches this year - Bev Gardner and Robin Winthrop - who worked back-to-back to bring the girls together each week. They imparted some valuable skills to the girls and it was a joy to see the girls develop their skills and confidence over the season.

Of course the team couldn't function without the support of parents. Thanks to the parents who braved the early, and sometimes very wet, mornings to come down and support the team. Special thanks to two mums who did over and above . . . Tanya Gore who was our Team Manager for the season. She's done a great job looking after gear, handing out notices and keeping all the stats. Thanks Tanya. And also thanks must go to Nicola Ogden who did a bit of everything, umpiring every game and providing coaching support to the team (not to mention the coaches!)

Under 11 SE - Boys

Cameron Barnes (full/half back, forward)

A versatile and reliable player who can adjust to play any position well. Works hard to cover forwards and acts as team motivator. Willing to offer constructive advice on how we can play better. Often produces what we do in training in the game. A great season Cameron.

Toryn Burgess (half back/centre half)

Most consistent player during the season, Toryn plays predominantly as half back. He works hard to cover opposing forwards and with the ability to 'read the play' can apply pressure on the opponents frequently thwarting their efforts with clearing hits into our forward line. Given the opportunity up forward he has capitalised by scoring hard earned goals for the team. A future in hockey should be inevitable if he continues in the sport.

Nicholas Geers (wing, inner)

Part One of the dynamic duo. Nic has played most of the season as a forward and shows great skill in heavy play. His ability to control the ball and push it through to any free player has made him a valuable team member. Nic can interpret the game quite well, expressing this at both half and full time. His comments often express positive strategies of what we can do to improve our game. Keep up the good work Nic.

Samuel Geers (inner)

Part Two of the dynamic duo. Sam has shown great pace and deft stick work when playing as a forward. A key player in attack who always tries to regain possession if it has been lost. He has shown pace and stick work when left on his own up front and will be a flashing forward in future years.

Scott Geoghegan (full back/goalie)

Shared the goalkeeper duties when required. Is a highly skilled player with a big future in the game. Often made clearing dashes from defence to set up the forwards, resulting in goals. Is able to apply pressure on oncoming forwards and has a strong tackle. Also could be a potential good forward if he wants to. A great team player.

Andrew Gleave

A pacey forward/half back and is the versatile player of the team. Whether on a wing or centre forward Andrew works hard to create opportunities from nothing. He always tries hard, does not give in to opponents and should thrive in competition for Melville teams in future years.

Lachlan King (centre half back)

A strong defender who is working on the attacking side of his game. His ability to stop forwards and clear the defence with strong hits made him valuable as the season progressed. Is a great team player as he is always willing to step in for a position others are reluctant to play. Looking forward to you having a promising hockey future Lachlan. Well done.

Sebastian Leech (right half back)

Sebastian's work ethic cannot be faulted. He has worked harder than any on his trapping and clearing hits. Recent solid performances as a half back should make him a valuable team player in future seasons. Keep applying yourself Sebastian; a great start in Under 11's.

Ryan Oliver (left wing)

As one of the leading goal scorers, Ryan has shown great strength in getting into the defences of the opposition teams. His ability to power shots past goalkeepers has made him a valuable team member. As he develops pace with increasing game time Ryan is sure to develop a strong all round game.

Under 11 SE - Boys

Laurence Rushton (full back)

The "Mr Cool" of the team. Nothing fazes Laurence as he calmly deals with any forwards coming into our defensive areas. With a hard tackle and strong defensive work, Laurence is able to quickly change our play from defence into attack. Shows the potential to do well as a tough uncompromising player and I hope he continues with hockey.

Patrick Welsh (centre forward/centre half)

A fast, skilled player who has enjoyed the roles at both Centre Half/ Centre Forward. Has the ability to move quickly through defensive zones and distribute the ball to players in better positions to finish off. A key player both in attack and defence, Patrick applies himself whole heartedly and when he has the opportunity to 'run' by himself he capitalises on the chance. Uses the "3D's" aspect extremely well, which is shown when he has a 1 on 1 situation. Will provide a bright light for future Melville Junior Hockey teams.

Adam Yeates (goalie/full back)

Played as goalkeeper in a majority of games. He showed great skill in the role. When rested from goals he showed more desire to play the game as a forward or ultra tough defender. Thanks for taking on the tough jobs Adam. Often is as solid as a rock when tackling and has a future in goalkeeping if he decides to persevere with the position. Without Scottie's and your efforts we would not be as high up the results table as we are. Well done.

Thomas Yeates (inner)

Has been playing in a variety of roles both forward and back. Tom enjoys the freedom of attacking when given the chance to run with the ball and then passing off to players further into attack. As his confidence improves with each game his skills improve also. Keep working hard in all areas of the game Thomas. A great start in Under 11's.

Hans Geers (team umpire)

Thanks "El Presidente" who volunteered and continues to be at every game not only as a parent but our team umpire. Is a great help in sharing his knowledge with this group of young developing players. You've done this tough job, fairly and justly with great pride for the future of Melville City Hockey Club.

The Parents

A big thanks to your continued support weekly no matter what the weather and sharing the burden of orange provision! The Coach and the team manager sincerely thank all of you.

Alisia Harmon (coach)

Has taken on the toughest job of nurturing, teaching and developing thirteen Under 11 boys. No one said it was going to be easy! Skill training and team play strategies have been essential in our high position on the ladder. Oh so frustrating when we have been close to some great wins, only to finish in a draw or a loss. She still found the good things to say and her smiling, laughing character will be fondly remembered when the season is over. Thanks for all of your time and efforts, Alisia.

Trevor Welsh (team manager)

Gave great support to both the team and Coach. His efficient undertaking of numerous responsibilities relieved the coach of many pressures. This enabled her to focus her attention on the boys. Trevor also provided assistance with training which was appreciated. Thanks a million Trevor.