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# Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

## Life Members

### Men

V. Dalton (Dec'd)	1959
D. Spitteler	1969
P. Noad (Dec'd)	1971
R. Halliday	1972
B. Spitteler	1975
M. Currell	1978
W. Meacock	1979
K. Timmel	1980
W. Forward	1982
J. Cole	1984
M. Reynolds (Dec'd)	1985
B. Hancock	1987
I. Deveson	1988
J. Pickering	1991
N. Kidd	1992
W. Atkinson	1993
G. Napier	1994
C. Willis	1994
K. Jackaman	1997
K. McGuire	2000
R. Walker	2001
J. Rate (Dec'd)	2002
M. & B. Bennetts	2002
C. West	2002
K. Harper	2003
D. Porter	2005
H. Geers	2006
S. McEntee	2006
P. Meacock	2007
J. Orr	2008
D. Timmel	2009
G. Coleman	2010
P. Hall	2011

### Women

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

# Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

## Club Administration 2012

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# President's Report

As the year comes to a close, I have looked over the two years that I have been in office and I am very proud of what we have achieved. The club has never been in such a healthy financial position, that being, I believe due to our club being the best run club in the country. This is due to the dedication of the committees throughout the club and the fantastic support from our never-ending volunteers for which I thank them sincerely from the bottom of my heart. I think I can now have a well earned rest knowing that the club is in good hands with our new president Gary Bowater and the continuous support from our committees, most members of which have reapplied for their positions. I will not be far away working under Gary from behind the scenes where I think I am suited the best. My support for Gary will be unrelenting, as I am totally confident in his leadership and hope you will all get behind him as much as you have supported me.

With the plans for the future well under way for the new club house and turf with which I would like to still be heavily involved, I can only see this club being the satellite club for many years to come. We are working to submit our plans to council for the 2013 budget with many thanks going to Tom Rushton for the design of the club house, and to Aki Etelaato for his alterations and input. Without these generous people in our club, I am sure we could not afford to achieve our goals. The council has approved our plan in principle although we have a lot of work to do in preparation for the future. This is headed by Dave Timmell and Pat Hall and their very professional group who by the way were the group that got our original turf plan approved. Once again leaving this project in very capable hands, I thank them for their commitment and never ending support for this club.

To our mayor, Russell Aubrey, this time last year you saw our vision, embraced it as promised and have been instrumental in heading us in the right direction. Your support is invaluable and I urge all our members to support you in your endeavours. Thank you for sharing our vision.

To the volunteers, as you all know we cannot survive without your loyal support from Minkey through to Seniors and the work done around the club, thank you. Welcome to our new bar manager Ryan McEntee. Although Ryan started in Minkey and never continued, it is good to see he has come back in a different role and hope he will continue next year with the excellent work he has been doing to make everyone's experience an enjoyable one. The kitchen staff, Lynda Forbes, Maureen Welton and their helpers have done the club proud with their Thursday night roasts and quality food that they have produced over the year, making us the envy of all other clubs including Curtin stadium. A special mention to the men's top squad for helping out at the Minkey bbq every week. It is something you have done to put back into the club and I do not know whether you realise the significance of what you have done. The kids and parents are very impressed and proud to have you serve them with the kids looking up to and idolising you. You have been fantastic with the kids and are appreciated immensely. To the uniform shop staff, headed by Tracey and Greg Hunt, Jane Vickery and Wendy Tate, thank you for all your efforts and a job extremely well done. I cannot thank our volunteers enough, I cannot name everyone but you are truly appreciated. A very special mention to Andy and Jodi Reynolds for their continuous efforts with our web site, updating and filming of our games throughout the year. To Catherine Timmell and her crew for the work done to make this night a memorable one. To Louise and Ash Dixon for the bar and treasury, a task very well done. Once again thank you to all our volunteers who have helped through the season, our success is due to your hard work.

Achievements for the year have seen two of our men's ones, Matthew Swann and Russell Ford achieve the highest goal in hockey, making the Olympic team and bringing home a bronze medal. We have never had a representative from our club in this position. We are very proud and hope that with their help we can produce more top athletes who will represent our club and country in the future. Our club has been outstanding in state representation from Juniors through to Seniors for which we congratulate these representatives and the coaches who have helped make this happen. I am sure their parents will be very proud of what has been achieved. The list of representatives will be in the yearbook and on the honour board and I hope you will all congratulate them and encourage them to go further.

# President's Report (contd)

## Achievements:

Russell Ford	Australian Olympic team bronze medallist
Matthew Swann	Australian Olympic team bronze medallist
Matthew Willis	Australian Institute of Sports
Tristan Clements	Australian Institute of Sports Australian Goal Keeper
Ross Hall	State U/21's
Mark Brodie	State U/21's
Pat Welsh	State U/21's
Ross Hall	State U/18's
Tim Geers	State U/18's
Nick Tate	State U/18's
Jordan Moore	State U/18's

## THUNDERSTICKS DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Tristan Clements

Mark Brodie

Juniors Playing Seniors: see Junior Achievements

## State Representatives Masters

Mike Starling	Player/Coach O/40's
Greg Ross	O/45's
David Ross	O/45's
Andy Starling	O/45's
Darren Wilson	O/45's
Michael Jensen	O/50's
Russell Scanlon	O/50's
Terry Parker	O/60's

Congratulations to all and good luck for the tournaments.

# President's Report (contd)

I would like to announce that Peter Freer will continue to lead in the men's top coaching position for 2013. Thank you Pete for all the effort you have put into this club and hope the boys can give you a finals berth next year. To Karen Bond, thank you for your support for Pete and the guys throughout the season. Today is Pete's birthday and I would like to wish him a Happy Birthday from myself and the club. Pete, the ladder is not a true indication of how we have improved over the year and I will leave it for you to talk about in your report. It has been a pleasure to work with you throughout the year and hope our relationship continues and we find success. I am confident we will next season.

Sponsorship was taken over by Gary Bowater, his professional approach and hard work has turned around the support for the club from all sponsors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors for your loyal support and hope we continue our relationship for many years to come. We always endeavour to reciprocate this support in every way we can. Your support is invaluable to our club and this club would not be as successful if it was not for your support and generosity. Thank you.

In closing, it is with sadness that I step down but if we do not get new blood and new ideas I think we will become stagnant. I have done the best I could do and hope it has been enough. I apologise if I have stepped on anyone's toes in my endeavours to push this club to where it is today, but I make no excuses as I believe it had to be done, and only for the good of the club. I would like to once again thank everyone for their help and support throughout the year from parents to coaches, sponsors, volunteers, players and members.

Wishing you all the best for the finals and hope to see you all next year.

Steve McEntee  
President



# Finance & Sponsorship Report

What a great year it has been. After taking up the role handed over by Hamish Burton it was full on from the word go. My first year back on the committee was a bit daunting as to my realization that the now size of the club was huge and how much is required to keep a club of this size going.

I am pleased to report the club is in a good financial condition with all revenue centres ie the bar, kitchen, sponsors, raffles, sales, uniform shop, donations, management accounts and membership support are firing well.

This is due to, in a large part, the working efforts of volunteers. These fine people are not only talented and generous with their time but they are making a huge impact on the club's financial well being. Well done to the volunteers.

Of course the management of such an organization is an enormous task and without the professional dedication and foresight of our Treasurer, Louise Dixon, we truly would be lost. Louise has not only guided the club on the journey but personally helped me many times. Thank you.

With the fine support above, our committee and Club President Steve McEntee have been able to achieve, with frugality and skill, the management of all club programs and at the same time brought the club to a strong financial position for the future.

To be in the black, as many business people will know, is to go forward with confidence. To be in the red or damage control causes a cut back on programs and is not healthy. I am happy to say we are moving forward with confidence.

Another great fiscal achievement commenced before my time but which has come to fruition this year is to have the club business aligned with the financial year. This has far reaching consequences and I congratulate the committee and president on having the forethought to put this plan in place a couple of years ago.

## NOW FOR THE FUN PART

Getting familiar with our many sponsors and trying to meet them all prior to the season starting was a real challenge. After some initial meetings though, it was evident that I was dealing with a great and generous group of people. Either their love for the club, hockey or community came shining through. Thank you to our fine committee who guided me when I was lost and needed to make contact with a sponsor. A special thanks to Andrew and Jodi Reynolds from Reynolds Graphics and Multimedia. I cannot say enough about these club members and sponsors. What you do for the club is incalculable. Just have a look at our wonderful website.

Dealing with this generous and talented group of people made the job so much easier and the realization that these business people deserve a reciprocating effort for their support from club members hit me like a lightning bolt. Every member of the club can thank directly these companies for real items around the club like patio clear covers, stands, medical equipment, junior equipment, repairs, maintenance, engraving, well being, website, motor vehicle sales and repair deals and more items too many to mention. With the financial donations or in kind, the many other things required to make us a great club actually did occur. Please use their services when you get a chance. Let them know you are from MCHC.

# Finance & Sponsorship Report (Cont)

I know these people do not seek personal accolades but this is one time during the year they should be praised and thanked by our club for their generous donations:

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– Rob Thorn

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– Bruce Cadd

– Jan and Bob Davies

– Mary Anne Harper

To all these fine companies and citizens we thank you from Melville City Hockey Club and we look forward to our ongoing relationship in 2013.

Onto a bigger better and prosperous year. Congratulations to all for being a great club.

Gary Bowater

Finance and Sponsorship

# Senior Administration Report - Men

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

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

As I write this I am still on a high after watching an amazing win against WASPs, but realistically it has been a mixed year on the field. We continue to strengthen through the 2's and 3's and to get valuable experience into our younger cohort, but we need to recruit wisely and well to top up our talent and help us reach the next level. This need was recognised last year but continues to be a challenge. I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of Peter Freer and the tireless Johnson Orr in their work with the top side, and to thank Chris Geers for his efforts with the 2's.

We are working as hard as we can to provide different hockey experiences for different people, to meet their needs. We put an extra turf team in for 2011 which was immediately oversubscribed; with 16 juniors graduating to seniors next year, and almost all of them looking for a turf experience, we will most likely add 2 more turf sides next year, and sadly drop another grass side, leaving us with only the Metro 1's on grass on a Saturday afternoon.

I'd also like to thank Dan McEntee, Mike Ashley, Steve Walsh, Jim Pickering, Chris James, Ben Rushton, Tim McEntee and Cam Porter for their help though the year in getting teams on the park. I'd especially like to thank Mark Watton for continuing to guide me through HockeyWA and providing me a cheap target to blame for everything.

Finally, thanks to the group of guys who I have used for advice at various times through the year. Not all of the issues at a Club this size are easy to deal with or come with obvious solutions, and I relied on Whip (both of them), Pat, Scans, Hans, Stef, Potts and Clemo as I worked my way through them. Thanks to all of you guys for your help, even when you didn't know you were giving it to me.

That's it from me, enjoy the night, and see you next year.

Gavin

Vice President - Men

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# Senior Administration Report - Women

What a whirlwind year we have had! Our aim for this season, as it has been for the past five years, was to put our women into premier position in the Willow Bridge League and create the optimal environment for a successful campaign to break into the Melville Toyota League (the old 1A comp).

Enhanced by obtaining the assistance of Russell Lee to support and mentor our top coaches, we were fortunate to secure the services of Steph Andrews and Blake Burrows in our coaching program. Although Steph was called away to the east coast early in the season for an ACT state coaching role, she contributed a great deal to the scheduling and preparation of our pre-season program and established a set of key standards to carry the players through the season.

Blake Burrows joined the coaching staff as Steph left for the colder Canberra environment and provided a strong work ethic and very high standards for the girls to meet. Our drive was to achieve promotion, and put the club in a position where we could prove our right to make the top level of club hockey in the state. Blake's drive and determination pushed the players to challenge their limits and work harder than ever before. Our position at the top of the table was cemented in the latter half of the season and as the yearbook goes to print, the girls are facing promotion games to earn the right to play in the top grade.

A large part of the support for our program comes from our President Steve McEntee who has fought tirelessly for the development of the women's hockey program within Hockey WA. In the interests of equalising the men's and women's grades, Steve has attended numerous HWA President's and Board meetings campaigning for an increase in the number of women's teams playing in the top grades. Never disheartened by limited support from other clubs looking to consolidate their own positions, Steve has always focussed on the best interests of the development of hockey, not just for our women, but the whole club and the wider hockey community. By allocating additional club resources to the women's program at the club, Steve has firmly stood behind all the club hopes to achieve by success in our women's program.

Assistant VP Steve Silvey has also been tireless in his drive to promote and support our women's program, consolidating not only our top squad program but revamping the structure of our women's program to establish the Women's Hockey Development Committee (WHDC) within the club. The WHDC utilises the skills and experience of several club stalwarts to help shape the women's program, provide links with the juniors, offer mentoring and support to coaches, managers and players and give guidance on the direction of the women's program. This key initiative has incorporated several structural changes within the women's program and looks to be incorporated across the club to ensure consistency of delivery of a quality hockey experience to all our members.

Of course, Steve Silvey has also been a constant presence with the top squad, assisting with coaching, and filling in for me over several absences this year, for which I am extremely grateful. Between Steve and Jan Davis, as women's master's co-ordinator and "The Voice" of the metro 1 team, I was always confident that the players were in safe hands during my absences. The selfless dedication of both Steve and Jan this year is beyond comparison. I can only hope that the club membership realises how lucky we are to have two such devoted and loyal club members to promote our club. Please accept my thanks for all of your assistance.

As always, our coaches across the grades have given generously of their time, so thanks goes to not only Blake and Steph, but Craig Tate (Prom 2), Wayne Harries (Prov 1), Athlene Marshall (Prov 2), Jan Davis and Mhairi Angus with the Metro 1s, Jan again with Masters Div 2 and Steve McEntee with Masters Div 3. I must admit I indulged myself by coaching the Prov 4 women, and had a great time getting to know them very well over the season.

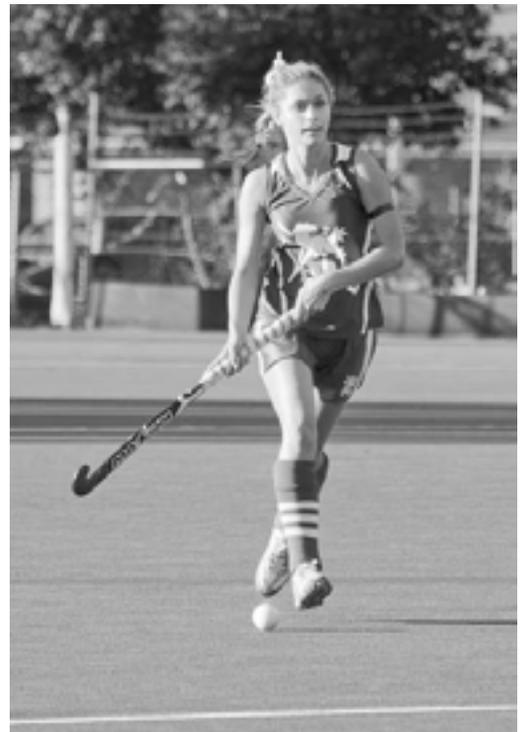
As we head into the finals series, we're on top of Willow Bridge League and Promotion 2, with successes in finals looking towards both teams being promoted. Our Metro 1 women are also in the top 4, with the rest of our teams sitting in the lower half of their respective tables. While not as many successes as we would have liked, we have consciously made a massive effort with our top squad this year to provide pathways for our juniors to elite level hockey. We have made sacrifices with turf times to ensure that the top squad has optimal opportunities to succeed – and I hope the top squad players realise how much the club has put behind them to ensure their success. My greatest thanks goes to the players who have persevered despite training time changes and reallocations – your loyalty to the club is humbling and very much appreciated. Thank you all for your efforts – we hope you continue to enjoy playing and being part of the Melville hockey community.

As I am standing down from the committee (again!) this season, I look back on my 16 years with the club, including 7 years as VP Women, 4 as VP Juniors and a year as club secretary, I am grateful for the many opportunities Melville has given me personally. From starting as "just" a player, to becoming an involved club and committee member, coaching

# Senior Administration Report - Women (contd)

and managing at club, regional, state and national level, I can sincerely state that the highlight of my time with the club has been meeting the players and supporters who have become treasured friends and extended family members. I can thoroughly recommend getting involved in the various club activities – committees, coaching, managing, helping out in the kitchen and bar, etc as excellent opportunities for meeting new people and having a wonderful time in a close-knit and buoyant community. I look forward to seeing you around the club for many years to come.

Nicola Ogden – VP Women’s Administration



# Masters Report - Men

As we head towards the finals for 2012 season we have 6 out of our 8 teams in the 4 with only one fixture left to play and we hope to have a good crack at being in the finals and grand finals.

2012 saw many new players enter the Masters teams both from those moving through the grades to masters as well as a lot of new players to the club and welcome them to our ranks. Many of them have slotted into roles within their teams as manager etc and bring some great hockey skills and knowledge to their teams.

This year we had various players reach milestone number of games played and congratulations to them. We also had players selected in the up coming Masters Championships and we wish them the best of luck when they are away competing in their various teams.

This year it was a little bit difficult to fill several teams with players at the beginning of the season and two teams didn't look like happening, but thanks to several players who did some recruiting and chasing up of previous players we didn't have to withdraw any teams. Thanks for your efforts in making these teams viable for the season.

A special thanks to John Crowe who has mustered, managed, and looked after 3 of the 40 div teams for several seasons and has made my job a lot easier. The only time I heard from John was on the odd occasion when desperate help was required to find players to fill a few teams when they were short.

When there were a couple of byes this year many players insisted on having scratch matches - still keen at this age! One was on turf and one on grass just to test out the turf.

We had an interruption to one game when some of the local lads set alight an old lounge in the cricket club nets. Our team work came into play, as the game was stopped, the bucket brigade put out the fire and then went back to the game and played the second half.

Also helped tidying up certain areas of the turf and patio after for our TV promo that was the next day. Thanks for your efforts.

Thanks for the season to our Umpires who put in their efforts to keep us under control for the season. Thanks to Barry Hancock, Col Willis and Pat Hall for all of their advise, encouragement and help when I got myself into a corner. To all the managers who chased up on a variety of things on a week-to-week basis - thanks. Also to Neil Ashley for all his help in umpire and rules advice during the year. Thank you to all players for this year and see you all in 2013.

Bruce Cadd  
Masters Men Co-ordinator

# MOFTA Report

Once again this group was very prominent around the club on Thursday evenings for "Light Training" enjoying a couple of drinks and a delicious roast.

We had a few more inductees this year and I would like to welcome Jan Davis (LM), Maris Margetts (LM), Nicola Ogden (LM), Pat Hall (LM), Gary Bowater, Ian Lyon and Colin West (LM) into the fold.

During the year we celebrated Barry Hancocks 70th Birthday. Barry thought he would do the right thing and take his wife Christine out for dinner. Where else but the "Club" for a Thursday night roast. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. Thanks Linda for arranging the cake.

Well that's it for 2012. See you all again next year!

# Junior Administration Report

After two years as Junior Managers' Co-ordinator, and then being "volunteered" (in my absence!) as Assistant Junior Co-ordinator in 2011, I thought I was reasonably prepared for my new role as Junior Co-ordinator this year. WRONG! It has been a steep learning curve, and I now have an even greater appreciation for all of the work that Graeme Coleman (and Corelle, Brianna and Jake) has put in over the last ten years. Luckily for me, Graeme has stayed on the Committee as Assistant Junior Co-ordinator and has been an amazing help throughout the season.

We began the season in the traditional manner, with a few weeks of training before our Grading Day. While we know that we can still make improvements, I think that this year we did an even better job of organizing the day, and things ran very smoothly thanks to the efforts of Graeme, our Coaching Co-ordinator, Keith Harper, Year Co-ordinators and a large number of volunteer umpires and selectors. A special thank you to the Senior players who assisted with team selections. Grading players is not an exact science, and we are always looking for better ways to do it. Unfortunately, many of the suggestions for improvement rely on more time and manpower, two things we are sorely lacking at the start of the season.

For the last three seasons, our Junior "A" teams have played a pre-season competition against Vic Park for the Ron Wilson Cup. The late Ron Wilson was involved in coaching juniors at both clubs, and his son Craig played for Melville as a Junior and is now the coach of Vic Park's Melville Toyota League Men's team. Our J5/6 boys and girls were included for the first time this year, which coincided with us winning the cup for the first time. It was a great way to start the season!

In June we sent our largest-ever contingent down to the South-West Junior Hockey Carnival in Bunbury. This is a fantastic family event that enables players from a range of teams to play together in a fun, carnival atmosphere over the long weekend. Vanessa Cornwall put a lot of time and effort into organizing our teams this year, and I would like to thank her for all her hard work. I would also like to thank all of the parents who travelled down to Bunbury and supported their children, especially those who helped out with coaching and umpiring. If you've never been to this great event, why not put it in the calendar now for 2013?

Our results on the field this season have been very mixed. As I write this, with one round of fixtures to go, only seven of our 28 teams are in the top four of their grade, with several more sitting fifth or sixth. This is of some concern to the Junior Committee and we are looking at ways to improve this in 2013. Of course, winning is not everything, but we want our teams to be competitive in their grades.

On a more positive note, at a State Representative level, we had one of our most successful seasons ever, with 17 players chosen in various State teams:

U12 State Schoolgirls: Abigail Bell and Molly Hagen  
U12 State Schoolboys: Dylan Forbes  
U13 Girls State Team: Danika Kirk  
U13 Boys State Team: Alex Rayfield  
U15 Boys State Team: Ashley Ranford and Matthew Tate  
U16 State Schoolgirls: Grace Bowyer, Ashleigh McNess and Janelle Miller  
U16 State Schoolboys: Bryn de Bes and Jayden Lawrence  
U18 Women's State Team: Aimee Clark  
U18 Men's State Team: Tim Geers, Ross Hall, Jordan Moore and Nick Tate

Special congratulations must go to Bryn de Bes, who was chosen in the Australian U16 Schoolboys team as a result of his performance at the U16 National Championships.

There are advantages and disadvantages in being such a large club. With 28 Junior teams this year, comprising over 360 players, co-ordinating events such as Grading Day, organizing coaches for every team and equipment such as balls and goalie gear is a logistical nightmare, not to mention scheduling turf and grass training times and trying to keep track of how every team is progressing during the season. On the other hand, the size of our club is what enables us to have a turf in the first place, and gives us the chance to have a team in almost every junior grade so

# Junior Administration Report (Cont)

that all players can play in a team at a level appropriate to their skills and experience. Because we have teams playing at the highest level in Seniors, our Juniors also have access to some top level coaching and the opportunity to mix with some very talented hockey players, including two Olympians in Matthew Swann and Russell Ford.

I am the first to admit that things have not always run as smoothly as we would like for all teams, but I would like to ask everyone to remember that the Junior Committee is comprised of volunteers who give up hours and hours of their time to run the Junior section of the club. All the decisions that we make are made in good faith, and with the best interests of all players and the club at heart. Occasionally we may get it wrong, but we always do our best to fix things when we can. Often there are factors beyond our control that influence or restrict our decisions, and there is little we can do about this except voice our concerns to Hockey WA and hope for improvements in the future.

Thank you to all of the parents, brothers, sisters and senior players who took on the roles of coach, manager or umpire for each of our teams. Junior sport relies on volunteers such as you, and you have all done a wonderful job this year.

I would like to thank everyone on the Junior Committee for their hard work this year. Rob Fullarton has once again co-ordinated our Junior Umpires, providing training and guidance where necessary, and Keith Harper again took on the role of Coaching Co-ordinator, overseeing all of our Junior Coaches and helping to organize Grading Day. Emma Bell joined the Committee this year as Managers' Co-ordinator and also helped out anywhere and everywhere that we needed an extra pair of hands! Mark Rayfield (and Theresa!) took on the onerous task of Equipment Manager, which includes ordering equipment to be sold in the uniform shop, as well as everything that our Junior teams need, from balls to marker cones, to goalie gear, and trying to keep track of who has what! If you've been impressed by the improved state of our First Aid Kits this year, you have Annette Davoren to thank. She spent a great deal of time pre-season getting everything organised.

A very special thank you to our Year Co-ordinators: Vanessa Cornwall, Colleen Moullin, Lena Hopkinson, Chris Cocks, Kate Page, Silvana Clay, Mark Rayfield, Corelle Coleman and Denise Miller. Many of these people have been on the Committee now for a number of years, and I simply couldn't organise the Junior section without their help.

Thank you to Graeme for all his advice and support this year. I'm sure at times, with all my questions and constant checking with him, that he thought it might have been easier to just do the job himself! I'm learning, but you're still ten years ahead of me!

Finally, thank you to Craig, Matthew and Mitchell who have put up with a tired, cranky wife/mother at times, and have helped out wherever and whenever I have asked.

I look forward to seeing you all back in 2013!

Janine Tate  
Vice-President Juniors

Graeme Coleman  
Assistant Vice-President Juniors

# Hook in2 Hockey Report

Minkey and Grads (now called Hook in2 Hockey) was a huge success this year. With 27 teams comprising 225 kids it was certainly a busy Saturday morning affair.

We changed our Grads program slightly this year to incorporate Fremantle Hockey Clubs Grads team into the competition. The way this worked is that each week one of our Grads teams would go off to Stevens Reserve, Fremantle's grounds, to play against their Grads team, with them reciprocating by playing at our grounds on our Friday night fixtures. This worked out to be very good for the Grads players, and their parents, as it got them into the swing of juniors with the travelling. This is what Grads is all about – the transition from Minkey (Hook in2 Hockey) into juniors.

Our Hook in2 Hockey 1, 2 and 3 teams worked really hard throughout the season, with their efforts being rewarded by the level of improvement seen at the end of the season.

Big thanks go to everyone who helped out over the season, with special thanks to the BBQ ladies, who satisfied many kids and parents hunger, to Todd Elliott, who was a great support and co-coordinator, as well as being coach of a Hook in2 Hockey 1 team, as well as a Grads team. Without his IT support, I would not have any hair left!!!! Thanks also to Peter Miller, who is a fantastic support, even coming straight off a night shift on more than one occasion to set up and run the Saturday mornings.

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

I wish you all the best in the 2013 season, and hope to see you all again then.

Shauna Miller

# Melville City Hockey Club

## Games Played Awards 2012

### 500 Games

Lindy Coss  
Bruce Hancock

### 400 Games

Greg Hunt  
Mark Lyons  
James Pickering  
Matt Read  
Stefan Willett

### 300 Games

Wayne Hudson  
Tony Illman  
Robert Knyn  
Linda Forbes  
Ben Meacock  
Anthony Ricciardone  
James Welten

### 200 Games

Lindsay Borthwick  
Samuel Geers  
Jaime Greenacre  
Claire Hadley  
Ross Hall  
Russel Scanlon  
Mark Timmel  
Leo Welten

### 100 Games

Julian Bocking  
James Butcher  
Bryn De Bes  
Derek Doak  
Ray Domingo  
Christopher Evans  
Michael Girdlestone  
Jack Hallam  
Cahill Hunt  
Christopher James  
Matthew Jensen  
Benjamin Joseph  
Tearne Latham  
Justin Peirluigi  
Mike Pitcher  
Frank Reynolds  
Jason Tate  
Allison Wheatley  
Geoff Widdicombe

### 50 Games

Cameron Addison  
Richard Beddoes  
Krystle Biffin  
Paige Brickhill  
Tanya Brits  
Ciara Browne  
Bailey Brown  
Jenny Coad  
Samuel Cocks  
Kya Cromb  
Matthew Dixon  
Teresa Forbes  
Amy Fullarton  
Elaine Gebauer  
Kieren Hill  
Alice Marler  
Callum Joynes  
Campbell Love  
Hayley Lyons  
Hamish MacPherson  
Siobhan Maguire  
Thomas Mansfield  
Justin McDougall  
Kyle McNess  
Anna Melia  
Monique Miller  
Maddison Moulin  
Nicholas Page  
Jack Paterson  
Robert Preedy  
Jai Price  
Jonathan Rayfield  
Alex Rayfield  
Will Reynolds  
Adam Riley  
Hannah Robson  
Jordan Rutigliano  
Elana Ryan  
Denis Shiers  
Sophie Sommerville  
Sushmita Tantry  
Conor Thompson  
Andrew Toogood  
Gavin Tweedie  
Sonia Urbano  
Rebecca Weddikara  
Trilby Widger  
Annette Williams  
Andrew Wood  
Kimberley Wynhorst

## Major Club Awards - Seniors

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

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

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

**Club Champion** – Male and Female.

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

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

**The President's Award.**

This award is presented to the club member who has done the most outstanding job of promoting the ideals of the club during the current season. This encompasses not only the players, but coaches, managers, parents and friends of the club who have given outstanding service to the club and to hockey in our community.

**Melville Turf Inc. Merit Award**

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

## Major Club Awards - Juniors

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

**Coaches' Awards:** - given to the player displaying the most commitment to the team, showing great personal achievement or having shown an outstanding quality deemed by the coach to be deserving of reward.

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

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

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

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

# Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

## Junior Awards 2012

Division	Fairest & Best	Coach's Award
Girls 11/12A:	Madeleine Brockman	Georgia Wade
Girls 11/12A Reserve:	Serena Matthews	Ainsley Flood
Boys 11/12A:	Ryan Vickery	Frank Reynolds
Boys 11/12B (Maroon):	Chris Evans	Justin Brooker
Boys 11/12B (White):	Rowan Ayris	James Whiley
Girls 9/10A:	Rachel Harrup	Brittany Lawrence
Girls 9/10A Reserve:	Hannah Robson	Kimberley Wynhorst
Girls 9/10B Gold:	Siobhan Maguire	Maddison Moulin
Boys 9/10A:	Josh Antoncich	Lachlan Sims
Boys 9/10A Reserve:	Matt Dixon	Jordan Templeman
Boys 9/10C:	Thomas Moulin	Hamish MacPherson
Girls 7/8A:	Eliane Gebauer	Olivia Silvey
Girls 7/8A Reserve:	Paige Brickhill	Emily Hardbottle
Girls 7/8B Gold:	Rebecca Vanderzwan	Christine Ryan
Girls 7/8C:	Rachel Clarke	Emma Donaldson Katelyn Etelaaho
Boys 7/8A:	Alex Rayfield	William Reynolds
Boys 7/8B Gold (Maroon):	Connor Deaville	Henry Scurry
Boys 7/8B Gold (White):	Mitch Scally Cameron Surtees	Jackson Parker
Boys 7/8C Black:	Joshua Turner	Samuel Skepper

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## Junior Awards 2012 (Contd)

**Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy:**  
Most promising junior progressing to seniors

Ryan Vickery  
Kirsten Silvey

**Life Members' Trophy:**  
Junior player displaying most commitment to Club

Brittany Lawrence

**David Porter Trophy:**  
Most improved goalkeeper

Danika Kirk

**Ian Halliday Trophy:**  
Highest junior goal scorer

Rachel Harrup

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## Seniors Awards 2012

<b>Club Champion:</b> Fairest and best - men's top side	<b>Matt Willis</b>
<b>Club Champion:</b> Fairest and best - women's top side	<b>Sami Gale</b>
<b>Hladky-Bayens Award:</b> Member displaying most commitment to club	<b>Russell Lee</b>
<b>Caitlyn Ogden Memorial Award:</b>	<b>John Crowe</b>
Premier 2 Men:	Josh Byrne-Quinn
Promotion 2 Women:	Demelza Dravnieks
Premier Alliance Men:	Daniel McEntee
Provisional 1 Men:	Chris Morrison
Provisional 1 Women:	Rebecca Weddikkara
Provisional 2 Gold Women:	Alecia McCall
Provisional 3 Gold Men:	Mitch Welten
Provisional 4 Women:	Jen McDonaugh
Metro 1 Men:	Adam Halliday
Metro 1 Women:	Maris Margetts
Metro 2 Gold Men:	Gavin Tweedie
Metro 3 Gold Men:	Tim McEntee
Midweek Masters Men:	Michael Starling John Cooke
Womens Masters 2:	Vanessa Carmody
Womens Masters 3:	Simone Brockman
Mens Masters 40-1:	Andrew Scanlon Mark Lyons
Mens Masters 40-2:	Rob Thorn
Mens Masters 40-4:	Scott Walker
Mens Masters 50-1:	Brian Robinson
Mens Masters 50-2:	Bill Morrison
Mens Masters 50-3:	Frank Williams
Mens Masters 60:	Terry Parker
<b>Melville Turf Inc. Merit Award:</b>	<b>Linda Nicolas</b>

# The Maple Leaf Cup

Presented by Kip Hladky 1982 - 2011



Paul Meacock	1982
Geoff Morris	1983
Alan Meacock	1984
Keith Jackaman	1985
Ross Read	1986
Wayne Atkinson	1987
Harold Farmer	1988
Keith Harper	1989
Graham Napier	1990
Wayne Atkinson	1991
Colin Willis	1992
Bruce Read	1993
Rob Walker	1994
Les & Rob Walker	1995
Colin Willis	1996
Johnson Orr	1997
Pat von Mollendorf	1998
Mal Farmer	1999
Nicola Ogden	2000
Keith Harper	2001
Graeme Coleman	2002
Alene Ivey & Guy Hickey	2003
Rob Walker	2004
Mark Tate	2005
Pat Hall & Steve McEntee	2006
Rhys Spedding & James Welten	2007
Wayne Hudson	2008
Leanne Jarvis	2009
Pat Hall	2010
Brad Wake	2011

## President's Award

Johnson Orr & Graeme Coleman	2001
Greg Riley	2002
Rod Wake & family	2003
Bob Blachford ( <i>Bob the Barman</i> )	2004
Linda King	2005
Conor Keating	2006
Lynda Forbes & Maureen Welten	2007
Daniel White	2008
Theresa Rayfield	2009
Andy & Jodie Reynolds	2010
Leo Welten & Wayne Hudson	2011
Janine & Craig Tate	2012

# Melville Toyota League - Men

Once again the Melville Men's First Squad has made big steps forward to become a powerful team in this very tough competition. I will concentrate on the positives of this season, because we have a few in our midst who concentrate on unfounded negatives. On that, I will request once again, that with both our Men's and Women's teams that we ALL support in a positive manner. It has been very disappointing to hear critics this season, with often unfounded comments.

Nevertheless, it has been a tough season. Of heartache and great concern were the two major injuries to Club favourite sons in Jordan Hunt (what can't you do to a knee - 8 months recovery) and Ben Meacock (fractured skull - at least 3 months recovery). The latter injury certainly has further repercussions in a game that is using improved technology, rule changes that have made the game faster, and the use of the tommie. Unfortunately, the games administrators have not kept up with due care and caution, and this season we have seen some tragic incidences, so we are pushing for greater methods of safety and injury prevention going forward.

Ok, the milestones:

1. For the first time in the Clubs history, the First men's team has scored over 50 goals in the season, 54 to be exact. When taking over the coaching role at Melville, this was one of the initial aims, so we have moved goals for stat from 21 goals for in the season to 54, that is significant, and significant as we move forward. At the same time, we need to push toward 60 to 70 goals for in each and every season, however 54 is getting close to the mark, especially when you see Wolves who traditionally are a prolific scoring team only score 47 this season, with coach Eglington, and two Aussie strikers as members of their forward line. In comparison, we have done very well - we still can make improvements. This is the reality of what our first team is doing as our younger players gain further experience. We scored 4 goals in each of our last two games against two of the meanest defences in the competition - well done team!

2. Over four years ago we were having around 90 goals against and this has now been reduced to the mid-50s, which puts our defence amongst the meanest in the competition. We still have work to do, but we are definitely heading in the right direction.

Why do I focus on the above? Teams that make the final five always have a positive goal difference, we are now down to -7 for the season which is a vast improvement from a few years back. If you keep moving these real stats in the right direction, the greater picture will look after itself. In comparison, Wolves, Freo, CTP, YM and Reds goals against have moved in the wrong direction for them, and all those teams have named players and coaches that you might suspect the opposite.

It also gives greater reality to where our team is heading.

3. Our off-field team was strengthened by the inclusion of Dom Reay as an Assistant Coach; Dom has brought a new dimension to the squad with a fierce desire to succeed and ideas on lifting the professionalism of the group. So many have commented on the professional dress of our squad before, after and during games - we are certainly ahead of the rest in this regard. Johnno, once again has continued to manage all things off field, we continue to be indebted, and I also wish to note admin support from Johnboy and Ricca re collecting monies and organization of junior involvement. Clemo and Doogs have provided significant leadership with the onfield group, both leading by example - we are very lucky to have men of their calibre. Brodes and Whip were added to the team leadership group this year and both have put very positive ideas to the group.

Jordan Hunt on becoming injured also took on a technical/tactical coaching role during games, he has been brilliant and has continued to reinforce the coaching knowledge and talent that some of our players have. Well done.

Maddy has continued in her role as Team Physio, a sacrificial job, but one done with total professionalism. Maddy is integral to the success of the team, and we are lucky to have someone with excellent technical knowledge, combined with generosity of time. We were also really pleased for Maddy as she made our Women's first team for the first time this year, and shared with her great joy with the women's success and the disappointment of not getting that elusive aim. We are really hopeful it is not too far away that we have both our men's and women's teams as successful Top Division sides.

4. Onfield we had new recruits join us in:

- Matt Willis who was in the AIS in 2011, but became freelance for the 2012 season. Matt was keen to

# Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

be involved at Melville and has been a very key influence of our team moving forward. We want Matt to be at Melville forever and I see key factors that are pointing that way for Matt. Matt is very close to wearing the green and gold, he trains very hard and is exceptionally professional in his approach, all the best for the greater heights Matt.

- along with Matt joining us, we have JBQ & Richo from Reds, James & Bobby Robertson from Vic Park join us as major recruits. All have been significant around the Club in many ways. Unfortunately, injuries and unavailability to various degrees has seen these 3 finish the season in the 2s. However, they are key men in the moving forward with our squad, and we hope that they are influential in the 1s at Melville in 2013.

5. 2012 saw the introduction to the squad of "Individual Player Development Plans". These were done in conjunction with the leadership group at the start of the season. This was used to guide our players so they had specifics to improve as the season went on. Due to time constraints only 9 players had a review of their Profile midseason, but the IDPs were seen as a real plus, and the ongoing monitoring of these are seen as a priority in the future.

6. At our "Being Incredible Camp" at Falcon preseason the greater squad discussed IDPs, set goals and also signed off on a "First Squad Code of Conduct". This is a fantastic document and has provided the group with wonderful guidelines to operate from, both in 2012 and in the future.

7. Before going on, it would be extremely remiss of me not to mention Steve Mc and his incredible drive, honesty, aggressiveness and support given to keep driving us to the next level. Brilliant Steve.

8. I also want to thank many of you who are desperate for Club success, but on the way are having a quiet and supportive word as we move forward. Your supportive words at all times are really appreciated. This is a hard job, but we are working on repaying your undying positivism. Thank you very much.

The Players:

**Tristan Clemons** (Clemo) - team Captain and GK. Whilst this is a team game, I am sure that Clemo has helped to maintain our scorelines to such respectable levels. We had 7 one goal losses, and 2 two goal losses, those stats are again significant in Club history; in some ways those stats don't sound too good, but the reality is that we have moved away from the 7 goal defeats of recent seasons. We no more lost games

by big margins, only two games by 2 goals and the rest by less, Clemo is significant in this as he has tactically moulded a tight defence with extraordinary goal keeping.

**Matty Bowater** (mattyb) - it was a little worry when Clemo had to head off to the UK and the Greek islands to pursue his PhD in nanotechnology, or was it? I think not, how good has MattyB been - a true clubman, and very good number 2 to Clemo. Matt's stats are 2 wins and 1 draw out of the 4 games he played. Matt has advocated for Clemo to play on field in the 2s next year. That's an interesting thought Matt cos Clemo wants a mortgage on the Aussie GK position, and is very close to that. You are a legend and a brilliant club-man!

**Jon Rutgers** (Johnboy) - our ever reliable Johnboy, he marks opposition with severity, Johnboy often is given the job to mark the key opposition forward, it's always just done! Of interest in the last game, when Johnboy, the enforcer was marking Butterini in the second half with Butterini coming off second best, Butterini headed toward Johnboy and all Johnboy had to do was flinch one of his largish arm muscles, and Butterini gave Johnboy the respect he deserves - he walked away, sensible move.

**Mav Yow** (wow) - Mav returned from Ireland mid season so struggled to get back in the team, however when the opportunity arose he took it with arms open. Mav is another very good marker, a quiet bloke but very fierce competitor, he has improved and still working on better distribution. He is now known as Wow Yow after his sensational goal vs Hale, playing LHB he made a tackle in deep defence, made an incisive pass which led to a right side attack, in meantime Mav sprinted the length of the field past all forwards to put a specky deflection in, he needed to be rested after that our Wow Yow!!

**Ross Hall** (Rosco) - Ross has continued on from his first season last year to be an extremely valuable member of his Melville team. Mentally tough, skilful with good technical and tactical knowledge has allowed Ross to be a very mobile play maker/defender from the back middle two. Hopefully in years to come, Ross will be pushed further up the field, however he is now a category one player in our Club. Ross represented the Club at U18s, U21s and also in some Thundersticks practice matches - bright future!

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**Russell Lee** (Russ) - Russ, now the team veteran manages to help us get the teams average age above 20, and he says he doesn't want to be taking a spot off one of the younger players. However, Russ's onfield performance has been outstanding, leadership by example. He is one of the States top coaches, how lucky are we having a player with his experience and knowledge playing in the team.

**Ben Meacock** (Whip, Daddy) - Whip improved his pc conversion this year and is now flicking close to the best of them, well done. His play steadily improves each season and his commitment to Club and Team can never be questioned. It was unfortunate re Whips accident in the CTP game, as this event could have been a tragedy. We have a player who is desperate for future success.

**Mark Timmel** (Stick) - ah, this is still a good story, 3s two years ago, 2s last year and this year, but now selected for 12 ones games. An excellent contributor who has learnt a lot this season and is coming to grips with the speed of the game in first division and the aggressiveness required to handle it. He has a great pass, and with a little improvement in some defensive skills will be a team first pick in the near future. It's up to Stick! I just wish he would stay on the right side of the umpires and will need to in the future if he wants to become a top serving player.

**James Robinson** - played first half of season in the back 4 until injury. James has particular aspects of his defensive game he is working on but has come back after the injury reinvented as a striker. He seems to be quite natural in this role as he develops so hopefully he blossoms into a top forward, as he develops a no fear attitude.

**Tom Robinson** - a strong defender who suffered quite a severe injury to his hand which certainly halted his progress in 2012. He is presently an important member in the 2s defence but hopefully comes back in 2013 as a very strong and vital defender. He needs to continue to work on distribution in tight situations.

**Matt Willis** - I have already mentioned Matt. Matt is a specialist central midfielder/CHB, which has been a boost to our team as we have struggled to have someone fill this role in the past. Superbly fit and quick, with great first touch, Matt has defended grimly for us and then moments later in attack driving forward setting up goals, being hacked down or converting pc's. That's the epitome of a Melville player we want to produce.

**Justin McDougall** (Doogs) - Doogs started 2012 at RHB and has been a star there. The move to RHB was to build Doogs's confidence so he could play his best first division season ever. This has somewhat been achieved, but a team in need has had to move him back to centre striker in the last 6 games. His performances in this position has meant that Melville has become giant killers, just ask Hale, Peel and top team Wasps.

**Jordan Hunt** (Jordy) - a season off from high performance training saw Jordan refreshed and recharged, Jordan consequently was playing his best hockey ever, before his severe knee injury. Operation successful, recovery looking good, so we will see this influential player back on the track in 2013.

**David Richardson** (Richo, daddy) - guts, determination, skill and a player who never dies wondering if he left any energy out on the pitch - he gives his all, and extracts out of himself more than some of his more skilful counterparts, just by his fierce desire. A great addition to our Club.

**Phelie Maguire** (nomad) - Phelie represented the Irish at Melville this year, although his abode is Netherlands. Those of you that met Phelie realise that we had a very talented individual in our midst. He certainly helped us move forward as a group with his onfield form, along with his coaching and ability to chat to many of our younger players as they developed. He always wore 4 leaf clover underpants and with these brought much luck to our first squad.

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**Tim Geers** - IDP aim, to become a regular performing member in Melville's first team. In the last 6 games of the season, I believe that Tim has given performances that suggest he can proudly say he has achieved his 2012 aim. Very skilful, very talented and as has been proven this year, if he has his headspace right can become a top category player at Melville. He is definitely on his way.

**Mark Brodie** (Brodos) - Brodes made the state U21s again in 2012 and performed very well away, and has finally been rewarded in the Thundesticks train-on squad. His goal scoring has improved this year, however it has been disappointing that through injury, State commitments and Uni excursions that Brodes has missed half the games. I firmly believe that if Brodes was here for all the games, those seven 1 goal difference losses could have been wins. Yes, it's not about one player, but the margin is close and we need all on deck to achieve the ultimate.

**Karl Tulloch** (Carlos) - a speedy and daring striker who has got a vicious left handed tommie. Extremely competitive, Karl seeks out coaching advice to improve. He is making inroads to become a future category one player at Melville. Karl has found the season difficult as, like Sticky, is undergoing his professional year as an accountant. This has involved huge hours (80 hour weeks), I just think it's great that we have a number of our team pursuing elite careers whilst playing hockey at an elite level - this is a great life combination, and one we need to encourage all our Melville players to do.

**Sam Geers** (Sammy) - probably the most skilful player at Melville. Sam has ability technically to be a match winner, but he also has developed the ability to admonish himself as the opposition go past him with the ball. If Sam can pick up his defensive abilities by immediately reacting to turnovers and getting in the way, he will show to all that he is ready to be an influential player at Melville top division.

**Anthony Riccardone** (Ricca) - a very experienced first division player who can play in any position. I say this a lot about Ricca, but he would die for his Club to succeed on the pitch. A brilliant attitude means that he gets the most out of his skill level.

**Evan Kelly** (Ev) - Ev played just a few games for the 1s this season. In some ways it is disappointing, as we know Ev is very capable. He rose to the occasion against Wolves in the second round and scored and set up goals to give us a 5 to 2 victory. On that day, Ev had an assertive approach, however we need to see more of that for Ev to become a category one first team player.

**Kyle McNess** (Killa) - Killa was a little unsure where his hockey was going in 2011, but with a hard preseason and performance, he found himself in the 1s as a forward in the first game. A smart hockey player who reads the game quite well, Killa has maintained his spot in the 16 for nearly all the games (bar two). He has been patient in a few games when he hasn't got on the pitch, but when he has, he has taken opportunity to either set goals up or bag a couple himself.



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**Pat Welsh** (money) - for me, what a dichotomy. Some weeks brilliant, some weeks injured, some weeks struggling to find form. We need Pat to look after himself, get to a level of performance and stay there. Another player who can be a match winner on his day.

**Russell Ford** (Rusty) - Congratulations to this fine player, London Olympian in 2012! He has been a long term contributor to our team and once again has made himself available when possible to help our team move forward. He is committed to inspirational performances and is a great midfield/striker at Melville.

**Matt Swann** (Swanny) - we didn't see much of Swanny this year. He is also a London Olympian and this combined with injury and recovery meant Swanny was only with us for 4 games. However, he is a crucial member both now and going forward and we look forward to his continued involvement. Well done on your Olympic achievement Swanny. I hear you are trying to develop height by hanging out with Lauren Jackson. We are proud of you and congratulations on your contract to play with Bloomendal, the world's foremost hockey club, (apart from Melville).

**JBQ** and **Luigi** - these two make up the list of first division players in 2012. Both very fast forwards who cause opposition headaches by their pace, when they have the ball. Both need to work on defensive skills, so I hope both can make steps forwards to be solid first squad players in 2013.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who have given such positive support throughout the season. To those few that don't, change your attitude and get on board. We are going places, and the rewards will be there. If you have watched recently you will have seen big signs of that. However, negativity is no good for anyone except to drag us down. Positive energy will win at the end of the day.

2013 will see further big changes, as we pursue the ideal of playing and winning in September. Watch this space.

**Peter Freer**



# Ladies Willow Bridge League

The story so far.....

February/March

Preseason training commenced under new coach Steph Andrews together with running expert John De Bes and assistant coach Russell Lee, current Melville senior men's player and Diamonds Coach. An enthusiastic bunch of women who were willing to put in the hard yards was able to get to know the Melville Primary School oval very well. Short runs, long runs, sprints, obstacle courses, 2km time trials, you name it, they did it, all in the aim of pushing Melville up the ladder as far as we could go.

April

New coach number two. Blake Burrows takes over the reigns as Steph Andrews is lured east to the ACT Academy of Sport. Can I just point out here that we have gone from the State U18 Women's Coach to the State U18 Men's Coach? A fair swap in anyone's book.

May/June/July

The season is underway and it appears the preseason training may be paying off. Blake has stamped his authority on how the girls play their hockey and wins are on the board. We have all learnt new tricks (some that cannot be mentioned in a family booklet) suffice to say there is never a dull moment.

August

There was a little competition called the Olympics that took the coach away for three weeks. Russell and assistant whatever you want to call him, Steve Silvey stepped in to hold the fort. By now we are at the end of Round 14 and with a few losses in a row, we have still managed to hold our position at the top of the ladder with a 10-1-3 record. An important period is about to commence as we enter the last three rounds of the season.

September

What did the future hold, I guess we will know by now.....

There are many people to thank, for without their drive and continued support, the Willow Bridge team would not be where they are now.

President and Committee – the drive and passion is without question, if only we could bottle it and share it around.

Steph Andrews - for all her preseason training and continued support from Canberra throughout the year.

John de Bes - your commitment to the cause is more than appreciated, I'm sure the girls are already looking forward to preseason 2013.....

Russell Lee - for providing his time and energy whenever we needed you. "Hail the Great Leader". Olympics Party 2012.

Ball Girls - a tremendous job all year by the girls from J7/8A. Thanks also to Stuart Wade for your coordination.

Craig Tate and Deanne Rule - coach and manager of our second side whose support of the top squad programme is to be commended.

Steph Dixon - masseuse who looked after the girls in times of need.

Olivia Silvey, Alan McNess - video tech extraordinaires.

Kat Atkinson, Lauren Ferguson, Peta Anderson, Nigel Atkinson, Sue Clark, Briony Clark, Claire Timmel and Megan Silvey - for completing the umpiring rosters, never an easy job.

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together." - Vincent Van Gogh

Until next year.

Di Silvey - Manager

(I know, there are too many of us)

# Ladies Willow Bridge League (contd)

## **Stephanie Andrews**

A couple of cameo appearances and what a delight that was to watch. A shame we lost an outstanding coach and player to Canberra just when we had her in our clutches.

## **Sarah Bowyer**

New year, new stick but still the same running machine that we came to know in juniors. Bagged our only hat trick for the season so far, although I think that was with the old stick, go figure. The travel directions were slightly askew this year, can't blame your dad for those.

## **India Brockman**

The first full senior season for Indi, if you don't count the couple of weeks out with an ankle injury early and a back injury late in the season forcing another rest on the sidelines. Oh, and don't forget, when you put your collar up, it hides nothing and just gives the coach more ammunition.

## **Chloe Carter**

What do you say when you have a young girl, fresh from U18 state representation and willing to commute from Busselton to play at your club? Thank you very much with a cherry on top. An outstanding effort from not only Chloe on the field, but her supportive parents John and Michelle and sister Dana. The only thing to be said is, look out goalkeepers.

## **Aimee Clark**

A terrific inclusion this year in the maroon colors, with U18 state representation at the beginning of the year. With skills many of us can only hope for, let's hope they are transferring to the "L" plates.

## **Tracey Cousens (Squeak)**

Our gym junkie goalkeeper who rivals Sami for the Lorna Jane gear. Gotta love the way you keep putting on those smelly pads week in, week out. Have you asked LJ when they are bringing out goalie gear that doesn't smell yet?

## **Madeleine Dawe**

Hockey player, team physio and who would have guessed, cello player for good measure. Maddie is the ultimate team player who saw her fair share of hockey from both sides of the white line. Maddie, you make the world go round.

## **Sami Gale**

The wish was granted when Sami stepped out in the maroon this year. Unfortunately, an interrupted season due to the travel from "Funbury" but the genie prevailed and her contribution to the team was invaluable. Blisters show the size of the contribution.

## **Sophie Heal**

You look so much better in maroon than blue that is for sure. The only time north of the river this year for Sophie was when we played the opposition and how glad we are that you are on our side. Sophie played an important role in our top squad this year as well as providing lots of inside information.

## **Britt MacDonald**

A fantastic effort this year from Britt swinging between 1's and 2's at the drop of a hat. Eggsquisite, eggcellent and eggessential are a part of any team success. Her scrambling efforts were certainly appreciated. Which should come first, the egg or the Chook?

## **Ashleigh McNess**

An upcoming junior with U16 state schoolgirl representation this year. Ash is polishing up on her drag flicking skills and is always up for a contest. Still living the dream about the Dockers and thanks again for the photo of the streaker.

## **Holly Menegola**

If you need someone to do a job without question, then Holly fills the job description. Holly was called upon by the 1's on numerous occasions and fulfilled her role well. Assisted Claire in the social department within the club and I'm sure there are probably many stories to tell.

## **Anna Seibel**

A young woman from Germany who fell in our lap and one that we were very reluctant to give back. Quiet (or is that because she didn't understand our English), Anna left us with one of the "goals of the season" and even her "scream for joy" was heard in the grandstand.

## **Kirsten Silvey**

Frog to some, ferret to others. Whatever the name, Kirsten found her way the longer the season progressed. Fulfils one of the most important roles in the change room prior to a match, team hairdresser complete with ribbons. Who says you can't look hot and play hockey at the same time?

## **Megan Silvey**

Meg worked hard all year and narrowly missed selection at U21 level. She is known to pick up the pieces at the back when needed, just a shame she can't pick up the clothes off her bedroom floor, sigh.

## **Elizabeth Stratton**

Captain Liz. What a fantastic player, leader, and one that any young hockey player should aspire to be like. Ran rings around most of her younger opponents and with her eye for a goal has been a most valuable player within our team.

# Ladies Willow Bridge League (contd)

## **Caitlyn Surman** (Chooky)

If you need someone to look after a stray dog, then Chooky is your lady. Being “Dr Harry’s assistant” is no easy task and one that at times gets in the way of the more important hockey stuff. Still managed to put away some freaky goals when needed though.

## **Claire Timmel** (Doose)

Welcome back Moose with a “D”. Claire did not disappoint anyone this year with a broken finger half way through the season and a dicky knee that is still keeping her on the sidelines. A terrific effort both on and off the field supporting our club. Even the Jamaicans would have been proud.

## **Stacey Tweddle**

It must have been the year of weddings for Stacey, because that is what took her away from the hockey field. Apparently, the crowd at Lemnos Turf wanted to know where you go to get your elbows sharpened. Not at weddings, I hope.

## **Marion Vince**

A lady on the rise up through the grades, with leg speed to die for. Unfortunately, her career beckoned and a move across the country to Melbourne was our loss. When someone needs a three-legged dog (your specialty I believe), we will be in touch.

## Top Squad

Stats will show you that 28 players have rotated through the Willow Bridge Team this year. Every one of those 28 players whether they have spent time on the bench or on the field have been an essential part of the team at different times. Hockey is a team game and everyone ultimately shares success or failure, and so we must acknowledge **Courtney Ferguson, Demelza Dravnieks, Grace Bowyer, Helen Mason, Janelle Miller, Jeanette Leach, Kathryn Rule** and **Shahni Chiswell** for their contributions.



## **Blake Burrows** (BBKB) – Coach

Man of many words who has driven the Willow Bridge girls across bridges they thought they could never cross. “Does that make sense” or maybe it was a “Non Negotiable”. It could also have been “Relentless and Ruthless” that was instrumental. And when did jeans and joggers become a fashion statement for training?



# Mens Premier 2

## **Matt Bowater**

Matty B returned to the top squad in pre season having decided to pull the goal keeping gear out of the back shed and slot back into the net. His campaign was hindered early in the year with a serious hamstring injury which kept him out for a significant period. The team's rapid improvement and shored up backline is no doubt as a result of having Matty back in the team and back in good form. Still the loudest (and quite possibly most annoying) bloke in the team. If you want to know how to get blind drunk off 8 bucks, he's your man.

## **Josh Byrne-Quinn (Coffee)**

Another off season recruit from Aquinas – we think he was 'chucked in as a sweetener' as part of the Richo trade which saw Melville trade Ryan McGeoch to Reds. JBQ has provided a significant attacking focal point up front and at the time of writing has 16 goals for the season, which is equal 1st in the 2s competition. Josh's leadership skills were recognized in the second half of the year when he was appointed captain of the side. An outstanding first season for the club, which should see him poll well in the team's F & B. Hopefully JBQ will push for further 1s opportunities next season. Never short of a word, it's rumoured Josh will be getting a right shoulder reconstruction in the off season, as his right hand was always in the air whether it be before the game, at half time or at the end of the game.

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

Jase spent the latter half of 2011 at the 'dark side' being Southern River Hockey Club and it has been great to have him back, even if he returned with an awfully sharp axe and 3 less teeth. Quite possibly one of the hard luck stories in such a strong team and was extremely unlucky to lose his spot in the team in the latter part in the season – through no fault of his own. Certainly a big improver throughout the year and an extremely reliable and dependable defender. Unfortunately for Jase he still supports Port Adelaide!

## **Sam Geers**

Sam continues to develop as a skilful and dangerous striker when he remembers where the goals are (just ask him about the open net miss in round 20 against Hale). Quite often Sam's forward half defensive pressure is as significant as his work going forward. Undeniable skill and pace upfront and if we can improve his pressure passing and decision making will be a certainty in the majority of 1s games in 2013.

## **Tim Geers**

Tim has been in and out of the team during the year with a stint of 1s games mashed in with a bout of Glandular Fever which saw him miss a healthy chunk of the middle of the year. It is unlikely the 2s will see much of Tim in 2013 as we would expect him to cement his place in the 1s. Another young un who could benefit from a massive pre-season and we don't mean Metros, the Casino or the TAB.



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# Mens Premier 2 (contd)

## **Evan Kelly (Ned)**

The perennial quiet underachiever of the team, both on and off the field. Has cemented himself as the team's primary centre half and has often been the driving force of the 2s midfield. If we could have one thing it would be to see a bit more of an outspoken EK on and off the field. An automatic selection in the team each week to assist in bringing the average age up from 12.

## **Pat Lawther (Smear)**

Pat is affectionately placed on the whiteboard as a smudge to mark his position pre game. He is a rangy long limbed defender that continues to develop at senior level and could quite possibly end up playing as a defensive midfielder in the coming years. A knee injury threatened his season mid year and after a while on the sidelines returned to his much loved half back position with minimal fuss.

## **Craig Orr (Cactus)**

A mid season return to the team after a romantic sojourn in Scotland. Recruited to add some much needed experience (actually age) and physicality to the team, however became far more affectionately known as the wife of the team, with headaches and soreness either before, during or after every game.

## **Sean Ranford (Ramma)**

Another of the young un's to make the step in 2012 from 2s squad / fringe player to regular member of the team. Rama provides 100% effort on the field week in / week out and his work rate can't be faulted – and he probably plays in a position (striker) where there is the most competition in the squad currently. Rama had 2 significant season highlights – one being a Rama to Rama goal in the game vs Reds after some quality work from Rama Jr resulted in him getting a tap in. The second was his joy at Sticks woeful 5 minutes vs YM that saw him shake off the tag as having played the worst 10 minutes of hockey in the team for the year. We are led to believe that if Facebook didn't exist Rama would have more time to focus on his hockey.

## **Andrew Ricciardone (Luigi)**

A welcome addition to the top squad from the Prem Alliance team of last season adding pace and a keen eye for goal up front. Quite possibly one of the most unselfish centre forwards in recent memory often passing when others would shoot. Luigi's season is probably highlighted by his goal inside 14 seconds of the commencement of the 2nd half against Hale in Round 20 – where we scored direct from the centre pass back. Certainly the more outspoken of the Ricca brothers.

## **David Richardson (The duck)**

Melville paid an exorbitant sum of money to procure the talented Dave Richardson from the Aquinas 8's during a hectic off season trade period. Plays hockey like the hunchback of Notre Dame and runs like a duck, with his head quite often bobbing up and down faster than he runs. After starting the season in the 3s as a largely unknown figure he has developed into a core member of the 2s midfield. His efforts have been rewarded with a string of 1s games late in the season and we would expect him to become a regular 1s player next season. A very welcome addition to both the team and club and quite possibly has the oldest body of a 21 year old we have ever seen.

## **Tom Robinson (Poor Man Bobby)**

Another new face to the club and another new member to the Melville Top Squad in 2012 having come to the club from Vic Park. Bobby is the younger half of the Robinson brothers. A high quality defender competent and capable anywhere in the back four and should look to establish himself as a regular 1s player in 2013. Quite possibly has the widest set of shoulders in the team and is likely a distant cousin to Vickers, if only for his build. Luckily for Melville we don't pay players or Bobby would be at the top of the tree in terms of Workers Compo claims with the highest number of work related injuries in a season.

## **Nick Tate**

Like so many of our younger generation Nick has taken the step of 2011 2s fringe player to an important member of a successful 2s team in 2012. Nick has the versatility to play both as a striker or a midfielder and his drag flicking is at times a valuable asset to the team. Did a 4 week hammy late in the year which unfortunately curtailed the end part of his season. With a good pre-season we will expect bigger and better things from Nick next year.

## **Mark "Nek Minnit" Timmel (Stick)**

Another of the Melville 'Young Guns' who has made the significant step from 2s squad player in 2011 to becoming one of the first picked in the 2s each week in 2012. Stick has also featured in the 1s at various times throughout the year and continues to develop towards becoming a top line defender (yes Stick, defender). After being so positive it is probably only fair that we remind Stick of what is possibly the most horrible 5 minutes of hockey witnessed in the 2s this year – being the first 5 minutes of the 2nd half against YM in Round 18 – which consequently saw Stick drag himself and not return to the field.

# Mens Premier 2 (contd)

## **Ryan Vickery** (KFC Bucket)

Vickers needs a huge off season either in the gym or at every fast food chain south of the river to put some weight on that unbelievably scrawny frame. Although in his defence, we swear he's grown about a foot taller as the season has gone on – so maybe his body is focussed on growing up and not out. Vickers has made the significant step from 2s fringe player in 2011 to becoming a regular starting member in 2012. Whilst he isn't involved in every game quite as much as we would like, often his touches going forward result in goals and scoring opportunities for the team. We are still yet to see any other senior men's player shiver on a hockey field during a game.

## **Maverick Yow** (Meow)

Maverick arrived at Melville mid season from a stint playing in Europe and was welcomed into the team with open arms. He is the fullback who also thinks he's a forward and anyone who saw his goal in the 1s against Hale in Round 20 would probably agree with him. Mav seamlessly slotted into the fullback line in the 2s in the second half of the season and quickly established himself as a drag flicking superstar when the opportunity presented itself. Will likely feature highly at the wind up with JBQ and Killa for the pretty boy of the team award. Allegedly has a girlfriend back in Europe, but we think this was just a ruse to shack up with Cactus north of the equator.

## Special Mentions

A quick shout out to those guys who played a handful of 2s games this year, whether it was filling in when our U/21s were away or earning a spot for a week when the opportunity presented itself. Notable mentions include (in no particular order): **Ash Rama, Matt Tate, Josh Antonicich, Dirty, Jayden Lawrence, Cam Love, Bryn De Bas, Jordy Moore.**

# Ladies Promotion 2

“Well done ladies” We started the year off with the right attitude from warming up prep work at training and also before our games led by a wonderful man, John De Bes. John taught the girls how important it is to be disciplined in preparation for our game. Thanks John  
From the first whistle I knew we had a team which was going to get stronger as the weeks went on. During the middle of the season we hit a couple of rough patches where we had byes, injuries and also girls sick. We overcame these hurdles and hung in there - a credit to all. The 2's Women team, with the regular 11/12's girls playing up, is what the Melville club is all about. Developing juniors and preparing them for when they become seniors. Thank you to all the girls who have played throughout this season. Girls, it has been a pleasure coaching this season and I hope your goals come true.

Craig Tate

## **Sarah Billingham (Billy)**

Billy had a terrific season showing that even as an inner you can be the team's top goal scorer. Billy showed that she is more than capable of playing higher grade hockey and is willing to help her teammates whenever possible. She also comes complete with the best cheer squad in the club!

## **Grace Bowyer**

Congratulations on making the State 16's team this year Grace. Your hockey has developed in leaps and bounds through the season allowing you to transition easily between the 1's and 2's teams. Grace's fire was tested during a Rockingham game but persistence by the coach and manager saw her smile return.

## **Shahni Chiswell**

Shahni is a quite achiever who lets her hockey ability do the talking for her. She is always keen to listen and take on the challenges that are set of her. She has built up strength and passion to her game also she is a player who puts in 100 percent every game. To build on her game she needs to look up and read the play.

## **Susan Clark (Sue)**

They always keep the best until last – “The Best Clark finally made States selection! (-and don't let your girls tell you otherwise!) Well done, Sue, for a great contribution as this year's captain and for the invaluable hockey knowledge that you are able to share with your team members.

## **Demelza Dravnieks (Dee)**

Strength, commitment, always calm under pressure, smooth, great transfers, fantastic club and team ethic, etc. OMG – where do I start? Thanks for a great season of dedicated hockey and team spirit.

## **Courtney Ferguson**

A great first season in the 2's. Courtney's consistency on the field regardless of the position into which she is thrown is terrific. She has had a tremendous year with great penetration into the circle and is a regular scorer for the team. Her excellent attitude for life reflects onto her fellow team mates.

## **Gaye Glaskin (Gaysie)**

Gaysie holds this team together from the high fullback position. She is a master reader of the play and is always calm under pressure. Gaye is able to regularly contribute her views to the team whilst ensuring the girls feel valued, keep stable and focussed on the task. For some one that said that they weren't any good at “attacking corners” The smile after your goal told the story! We wish you every success representing your state at the “elite” level.

## **Sophie Heal**

Thanks Soph for a great season in sharing yourself between the 1's and 2's. At both levels your attitude and work ethic has been recognized. Soph is an all-rounder and readily accepts the challengers of playing any field position. It is a pleasure to have you in our team! Please send word to the other half that there is room for another top umpire at this club!

# Ladies Promotion 2 (contd)

## **Tearne Latham (Turtle)**

Tearne is a player that initially questioned her right to play in 2's but, as the season progressed; her calling and confidence grew tremendously. Her keeping effort has been outstanding throughout this year and she has stamped herself as an integral part of this unit. She is the only player that can have a "Nanna Nap" before a game and still perform! Keep up the good work Tearne.

## **Jeanette Leach (Nettie the Rocket!)**

A player whose feet run faster than her mind! Nettie's enthusiasm is electric in the forward line and as that energy becomes more directed and controlled her game will rise to the level that she desires. A terrific season for the Rocket!

## **Britt MacDonald**

This year Britt's flexibility in playing fullback, halfback and even a run in the forward line with a passion to try to score goals has made her an invaluable member of the 2's team. A strong player, for MCHC's sake, let's hope that the rewards on the hockey field continue to outweigh those of a footie runner.

## **Helen Mason**

Helen is a high flyer – especially when she is asked to come off the field! (-it may only be to transfer you to another position!) \*\*\*\*\*! From a quiet person the coach and manager learnt some colourful vocab! Well done on a great season, Helen.

## **Holly Menegola**

The quiet achiever! Well done, Holly, your effort this season is a credit to you. Your patience is reflected in your improved confidence around the play. Never any complaints about hockey but a few on football days! Tell your brother that he needs to find another chauffeur or buy him 4 mouth guards and an RAC membership! (Flat tyres are a specialty!)

## **Janelle Miller**

Another of the club's State 16's representatives, through hard work, dedication and being consistent you have been able to step up into the 1's and follow your goals. Best of luck for next year.

## **Kathryn Rule (Kath/ Kat)**

With a shortened season on the radar, Kath's hockey has improved and she has recovered from injury and continued to improve as the weeks go by. Kat has a great team spirit and work ethic and as her strength and vision increase, will have a strong future in hockey.

## **Rebecca Savill (Bec)**

Bec started in the RH/LH positions but progressed thru LW before finding her niche in LI where she has scored a few goals over this season. She is to be credited with her persistence at practicing and improving her "Tomma".

## **Louise Watson (Louie)**

Louie is quite a "buzz" around the field and has improved immensely over the season. Louise epitomizes what our sport should be – she thoroughly enjoys playing the game and coming to training. A fantastic year, Louise!

## **Team Manager**

**De** – from all the team, thanks a million for your efforts in caring for the 2's. There are not many teams that get a fruit platter made and snacks and chocolates at every game. Whatever you need, Dee has got it in her hand bag! Once again you are a real trooper. Thanks from all of us.

The 2's would also like to thank **Kat Atkinson, Maddie Brockman, Brianna Coleman, Maddie Dawe, Amy Fullerton, Sarah Jarvis, Monique Miller, Kirsten Silvey, Ash Sperinck, Stacey Tweedle, Marion Vince** and **Giorgia Wade** for their invaluable contributions when stepping in to help when the 2's were short on numbers. The support of these players was greatly appreciated.

We wish both **Sue Clark** and **Gaye Glaskin** every success in their upcoming state representation.

# Mens Premier Alliance

A tough gig to back up a stellar season from last year with the amount of injuries, holidays, a different team each week and the average age of the group being about 18 years old to be sitting second with two games to go, as I write this, is a true testament to these guys and really shows the talent of the youth coming up through the club. Well done guys.

## **Joshua Antoncich**

Josh has some silky smooth skills and a bit of pace to him and with a bit of size behind him has potential to be a class player.

## **Mathew Bowater**

Matt has really stepped up this year both on the field and off the field as a leader in this team and has been a pleasure to have.

## **Joshua Clarey**

A guy from Rocko that isn't a bogan. A quiet guy who always seems to do the simple things right.

## **Bryn De Bes**

This kid has showed us this year that his talent, skills and speed will help him go far in this sport. He is one to look out for.

## **Jason De Wind**

Jason 'Tourette's' Dewind needs to learn to take his anger out on the opposition rather than himself but week in week out always gave 100% and was great to see him take more of a leadership role this year.

## **Ashley Ellis**

The biggest problem Ash had this season was everyone aiming for his head at training. An excellent keeper who was very unlucky to only play half the season with us.

## **Casey Ellis**

A quiet guy around the ground struggled with form early in the season but credit to him he persisted and found it when it matters the most.

## **Campbell Love**

At just 17 yrs. old this young guy has been the rock in our defence. With a few more years under his belt he will become one of those defenders attackers hate.

## **Daniel McEntee**

Top goal scorer this season (like most). Unfortunately his lack of priorities sees him missing the last game and finals due to a boys trip to Europe, poor form Macca.

## **Jordan Moore**

A young keeper with great reflexes and a promising career ahead of him.

## **Craig Orr**

After starting the season with the 2's, a six week break mid season to romantic Scotland, Cact found himself with us and brought youth, speed, skills and dodgy knees with him.

## **Jerome Paz**

Similar to Nic Geers, spent more money this year on physio than hockey fees. Hopefully next year will be a better one.

## **Ashley Ranford**

The better looking of the two brothers. One of the many juniors to get a run with us this year and showed skills beyond his age. Can also hit a toma unlike his brother.

## **Frank Reynolds**

Small in stature but with a big heart. Mixed it well with the men this year and proved size doesn't matter.

## **Matthew Tate**

Played a few games with us and when he did showed great composure and skills and will hopefully see more of him next year.

## **Ryan Vickery**

A credit to this kid who started with us but through his skill and hard work found himself playing more 2's.

## **Joshua Wakefield**

Josh is like a little bulldog who loves a physical game and has really excelled in this grade.

## **Liam Woodward**

Liam 'Party Boy' Woodward always gives 110% when on the field even if he is still struggling from the night before.

A special mention to all the guys that went MIA or filled in for us at some stage this year. **Hamish Burton, Andrew Ricciardone, Nick Tate, Cameron Porter's** 1 game, 1 goal, 1 card, **Nic Geers, Chris Geers, Christopher Morrison, David Richardson, Jake Coleman, James Welten, Jayben Lister, Jayden Lawrence, Kyle Jamison and Sean Ranford.**

# Mens Provisional 1

This year was the second season for the Melville 4's in Provisional 1, and after playing in finals last year we were looking to improve. The Provisional 1 competition was a tough competition, with our boys coming up against all of the stronger clubs in WA. We held our own and had a chance to win every week, and the grade proved to be very close with 3 teams within 1 point chasing finals with one game to go. With a bit more luck we would be comfortably in the final 4, but needed to win the last game to make it (results yet to be known!). The team had a great mix of younger and older guys, and many guys had a run throughout the year due to holidays, working away and 21sts. Hopefully we can really improve again next year and challenge for the flag! Thanks to all the Melville guys that umpired us, and the loyal supporters who turned up regardless of weather.

## **Michael Ashley** (Defence)

Stick came back to town this year after a two year sabbatical and immediately got involved with coaching the team. The coaching philosophy was simple – do as I say, not as I do. Also known for telling everyone to keep out of the umpires, and then being the worst offender himself causing him trouble in the weekly fines meeting.

## **Ashley Ellis** (Goalkeeper)

Ash played a few games with us when the full complement of goalies were available for the club. Unfortunately for him, most games he played were against the lower teams in the comp so he didn't touch the ball too much. Despite this, Ash was too lazy to ever fetch the ball when it went out for a 16.

## **Christopher Geers** (Midfield)

Geers decided to join the mighty 4s after taking a lucrative coaching position with the 2s. Turned up for one training throughout the year and was never seen again, claiming he was too tired from coaching (read standing around drinking) earlier. Geers ran around the midfield and up front with success, however is still yet to mark his man in defence in his 20 years of hockey.

## **Stuart Hennessey** (Forward)

Stuey displayed the most amount of intelligence he ever has pre season when he decided to get rid of the goalkeeping gear and return to the field. Took a while for the skilful, diving, superman Stuey to return, but was a welcome sight when in full flight. Look forward to having you back on the field again next year Stu.

## **Kyle Jamieson** (Midfield)

Jamo was back as the teams hardest working player, and once again had a great year. Jamo is a quiet chap who turns up each week and goes about his business with a minimum of fuss. Highlight of the year for Jamo was the ridiculous goal celebration after scoring the 8th goal in a huge win. Hope to see you back next year Jamo.

## **Matthew Jensen** (Forward)

Jenno had the mission all year to be like Cam. Hairy, angry and ready to abuse anyone that looked at him funny. Jenno ran around up front and through the midfield, scoring a few goals along the way and making no friends with umpires. Still keen for a pre training soccer game each week to show off his dazzling foot skills – pity his team Liverpool are no good.

## **Jayben Lister** (Midfield)

Jayben played every second game for the 4s after losing commitment and gallivanting off to the mines for some money. We really should have fined him more now that he is rich. Jayben was always a welcome addition when he was around, except for the infamous Mandurah game where he was an absolute space cadet due to still being drunk. Marco was much happier when his boy Jayben was around.

## **Christopher Morrison** (Defence)

The man who looks 40 was as solid as ever at fullback. His finest moment of the year was when he donned the mullet wig and confused everyone. Improved greatly this year after being yelled at by Stick for most games, it's expected that Morro should progress up the grades next year. Also known for not getting into Metros for AJs 21st, despite being a lot more sober than most of the boys.

## **Cameron Porter** (Forward)

Cam was one of the older brigade, who was supposed to bring a calm, wise old head to the team. Unfortunately it is difficult to be calm when you want to brawl everyone that looks at you sideways. Highlight of the year was playing John 23rd twice and not boxing anyone. The only fight he should have continued with was with Geers early in the season when Geers told him to chill out, but unfortunately he managed to control himself. Cam played mostly up front and developed into a more than handy midfielder by the end of the year, his running ability and strength a big asset to the team. Cam has also taken the mantle of worst manager in Hockey WA this year.

# Mens Provisional 1 (contd)

## **Marcus Radunivich** (Midfield)

Marcus was slightly lost this year after his main man Jayben disappeared off to the mines for work. Quiet Cus went about his work each week, trying to drag a minimum of 5 players each time he got the ball before dribbling over the baseline. Marco's finest hour was when we played at Mandurah, when Walshy went to pick him up only to leave him behind for decorating the walls of his room after a rather large evening with the boys.

## **Adam Riley** (Defence)

Adam joined our ranks mid season after doing his time with the 5s and being BOG several times. Adam is a dour defensive player who complements our team full of Harlem Globetrotter players well, being the only man wanting to mark tightly. Adam improved heaps this year and should continue to improve next year.

## **Griffin Thomas** (Everywhere)

Ah Griff, the man who is impossible to coach. Griff likes to do as he pleases at training and games, often promoting himself from fullback to centre forward because he feels the need to cause some trouble up front. Griff was also a constant contributor to the fines kitty, maxing out most weeks for his silly antics. Probably the only reason Griff gets a gig is because of his deadly flicking which won the team several games.

## **Brad Wake** (Goalkeeper)

Brad joined the squad this year after a long time doing his apprenticeship on the grass. Brad was known for constantly flying under the radar and being fined appropriately. Brad is capable of magic saves and with a little more consistency will become a very good goalkeeper.

## **Steve Walsh** (Forward)

The elder statesman of the team, but still one of the fittest blokes going around, Walshy is known for his speedy runs and unpredictability. Walshy still attempted the trademark baseline shot whenever he got a chance, with varying levels of success. Unfortunately Walshy missed a few games with holidays, weddings and work but was always a threat up front. Look forward to going again next year.

## **James Welten** (Midfield)

Jim is the Mr Hockey of Melville. He is known for rocking up to a game after already playing 3 games and running around like a crazy man – must be all those years stuck in the net. Jim filled a variety of positions throughout the year and was a great asset due to this flexibility.

## **Alexander Wragg** (Midfield)

I am not sure how such a young boy can be injured so often. AJ rocked up at the start of the year ready to coach the 5s after saying his knee was no good, only to play a full game week one and seagull a hat trick for the 5s. AJ played mostly 4s after this game, and his output was directly related to the level of his hangover, with the effort at Peel not one of his finest moments. Did well not to get into any fights with his John 23rd mates. If you ever need advice on how to perform a windy, AJ is your man.

Thanks to the following guys for helping out when required, much appreciated. Apologies if I forgot anyone.

**Alex Lynch**

**Jackson Thomas**

**Casey Ellis**

**Josh Clarey**

**Chris Criddle**

**Jono Palmer**

**Jon Colgan**

**Will Beddoes**

# Womens Provisional 1

Well this year did not entirely go to plan with contributing factors being some illness amongst the team, 3 long term injuries and 2 medically advised retirements. However the girls always gave it their best and played as a real team in what was a tough competition and the season can be summed by saying we were very competitive, but just could not get the ball in the net enough.

## **Kathryn Atkinson** (Fullback)

Kat is a very skillful player - able to pick off attackers and then tick tack it out of defence. Kat is able to read the play well and is a good contributor to the team at training and on game day. Another powerful hitter that provided some attacking moves to our defence.

## **Krystle Biffin** (Fullback)

Our Queensland import has been fantastic at fullback with many great saves and defensive tackles. Krystle was also part B of our penalty corner battery. Krystle has such a hard hit that not only was she able score goals, get the ball into attack, but also break fingers at training!

## **Brianna Coleman** (Wing / half)

Part A of our penalty corner battery, Brianna has a great hit and was one of our highest goal scorers. Brianna is very quiet but on the field is very determined. She shrugs off the odd whack and gets on with it. She is also a big fan of the auto play.

## **Adele French** (Centre forward)

Adele started the season with great enthusiasm and pace and was a key strike forward. Unfortunately a back injury ruled her out of hockey for good.

## **Jaime Greenacre** (half back / inner)

Jaime has great pace as a ball carrier and made some critical intercepts and saves for us during the year. She is another player that will run until there is nothing left in the tank. A talented flank half player.

## **Allison Hall** (Half back / part time forward)

If it was going to happen - it happened to Allison. Scoring goals, flicking over the goals, weird umpiring decisions, body blows and handling the ball. Allison is a very calm person and always plays a strong game. She was an important part of right side attack through the half line.

## **Rachel Harries** (Fullback/half back)

Rachel took a few games to find her feet after a few years off but once in the groove she was an extremely reliable defender. Great as first runner on penalty corners, Rachel (like Kat and Krystle) was great at picking off defenders and doing the desperate save in the D.

## **Chantelle Jamieson** (Inner / Half)

Chantelle got promoted up from the 4s when we were suffering some injury setbacks and showed real strength on the ball and pace. Unfortunately she also had to retire from hockey during the season due to health reasons.

## **Sarah Jarvis** (Wing)

Sarah is a great player on the wing and was one of our goal scorers. Her season though was interrupted twice by leg injuries which left our team light on in the goal scoring department. Sarah was able to penetrate crosses from wide into the D which set up shots on goal.

# Womens Provisional 1 (contd)

## **Renaë Latham** (Forward)

Renaë joined us to replace Adele and got straight into action. She runs very hard and has mastered the art of one handed tackling. Not always one to agree with the people in flouro, she was able to channel those feelings and put immense pressure on opposition defenders.

## **Tearne Latham** (Goalkeeper)

Our first goalkeeper for the season and esteemed team manager, Tearne was doing such a great job that she got promoted to 2s. Being such a lovely person she kept coming to our games where possible to “encourage” her sister and be our no.1 fan.

## **Melanie Leighton** (Inner)

Our team captain, Mel never stops running! She has a great work ethic on the field and was able to run down opposition players from out of nowhere. Also never one to shy away from a strong tackle.

## **Courtney McCartney** (Forward/Half)

Courtney is a very versatile player and will play anywhere. She has great skill and has mastered the reverse sweep and the corner trap. She also was a runner for us in defensive penalty corners and combined all this with other hockey commitments. However - she is lousy at ice skating.

## **Niki McGowan** (Goalkeeper)

Niki came up from juniors to fill the void left by Tearne and Ash due to promotion/injury in the middle of the season and did an awesome job. She is a very confident keeper and was not fazed by strong ladies on opposing teams.

## **Ashleigh Sperinck** (Goalkeeper)

Ash took over from Tearne then got injured. Ash learnt this season that when you cannot move due to injury, the only way the ump will stop the game is if you lie down! Ash is a very agile keeper and had some very busy games against quality oppositions.

## **Rebecca Weddikkara** (Centre Half)

Bec had a great year - she just needed to get more of the ball from everyone! She is a very graceful player and able to find the mark to feed the ball to forwards. She also chipped in with a goal and on field leadership.

## **Susan Wilson** (Centre / Wing)

Ready to make her mark on the 3s this season, Sue had to cope with a broken finger at training and then perform for State selectors straight after it healed - well done for making the State team! Sue was a great contributor in the forward line

Many many thanks to Tearne and her mum for managing us, stand in game day coaches Ross, Nic and Rohi, Brianna and Sue for behind the scenes list managing and support and also to the 12 or so juniors, 2s, 4s and part time players that helped us out this year.

# Womens Provisional 2 Gold

What a rollercoaster year, a fair few ups and downs. First there was the uncertainty of a coach, then it changed, then it changed back again. In the end I am happy to say that Athlene Marshal stood up and did her best to lead us and instill wisdom. Whenever she wasn't there to guide us either Jan Rogers or Nicola Ogden would step in - so thank you very much ladies.

This year I'm happy to say there was not a huge lot of player swapping and stealing going on, so we were able to bond as a team from the beginning, though it did take a few games to shake the cobwebs and really get into the swing of things. We started out as a team who was mainly full of backs, but with a bit of shuffling and a few players willing to give anything a go we were able to put together a nice strong team. Even though we didn't win every game we still went out there every week and tried our best, and no-body can ask for more than that (though a few more goals would have been nice). All in all a good season and hopefully we will see every single face back again next year ready to do it all over again.

## **Claire Hadley**

One of the Hadley sisters, Claire made up our very strong back line, however she was quite willing to give any other position a go when she was needed. She never had anything bad to say about anything and was always at training and all the games - even when she was injured.

## **Jaimee Hadley**

The other Hadley sister. Jaimee played the majority of the season as our left wing. She has tremendous speed at her disposal and would quite happily run all over the field all game long. In fact she did do that in one game until she collapsed unable to breathe, that slowed her down for a good 5 minutes and then she was back up and running again.

## **Olivia Jones**

Olivia started out as our centre forward then got shuffled around to play our inner, where we discovered she could run and also defend pretty well, and so there she stayed. A bit on the quiet side, she was always fierce on the field and happy off the field. It was a real pleasure playing with her this year.

## **Ella Joynes**

Our dependable full back. Not much could get past her, and even when they tried Ella would do everything she could to stop the ball, EVEN CATCHING IT WITH HER HAND. This of course led to a stroke (which our goalie thankfully stopped) but we have never let her forget it - and yes it had to make it into the year book!!

## **Sarah King**

Our right winger. Sarah just kept getting better and better as the season went along. Even though she didn't score our first goal (which I'm sure she is upset about) she made up for it along the way, becoming our leading goal scorer for the season. She was also our leader for the offensive short corners, but knew how to share the play around - though we are still waiting for her to let us do 'The Flying V' - maybe in the last game?

## **Alecia McCall**

Such a strong player, Alecia played all season as our centre Half Back and she did a fantastic job. Alecia always had a cool head and was really good at reading the play and cutting off the opposition if they tried to come through the middle. About 3/4 through the season we made her the first runner on our defensive short corners and were scatching our heads at why we didn't do it sooner because she was just so strong and intimidating. Look forward to seeing her do it all again next year.

## **Jennifer McDonough**

Our goalie for the second half. Jenny came to us first because Ash injured herself and then because Ash was poached by the 3's, but she made her own mark on us as a strong goalie and she did very well because she was still playing for the 5's as well.

## **Michelle Regan**

One of our inners. It would not have been a Sunday game if Michelle didn't rock up looking slightly seedy and smelling of some kind of alcoholic cocktail oozing from her pores from her Saturday night out, though we are all certain she played better hungover than she did sober. But even sober she was a great player, always intent on getting in there and tackling and always yelling at the rest of us to do the same. Great to have her back at the club this year.

# Womens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

## **Erica Remedios**

Unfortunately, due to her job, Erica could not always play every game, but when she did she was a real asset. As the season progressed Erica became a stronger player, however the same could not be said about her sense of time. You always knew you were late for a game if you rocked up after Erica. Seriously though, she is a player who is getting stronger and more confident and was willing to go wherever the coach told her, and that is a fantastic asset in a player.

## **Denby Russell**

Another silent player, Denby was always quiet off field, but mean and strong on field. Playing mainly in the midfield, she was always a great tackler and willing to give it all for the team. She was quite happy to play no matter how she was feeling, and would keep turning up to games when she was sick as a dog, though she did play really well then, so not always a bad thing. Eventually she did get better and she still played a great game. Was great to have her on the team.

## **Kate Sparkes**

After 2 years away (due to pregnancy and a broken ankle) Sparkesy came back all ready to play. Always willing to give anything a go, we tried her as a centre forward and there she scored our first goal of the season, and so there she stayed. Though we were pretty sure she was going to get carded after the goal, because during the celebrations her stick "slipped" out of her hand and went flying - luckily no-one was hurt, but something we haven't let her forget. Thank god she didn't repeat it when she scored her second goal. Was great to have her back at the club and wish her an injury free off season so she can come back to us again next year.

## **Ashleigh Sperinck**

A goalie for the first half of the year, Ash was her usual smiling assassin self. Cracking a joke with us one minute then taking out the ball and whoever stood in her way the next. Unfortunately, half way through the season she injured her stomach muscles and was out for 4 weeks, and then the 3's stole her. Even though we replaced her with someone just as good, she was missed.

## **Kimberley Welten**

Another player who has returned after 2 years away (this one in England living it up in the cold) Kimmi was back! She slipped back into her enforcer role as our right half back and occasional full back, even sometimes venturing up into the front line to do some short corners every now and then. Kimmi has always had a great hockey head and never gets flustered, though she did get angry with herself when she injured her ankle playing touch rugby and that put her on the sidelines for a while. Hopefully she will rest up over summer and will be back at full strength next year - and stay away from the rugby fields!!!

## **Allison Wheatley**

Another one of our half backs, Allison brings some maturity to the team and generally plays with a steady head. We did discover during the season that she does play rather good when she is angry and likes to take her frustration out on the hockey field, so we did try our best to fire her up before a game. As our resident physio she was always handy to have around for a bit of free consult and strapping, though when she herself gets injured not so handy. Another player we all hope gets better during the summer and comes back to us at 100%.

## **Catalina Zylberberg**

"Brown Cat" as she was affectionately called was another player that couldn't always make every game, but once again when she was there she was a real asset. As quick as a cat when she wanted to be, she was great at standing her ground and tackling. Another one of our silent players, she was always happy on and off the field. Was really nice to play with her and will be great to have her back next year.

# Mens Provisional 3 Gold

This year was one of high expectations for the 2nd season of club's premiere men's team. After an average winning margin of 6 goals and losing the final last year, everyone was up and ready to stick it to the opposition. Being put up a grade meant we now sit 3rd on the ladder with finals locked in. The top 4 teams have all beaten each other and it's anyone's guess who is going to win.

More importantly, this year has seen a lot of new faces in the team, and a much higher social involvement among the boys. It's great to see everyone teasing each other over weekend antics, with even the old boys who go to bed with Fat Cat joining in on heckling fun that's one of the best parts of sporting culture. Looking forward to a good finals campaign and seeing everyone back down next season. Great year lads!

## **William Beddoes** (Stanley)

Will rocked up to training this year with a swagger and some attitude, fitting into the team straight away. He brought an impressive skill set, along with some teenage angst into the majority early 20's team. Stanley was taken under the wing of the older boys this season once it was discovered his hockey skills weren't backed up in other more social areas, unfortunately his mentors included Fry and Fergy which didn't bode well for his improvement. Mr "dude I can play anywhere" was a big asset to have in the team, and most potent at centre half. Still wondering why he didn't play lower grades like 4s and 3s, certainly not complaining though.

## **Johnathan Colgan** (Jon Rager)

Despite some of us spending years with some angry old blokes on grass, no one has ever seen someone shirtfront a bloke after the first 20 seconds of a game. Didn't play many games for us but was always keen to get amongst the 5s ladsyness. Plays a great right half, regardless of being told he's playing inner or wing.

## **Chris Criddle** (The Criddler)

When Chris and Steve rocked up to turf training preseason, I'd be lying if I said I wasn't a little weary of having a Criddle too many members from a certain infamous Melville hockey family in our team. After playing with him in the ever classy Metro 2s a couple of years back, I wasn't sure how Chris would go with the turf transition. Turns out he's a gun and is currently one of the shorter odds for MVP this season. Backing up his calm demeanour with a brick-wall like tackle, opposition forwards learnt quickly to fear The Criddler each game. Managed to score some goals as a cliché fullback short corner hitter, as well as happily doubling his fines tally on his own accord. Also a top bloke, his potential is near limitless if he actually went to training.

## **Stephen Criddle** (AAARRRGGGHHHH!!!!)

Was that a bear fighting a hippo? No, it's the sound of Steve Criddle's anguished-and-slightly-disgusted miss of the ball by less than 10 centimetres. This only happens when Steve is playing hockey so it could be worse.. After a solid season last year, Steve once again patiently waited for some of the other forwards to flake out so he

could cement his spot at left wing and centre forward for the season. Not as successful on the scorecard as last year, Steve still managed to show some class when it mattered. On the occasion where the ball made it onto his stick he showed the Criddle-brand class that leaves the team thinking of the gun we would have if his knee functioned and he participated in the preseason running. Always enjoyable watching Steve trying to get his brother to stop mentioning the total number of Criddles at each game in the fines meetings.

## **Neil Ferguson** (Fergy)

When AJ told Fergy he was dual wielder of Captaincy and Fines Master he gave a sly grin and accepted. Little did he realise these jobs also included match reports, game fees, scorecards and these damn yearbook entries. After living at left half for the last couple of seasons, he managed to get out onto the right and even spent a fair portion of the end of the season at fullback. Never a leader through hockey skills, he nevertheless tried to impart some of his vast wisdom to the boys at times throughout the year to varying effect. Highlights of the season has been ridiculing AJ, and introducing the boys to the power of the "polite disagreement" heckle when opposition forwards are starting to see red. Going to miss rambling on about the various faults of fellow team mates.

## **Andrew Fry** (Fry)

One of a dwindling Bunbury crew. Fry can still be heard claiming his one-handed catch saved us a goal against the top team despite the subsequent stroke and 20 minute cheese. Despite his regular brain lapses and "overlaps" from fullback into the attacking D Fry is a pretty handy fullback, teaching yours truly the finer points of the position when the need arose. After the rest of the team found out how close Fry lives to Buzza he got a lot more popular, his saying of "It's a dog eat dog world" becoming a mantra to the boys on our nights out after games. Turns out Fry's moral compass and advice is sketchy at best, providing some great stories and hurt feelings throughout the season. A top bloke when women aren't involved, Fry was a big part of the leadership core that made the team shine this year.

# Mens Provisional 3 Gold (contd)

## **Kieren Hill (Hill-Dawg)**

The odds were always stacked against Kieren. The token juvie in the team, red hair and questionable Facebook activity made him a prime target at fines meetings. Once we found out a fellow team mate was dating his sister his small chance of redemption was gone. What he may not have realised was we rarely had anything to say about his hockey skills, and he played halfback better and better all season. Another redeeming factor was his ability to annoy AJ without him realising the Hill-Dawg is a grade A troller. Being 17 meant he missed out on some of the social side this year, but it wasn't until he missed 2 games that we realised how much we relied on him to run out a full game each week. Looking forward to having a non-juvie Hill-Dawg next season.

## **Jayben Lister**

Jumping on the FIFO bandwagon this year meant Melville Hockey Club had possession of Jib every second weekend, but boy did he get used well. Usually playing 3s and 4s, he managed to fit some 5s glory in when he could, carrying the team on his skinny feminine shoulders. Still can't figure out how his diving tackle is so damn potent, yes we are incredibly jealous.

## **Alex Lynch (Albino Giraffe)**

Keepers are stereotypically weird. Alex is a stereotypical keeper. The guy is all arms and legs to such an extent he's too uncoordinated to drive a car, meaning some of the team had to pick him up when the folks were away. Started the season a little of the "green bin in goals" side, but really began stepping up in our big games mid season. Unfortunately an excess of keepers in the higher grades meant Alex got shuffled out of the side after that but looking forward to seeing more of him next season. By far the most stingy player in the team, regularly paying fines with 10c pieces.

## **Alex MacLeay (Giraffe)**

Zander was shaping up for a good season when he nicked off up north for "work" although Facebook seemed to imply fishing trip. Finally came back to us for the last 5 games of the season, and still a very handy winger. Missed out on a full season of our tallest team member and hence can't rip into him like the others.. Well played sir.

## **Jay McMahon (JMac)**

No one was sure what to think of Jay when he first came down to training. Hearing he used to play for Rockingham and shoulder tattoos make people step a little carefully at first, his tendency to undercut the ball into team mate's faces at training kept us on our toes for the rest of the season too. Jay-Mac turned out to be a top bloke who was happy to dish out as much as he got from the younger boys, and was still generous enough

to bring down his number one supporter despite the knowledge some of the more seedy members of the team had their eyes on her. Our full time centre forward, he provided a hunger in the forward line that set a great example for the younger guys, even pulled out a hat-trick in his first game for us.

## **Christopher Morrison (Morrie)**

Have to give our number one supporter a mention, only played a couple of games for us but we love the mullet-wig-wearing extraordinaire. Also ran the subs for us most games, and had a hell of a lot better advice than our "supercoach".

## **Ted Neesham (Fossil)**

Those uninitiated in the reckoning that is Teddy Neesham saw a creepy balding man rock up to turf training, those of us who knew him saw a creepy balding man who talks too much rock up to turf training. Where to start with Ted? Still defying every law of physics by simply dragging his decaying body onto the field every training and game, Ted decided vets were getting a little dull and a second game a weekend with the young boys was just the thing for his remaining 1/4 of a hamstring. Fellow team mates learned to fear Ted knowing their phone number and the inevitable Friday arvo "botches at the pib" texts they would receive. Luckily Ted still has speed and some serious one handed stick skills, managing to out class some of our more youthful forwards who still have the ability to run in warm up. Despite his age, pink melville hat and tendency to wear socks with thongs Ted is a kid at heart and fit right in with the boys, always encouraging them to stick around after games and keeping AJ's negativity in check during half and full-time talks.

## **Jonathon Palmer (Mrs Palmer)**

Jono was the second half of the bumpkin contingent of our team this year, and he certainly knows how to bring the country flavour into the game. Fergy noticed he looked a lot like David Warner and spent a fair part of the season trying to get it to stick, but the nuggety man just tensed his biceps and any nickname bounced off no worries. Jono brings a top quality work rate to each game, regularly playing higher grades. Still a creepy creepy man once the beer jacket is on.

## **Adam Riley (Ads)**

Another new recruit this year, Ads had the unfortunate heritage combination of Tasmania-Christmas Island. Luckily he kept it mostly covered by some very impressive hockey skills. Started the season at half, was kicked out after we realised he was actually good and needed to be put to use in the forward line. Was playing 4s by mid-season and expecting greater things in the years to come once he bulks up a bit and the rest of the

# Mens Provisional 3 Gold (contd)

Tassie vibe dissipates. Another younger guy who came and partied with the older boys, Ads was sorely missed once he left us for the crabby 4s. Also fairly sure him and Stanley are in a long term relationship, their couples' banter the source of many a fine.

## **Jason Tate** (Tatey)

Jason is possibly the happiest guy in existence. The kid has a grin when he's doing pretty much anything except missing drag-flicks at goal and was a key part of our forward structure this year. His foot speed and finesse made him an ideal winger, until he forgot how to hit the ball and started using drag-flicks and legitimate passes into the D. For some reason fellow teammates and umpires didn't appreciate balls flying at players' heads and that technique was scrapped after some heavy fines. With only the occasional brain lapse and subsequent shocking pass marring his game, we're expecting to lose him to some decent grades over the next few years. Also got his old man to do the majority of our umpiring this season for free which was very appreciated by all.

## **Griffin Thomas** (Griff)

If you don't already know Griffin Thomas, read this and be warned: The 6ft 5in New Zealander is possibly the biggest liability at Melville City Hockey Club. Griff listens to no one on and off the field. His hockey skills are decent, and his speed embarrassing and he talks way too much. Still manages to get games in 4s and 5s most weeks, he plays Fullback, Centre Half and Centre Forward all at the same time regardless of the position he's initially told to play. We didn't like fining Griff much since Jacko would end up footing the bill, despite the fact he should be capped out every game on principle. As always with our more questionable players, they tend to be a lot of fun to hang around with and we could usually find it in ourselves to forgive Griff for being Griff and have a fair few laughs along the way. Still can't drag-flick.

## **Jackson Thomas** (Jacko)

Jackson has the unfortunate hereditary disorder of Griffinitis, an incredibly costly problem in both money and patience. Luckily, our favourite Kiwi has had it since he was 1 year old and doesn't let it effect his hockey. A part-time team member due to work commitments he still commands centre half better than anyone else in the team. Fitness hit an all time low for Jacko this year, and he was rarely seen without huffing and puffing on the field. He did his ankle playing netball mid-season, sealing his fate as the worst runner in the team but still more valuable than his giant brother.

## **Brad Wake** (Paparazzi)

Brad spent most of the season keeping for 4s and single handedly taking all Melville City Hockey Clubs photos and looking a tad creepy while doing it. Once the higher

grades had to shuffle their keepers down due to caviar and champagne issues (or whatever they do up in top squad) Brad was dropped to 5s to everyone except Alex's pleasure. Brad just gets better every year and this season was no different. Great communication from the back, he regularly contorts his body into cringe-worthy positions to save us games. Looking forward to a good finals campaign with his ability to protect our shoddy defending.

## **Mitchell Welton** (Mitch Skywalker)

This year was one where we got to see 2 Mitch's. Mitch Welton is a gun hockey player and favourite for best and fairest this year. Hard working at inner, also starting to see some impressive one-on-one skills coming into his game. Mitch Skywalker is the guy who has some rather interesting logos on his chest, an eyebrow ring, and other general creepy bling. Also brings his not-girlfriend to games, social outings, training and pretty much wherever. Not that we're complaining, the fines pool always went well when Mitch was around. Generally a good bloke, Mitch got the vice-captaincy this year and certainly was a leader in the forward line. Still a scrawny kid who is somehow shocked when he cops the big fines each week.

## **Alexander Wragg** (AJ)

Where does one even start with this guy? The skinny weasel turned 21 this season, supplying a very memorable Saturday of hockey and debauchery. Aside from that we've learnt these things about our occasional super-coach: His arrogance with women is mostly unfounded His potty-mouth isn't troubled by the presence of 5 yr old girls He styles his hair with some kind of epoxy adhesive (our money is on Araldite) He has a secret man crush on Ports and is currently waiting for puberty to kick in so he can get the Shannon to go with his bling necklace Luckily AJ backs this up with an exceptionally charming smile and general good bloke vibes to make him one of the more popular guys round the club. Certainly missed him once he started playing 4s later in the season.

Finally I would like to thank **Mark Tate** for generously giving up his time to take up the umpiring duties for us each week. Despite the horrible fixture times Mark was there with a whistle in hand and a smile on his face, keeping some of our more fiery players under control. Many thanks Mark.

Once again thank you to **Stick, Ports, AJ** and **Walshy** for running training, team selections and the annoying stuff that no one appreciates until they have to do it themselves. Cheers.

# Womens Provisional 4

Well, it's been a long season, with its fair share of successes and .... other stuff. An awesome bunch of ladies got together and played the game, experimented with tactics, strategies and styles. While the results on the ladder weren't what we would've liked to see, we scored goals, learned some new tricks, exchanged a few nicknames and met some new people who we hope will stick around for seasons to come. I can safely say I'm proud of the individual achievements made by the players and look forward to seeing them continue to develop and strengthen their skills next year.

Nic Ogden - Coach

## **Sondren Bailey** (The quiet triplet)

Sondren graced our midline with style and flair. A quiet player on the field with a good instinct for the ball, she prefers the centre half role, but makes a pretty good inner as well. Not too keen on running but had plenty of practice throughout the season. Hope to see more of Sondren next year.

## **Chloe Corsini**

Up from the country, our Chloe has been a staunch defender throughout the season. Big hit, strong over the ball, good eye for the ball and a pleasure to coach. Pretty good on the social side too ...

## **Sarah Dalgleish**

Ms Versatility – the player most shoved around in positions, guaranteed variety each week as she never knew what position she was going to play. A coach's dream, Sarah was a consistent performer, always willing to try something new and an absolute joy to coach. Hopefully we will give her a bit more stability next year.

## **Shannon De Melo** (The good triplet)

Shannon got the run around this season – literally.... Playing in the midline in our new structure, she did a lot of running – up the field, back down the field, up again, down.... Shannon has a good eye for the ball and the ability to be in the right place at the right time. With a little more confidence in herself, she will improve her strength over the ball and create more opportunities for herself to excel.

## **Stephanie Dsouza** (Steph)

Steph didn't let shin splints hold her back this season and showed up to each game wearing several rolls of tape to hold those pesky shins together. Solid and reliable in any position, she played mostly defensive roles this year and flourished.

## **Lizzie Fairall**

Keen to play centre but rudely shunted around the midline, Lizzie provided bursts of speed and a level head on the field. She's a consistent player who works hard when on the field and shows a great on-field work ethic. Lizzie always maintains a positive outlook and is a pleasure to have on the team.

## **Hannah Gibson** (The naughty triplet... joking!)

Another of our versatile midfielders, Hannah was having a pretty good season, even scoring a goal, until struck down by some nasty health issues that caused her to miss the second half of the season. She showed a lot of potential and was picking up her skills each week before she was forced to take a break. Hopefully she'll be fighting fit and ready to come back next year.

## **Nia Goodhand**

Our find from the coach's random visit to her workplace, Nia has been a driving force in the forward line with a big hit and a keen eye for the goal. Another country import, Nia has been a big asset to the team both on and off the field. Hope to see you back next year!

## **Emily Howells**

An absolute workhorse on the wing, Emily's game has improved dramatically this season. Emily has shown some great moves along the sideline with leading, good passes and excellent positioning. Personally, Emily has been the player who has improved the most this season – well done Em!

## **Wendy Joyce**

Our captain with the big hit and booming voice echoing out of defence. Wendy shows strong leadership skills and has a great understanding of the game, especially the "new" system we ran for most of the year. Interesting to note that the Irish accent comes out stronger when things got exciting on the pitch....

# Womens Provisional 4 (contd)

## **Peta Lock**

Peta rejoined the club part way through the season after a hiatus with UWA. She played mostly in defence, using her big clearing hit to get us out of trouble. Peta has a confident on-field personality with a lot to offer the team.

## **Janezza Lymbery-Joyce**

Defender with a fondness for chewing her mouthguard to the distraction of opposition players. Nezza has grown in strength as a defender this season and is always willing to learn new things. Has turned into a nice little seagull on short corners, deflecting the ball into the net and earning herself a few goals in the process.

## **Hayley Lyons**

Our tenacious terrier, Hayley's petite and dainty build lulls the opposition into a false sense of security. Our Polly Pocket rocket accelerates up the field, lays some fierce tackles and charges off with the ball leaving a bewildered opposition wondering what happened. She professes an extreme dislike for running, but give her a stick and a little white ball and you won't see her for dust....

## **Jennifer McDonough (Jen)**

Goalkeeper extraordinaire, who stepped up and took on extra games to help the club cope with a mid season goalie deficit across the grades. Seriously one of the unluckiest people I know off the field, but a gifted keeper with a great eye for the ball.

## **Felicity Packer (Flick)**

Came back to the team half way through the season and was a much appreciated pair of legs to refresh the midline and other positions that required lots of running. Brings her own cheer squad to training – great work Lachie!

## **Jasmine Vico (Jaz)**

Our quiet achiever on the wing, making leads and carrying the ball until she can set up opportunities in the D. Jasmine has grown a lot stronger over the ball this season and has made big improvements in her game. Well done!

## **Laura Walkemeyer**

Laura is one of those deceptive people who lopes around the field looking pretty relaxed then pounces out of defence and attacks the unwitting opposition player who thought they had a free hit on goals. She has an incredibly long reach and a reliable slap hit that has saved our bacon on plenty of occasions.

Thanks to our many fill-ins throughout the season – despite having 17 regulars on the team list we sometimes struggled for players, so thanks again to our “cast of thousands” who rallied and helped us out when needed:

**Leah Brearley, Vanessa Cornwall, Claire Hadley, Jaimee Hadley, Kylie Hankinson, Paige Hudson, Renae Latham, Ashleigh Sperinck and Caitlin Toogood.**

Thanks also to guest coaches **Dave Ogden, Jan Davis** and **Dylan Hadley** who covered Nic when off travelling or laid up sick – very much appreciated. Special thanks to super manager **Natalie Walkemeyer** – whose calm demeanour and constant supply of lollies – to say nothing of finding a fairy wand for Nic and boosting our early season successes – and kept the team coordinated. Nat set up fantastic communications to all the team and kept track of who was available to play each week as well as keeping the ridiculously detailed stats Nic wanted.... Thanks heaps!

As the last peeps of Nic's whistle of death fade into the distance and we face the prospect of a summer without the dreaded fitness sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, I hope you enjoy the break and consider dabbling in indoor hockey to keep your eye in for next season. See you in 2013!

From the team:

Our sincere thanks to Nicola who has been a great coach, gives the best advice, is like a mother to all the team, looks after the team and the girls best interests and knows her hockey. Her threats of evisceration were a motivator to lose bad habits in the game, and as a result to become a better player! Thank you Nicola for your time, dedication and support throughout the season, you have made our training and games entertaining as well as teaching us heaps.

# Mens Metro 1

A Season of two halves - the first was half good. Unfortunately the Metro 1's lofty standards of being knocked out in the first week of finals could not be realised this year. With some impressive off-season recruiting, we started the season on a high, however it wasn't to be. Some might say it was the midseason appointment of World Vision as our naming rights sponsor that contributed to us spending the second half of the season in Charity Mode, giving every clown who has ever held a hockey stick the self belief that they can actually play this game (see G. Watts and the entire Fremantle side) - so it wasn't all a waste!

PS a memo was sent out to those contributing to the pen pictures that the rhyming method was to be used - some could draw parallels to our season.

## **Kenrick Armitage**

Ken found his feet in Metro 1s this year (he didn't fall over nearly as much as last year) and was one of our hardest workers. Scored some amazing goals this season, the best being his "foot of god" (Maradona style) winner against Wolves. Ken somehow convinced the umpire that kicking the ball into the goal was allowed in hockey, much to the disgust of the opposition, it counted and we won the game. Ken is also known as a hard and aggressive player, however this only resonated on the netball court, where Ken somehow managed to get into a fight, he turned up to a game with sore ribs after claiming he got punched by some bloke. It was later found out that Ken was filling in for a women only team. A great season and with his fitness will no doubt be a more influential player in Metro 1s in the coming seasons.

## **Todd Barrett**

Todd returned this year fitter, faster and lighter than ever which is a stinging assessment of all previous seasons. Ever reliable Toddy formed a solid (and at times emotional) partnership with Hank. Todd's pinpoint hitting remains his weapon... if only the forwards could trap!

## **Michael Deveson**

Re-invented as a forward  
He will try and play high  
Was this move a success?  
Remember Stats don't lie!  
Rocking up to a game  
With Beard looking like Scott  
This team's fashion icon  
Junior certainly is not.  
Junior's Metro 1's career is renowned for consistency  
Consistent on the basis  
Of missing games through injury

## **Adam Halliday**

Adam's incredible speed down the left wing was a treat to watch this season. Unfortunately because everyone was just watching him no one went with him and often his great runs would end up over the baseline as no one was in support to receive his crosses. Like his good mate Ken, Adam scored some amazing goals. Notably, his double against Wasps where twice he managed to beat five opposition players, turn back and beat them again and then mishit the ball, fall to the ground and watch as the ball slowly trickled past the goalie. Crowd favourite to take out the coveted Fairest and Best this season after a consistent year.

## **Bruce Hancock**

The oldest on the team  
He's classed as a Vet  
The only reason he remains  
Is presumably a bet  
Anchoring the backline  
With a mix of grit and flair  
He's quick to remind all  
He still has his hair  
Still fooling all forwards  
With his drag for so long  
Keep an eye out for his new TV show  
'When Happy Endings ...Go Wrong!'

## **Brendan Joss**

The calmness of Brendon is essential to balance the anger of Rushton. Tough and uncompromising, Bear played the swing man, pinch hitting in every line. Polite, even to umpires, and reasonably fit, Brendon, to be honest, really struggled to fit in. We love the guy... we just hope he's prepared to put up with the rest of us as we surge up the table (to third last) next year.

## **Daniel Pickering**

Came off a sabbatical to fill in for a few games, Picko showed us all that he still had what it takes to play Metro 1s... so really not that much. When in his customary half back role, he looked at ease; even if it was for 10 mins before fitness gave way. Unfortunately no one told Picko that we were out of finals contention when he stood in front of the goals desperately trying to defend when struck on the finger by a bullet like shot. At least he saved the goal. Great to have the great man back; hopefully (when finger recovers) he can play more regularly next season.

# Mens Metro 1 (contd)

## James Pickering

Managing the team was a simple task  
Except if you spent Friday nights drinking from a flask  
Jim was renowned for playing well hungover  
Spending the game looking down at his feet in the clover  
In the preseason Jim was married to his sweetheart  
An effort for him, but is he really that smart?  
Jim is very lucky to have his wife Tash  
Now he can legally have half her cash  
Spending some time at full back this year  
When he hit short corners the team would cheer  
But it was not the Melville team who thought it was fine  
As the ball disappeared over the baseline

## Matthew Read

Matt plays centre striker  
And is a great user of the ball  
But he's not all that fit  
And can sometimes just fall  
He scored goal of the year  
A shot to the top corner  
A rare flash of brilliance  
That resembled Dave Warner  
But after all these years  
And try as he might  
He moves well to his left  
But still can't drag right

## Dom Reay

A desperate call was made out  
For Dom the team's biggest lout  
We needed him to help fill in when numbers were low  
Little did we expect what Dom was to show  
A scream, a cry or a yell  
No one on the team could tell  
He would demand the ball from his mates  
God help you if it got there late!  
A lot can be learnt from playing with Dom  
Such as thinking of yourself as the bomb  
Spend your life eating protein sourced from raw eggs  
He still doesn't have any muscle mass in either of his legs.

## Cam Robinson

Cam had another solid year. Quick reflexes and clear 'talk' kept the goals against tally reasonably modest for 3/4 of the season. Unfortunately in the last six games his 10 team mates made an unspoken commitment to abandon sensible structures and give Timber some much needed 4 on 1 practice. Hard to blame the keeper for that but we tried. Timber's undoubted season highlight was a booming cry of 'go Eagles' at a Dockers v Richmond game at the MCG.

## Ben Rushton

After a fatherly pre-season  
Ben rocks up to the games  
With a spring in his step  
After continuing the Rushton name  
With an injured back  
And covered in Sam's drool  
We wait in anticipation  
For the effects of the Father Son rule  
But until that day  
We'll rely on Ben's yield  
As long as the umpires  
Let him stay on the field

## Roh Weddikkara

A career spent enduring  
Questionable wise cracks  
Questions need to be asked  
Why he keeps coming back  
Now well and truly married  
He hasn't done bad  
We assume Beck's rationale  
Was to upset her dad  
To be fair to the Slug  
In jest is our flack  
But he is an easy target  
And we have nothing more to add

## Jimmy Welten

Fast, fit and irrational, Jimmy was a regular fill in and performed admirably in almost every position. Jimmy is clearly the best goalkeeper turned field player that metro 1's has seen. To put this into perspective his competition is George Watts whose self-confessed secret weapon is to engage the opposition in conversation in a bid to distract them. Sadly a tactic that worked in the second round.

## Richard Williams

Widely talked up as the competition's key off-season signing, Richie quickly proved to be the quintessential Metro 1's player. That is, his commitment was spasmodic, he missed games mid-season due to the birth of a child and his interest seemed to wain as the season went on. A rock at centre half we hope to see him back in 2013.

## Scott Willis

A tough nut that plays at right half  
Playing with him often makes you laugh  
Missed the start of the season playing in mud  
But a solid member of the Melville Hockey Club  
One of the strangest things to happen this season  
Was when Scott was hit in the head for no reason  
A ball was hit from an adjoining field  
Up off a stick and at his nut, his fate was sealed  
On to next hockey season with Scott  
A preseason I'm sure he will plot  
Working hard to try to overlap  
Only if the other team fall in to the trap

# Womens Metro 1

To all the girls who made the team this year, thanks for an enjoyable year. We may be 3rd instead of our usual 1st but we are still in there and may have been higher if not for the injuries. Metro has great Team Spirit and commitment, friendship and trust of one another and I guess that is why we are still holding our own even though TRAINING is a word we disown and we are meeting younger opposition every year. You have a reputation to uphold girls, so keep doing what you are doing (whatever that is) and the years will continue to be good ones. Finals here we come.

Now for some info on the girls in our team.

**KYLIE** – Back in goals where she belongs. Kylie left us last year for higher grades but missed us so much she came back. Glad Kylie, cos we missed you too.

**MARIS** – Forever making her presence well and truly felt on the field. The General of our team, still one of the best. Keeps threatening to retire, but we just won't listen.

**LINDY** – A security blanket in full back but time out this year with a broken foot, however she made it back to play her 500 GAMES. Congratulations Lindy.

**ANNETTE** - Started with us a couple of years ago as a fill in but after so many last minute calls decided to save us the bother and joined us full time. Even lets us rope in daughter Caitlin from time to time. Great Team Member and a nice solid half back.

**JENNY** – Our tireless worker at the Centre half. Nobody appreciated the work she did every week until they had to fill her role while she took a break. Can you believe it, she choose a trip to America over hockey with us. Back now and refreshed for the finals.

**HELEN** – Well Helen is back in high heels again. Works so hard as left half that this is the second year in a row we have worked her to injury. Hope you are back for finals girl. Get those shoes working.

**DEB** – Deb is our best Utility player. She is good everywhere. Strong, fast, gutsy and knows her stuff. A serviette contract from a couple of years ago and what a winner for the team.

**ANNA** – Goanna has run her little heart out on the right wing after we signed her to a serviette contract a couple of years ago and even an engagement, new house and wedding to plan couldn't keep her away.

**SIMONE** – This girl does not know when to give up. Injury is only something that slows you down a little but doesn't stop you playing. We love this girl's spirit and her skills.

**CAROLYN** – Carolyn is one of our original core group and we thought we had lost her this year to work, but she managed to convince her work colleagues that our need for her hockey skills required her to leave work early each Saturday. Carolyn has a sneaky little "stealing the ball" move that her team mates would love to copy.

**MHAIRI** – Another who does not recognize injury as a reason not to play.. Mhairi gives our forward line power and strength, and lots of direction as they head to goals. Mhairi works as hard as her injuries will allow and watch out when she is fit.

**THERESA** – Theresa was begged to fill in and then convinced to play full time. One more injury and boy do we miss her speed and skills as an inner. Hurry back Theresa, the finals are looming.

**CORELLE** - Corelle really came for the social part but discovered that she actually enjoys the game and is getting better all the time. She has even managed a couple of goals. Glad to have you around Corelle, don't know why you didn't do it sooner.

**SUE** – Sue came to us via her sister in-law Corelle, who dragged Sue down as her replacement while she was injured and we never let her leave. I think Sue has enjoyed her year with us and has done some clever moves with a wicked left hand dribble. Sue has also come to the rescue of the Vets on a couple of occasions. Thanks Sue.

**RENEE** – Renee came to play a couple of games with us until the 3's saw what we were hiding and stole her from us. Thanks Renee.

Keep up the good work girls or I will yell at you.  
Signed "THE VOICE"

# Mens Metro 2 Gold

That's another season gone. It wasn't the best of seasons to finish with only 3 wins. We showed at times, when we had a regular side, that we could match it with the better teams. Unfortunately, due to injuries and other reasons, that didn't happen to often. Rolling up on a Saturday thinking you had a full side only to find out you only had 7 or 8 wasn't good. Lucky enough when we were at home some of the vets were more than happy to help out. So a big thanks to those vets that helped out during the season. Also a very big thanks to Danger and all the 5s for filling in when needed.

To the regulars of metro 2s it was a pleasure to play with you all. And they were Glen, Carl, Gav, Denis, Cridds, Christian, Ethan, Aiden, Aden, Trent. Hopefully will see most of you next season.

And to finish off with, I must be getting soft - only 1 green and 1 yellow card this season and they were in the second last game against Freo. Thanks guys.



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# Mens Metro 3 Gold

Well we definitely had a better year this year; we managed to win some, lose some and drew some. Though hampered with injuries throughout and no secured goalie until well into the season, most games we played had a very small goal difference and we looked more dangerous on field than we have in a long time. Unfortunately numbers seemed against us and we couldn't make the most of the opportunities presented to us...

The year also saw the passing of our good mate, Josh Smales who unfortunately succumbed to his illness early this year. Josh was a permanent fixture of the Scrubbers, having played with our team for many years, and someone we had a lot of respect for, both on and off the field. Nick-named Kamikaze or Seagull for his playing style on wing, Josh was often found in the right position at the right time to score us many goals. Rest in Peace Josh.

## **Tristan Andrews** (Full Back / Face Breaker / Hospital)

Whether playing the boys or the girls, Tristan was not afraid to go body on body – resulting in many a rattled skull from the opposition when rebounding from one of his tackles. Tristan definitely improved his game this year and was even seen taking the ball and doing a run down the field. While he looked somewhat like the Juggernaut, an unstoppable force, it did prove effective as people ran for cover. His commitment to the team cannot be questioned, whether putting people in hospital or being in there himself, Tristan would always be there to offer the team support.

## **Rowan Ayris** (Goal Keeper)

Much credit has to be given to any 17 year old with the balls to step into the Scrubbers and survive. Rowan helped us out by becoming our goalie later in the season, despite already playing for 2 other teams. He developed well as he adjusted to grass from turf and had some great saves and showed that he has a lot of potential. His parents can be proud that despite our best efforts, he managed to remain alcohol free throughout the season. Thanks Rowan for a good season.

## **James Butcher** (Fullback / Brief Halfback)

While he is still as vocal as ever, I think a baby in his life has mellowed him somewhat as he took a back seat to the savage attacks. Ever present, James is the rock in our line of defence. Having schooled his protégé, Tristan, into refining the savagery of their attacks into something akin to an orchestrated number, James has been able to create a solid wall of defence and provided many a great save along with a few great runs down the field.

## **Mario Coelho** (Fullback / Half Back / Hospital)

For years we have joked about Mario being “Doctor Mario”, never once thinking he would actually need one for real. After a particularly brutal game, Mario made the mistake of sledging the wrong player and got a stick to the face for his rebuke, resulting in a quick trip to the hospital. While the broken nose has made him prettier in our eyes, we sincerely apologise to Britt for his snoring problem now... Mario made the step up into the more aggressive role of Halfback and used his skill and experience to create some great plays and runs.

## **Rick Francis** (Right Half )

Rick has definitely continued to show his support of the team by making the 500 mile trek each week from somewhere in the deep south to come play with us. Rick has had a good year, though not good enough to steal a spot on the forward line from Willis. While he wasn't able to get his goal this year, Rick did make some good plays and won many a contest from the half line.

## **Dylan Hadley** (Centre forward / Wing)

Hampered by a bad back for most of the year Dylan, when on the field and running, was able to make the laziest of plays look good. Another permanent fixture of the Scrubbers, Dylan was often the calming voice of reason and was able to provide astute observations on our game style. When he played of course. It must be said that even though Dylan missed a couple of games, he was still showing the team support by coming to watch, even the Kalamunda game.

## **Darren Kidd** (Centre Half / Hungry Inner)

Finally. The only word Darren uttered when told he could have a run on the forward line as Inner. Though a controlling and integral influence in the Centre half position, Darren showed a natural talent (and surprising hunger to score) when moved to the forward line. Darren showed his versatility as both a forward and defender. Though that could just be because of his lucky black shorts and Grandparents on the sidelines...

## **Timothy McEntee** (Manager / Inner / Centre Half)

Always trying to put his stamp on the game, when not struggling with his back or growing GOUT symptoms, Tim played a good year and worked at setting up some strong plays with a punching hit to get it through to the forwards. This season was one which saw him play in both Inner (when he was well) and Centre Half (when the gout took a turn for the worse). While vocal as ever, again we saw a less physical Timbo, probably a sign that age is catching up with him (being 30 and all) though with age wisdom has yet to set in.....

# Mens Metro 3 Gold (contd)

## **Paul Morris** (Halfback / Dora the Explorers pet monkey...)

I would like to say a lot about his game this year but he was only there for half the season after taking on a new job. After Dora the Explorers pet monkey was diagnosed with cancer after years of moonlighting as a test animal for a leading cosmetic company, Paul took the job of her backpack friendly primate in a career move which took him around Europe. When not jet setting around the world in search of love or a good flea bath, Paul played as half back and when committing himself to the play took advantage of his speed to get around the opposition and work his way down the field.

## **David Wake** (Wing / Inner)

David, David, David....I want to write about your hockey but I keep coming back to two highlights of the year – Missing a game to go to the Lady Gaga concert in Melbourne (somewhat acceptable) and missing a game to line up for 4 hours to a Lady Gaga concert here in Perth (not so acceptable). Well while I could go on about this, he has received enough flak from the boys so on to his hockey... David played a really strong year, predominately in the Inner position, and setup and scored many goals and proved to be the second fittest on the team. Great season Dave.

## **Justin Wake** (Centre Forward / Wing)

Justin really refined his game this year and took out the top Goal scorer for the year, continuing to prove that he is better as a forward than as a defender. Justin was definitely on form this year and worked at being in the right position at the right time, creating many leads to score us the goals we needed. Clearly while riding his horse in his full body skins, the use of his ever present Ipad 7 (5g thingy'm'bob) gave him the opportunity to read up on Google what his role on the field was all about because he owned his positions all year. Another good year Justo.

## **Matthew Wake** (Half Back / Inner / Wing)

Matt played some of his best hockey this year and proved to be quite versatile on the field. While we are still unable to break his habit of winding up to crack the ball when only needing to push it 4 feet (I think next year we put a guard on his shoulder to prevent it going past a certain height...) Matt has worked hard to improve his game and developed a strong style on the field, working well with David to have some great runs down the field resulting in quite a few goals.

## **Matthew Willis** (Captain / Inner)

By far the fittest person on the team, Matt was often using his speed to create dangerous plays down the field – securing his position as Inner and keeping Ricky from the forward line. We actually saw a less aggressive Willis this year, clearly the calming influence of Bec has soothed his anger as Matt only received one Yellow card this year and stayed away from his ever tightening shirts and tanning beds...Overall Matt played a great season and was an integral player on the team.

## Guest appearances...

- **Brent McGreggor**
- **Rory McDougal**
- **Warren Marler**
- **Shane Olde**
- **Steve McEntee**
- **Leo Welten**
- **Wayne Hudson** (Goal Keeper)
- **Dean Walker** (Goal Keeper)
- **Matt Hudson**
- **Bruce Porter**

A special thankyou to you guys, without your help throughout the season we would not have been able to field a team on several occasions.

And of course to our ever loyal supporters. Thanks for the words of encouragement from the side lines and to **Barry**, for always being willing to jump in and umpire for us when we need or to give the umpires instructions whether they wanted it or not.

# Midweek Masters Men

In a much more even competition this season, the Melville Midweek Vets have maintained their excellent form from the past couple of years to be one of the teams to beat this season. Indeed, for the first time ever, we were in the hunt for the Challenge Cup, only to fall down on goal difference - and we were competition leaders right up until Round 16 when we lost a tough encounter with last year's super stars Fremantle. As of writing we're probably about 50/50 for playing Finals this year.

Player wise, this was very much a season of consolidation, with most of us having played together for a few seasons now. Though we did welcome Darryl Hoad, from Willetton, to the team - and early indications are that he will be an asset to the team going forward. On the other hand, poor old Becks had nothing but bad luck this season, suffering injury after injury, and so missed most of the season - hopefully he'll be fine next year.

Aki, Jenno, and Scanners were outstanding in defence; Clarry, Mikey, Cookey (grudgingly), and Dave Ross - along with Temps, Apples and Dennis Loffell when required - were admirable in the midfield; and Marty, Watto, Temps, Wildy and Benny - occasionally bolstered by Daymon, Chippy and or Matty Read - often had a ball attacking the goals with gusto.

Last, and, of course, very least, Crowey stumbled and fumbled in goals in his own inimitable (thank goodness) fashion, week after interminable week. Fingers crossed he'll ...

# Womens Masters 2

It was my pleasure to manage the Vets 2 this year as Mark had other commitments and for that I am grateful. I have been able to enjoy watching some great hockey. We have had a pretty good year even though we missed out on the finals.

We started the year in a blaze of fast and furious play and were pretty to watch. We were well and truly holding our own, but as does happen, injury took its toll and we went from 4 on the side to scratching for a team each week and our finals hopes disappearing. However we maintained a good record and even managed a draw one week with only 9 players. For the girls who fell to injury, please get better and come back next year and for those that made it through the season, thanks for hanging in there and giving it that bit extra. It has been fun and thanks for letting me be part of that. Thanks to all who answered the call and filled in when we were short.

## **Lisa Anderson**

Every team needs a Lisa. She's a runner, a team player, skillful, always positive and even comes to hockey looking gorgeous with new hair doos!! You were an asset on the left hand side of the pitch. We are looking forward to you playing again next season.

## **Ann Armstrong-Boase**

Ann started the season playing a little further back on the pitch than she'd have liked to but has had a great year. Her strong, solid hit gets through to the forwards. The opposition have been seen quaking in their boots! Square passes and transferring play have also featured successfully in her repertoire. Well done Ann and we'll see you next year.

## **Vanessa Carmody**

Vanessa is our very own "energiser bunny". She is fast, skillful and above all a delight to have in the team this year. Her work rate is unbelievable. Maybe the rest of us should take a leaf out of her book and start running 35km a week! It is hard to imagine the team without Vanessa in it now and we hope she will be with us for many seasons to come. Congratulations on a fabulous first year with the Melville Ladies.

## **Marie Farrow**

Marie took over the "roo dog" mantle this year, she just ran and ran and ran. She took over as centre half and was constantly on the ball, ready to support in defence or in attack. Whilst her efforts were not always rewarded, she was a highly valued member of the team. Looking forward to next season.

## **Dehlia Goundrey**

Dangerous Determined Dehlia! Don't get in her way when she is on a mission to score goals - she will bowl you over. She has cemented her place as a natural left wing in the second half of the season, performing well on the left with Lisa and Vanessa. Dehlia gives 150% every game.

## **Janice Graham**

Janice is another new addition to the team. Another player we managed to tempt back to hockey this year. She is our little Scottish half back who has saved our bacon many a time. Janice is always where she is needed, strong and steady. Sorry that your injury caused an early halt to your season. We look forward to a good recovery and your return next year.

## **Allison Hall**

Allison is our right half supremo. She provides plenty of drive in attack and is a stalwart in defence. She thrives under pressure and doesn't let the pesky umpires (that's you Ross and Pat) get to her. You have had a fantastic season Allison and we know you'll be back for more next year.

## Womens Masters 2 (contd)

### **Jane Manning**

Possibly one of the most reliable and brilliant fullbacks we could be blessed to be playing with. Jane's definition of high full back is quite high but she is always able to get back. She gives it her all for every minute of the game. You are a joy to play with - come back again next year please.

### **Frances Mason**

It has been a pleasure to have Frankie on our team again this year. She is a valuable asset in the forward line, with a cracking hit across goals and with her solid tackle proving very effective in defence when her versatility has shone through. Thanks Frankie - see you next year.

### **Kylie Mishra (Goalkeeper)**

Kylie's commitment to her game is never in doubt and she can always be relied upon to throw herself into the thick of the action. She takes things in her stride and while she may seem a touch lazy lying on the ground, she weathers many attacks on her person with good grace. Kylie's pretty good at taking turns but when she yells "MINE" then get out of the way as she means it! Often a director of traffic. Kylie is also skilled at letting people know just what is coming and where you should be positioned. Another great season for our fantastic goalie!

### **Leanne O'Sullivan**

The blond bomb shell, positioned on the right wing. After the first couple of games Leanne found her form and with deft stick skills, added with a turn of pace, started to catch defenders off guard and find the back of the net. Quality on the wing, she would pick up the pass with ease and transition into the shooting circle setting up many opportunities for her fellow team mates as well as taking her chances. Leanne proved herself a valuable team member throughout the season. We hope your injury recovers well.

### **Theresa Rayfield**

Theresa is a great team player on and off the field. She played most of the year as right inner until injury placed her on the sideline. A very strong player in attack and defence, dependable and always creates positive play outside the D.

### **Allison Wheatley**

Allison Wheatley is our hard working utility comedian. She is dedicated and always reliably located in the right spot at just the right time. It has been fabulous to play another season with you. Look after that ankle of yours, we want you back next season! Thanks Allison.

Thanks to the fill-ins - particularly **Mini** who filled in on quite a regular basis towards the end of the season, it was so good to have you. Also thanks to **Maris**, **Mhairi** and **Sue** for playing sometimes in treacherous conditions.

Finally a great big thank you to **Jan** for her patience and enthusiasm at the side of the pitch and for her skills at recruiting the fill-ins. You're a great coach and manager.

# Womens Masters 3

## **Lindy Coss**

Lindy is our ever reliable goalie, even a broken toe couldn't hold her back. She has saved our butts on so many occasions we have lost count. Throwing herself around like someone a third of her age and keeping control in her D she is invaluable. Lindy also celebrated 500 games with the club this year. Congratulations.

## **Tricia Winyard**

Tricia is new to our team this year and we are so pleased she came. We threw her in the deep end as fullback and although she didn't think that was where she belonged, she was a marvel, with her great eye and powerful hit she was a strong part of our back line.

## **Tamra Eastough**

Tamra is another of our newcomers; she has added some much needed speed and youth to our team. She is always smiling even though she never knew from one week to the next what position she was going to play. Her strength and speed saw her playing mostly as a half or fullback. Thanks for a great year.

## **Peta Anderson**

Peta is another of our fullbacks, rock solid as always. Peta is always there for us and although she hasn't been feeling 100% this year you would never have known from the way she throws everything into her game, thanks Pete.

## **Helen Doyle**

Our ever reliable left half; Helen reads the play like no other and has foiled the oppositions attacks on so many occasions. The next time she feels the need to go trekking in Nepal though she must get a permission slip from the team.

## **Maris Margetts**

Maris is our centre half and the back bone of our team, where would we be without you Maris. She controls the play and delivers perfectly and is always talking to and encouraging all around her, it is a real pleasure to play with you. Thank you also for stepping up to coach when needed.

## **Lisa Dymond**

Lisa is our right half and we would be lost without her tenacity and drive down the right. Lisa runs all night and never gives up. She had a great year. Unfortunately she rolled her ankle on the second last game and we will miss her strength. Lisa is another that answered the call as a fill in and stayed the season Thank You.

## **Teresa Forbes**

Teresa is our right wing and she has had a great year. Moving from the left to right was a great move as Teresa found the back of the goals on many occasions this year, she just gets better and better every year. Well done Teresa!!!

## **Simone Brockman**

What can I say about Simone, she runs and runs and runs, making all of us tired watching her. She is a little terrier at right inner.. Simone is quick to lead and strong over the ball often leaving the opposition scratching their heads. Great year Simone.

## **Annette Williams**

Our ever reliable centre forward, Annette came to our team this year as a fill in (and never left) and immediately made an impact. She makes great position, and is always on the lead, as our youngest we rely on her speed and she always delivers. Thanks for staying with us Annette.

## **Lynda Forbes**

Lynda is our left inner and although she complains loudly at the cold and threatens not to play we know she doesn't mean it....

## **Jo Rosso**

Left wing/centre forward extraordinaire, Jo adds so much to our forward line. Now all we need to do is get that hami sorted. Thanks for a great year!

## **Louise Dixon**

Louise is our most versatile player, she never knows where she will play. I think she has had a go at all positions except goalie but I'm sure if we asked, she would don the pads. Thanks heaps Louise.

## **Annette Scholten**

Thank you Annette for answering the call to fill in on many occasions, often at the last minute, it is really appreciated. You even made the late game treks to Joondalup and Rockingham. Thanks.

## **Steve McEntee**

To our miracle worker/coach a HUGE thank you for giving us direction and insightful comments from the sideline. You have made a great difference to our game and given we don't train, your advice has been invaluable. THANK YOU!

We would also like to thank our loyal supporters, **Ash, Audrey and Geoff, Tony, Dylan and Chloe.**

# Mens Masters 40-1

Only our second year back in the 1s, and it looks good for us playing Finals again this year. This is no doubt due to the fact that the team is basically the same as last year - including the same occasional fill-ins; Apples & Daymon mostly, with the Ross brothers helping too - though, mostly without the injury-prone Becks, who had a lot of bad luck this season.

Even though we played some truly awful games this year - WASPS in Round 09 comes to mind - we also played some fantastic hockey too on occasions, and I personally have no doubt that when we switch on we're one of the best teams in the competition.

From the FB line, all the way through to the forward line, everybody put in some outstanding hockey this year. Aki and Wayne were often impassable (useful when you've got Crowey in goals), and Dennis, Stef, Scanners and Kev fantastic across the middle; leaving Watto, Cookey, Temps, Chippy, Clarry plenty of opportunity to attack. Daymon and Scally, when available, were also in excellent form.

All-in-all, a great season, and I think there's still plenty in the tank for a few more too!

## Mens Masters 40-2

Another really tough season for the hapless Div 2 boys this year. We thought we had sourced a top goalie for the season, only for him to pull out (without telling us) a week before the season began. This necessitated putting the fearless, but sadly grossly incompetent, Crowey in goals for the home games and fill-ins for the away games. Later on Becks, a former star in goals in his Seniors days at Subs (which we won't hold against him - too much), volunteered to help out - only to blow a calf after just a few games ... so back to Crowey ... sigh ...

We also had key players such as Ray Archemedei, Geoff Curry, Dave Ross and Ramma have a lot of injury problems, so a big load was placed on senior players such as Doaky, Ramma, Robby Thorn, and especially Greg Ross to lead from the front. And they did a sterling job. Big kudos to Wildy, who had a great season, and thanks to Ted to filling in towards the end of the season. Oh, and big thanks to Greg Ross for doing such a great job managing the team on game day.

We think we may have held off relegation, just, for another year - so we'll try and recruit a few players over the summer (especially a competent goalie), and give it another big go in 2013!

# Mens Masters 40-4

Men's Masters 40-4's started the year with a number of new players who had to settle in to key positions. We lost and drew some games before we started winning a few, we seem to have some close games against the top teams unfortunately losing some key games to the lower teams when we needed to be further up the ladder. We have had our share of injuries but when we did play well we were unbeatable and would have been a formidable team with our current form if we had made the finals.

Brett as always takes his role as goalkeeper seriously and has had some outstanding games. With Tony moving up to the 50's, new fullback and half players like Scott, Carlos, and David Joseph have been great defenders attacking the ball and driving the play forward. We have really missed Dean's input to the team play and hope he makes a complete recovery.

Some of our new players from last season like Rob and David Freo are getting better skills each game. Mark and Shane are already showing their up forward talent.

Gerald, Paul, Jaspal and Ian have been solid in their play all season and Gurmeet has had an outstanding season controlling the centre and driving players forward. Gus has missed quite a few games this season but is a consistent fit into the team in all positions when he's available. Thanks to those players that have filled in for us at times with appearances by the ever reliable Tony and the sure footed hard hitting Steve as well as a host of other players. A good season that we will probably close with a few wins and maybe a few beers. Well done guys.

Andrew Toogood  
Men's Masters 40-4 Manager

# Mens Masters 50-1

After a rather slow start to the season and a game 3 crisis meeting, we identified our problems and worked out solutions and started winning games as we knew we should. We have placed ourselves well for a finals run this year and hope to bring home another flag.

Our thanks must go to those who watched us week in week out. Our parents who used to watch us as kids still seem to get a kick out of watching us as slow, ageing men. We appreciate your support and thanks. Our wives, partners and kids who brave the elements and the beautiful sunshine – thank you also.

To Tash and Dylan who look after the card, best player voting and tasty snakes – thank you.

Thanks to all our regular players and extras this year – its been an absolute pleasure playing with you all.

Egg

## **Gary Bowater**

What can you say about someone who commits body and soul to the task of scoring goals. And Gary did just that this year with some outstanding efforts. Thanks for your help Gary.

## **Ron Chesny (Ches)**

Another nasty leg injury sidelined Ches for a large part of the season. We wish him well and hope he can take the field next year once again to display his speed and skill.

## **Graeme Coleman**

Graeme stepped up to help on a few occasions this year and proved again that scoring goals is easy for him. He seems to know where to be and often gets the last touch. Thanks for being there for us when we needed you this year.

## **Peter Dawkins (Pete)**

Mr Versatile. Pete was our swing man this year, playing everything from half to forward and doing it all with ease. His versatility made it easy for us to fill the spots left by injury or Dockers games but he showed he can do anything as well as score some sensational goals. A great season for Peter.

## **Hans Geers**

A pre-season knee scrape made Hans' comeback very difficult this year but when the time came to pull the boots on to make up the numbers he did so and the plan of receiving, swivelling and passing seemed to work (at least once). The inverted turtle with a roll came into play and he bounced up and carried on. Let's see how the knee goes in the finals. Great to have you back Hans.

## **Scott Girling (Scotty)**

We all feel a lot safer knowing Scotty is looking after our national security. However we have missed him in the latter half of the year. His run and stun and do or die attitude was an inspiration to those of us who couldn't do any of that sort of stuff. But watching from a distance was magical. Hope to see you next year Scotty.

## **Keith Harper (Harps)**

We win when Keith plays - we lose when the Dockers play! Shame 50/1 aren't on SportBet – we could make a fortune. Keith's run and skill helps us setup so many opportunities, it's no wonder he is such a key person in our midfield and forward line. His nickname BarnDoor doesn't suit him anymore as his hit rate is extremely high. We look forward to a finals series not interrupted by football games.

## **Colin Howell**

The silky skills of Colin had his opponents bamboozled on many occasions. Again his strike of the ball is deadly and short corners (that worked) were awesome but his field goals were out of this world. Colin's tactical and strategic knowledge of the game made our pre-game and halftime talks worth listening to and when we put his thoughts into action we generally won.

## **Wayne Hudson (Wayno)**

Even with a nagging leg pain, Wayno will never stand aside and leave us defenceless! His work this season has been sensational and we even saw him 'drop' for a save late in the season. The flexibility is still there. The new gloves made repelling the ball easier and safer and the fingers are better for them.

# Mens Masters 50-1 (contd)

## **Greg Hunt (Egg)**

Straight line Egg! A shuffle to the right and a swivel to the left. A couple of good goals this year none better than .....have I told you about the one I hit over the goalies left shoulder ..... The highlight for Egg this year was attaining 400 games (a long time coming).

## **Michael Jensen (Jenno)**

Are we glad we got Jenno back into the Saturday arvo games!! He has been sensational, holding the back line together and marshalling his team mates in front of him.

## **Patrick Matthews (Pat)**

Nobody takes the ball off Patrick. He still has the skill of his youth and fools all his opponents. He still runs ok as well which makes him one of our most dangerous attackers. His deadly strike saw many balls in the back of the net before the goalie knew what had happened.

## **Paul Meacock (Whip)**

Whip has had a sensational year controlling the defence and abusing the opposition forwards. With a couple of cameo performances in the midfield it gave him the chance to show what made him such a dangerous player in years gone by and also gave him a chance to abuse the opposition defenders. His body has held up well this year and he looks good enough to play summer this year.

## **Andrew Reynolds (Andy)**

Another sensational season for Andy. He turned our poor start to the season around by taking the left half spot and squashing the life out of any attacking forward moves by the opposition. Despite leg and groin issues during the season he ran and ran, never stopped.

## **Brian Robinson (BR)**

One of the best I have played with (and against)! BR marshals his troops so well. You know exactly where to stand and what your job is in any given situation. He is tough on his opponents, never giving them an inch and with his cousin fighting his fights for him he can stay clean and out of trouble. BR has had an amazing impact on our team. Great season BR!

## **Russell Scanlon**

Russell is our right half specialist. Nobody plays it better than him. He glides down the line to receive many overlapping passes and hits his targets with precision. No opposing left winger has a chance with Russell out there. Maybe its his hearing that makes him a right side specialist but he showed this year he can play anywhere – just prefers right half.

## **Steve Silvey**

Super sub Steve may well be the difference come finals time. If his knee holds up and we can nurse him through the games he will be a vital cog in the finals race. His harem are his first concern and we wish him well with that but our goal is the grand final flag and Steve will help us win that.

## **John Smith (Johnny)**

Johnny gladly accepted the request to play for us whenever we were short and he belied his age by showing us up on many occasions. He fitted into the team and followed the patterns like the pro he is and we thank him for that. Thanks for your efforts and support this year John.

## **Leo Welten**

A goal creator and a goal scoring genius. He is a fantastic player to have in the side but gets very annoyed if he doesn't get used. And to not use him is a mistake. His ability to beat opponents is amazing. He can manufacture a free any time he likes and his goal scoring ability is a sight to behold. Its been a privilege having you in the team Leo.

## **Neil Woollacott (Waldo)**

What can you say about Waldo other than he is our inspiration! He has shown amazing determination to be on the field this year and despite his body sometimes telling him he shouldn't, he has always contributed magnificently.

# Mens Masters 50-2

## **Chris Avent**

Fitter and faster this year, Chris took on the team management role, best described as “any which way but loose”. Baffled scientists have uncovered an exciting clue to what may reveal the ultimate fate of the Neanderthals. It seems the cave dwellers may never have recovered after going down 3-0 to Grandpa’s Primary School side.

## **Lindsay Borthwick**

Lindsey is one imposing character, a man mountain that scares anyone who comes near him. Lindsey is the largest guy in our team and that is an amazing feat when Pitch is also in our team. He takes the title as the largest hockey player in Vets at Melville, also Western Australia and Australia. When opposition players lay their eyes on Lindsey they have been heard saying WOW that guy has swallowed a bean bag and hasn’t been able to digest it. When he hits the ball (after many attempts) it goes a very long way.

## **Graeme Coleman**

Graeme has had another stellar year with a few moments of brilliance. Those moments were so quick that nobody saw them. In Graeme’s family his big sister Susan is very greedy because she took all the good looks, height, intelligence and hockey skills leaving him with an attitude and a very hairy body. With that hairy body scientists are investigating the possibility that Graeme is the missing link between man and monkey. Many games have gone past where Graeme hasn’t been able to stop the ball with his stick but there hasn’t been a game where Graeme hasn’t stopped the ball with his foot. His average this year per game is 6.75 foot stops and 1.25 stick stops.

## **Michael Jolliffe**

Commentary over the years on Mike’s performance has centered on his ability to disconnect his higher brain functions and simply react with lightning speed to incoming objects where they are a ball, a player or a beer. Much research has gone into his twitch reflex skills which puts him in the same league as the tiger snake and Al Marshall spotting a gold coin lying on the ground.

## **Robert Knyn**

Rob has had more diseases than Typhoid Mary but has still pressed on through the vale of pain and weariness to play this season. Eric and Rob are probably the only ones in the team that can take a full blooded full back drive and make it look like a push pass to them such is their stopping ability. From that point on Rob has about five paces before parts of his body start shutting down. It looks good but not for long.

## **Stephen Llanwarne**

If our social media king could concentrate his powers on the game rather than his twitter account (not sure he has any followers but strong self belief has never been a problem for Steve) or his witty repartee, then maybe there might be more goals. But who are we kidding. Steve provides the strong moral centre of the team and a sense of belonging – long live the Social media king.

## **John Maher**

John, the man with the magnetic stick this year, has done an FTroop and reversed defeat into victory many times. So often does he intercept the ball and rush into attack that the defence crew can often be seen leaning on their sticks conversing with Mike in the goals without a care in the world. We suspect that he has been getting some coaching from the Chinese as his performance has raised questions in the OIC who are now chasing a sample.

## **Alan Marshall**

Toyota is reviewing their sponsorship of “Oh what a feeling” Marshall after a rather constrained performance by Alan this year. Apparently Alan doesn’t have to score more goals but he does have to leap into the air waving his arms at least twice a game to fulfill his contractual obligations. The back line has decided to sponsor Alan 25 cents a goal so it could be a good earner if Toyota pull out. Each year Al has been getting better and better. He started from a very low base so that makes it easy for him to get better. He has scored a lot of goals this year and we are sure that one of them was on purpose.

## Mens Masters 50-2 (contd)

### **Bill Morrison**

Bill is the pivot around which the team revolves. Other men have tried to fill in for him but it is not the same. Bill is a bit like the tax man as he is always there lurking around taking a percentage of the play but unlike the tax man you always get something back. Another positive is that at the time of writing, no claret has been spilt which could be a season ender for Billy. Perhaps next year he will bring his own oxygen bottle to help those of us with less lung capacity, stamina and general ticker.

### **Eric Nell**

Eric, AKA Dog The Bounty Hunter is one wild character when running around the hockey field. He has watched on TV elite hockey back men who know what they are doing and tries many times to emulate them each game by trying to lob the ball over the opposition defenders to one of our forwards. One game, a while ago, he nearly pulled it off. Before each game Eric is seen trying to stretch his hamstrings to give him basic flexibility. His hamstrings have the flexibility of a brick and if his legs were 30cm long he would be able to touch his toes.

### **Roger Nottage**

Roger has been impressive this season and improved greatly especially as he showed up to play lacrosse. Roger has added some real poke to the half back line and enjoys a run forward. Mind you Roger has often found himself in front of the forward line and has had to entertain himself and the opposition until they have arrived.

### **Mike Pitcher**

Mike, AKA The Sun Dial has had another consistent year... consistent to all those other years where he talks the talk but can't walk the walk. (at least not very fast). Actually his full speed pace is walking speed with an occasional fall creating a large crater in the ground and shaking buildings within a 4km radius. Old age is catching up with all of us but particularly Pitch, he has forgotten how to pass the ball (although no one ever remembers who passed them the ball when they score of course).

### **Colin Slattery**

Fitter, Faster and legal this year which seems to have given him a new lease of life. Loves a run but often forgets the point of the game is to score goals and gets confused when entering the D as his natural instinct is to clear the ball out of the D rather than trouble the goal keeper.

### **Geoff Widdicombe**

Geoff has slotted in the full back role like he was born for it. He has to be careful his legs don't seize up and wither like other back men that end up using reticulation pipe a shin pads ... but that might take a few years yet for Geoff. Cool under pressure and not shy of wielding the axe and with some coaching Geoff could be a great back man.

**Frank Williams, Trevor Brockman, Andrew Wood and David Joseph** earned their Scrubber bronze star this year. Next year if there are more games the slander will commence.

# Mens Masters 50-3

We started off slow to form a team. 5 down from last year was a bit worrying. With help from our fellow teammates we must thank, Caddy, Tony, Andy, Egg, Roger, Terry and many more for filling in when we needed it. The recruiting drive was on and we managed to form a good team with more than enough numbers. Even with the above we have managed to finish the season in either 2nd or 3rd place. As the season progressed the team really came together. We trained on Thursday nights and during each gathering, politely discussed issues of great hockey value, and while tipping the odd ale reminisced of great goals scored and fine saves made during the games. Not a harsh word was spoken as we watched a flock of koalas flying over the trees. A great team has been formed and I hope it continues on for many years into the future.

## **Roger Bell**

Another good year from Roger having been put under a lot more pressure than previous years, he has excelled in the goals and marshalling the backline ahead of him. His half time commentary also invaluable and rock steady like his goal keeping. See you next year Roger.

## **Gary Bowater**

2012 has been a year never to be forgotten. Gary had a double bypass operation earlier this year that sidelined him until July. Being Manager of the side, Gary still came to our games marshalling the troops and completing the very essential weekly match reports. Since coming back to the field of play, his ball skills and relentless pressure on the opposition defence have carried on from where he left off last season. A very valuable team member and we're all very pleased to have him back so soon.

## **Trevor Brockman**

Trevor was promoted into the team this year, well done Trev! (we think you came from the Over 50 - Divi 2's) and it is evident that he is enjoying the higher standard of hockey. Trevor is a gritty hard-hitting defender and will happily rotate through the defence and is a pinch hitter left inside forward when we need one. He is a masterful reader of the game, a great distributor of the ball and has become a great mate to everybody else in the team.

## **Mike Coles**

"Newby" to the side this year, Mike has not played much hockey in recent years and is still a little rusty. However, his attitude to the game, the club and his team are second to none and with 2012 under his belt, I can see Mike being a much-improved player next year. Keep up the good work.

## **Tony Ganzer**

Tony has followed up from last year with another solid performance. His explosive pace down the left wing, constantly making himself available for our forward thrusts and always being around the goals for the rebound was an important part of our structure. Also his willingness to assist other players was well noted from the sideline. A true team player and credit to any team. See you next year Tony.

## **Matt Hudson**

What has not been said about "Matty", our Jason Akamanis. When he is on the field anything is possible and generally it happens. The "blonde hair" waving in the breeze as Matty heads off after the ball or the player whichever comes first. The recent birth of a son to this 50+ Vet, has not affected his pace or endurance, on and off the field, both of which are to be admired. The "Team" would be somewhat bland without our much appreciated mate, Matt.

## **Roger Kent**

Roger the dodger Kent, work horse extraordinaire, inner and can run like the wind all day. Has trouble stopping at that speed, so watch out opposition. Just needs to slow down for us old fellas to keep up. He has been an important part of our team and one of the keenest to get to the ball first. Well done and see you next year with a repaired knee.

## **Duncan MacPhail**

Duncan has started off new to our team, still learning the wonderful game of hockey. His keenness for the game overriding all adversity and over the season he has improved two fold from when he started. Position, tackling and basic skills greatly improved with Duncan on the receiving end of many passes while he was in the right position. Keep up the good work and improvement Duncan and look forward to seeing you next year.

# Mens Masters 50-3 (contd)

## **Steve McEntee**

Steve started a little late with the team. First game we all knew he was there with a smashing goal scored in the first half. Even though undermanned, we had a target up front who was prepared to give it his all or else. To follow on, Steve scored a bag of goals throughout the season and fitted into the front line as a senior member and motivator of the team throughout the whole season. Sometimes hard to do when you are club president but enjoyed his hockey until he had to rush off in an official capacity somewhere else in the club's enormous activity list. A great year Steve and look forward to seeing you next year on the team.

## **Johnson Orr**

Johno is the hardworking Manager of the First Division Team and manages to balance his own hockey career with First Division duties. It is a delight having Johno at left half, opposing wings rarely get past him and we all have become used to an excellent distribution of the ball from his position. Johno still looks like he is playing left handed and still doesn't hit the ball but that doesn't seem to diminish the quality of his play. Johno is also an accredited umpire and knows a thing or two about the rules of the game and in the past has been willing to let anybody and everybody know whether they have got their decisions right or wrong. To his credit, Johno put a lid on it this year and managed to stay on the field for the full 70 minutes in every game. Well done Johno!

## **Peter Oudejans**

Peter has slotted back into the side like he never left, picking up the pace of the game very quickly and feeding well to our forwards as we rebound out of defence. The injury to his knee has been a bit of a setback but when it is right he has been a most valuable player. Peter's sideline analysis is also invaluable and on the mark. Welcome back Peter and look forward to next year.

## **Tony Patton**

An addition to the side this year from the 40 4s, Tony has been outstanding in his contribution. He has constantly repelled opposition attacks into our backline with his well-judged interceptions and tackles enabling our rebound attacks to move into gear. The other half of the wall of pain, Inspector Gadget somehow always gets the ball and saves the day. Look forward to seeing you next year.

## **Bruce Porter**

Bruce amazes all of us. He has not slowed down one bit for years. Even his tackling has improved by disguise and stealth. Bruce has ruled the half back position for many years and somehow makes tackle after tackle with the cool decision of who do I crunch next. His half time assessment of the game is accurate and true and invaluable to our second half game plan. A great season by Bruce and he is a major factor to our winning season. See you next year.

## **Bob Preedy**

What a steadying influence Bob has been. The second half of the wall of pain in the back line. Many times Bob came dashing out of deep defence with the ball, launching us into attack one more time. Sometimes outnumbered, he always managed to keep his cool and work the ball through a line of attacking players to make the safe play. Unfortunately Bob dashed one too many times and pulled a hammy. Oh no, we all worried, but Bob is back after a break. Take it easy Bob, we need you in the finals and next season.

## **Leo Welten**

Leaping Leo, man with many talents, his stick skills that often bedazzle the opposition. Position and delivering the ball to a stick is the attribute of a very experienced player. Leo mainly played on the right wing scoring and setting up goals. It has been a pleasure to play with him and will look forward to next year's battle.

## **Frank Williams**

Frank is one of the Grand Final Champions from 2011 and earlier this year signed a life contract to see out his playing career in the Over 50's - Divi 3. Other than being a fine hockey player, the best thing about Frank is Mrs Williams who is our No. 1 ticket holder (in fact our only ticket holder) and has supported Frank and the rest of the team at almost every game. Frank has rotated through the halfback line and his cool head and pinpoint passing has set up many of the team's forward thrusts and goals. When a bit more drive is needed in the forward line, Frank often rotates into the right half position and has contributed with a number of goals this year (much to the envy of our regular forward line). Another great year this year from Frank, and his perennial fitness should stand us in good stead for 2013.

## **Andy Wood**

Doc Andy, an excellent and experienced inner with great knowledge of the game. Devout Dockers supporter who often divorces us on game day to go to the footy, the team definitely misses your input into the game when you are awol. Never says a bad word to anyone out on the field and is an absolute pleasure to play with. Hope the relationship continues next season.

# Mens Masters 60

After an improved year last year, and a promising start to 2012, the O60s have had a bit of an up and down year this year. On the other hand, through recent form improvements, we've started playing some really good team hockey, and risen to fourth (by the smallest of margins) as a result. Let's hope we can finish the season on a high note, and play finals to our full capability if we get there. Whatever happens, let's celebrate another year enjoying each other's company while playing a game we all love.

## **Robin Bailey**

Robin consistently puts in a good performance each game, usually at left half back. He's always there to back up, pass to the forwards and anticipate the opposition's moves. Robin thoroughly enjoys his game and shares enthusiasm, encouragement and advice. Look forward to seeing you again next season Robin.

## **Bruce Cadd**

A great Club man, who puts his heart and soul into his Men's Vets Co-ordinator role, Caddie is a passionate team member, who always does his best for his club and team, and has had a productive season up forward. Though often sharing game time with others, to ensure everyone a good turn on the field, Caddie remains a valuable forward and goal scorer whenever he plays, and is always good company, especially over an after-game beer, or on the many other occasions he can be found down at the Club. Thanks Caddie. Look forward to your good play and company again next year.

## **Geoff Corlett**

As regular team goalie and strategist, Geoff has been an important team leader over recent years, and continued in the same vein this year. A great student of the game, Geoff takes responsibility for organising team positioning and structure, and does a good job of advising us when changes are needed. Also a highly experienced goalie, he always positions himself well, and repels opposition attacks with great reflexes and skill. Unfortunately, the attractions of international Masters competition and the Olympics were too great this year, and saw Geoff head off for London late in the season. We look forward to welcoming you back next year Geoff, and expect to enjoy hearing about your Olympic experiences over a beer.

## **Ray Domingo**

Ray, the "come on" kid and our enthusiastic centre forward, is one of our major game makers. Ray is our principal goal scorer, collecting three goals during a couple of games this year. With his run and energy, it has been hard to find team players that can keep up with him. How many times have we seen Ray out front, on his own, going for goal. Hope that next year we can find some one to keep up with him. 2012 has been another good year for Ray, although he will be disappointed if the Team doesn't get the flag. Well done Ray for all your efforts this year and we look forward to the "come on" kid's enthusiasm next year.

## **Michael Goodman**

Wanting to be free to attend Dockers home games, Mike offered his services as an O60s fill in player again this year, and helped us out with great skill on 4 or 5 occasions. Fitness was Mike's only problem, but this wasn't surprising given the gaps between the times he played. Though possibly a question of team numbers, it'd be great to be able to welcome you into our team more often in future, Mike.

## **Pat Hall**

During the year, Pat gave us great mobility in the back line, at half back or full back, and stopped many opposition forward attacks, through his outstanding ability to read the play. Although he missed several games through work, or son Ross's hockey events and championships, Pat always gave 100% plus on the day. A top team and club member, who has committed many hours to the stewardship of our turf, Pat's many contributions to the club were acknowledged with the award of a life membership last year. Pat is always there to give guidance and support when needed, with organisational issues or hard to handle external situations. His help has been great in all respects, and we look forward to his continuance as a team member next season.

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## **Tony Illman**

Tony "Zim" Illman once again amazed the opposition throughout the year with his unique style in attack. However, there is no truth to the rumour Tony relapsed and thought he was back in the Rhodesian bush, chasing opponents down with a knobkerrie instead of playing on the tranquil grass fields in WA with a hockey stick! Tony is very focussed and committed in his game as he chases that white ball down, especially when an opposition player has temporary possession of the said round item. On very select occasions, Tony has also been known to politely enquire the reason for what are obviously mistaken calls by the umpires. So it is no surprise, Zim is considered a valued member of the 60's team and importantly, a great contributor to the Club. Thanks Tony.

## **Keith Jackaman**

My God... How did I get to do this???? Yes, I have known and played with "Skinta" for many years. Looking for inspiration, I returned to past profiles in club booklets to see if a window would present itself for me. Hmmmmm, it sort of did. "Believe It Or Not", nothing has changed from my earliest reference, the Applecross Club Bulletin, Year 63. You guessed it, "Skinta" + his Mum (who was on the "Social Committee".) ... HE was there ... just like "FOO", in longevity ... and Skinta has continually kept up the Social Committees Presence from that year forward. Skinta, aka Keith Jackaman, was there, and I believe will be there until he runs out of Taxi Drivers to take him home... I then progressed through many more years and still Skinta was omnipresent in his efflorescent presence. Two things that have not changed in all his years that I have know this person being a true "Clubman": 1. "IS TO BE FOREVER" late for the start of a game... 2. "IS TO BE FOREVER" dependable as a defender... . A good year Skinta. We are all slowing down, but what I like about it is that it is not noticeable, as we are all doing it together. C U in 2013.

## **Kingsley McGuire**

Kingsley has played at fullback for most of the season and has been solid in defence. Despite his dodgy knees, Kingsley likes to hit the long penetrating ball to our forwards and is renowned for trying to fool the opposition forwards as to where the ball is going (as well as the rest of us!). He kept his cool during the season and is mellowing like a good red wine. Thanks for all the words of wisdom at half time. Well done Kingsley for a good season.

## **Terry Parker**

Our trusty left inner. Terry has the skills to ensure he makes a solid contribution to every game. Whether attacking or defending his "eye on the ball" game results in many successful tackles and play reversals from defence to attack. He is often the link between John at centre half and Ray in the centre which has enabled the team to post a few positive results during the year. Terry enjoys a beer after the game and is a pleasure to play with. Another solid season Terry – well done.

## **Keith Platel**

Keith has had another great season but was concerned that we were winning when he was off swanning around Brazil midyear. He plays Mid Week on the turf, so is fitter than most of our team and the rest of the 60's competition. This has led to his move into the inside right position in the latter part of the season, away from his beloved right wing. Keith is a key player in our forward line and will be vital if we are lucky enough to scrape into the finals. Great season Keith. See you next year.

## **Geoffrey Riley**

Geoff is a very important member of our team. He always plays well in any of the positions on the field in which he is asked to play, and his performance as a stand-in goalie was a stand-out. He does what he has to do with a minimum of fuss, and does not show frustration when things don't go to plan. His smiling face is always there, and as our manager he was efficient, patient and always helpful. Possibly best of all he brings his wife Mary along to our games so we have our own cheer squad. It is no surprise that being such an asset to the team and being a general good guy that he (and Mary) are keen Dockers supporters.

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## **Tom Rushton**

Tom has managed to organize his hockey commitments better this year, as 2011 was more about an overseas holiday. Has scored a few goals playing forward, but is more of a "utility" player, as he occupies a variety of positions, in a hard working and reliable manner. As well, Tom has made a significant contribution off the field, to the Club's next development stage, using his expertise as an architect. Special thanks for your outstanding total effort, Tom.

## **John Smith**

After finishing last season with a bloody nose, it seems that John will complete this season without a fuss. Always quiet and unassuming John has a wonderful steadying influence in the centre of the field and with his hard work and accurate disposals he is a great asset to the team. Keep up the good work John.

## **Pieter Speyer**

Piet is a much improved player since he joined our club, about 3 years ago (if I remember). During his first year, he played only some games, as he was injured quite early in the season. In the second year of Piet's tenure, he spent most of his time as regular umpire for our games. After deep consideration, and a good break from the game, Piet has now emerged as a very strong and reliable defender, showing his skills as full back. His knowledge of the game is outstanding, and his cool manoeuvring tactics in the back half have led us to win more games. I am sure Piet will come back stronger next year, and we thank him for his fine efforts this year.

## **Kelvin Woodward**

With his ability to play wing, half or full back with equal skill and poise, Kel has been a great boon to the team again this year, adding great flexibility to the ways we've been able to structure our team. Well known for his ability to hit thunderbolts, Kel's long balls rarely fail to penetrate opponent's defences, and can quickly create attack from defence (when we're good enough to stop them ourselves!). On and off the field, Kel has also been a great team player, who always does a good job without complaint, wherever he's asked to play. Thanks for another good year Kel.

Now that the season's coming to an end, it's a pleasure to be able to thank all those who've helped us out in important ways through the year. Particular thanks to **Neil Ashley** and **Barry Hancock**, who've shouldered most of our umpiring load in good spirit, and done this very well. Thanks also to **Leo Welten** and **Rob Walker** for umpiring on the couple of occasions when Neil and Barry couldn't make it. Playing help from **Steve McEntee**, **Leo Welten**, **Dave Porter**, **Roger Bell** and **Murray Parker**, who all joined us for the occasional game, was also much appreciated. Thanks guys. Finally, a big thank you to Caddie for all his advice and support with team organisation and management again this year.

# Girls 11/12 A

Another year done and dusted and another great season on and off the field with such a fantastic group of girls and parents. After a few testing times with some certain issues earlier in the season we quickly sorted it out and concentrated on winning and competing to the level we all know we can. A highly skill full side went out on the field every game this season with 4 girls representing WA in different levels and several girls playing in our Willow Bridge side this season and most of the rest represented Melville in other women's sides.

## **Grace Bowyer** (Matchstick )

Grace had a fantastic year finding herself making her second school sports team representing WA in the under 16s competition in Tasmania. Grace also stepped up to make her debut for the Willow Bridge side slotting in with no problems at all. Grace, for next year I would like you to work on both your fitness and your outcomes in the circle eg. Shots on goal or corners. I hope to see you back again next year, Grace for another big year and more improvement as we have seen this year.

## **Madelaine Brockman** (Kent)

Maddy, or as she would hate Kent, was a consistent player in our side this year, rarely having a bad game. Maddy was one of our fullbacks this season and nearly always played on the strongest attacker and without any hint of doubt shutting them down for the entire game. Much like for Ash and Kirsten, I would like you to work on your early ball movement when coming out of defence however your marking, strength in tackles and over the ball was a great improvement from previous years and I hope this continues for you in the future seasons.

## **Aimee Clark** (I'm out of my mind be back in five)

Aimee had another brilliant season in all levels of her game. Aimee played all games in our women's seniors side playing most at centre half and also representing the WA unders 18s being one of two 16 year olds to make the side. Aimee I would like you to try and control your emotions for the next season and not let them control some parts of your game. I hope your incredible progression of skill will continue right through out next season and beyond!

## **Rhianna Clay** (Under my umbrelllllllaaaaaa )

Rhi was our little mute, only hearing her pipe up every now and then! Her quietness wasn't taking away from her role in our starting lineup in our strikers line. Rhianna always found herself in the perfect position inside the circle, always there ready for any cross balls that came her way. Rhianna, for next year I would like you to work on your trapping and elimination skills when one on one.

## **Amy Fullarton** (Fully)

Fully was one of our senior under 17s this year finding herself with the other year 12s in our front line. Amy for next season I would like you to work on your positional play when up front, knowing when to go and your outcomes inside the circle eg shots on target or getting a corner. I have no doubt you can continue your improvement you showed this year and play in many more seniors games in the higher levels next season.

## **Madeleine Harper** (The karate kid)

Maddy was another one of our senior players this year and didn't let us down in any way. For me, you improved a considerable amount over the season and this was evident throughout your recent games. For your future seasons hopefully in our seniors at the club I would like you to work on your strength in passing and trying not to get sucked into ball watching. Hopefully I can see you down at the club next season in the seniors and improving much the same as you did this year.

## **Paige Hudson** (The brick wall)

As the nickname says, Paige was our brick wall throughout the year not letting many goals at all past her. Paige your goalie work has been a notable improvement from previous years and you saved us in games on numerous occasions. For the off season and into next it would be good to see you work on your sliding and "taking out" of opposition players when faced with a one on one situation. I'm excited to see the improvements into next year!

## **Ashleigh McNess** (Smash)

Ash must have learnt her drag flicking skills off me... Not. Ash was lucky enough to again represent WA in the under 16s and also playing in every game of the Willow Bridge side coming against girls much older than her and having no trouble shutting them down. Ash, your progression of skill, drag flicks and overheads are something the club and I would like you to keep working on as well as trying to use the simple and early balls when coming out of defence. We would love to see you continue your senior role in the 17s side and the women's side into next year and beyond.

# Girls 11/12 A (contd)

## **Janelle Miller** (Dr Who)

Janelle unfortunately found herself struck down with illness this year and having to miss a handful of games due to this. However Janelle, much like Ashleigh and Grace, was lucky enough to represent WA in Tasmania and from all reports played really well. Janelle, for next season I would like you to work on your positional play and marking when you are across the halfback and trying not to get too sucked into ball watching. Hopefully next year we can see you away from all the sickness and complete the entire season!

## **Kathryn Rule** (Roadrunner )

Kathryn carried on her brilliant season from last year into this season. Kathryn was used as a core player in our midfield nearly always finding herself marking the opposition's player and 9 times out of 10 not only shutting them down but also having a high influence in our game. During the off season Kathryn I would like you to try and work on your strength of hitting and shots on goal when given the chance. I have no doubt your progression of improvement will continue into the seasons to come.

## **Anna Seibel** (NEIN)

Our second German Seibel at Melville this year and there is no doubt she is exactly like her brother! Tall, long limbed and exceptional skills are just to name a few points. It was a massive disappointment having Anna go back home as she was a pivotal part not only in the 17s side but in the Willow Bridge side too. Hopefully we can have you back at Melville one day Anna!!

## **Kirsten Silvey** (Frog)

This was Kirsten's last season in the juniors and one hopefully she never forgets. Kirsten was our "play in every line" player finding herself starring in most positions. One thing for seniors next year is to try and use the easier ball when coming out of defence. Kirsten your leadership is an evident quality in your hockey and one you can continue through out the rest of your carrier. Hopefully we will see you around the club next season and becoming a pivotal player in our senior women's side.

## **Georgia Wade** (Geegull )

Georgia was another girl who had a brilliant year, dominating the goal scorers list with numerous goals per week. She finally learnt not to use her feet or back of the stick and put in some brilliant goals. Georgia even scored a few hat tricks through out the year. Georgia even played her first women's game representing the twos and getting on the scorer's board again. If I was to say one thing for you to work on Georgia it would be your first touch eg. Trapping or moving in one movement. Hopefully by doing this you will play a lot more seniors games to come.

Thanks to the managers and helpers throughout the year with Briony and Megs completing all the book work and bringing all the lollies and fruit for Cactus and I, err, I mean, the girls eat. Thanks to Sue and Steve for coaching when we had seniors games and thanks to Dirty for his sport treatment work.

Special thanks must also go to the many girls we had fill in through out the season. Thank you to Monique, Sarah, Courtney, Lucy, India, Rachel, Serana. Sorry if there was anyone else I forgot. Without you girls we wouldn't have been able to field a side every week and be in the position we are now. And another mention to Denise for organising these girls for each week. Thank you for the gruelling and time consuming work you completed this year. It is greatly noted by all.

Another great year girls. Whoever is coming back for another year, be ready for another big season and another premiership. To the girls who have finished with juniors, all the best for your future both in hockey and out in the real world. I hope to see you at the club in the future.

Kyle and Cactus

# Girls 11/12 A Reserve

We started this year very strongly, making it into the A Reserves. With a few girls on the fringe of A's they showed their skill, ability, commitment and motivation in A reserve. After finding our positions we had a change of coaches and welcomed in Doose (Claire). This gave us lots of confidence and we ended up having a great season. A big Thank you to all the Parents who supported us this year, coming along to all the games. Also to all the 9/10 girls who filled in for us when needed. Thanks to Cynthia for Managing the Team each week and keeping me calm. (Definitely need a wine before AND after the games next year!). Thanks to Doose for Umpiring each week when needed. (Sorry Doose) Lucky you had the trusty whistle with you.

## **Dallas Campbell**

Dallas Started off with us at the beginning of the year, helping us make the A Reserves. Her work and school commitments didn't allow her to continue but she was a great asset to the team for the weeks she played. Maybe next year Dallas we can get you back.

## **Georgia Campion**

Welcome to Melville Georgia. It was a huge step up coming from another club and not knowing anyone. Playing mostly on the wing you have continued to improve each week and get into the game more and more. Great positioning on the post in our attacking 'D' and almost a few goals! Continue to develop your skills and maintain your motivation and you will succeed.

## **Ee-Faye Chong**

A big Thank you to Ee-Faye for coming back this year. She started off filling in each week and then decided to become one of the Team, even though she couldn't make training due to school commitments. We were very lucky to have Ee-Faye as she has become a very solid full back. She can always be counted on to stop the opposition in their tracks. We hope to see you back next year.

## **Ainsley Flood**

Ainsley has really improved over the season, and can run the legs off any defender with her speed. She has been filling in as Centre Forward when she gets the chance and really loved it, having many goal scoring opportunities. A pleasure to coach, always at training and trying your hardest in games, excellent to watch your confidence grow over the season.

## **Sarah Gerrard**

Sarah has been a very solid inner this year. Her commitment to hockey is exceptional, her position as inner limitless and she was found all over the field. Sarah hasn't missed a training session this year and is always there smiling through rain and hail, encouraging others to keep trying and to train hard. It does help when the boys play in skins. Continue to develop your hockey skills Sarah and you will go far!

## **Shireen Gibson**

Shireen is a very dependable halfback player, but has the ability to play almost anywhere. She always makes the job look easy and has a knack of just keeping the ball bouncing on the end of her stick whilst getting around the opposition. Shireen can get the ball amongst a mess of players and find one of our players to maintain possession. Good luck next year in women's hockey. We look forward to seeing you around the club.

## **Annie Gleave**

Well Done Annie, you have been a very solid Full Back for us this year. We really missed you for the couple of weeks when out with a broken arm. It didn't stop you though, at training each week with your arm in plaster still beating the boys. Very dependable, she has provided great stability in our defence, never giving up and making some very strong tackles to save us! Annie, continue your hard work and you will become a very talented player.

# Girls 11/12 A Reserve (contd)

## **Paige Greenwood**

Paige is another import, coming across with Courtney. Paige loves to play Centre Forward but is always very useful on the wing or as an inner. So many times she got the ball down the wing and hit a brilliant pass across for our wings to deflect in. Well done Paige. Good luck next year in Women's Hockey. We will look out for you around the club.

## **Erin King**

You have had a great season this year Erin, playing really well in the half back position and showing some flair when put on the wing. Erin you are always so relaxed on the field but never ever give up! You also put in lots of effort at training this year, great to see you there each week. Always strong on the ball and making some great tackles in defence.

## **Serena Mathews**

Serena has had a fantastic season. You are such a consistent, versatile player Serena, even managing to fit in a couple of games with the women's 3 team. Every week she has run her legs off as one of our inners, never stopping even when injured or sick, often found all over the field fighting hard. Your commitment to playing and training is unbelievable. It has been great having you on the team, you are a pleasure to coach.

## **Courtney McCartney**

Courtney came to us this year from an opposition club, a definite advantage to us! I have to say the Maroon really suits you Court, (Also Jo). Courtney can fit anywhere on the field and was also picked up to play with the 11/12 A girls. We loved having you in the team Courtney and will miss you next year when you move on into women's hockey. Your skills and sliding techniques are impressive and will continue to improve.

## **Niki McGowan**

It is great to welcome Niki to our club this year. Niki was our amazing goalie, who has had a great season. You have saved us many times Niki with your great skills as our last line of defence. We know with lots more training you will be formidable next year. I am sorry you didn't get a run on the field. You were so good doing one training on the field and one with the pads. Next year maybe!

## **Esther Power**

Esther has come to Melville this year after filling in for us a couple of games last year. You have been a really strong halfback, forward or wherever you were needed this year Esther. Your skill at reading the play and feeding the ball out has been fantastic. We can rely on Esther to always have lots of fire in her belly and want to dominate the opposition, your confidence on the field is great, always believe in yourself and your ability! We look forward to seeing you back next year.

## **Elyse Wilson**

It isn't easy having your mum as the coach each year. I have to say, Elyse somehow manages to cope with it. You are always reliable to play where ever you are needed, and never give up on the field, not stopping until you have the ball. It is a shame that you couldn't make the training on a Wednesday night due to work commitments. Never a dull moment with you around!

## **Alexis Young**

Alexis was our very dependable left wing this year. She shared this role with Georgia and they both played it extremely well. It was great to see so much improvement over the year Alexis with the culmination of that great goal scored. Alexis always put in a strong effort each week, always begging to go back on the minute she comes off the field! Her confidence continues to grow.

# Boys 11/12A

Well it's coming to the end of another season and we're gearing up for another crack at the finals. There have been some ups and down throughout the season, but it has been (mostly) a pleasure to coach them again. Dinner dances, balls, school hockey, TEE, exams, state hockey, holidays and senior hockey put together made things pretty difficult at times to make sure we had enough numbers for games, let alone having enough for training. We had some really good games and some not so good ones, but when the boys played like we know they can we were almost unbeatable. The major troubles we had this season was playing at this level for a whole game. Good luck to all the boys moving up into seniors and for those still in 17s make sure you step up next year! Thanks to all the 15s and Bs players that filled in for us, they definitely held their own and helped us out in a tough spot. And finally thanks to Corelle for organising everything behind the scenes and allowing Josh and myself to focus on the coaching side of things, it was very much appreciated.

## **Julian Bocking**

The goalkeeper of the bunch. For some reason that I'll never understand goalies seem to enjoy having balls hit at them at high speeds with only a little bit of foam protecting most of themselves. Luckily for us Julian is one of them and has saved many goals throughout the season. Unfortunately for him I don't know too much about keeping but I'm sure that his sessions with Tristan have been a big help in developing his game. With a little more calling and communication to his fullbacks he will become a very competent keeper.

## **Jake Coleman**

Just because he was the son of the manager didn't mean he got any special treatment, more often than not being made to bring the team bag to the next training. And I believe he only forgot it once, so almost a perfect record! Jake is a bit of a quiet achiever on the field, doing his job game after game and has played in almost every position throughout the season. But he has always done very well wherever he played, even sneaking in a couple of goals along the way. This versatility is a big strength and will help him to become a more rounded player in the future.

## **Jack Davoren**

Davo's ability to listen and take on advice is great. Even though he gets more cards than anyone on the team, he still pushes on and does his job, plus more. He is a very good marking defender and his ability to release the pressure from the other team is one needed in the team. He has improved immensely over the season and now is a confident hockey player. Just remember to always keep 2 hands on the stick when making a tackle and you will keep on improving your game.

## **Bryn De Bes**

Bryn has enormous talent and potential both as a player and a leader. He is very strong over the ball and has really good elimination skills. It was unfortunate that he couldn't play a few more games due to other commitments and injury, but in the games he did play he definitely had a noticeable positive impact. Keep attacking and being aggressive with or without the ball and you will keep playing at the higher levels of the sport.

## **Shaun Gibbins**

I'd suggest that Shaun tries joining up with a gym over the summer, maybe get a big tub of protein powder to try and put on some muscle..... Shaun has some silky skills, and a real burst of acceleration when he wants to burn around a defender. However sometimes this gets him into trouble when he tries to use his skills at top pace. A bit more experience and I'm sure his skills and speed will come together to cause trouble for the defenders that are in his way. Keep up the workrate off the ball and coaches will keep picking up on that in the years to come.

## **Jack Hallam**

Jack is another player who has improved greatly over the course of this season. His work rate and leadership in both training and games is one of his best strengths. As a defender his ability to find a pass out of defence is really good, and his tackling and defensive pressure is great. Like many young players, he can find it difficult when under a lot of pressure from the opposition, but this will ease with more experience. At least he has stayed on his feet most of the year and eliminated the head first diving tackles from last year.

# Boys 11/12A (contd)

## Fraser Hay

Fraser is a pure striker when he isn't trying to bring out his cricket skills and play a straight drive at a waist height ball. But does very well if needed in mid field due to his control when he has the ball. Fraser's ability to penetrate the 'D' and find the goals is top rate and exactly what a striker needs. Back tackling is not his strongest asset, but when he wants to he can do it, so make sure you keep working at doing the team things as well.

## Cahill Hunt

Cahill is deceptively quick. He may not move very fast with the ball, but how he moves the ball is really good. Outstanding individual skills but his ability to find a pass is a stand out. Just make sure you use your passing skills as much as your elimination skills. With a couple of pre-seasons under your belt your strength and fitness will start to match these skills and move you up into our top teams, so keep at it.

## Jayden Lawrence

Apparently Jayden is a forward in a fullback's clothes, always asking me if he could play striker. He finally got the chance when we were 5 goals up. All of that pleading netted him....zero goals, and a quick transition back to fullback when someone got a yellow card. You looked much more at home back there so I think you should stay put. His flicking netted us a few handy goals this year, while his intercepts and tackling ability was invaluable at the back. Maybe those loops give you better balance, so maybe you should think about upgrading them to the next size up for next year.

## Justin Pierluigi

Going from being a goal scoring machine in Bs last year to a much tougher grade in As this year seemed to take a little bit of time for him to adjust to. But I have seen a steady progression in confidence and awareness this year which has been pleasing to watch. Hopefully this will continue as he moves into seniors next year and he can keep on developing his game. If he keeps on focusing on making sure he carries the ball in a strong position and drive around the outside of defenders then I'm sure he will become a solid player for the club.

## Frank Reynolds

Frank's strengths far out weigh his weaknesses. His ability to tackle, find a pass, and beat players is amazing. He is a very smart hockey player and will go very far. I don't know how he doesn't get dizzy with the way he can spin and turn on a dime, but it just seems to confuse his opponents and allow him to create a strong attack from the back. His workrate was always really good, perhaps even running too much at times, but I can't really say that's a bad thing.

## Ryan Vickery

Vickers has had a really good year with the 17s, while also managing to get himself into the starting lineup for 2s. Whether it's having the ball on the end of his stick or shouting "Oh, and again!" after his second spinning around the back pass to beat the same guy, I can tell that he enjoys himself when he is near the ball. Chasing it and back tackling.... maybe not so much. But his workrate in 2s shows that he can do it when he puts his mind to it, so hopefully a couple more years in seniors will see him make this part of his normal game.

## Joshua Wakefield

A new addition to the group that we managed to poach from Vic Park. Josh's dance moves are apparently pretty good and judging from his spinning in circles on the field I can see the resemblance. Josh's strength on the ball is one of his best attributes and if he can combine that with a greater willingness to attack into the space he will become a top player at the club. Injury has taken a little bit of a toll on him, but his workrate has always been first class. Just try to simplify your game a little bit, pass when it's on, and use your skills when it's not.

From all the parents and players enormous thanks to **Evan** and **Josh** for volunteering your time to once again take on a coaching role. Special thanks to **Annette** for all things medical and to all the parents, your ongoing support of the team has been fantastic.

# Boys 11/12B (Maroon)

This year was Matt and my first attempt at creating a coaching dynasty, an empire which would shower our glorious club in accolade after accolade. Suffice to say, our dreams weren't quite realised due to the strain and confusion placed on the club by the introduction of the pooling system. That said, we believe that our team began to show a lot of its promise towards the end of the season and were extremely unlucky to not win more often. A big thank you to our many call-ups during the year and to Garry, our incredible manager, for keeping everything ticking along behind the scenes.

## **Cameron Addison**

I don't think Cam said more than 5 words the whole season to anyone. Cameron came up from the 15's to fill in an important gap as a half back, not only did he do this superbly but with his tagging skills he managed to take good players out of the game and became a regular in our starting team. With some development and focus, we look forward to having him in the future.

## **Justin Brooker**

Following Jack's lead, Justin is yet another younger player who had heard about the 'El Dorado' of hockey coaching and decided to jump up a grade for an extra challenge. Without a doubt our most improved player, Justin is a credit to hard work as he never stops running or trying in both training and game day. Keep up the hard work Justin, it'll pay off!

## **Jonathon Cornwall**

English is another player who came up to fill in for our 17s team even once filling in as a goalkeeper. He also ended up playing with us for the whole season. His versatility was helpful playing in positions that varied from the halfback line to a deep attacking right winger. He was by far the tallest, lankiest kid we've probably ever met under the age of 17 and he used his height and speed to his advantage. Great season English, we look forward to hopefully coaching you in the future.

## **Christopher Evans**

Chris has the body of a very developed 25 year old weightlifter, seriously Gary what do you feed him? He was by far the biggest kid in the whole 17s league and showed this once by 'steam-training' through one of the coaches during training. His strength on the ball was unmatched and he showed great leadership through his actions. He has a laidback persona but when game time came he was strictly business and showed it every single game. I don't think he had a sub average game all year. Well done Chris, we look forward to you in men's next year.

## **Brent Gauci**

Brent was a core player in our team having moved from a forward to a predominant midfielder. When he wasn't getting upset at his dad's umpiring and looking for the dummy he frequently spat out, he played some great hockey. His lovable self at training was a warming thing we had never experienced and he grew on us. With his keenness to learn and his passion to become a better player, Brent will have a very bright future at Melville!

## **Luke Hobley**

We had hoped that over the summer Luke would've begun listening to something a bit more cheerful than Parkway Drive, but nobody is perfect. The good news however, is that Luke has continued his good form shown last year in his midfield role and become an integral cog in the Melville machine. Hopefully Luke will continue with his hockey into Seniors next year whilst simultaneously discovering that there is more to life than screaming into a microphone.

# Boys 11/12B (Maroon) (contd)

## **Ben Joseph**

Ben has really struggled to find time for hockey this year as you can count the number of training sessions he's been to on one hand. That said, when he does turn up to play, Ben is a serious competitor who loves nothing more than to a) ask if he can play on the pitch or b) threaten to cage fight people, one on one. Hopefully Ben continues his hockey adventure next year into Seniors and finds time to apply himself better.

## **Sean Mansfield**

If Sean put half as much time and effort into hockey as he did posting on Facebook then, much like his brother Tommy, he'd be a shoo-in for the 2016 games in Rio de Janeiro. An extremely hard worker when on the pitch or at training, Sean possesses almost Zoolander-esque ability on the ball as he pointedly refuses to drag the ball right much to the surprise of opposition defenders and coaching staff. Unfortunately commitments to Year 12 have reduced the amount of time Sean could dedicate to training but hopefully next year this will be remedied.

## **Thomas Mansfield**

Tommy was another young kid who came up to fill in for us for the season. After hearing about the coaching quality that he was about to receive, his chances of making the Rio de Janeiro Olympics in 2016 went from a dream to a reality. Albeit younger, he was our main striker most of the season and earned us many penalty corners with his little 3D skills and quick drags. You had a great season Tommy and we look forward to hopefully coaching you in the future.

## **Matthew McDonald**

Yet another 9/10 who heard about the Geers/Bowater coaching project and eagerly signed up to play in 11/12s. Frequently referred to as "Bluey" due to his refusal to wear anything other than his blue jumper to training every week, Matt's dedication to training has seen him vastly improve this year and if he continues in this vein then he'll have an excellent future in hockey.

## **Conor Noone**

The curly-haired man in the middle of the park. The heart and soul of our team, Connor is a tireless worker whose consistency is something to be marvelled at week in, week out. Occasionally guilty of trying to do everything off his own stick but an absolute delight to coach. We look forward to playing with you next year in Seniors!

## **Jack Paterson**

Jack was one of the 9/10s who had obviously heard about our coaching abilities and decided to jump up a grade, desperate to be taught at the feet of such precociously talented coaches. Fortunately he's blessed with an eagerness to learn and quickly adapted to the physical nature of the 11/12s. Jack can frequently be heard screaming "PRESS" at the top of his voice, regardless of frequent promptings by the coaching staff to yell something with a bit more direction. His attitude stands him in good stead for the future and we look forward to watching him continue his development at Melville.

## **Jai Price**

Quiet, willing to listen to instructions and then carry out said instructions are virtues that Jai possesses in spades. Why the rest of the team can't follow Jai's shining example, we'll never know. Due to these highly desirable habits, Jai's hockey and in particular his positioning have come on in bounds this year culminating in his very impressive finish in the Melville derby. Good hustle young sir.

# Boys 11/12B (White)

This season has had many challenges, with disruption due to injuries, team withdrawals, shortage of players and often confronting much superior opposition. A big thank you to Andrew Toogood for stepping in to fill a gap in the coaching role mid season, and also thanks to our regular coach Steve Metcalfe. Also I would like to thank Corelle ( year 11/12 coordinator) for the assistance she has given the team this season. All through the year we have only been able to field full teams due to the excellent support from the 9/10 boys.

Despite the difficulties, the standard of hockey has remained high each week and will benefit most of these players that will be returning to 11/12 hockey next season.

David Dumas (Manager)

## **Rowan Ayris** (goalkeeper)

Rowan is a dedicated and passionate goalie. Without doubt he has been a huge contributor to our team structure. Generally every game this season Rowan has been in the thick of the action and works hard to make goal scoring as difficult as possible. Thanks for hanging in there, and good luck next year.

## **Jacob Campbell**

Jacob shifted from Maroon to White mid season and has been a welcome addition to our forward line, sometimes playing a role in the half back area. A great season from Jacob.

## **Ryan Day**

Ryan is a great team player, happy to fit into the team plan to play various positions mainly in the backline, generally one of the fullbacks. Ryan has improved his hockey throughout this season and has been a reliable player in defence. This is Ryan's last year in the 11/12's.

## **Nicholas Dumas**

Nick came to the team having played mainly half back roles. Nick has become a specialist left/right wing player this season, whereby he has worked in conjunction with the inner and half back to create some some great attacking moves. Great season Nick.

## **Samuel Elston**

Sam has enjoyed playing a strategic forward position mainly centre forward or inner. He always gives 100% commitment during the game. Samuel has many times run his heart out, to the point of exhaustion. He has been able to lift his game to combat often superior opposing teams.

## **Adam Kelly**

Adam continues to show excellent stick skills, being able to manoeuvre around more than one opponent. Great to see Adam this season passing off to the wing or centre forward when the opportunity arises.

## **Angus Lawrie**

Angus took the opportunity to join us at the beginning of the season, like a number of other team members he is a year 10 player. Angus has shown his speed around the field and has the leg speed to run down either the left or right corridor. Angus has been a great benefit for the team and displays versatility to play many different positions.

## **Andrew Metcalfe**

Andrew is a key player for Melville White, he often plays either a centre half back or centre forward. He is an excellent running player in the midfield area and is able to carry the ball to set up many attacking moves, he is also very keen to give instructions to other team mates. Unfortunately Andrew has missed a part of the season with a hand injury.

## **Sean Robertson**

Sean has generally played as a fullback. During the season he has improved his clearances from the back line and is able to assist our defence with some solid tackles outside the circle. It is noted that unfortunately he has missed a number of games.

## **Austin Toogood**

Austin is another player that moved from Maroon to White during the season. Austin is a skilled midfield player and is able to execute his ability to carry the ball down field and set up play in the forward half. Austin is a year 11 player and will be a valued player next season.

## **James Whiley**

James has very much grown into his role as specialist fullback, with true attributes of being a solid defender and not afraid to take on a large attacking forward running at full tilt, even if it results in possible injury. James is in his last year in 11/12's and has been a great player to have in the team, apart from sometimes arriving 1 minute before the start of a game!

# Girls 9/10A

At the time of writing this report, the girls were focused on playing finals hockey with one qualifying game left to play, sitting 4th and having to draw or win the last home and away game to make the finals.

It's been a more competitive and challenging year of hockey, as each game had to be played at top effort as no games came easy. The reality is that the 9/10 A grade is a big step up from 7/8's requiring everyone to take on a more professional approach while pursuing personal goals and team development. We had our ups and downs, some outstanding performances and some frustrating moments as well. All part of hockey.

Importantly, the girls worked hard all year, were prepared to learn, implement new skills and continued to develop a more cohesive team play.

Individually, many players displayed their best ever hockey this year which was extremely pleasing to see and shows that with good application great things are possible.

Phelie McGuire, an Irishman who was thought to be Scottish but came from the Netherlands to play with our men's top side was asked to assist with coaching and provided an excellent level of instruction, taught the girls some new skills and gave balanced critique when required. Unfortunately Phelie left us before year's end so as to prepare for the start of the European hockey season.

Lisa Dymond without a moments hesitation volunteered to be our team manager and has done a fantastic job this year writing the weekly team reports, running team sheets, submitting stats etc. which meant there was pretty well nothing left to worry about. A very efficient operator. Many thanks Lisa.

Don Miller made regular appearances when home from work and always enthusiastically encouraged our girls to play with discipline. The words REACT and PRESS must be entrenched in each player's brains by now. Thanks Don.

Finally, thanks to the support and big commitment put in by parents and families in the support of the girls this year.

Patrick Matthews

## **Rachel Harrup** – Inner and Captain

Rachel is an impact player that rarely misses opportunities to score out of right wing. Clearly one of the best players in the competition and has earned great respect from her fellow players and opposition defenders. Selected in the South Metro regional 15's team and only just missed out on state selection. Fantastic talent who can expect to shine even further in 2013. Well done Rachel.

## **Alison Watson** – Inner and Vice Captain

Alison is a most reliable person on and off the field. Very attentive and a good listener. A smooth skillful player with good ball skills. On many occasions this year Alison was asked to mark out opposition right inners and did this task with great effect. Not one to back off in tackles caused Alison to cop a couple of head knocks late in the season which required stiches on one occasion.

Alison, you are a very loyal team member and overly polite on the hockey field.

## **Lucinda Lefroy** – Centre Forward

One of the hardest running players who displays the range of qualities that make great hockey players. Has a great passion for the game as shown by her week in week out consistent performances. An exiting player to watch as she regularly twists and turns players as she dashes forward.

All we need now is to increase the goal tally.

Selected in the combined country 15's girl team.

## **Monique Sader** - Right Inner

Monique has become a much more tenacious and hard working player this year which now is complimenting her skill part of her game. Her strength on the ball is clearly an improvement this year as is her hitting. But stand aside because Monique has been known to spray the occasional hit which has everyone ducking for cover.

Keep working on your speed and ball carrying to space and you will achieve a new level in hockey. Aaaaand don't forget your hitting.

Also selected in the South Metro 15's girls team.

## **Bronwen Anderson** - Right half/Full back

One of our more versatile players who was called to play a number of defensive positions. Known well for her strong hitting skills (stemming from golf) she often turned defence into attack. Unfortunately Bronwen's season was cut short due to an injury sustained while dancing and she missed the last few games. Really unfortunate as Bronwen is a reliable and very required member of this team. Let's hope next year is your year Bronwen.

# Girls 9/10A (contd)

## **Courtney Fullarton** -Fullback

A raw talent that is expected to become a leading full back at MCHC. Just this year alone has seen Courtney improve her game noticeably. Courtney became increasingly versatile in her play as the season progressed and her confidence grew as well. Her strength on the ball, stopping tackles and powerful hit are well known trademarks but there is more to be had from this player. Courtney you have talent. Keep working on your speed around the ground, reading of the game and on ball skills and you will be the package coaches want in their side. Well done.

## **Monique Miller** – Fullback/Halfback

Monique is a hockey nut much like her sister and dad (not sure about Denise) and pretty much breathes hockey. She has become a much tougher competitor this year and has a fantastic attitude towards the game. Monique continues to develop her all round game (including her hitting!!!!) and has attributes that would expect her rapid rise to top level competition. Her work rate, excellent distribution and understanding of the game are great to see. That's why she plays centre half most of the time. And best of all she always has a smile on her face.

Selected in the combined South Metro 15's team.

Good stuff Monique.

## **Brittany Lawrence** - Halfback

Extremely popular team member who also loves her hockey. Brittany has taken advice, put it to practice, has pushed herself and has improved her hockey no end this year. Not satisfied with being selected for her steady efficient game style, Brit took it upon herself to raise the bar across all facets of her game. Well, it happened. Her on ball skills, on field awareness, passing, hitting, work rate (the list goes on) and due care and attention saw Brit become our regular and very reliable right half. Fantastic effort this year Brit. You should be proud of your efforts.

## **Natasha Clay** – Left Wing

Tash has played her best hockey by far this year. All the hard yards you have put in over the years is now showing in a much more confident and more skilful game plan and your ball control is far better now than ever before. You are much more an all round performer much more dangerous in attack and more goal scoring opportunities have come your way. Very pleased to see better drive down the left this year. Well done Tash. Great year.

## **India Nelson** - Centre Half/ Fullback and Vice captain

India has natural talent which is clearly evident in the way she plays hockey. For years now India has shone with the standard of hockey she plays and we all expect that she will play at the highest levels of hockey. Has an interesting sense of humour and breaks out into laughter from time to time. But still takes the game seriously.

Close ball control, big hitting and strong tackling are standard in India's game. Our main short corner hitter this year. Keep working on your running speed and you will reach new heights.

Also selected in the South Metro combined 15's team.

Well done.

## **Natalie Matthews** - Half back

Natalie has claimed left half as her own and took well the challenge of stopping some of the quicker wingers in the competition. She has been a much tougher and quicker defender this year and has developed her reverse side tackle. Is now causing much frustration to opposition players.

## **Rebecca Dymond** – Forward/Halfback (Wherever needed)

Rebecca was very deliberately selected in the team after performing very well in pre season selection trials when noted for her running, strength and determination. Bec covered many positions this year and became our Miss Utility. When needed to plug a hole or mark a player, Bec always took a positive approach to the task at hand and gave as much as she got.

Well done Bec.

## **Emily Hopkinson** - Goalie

Emily has been more assertive this year as her confidence has grown and her goalkeeping continues to improve. On many occasions Emily was last person standing but foiled many shots on goal, which included some memorable saves. With more aggression and movement around the D and perhaps a bit of sliding to go, will see Emily reach the next level in goal keeping and become even more difficult to beat.

Also selected in the South Metro combined 15's team.

Good year Emily.

# Girls 9/10A Reserve

The 2012 season was very tough for the 9/10A Reserve team. Losing 4 players throughout the season to various injuries, we relied a lot on the 7/8's to provide us with players. The girls really grew as a team this season, having some really close games against top sides and finally coming away with a win in our last game! A big thanks to Lena Hopkinson for organising fill-ins, the season wouldn't have run as smoothly without your help. Thank you to my amazing manager Allison Scarlett and also Andre Gauci, Scott Girling and Gareth Widger for helping out throughout the season. Also thank you to all the parents for your support on some very early Sunday mornings. I really enjoyed coaching the girls this season and I hope you all continue with hockey for years to come.

Brianna Coleman - Coach

## **Ciara Browne** (Centre Forward)

Ciara played at centre forward for most of the season and has a great ability to eliminate the players. In our attack, she is always in the right position putting the opposition under pressure and was very unlucky not to score a lot of goals this season. Ciara could also be relied on to work back in defence when needed and mark up tight on the opposing players.

## **Chloe Dawes** (Left Wing)

After her first season of hockey, Chloe was selected in MTIS and came into the 2012 season with some handy new skills. She played most of the season at left wing and has a fantastic ability to run the ball down the left and cross it into the circle which created some really great scoring opportunities. Chloe was also a great goal scorer for us this season.

## **Kirra Gauci** (Half back/ Full back)

Kirra played most of the season at half back and can always be relied on to mark her player well. She is a great distributor of the ball and also fitted into full back when needed. Kirra has a great reverse stick tackle and consistently makes intercepts during the game. Sadly Kirra missed the last few rounds of the season due to a fractured wrist.

## **Eliza Girling** (Full Back)

Eliza has been a key part of our defence this season in between her injuries. Her confidence as a defender grew as the season went on. Eliza's powerful hit, excellent tackle and ability to read the play made her a very difficult player to beat. I hope you choose to continue with hockey next season.

## **Amy Harries** (Full Back)

We welcomed Amy into the team about half way through the season after returning from injury and she filled a very big hole in our defence. She is a strong player over the ball and could be relied on to clear the ball from defence and give our strikers some great scoring opportunities.

## **Maddy Harwood** (Right Wing)

Maddy was the quiet achiever of the team. She found herself fitting into right wing early in the season and has a great ability to run the ball and quickly get away from opposition defenders. With a bit more confidence, Maddy will be a very dangerous striker. Good luck in 11/12s next year.

## Girls 9/10A Reserve (contd)

### **Malorie McLerie** (Goal Keeper)

Malorie was our goalkeeper for the season and her improving confidence and skills were a valuable asset to the team. She played some really solid games this season and gave great support from the back. Malorie has the potential to be a great goalkeeper and I hope you continue with the game for years to come.

### **Hannah Robson** (Right Inner, Half and Wing)

Hannah played this season between right inner, right half and right wing and it wasn't until our final game that I realised how great Hannah was as a striker. Throughout the season, Hannah gave us a lot of drive down the right hand side and scored an amazing goal in our last game and our first win! Keep up the great work and you will go very far.

### **Sophie Somerville** (Striker & Inner)

Sophie has had a great season this year as a striker and an inner. She is a very dangerous forward and has a great ability to eliminate opposition defenders and plays a key role in our attacking plays. Sophie can trap just about anything that is hit at her and her speed was also a great asset to the team this season.

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

Tegan is the most fragile and injury prone person I know and despite a lot of injuries throughout the season she never gave up and played almost every game. Starting the season at fullback, Tegan was great at stopping the opposition in defence and when moved to centre half she was a great distributor of the ball. A great season Tegan.

### **Sushmita Tantry** (Half Back)

Sushmita has had a great season, playing consistently well as a half back for the team. She is always in the right position to receive the ball and set up some great scoring opportunities for our forwards. Sushmita is a very determined player and is always trying to improve her skills. Keep up the great work.

### **Avril Widger** (Full Back)

A great fullback with an amazing hit and a really solid tackle. Sadly we lost Avril in round 3 to an ACL injury and she was greatly missed in the back line. Good luck with your recovery and we hope to see you back playing next season.

### **Kimberley Wynhorst** (Inner & Half Back)

Kim came back to hockey this season after a few years off and fitted into the team so well. She showed great leadership this year and could always be relied on to take the team warm ups. Kim played most of the season as an inner or half back and played consistently well every week, making it very difficult for the opposition to score goals.

A special thanks also to **Eliane Gebauer** and **Zoe Hopkinson**, our regular fill-ins, and also **Mikayla Stephens**, **Olivia Silvey**, **Tori Wade**, **Alice Marler**, **Trilby Widger**, **Kya Cromb** and **Melanie Brown** who filled in for us when we were down on numbers.

# Girls 9/10B Gold

This was an interesting group of girls for anyone to take on .....and along came coach Krystle. Our great coach was handed a team primarily blessed with defensive mindset and severely lacking in forward attacking skill. What we witnessed over the season was the development of lots of new skills, teamwork and some surprises up forward. Whilst the success wasn't overwhelming on the scoreboard, what was evident was the great team reactions and the shared enthusiasm on the girl's part and the ever grinning, proud gaggle of parents on the sideline.

## **Melanie Brown**

After playing mostly as a fullback last year, this season Mel displayed tremendous versatility, playing in nearly every position on the field. A fiery defender, Mel had a top season.

## **Isobel Christian**

From the first training session, Isobel's skills have improved in leaps and bounds this season. Mostly playing fullback, Isobel's height and strength have proved very useful in defence. Keep up the good work Isobel.

## **Emma Coughlan**

Our left wing Emma has improved over the course of the season, especially in her positioning and passing abilities. Keep up the good work Emma.

## **Phoebe Cumper**

With one of the hardest hits in the team, Phoebe is the sort of player that often made the opposition run away! Phoebe proved to be solid and strong, versatile in both defence and attack.

## **Alice Graham**

Alice has played just about every position on the field this year, including goalkeeper and she scored a goal! A quiet achiever, Alice always gives 100%. Thanks for your hard work Alice.

## **Emily Hardbottle**

Our dependable regular fill in, Emily, was a delight to have visit the game. She brought with her pace and gave us drive going forward. Thanks Emily.

## **Siobhan Maguire**

Our star left half; Siobhan is a workhorse. All season she constantly cut down the opposition's right side attacking plays. Great season Siobhan, keep up the good work (although less talk at training and more hockey please).

## **Loren Morphew**

A true team player, Loren has had a great season. She is hard working and this year was rewarded with a goal! Loren your enthusiasm for the game is great to see, keep working hard.

## **Maddison Moulin**

Maddie has had a top season, but she is definitely happiest at fullback. I think I made her heart skip before one game when I jokingly told her she'd be playing on the wing! A true team player.

## Girls 9/10B Gold (contd)

### **Karolina Olszewski**

Karolina kindly offered to double up this season, playing in both 7/8 and 9/10. A great goalie, no-one was scaring Karolina! Had some top saves this year, against some very tough teams. You need to work on bossing around your fullbacks a bit more! Great season Karolina, you were a pleasure to have on the team.

### **Elena Ryan**

Our solid centre half, Elena has come a long way this season. She pushes the team up in attack and endeavors to hold us there as long as possible. She tackles well and distributes the ball well to her fellow players. Keep working hard Elena.

### **Hattie Steele**

Reserved off the field, but explosive on the field, Hattie has proven to be an asset this season. Mostly playing inner, Hattie has displayed strength in both attack and defence. Top teamwork Hattie.

### **Sonia Urbano**

Preferring left inner, Sonia linked up well with her teammates in attack and always seemed to be able to get back in time to defend. Keen to train and keen to play, Sonia loves the game (and loves socializing with her friends in the team). Good job Sonia; you've had a great season.

### **Gillian Walker**

Gillian has had a great season, playing both centre forward, centre half and just about any other position when she's been asked. A strong tackle and a great hit made Gillian an asset to our team this year. Top work Gillian.

A great season was had by all. With special thanks again to Coach Krystle. Another thank you needs to go to our stand in coach (Paul) who delighted the girls with nonstop encouragement and cries of Well Done!!! And GO!GO!GO! Thanks also to our regular umpire Lee who did a superb job each week.

This group of girls somehow turned the task of early mornings trudging down to Fremantle in all sorts of disgusting weather bearable. So bearable in fact that it was really something quite enjoyable to see a team of smiling girls playing a great game early every Sunday morning. Thanks also to our fill-ins: **Emily**, **Amy**, **Amie-Lee**, and **Kya**. Well done girls on a wonderful season.

# Boys 9/10A

The 2012 season for the U15A boys did not go quite as well as anticipated. The boys started well with a gutsy win over Westside Wolves, however lapses in concentration over the following few weeks caused the team to drop points in games in which we were very competitive. This set the tone for the remainder of the year, we were always competitive in games, however lapses in concentration or perhaps a lack of self-belief caused us to concede goals in the dying minutes of games rather than score goals to put ourselves in a winning position. We would like to congratulate the boys on the endeavour they showed throughout the entire season and the never-say-die attitude that the group developed in the second half of the year.

## **Joshua Antoncich**

Josh had a great season this year, capped off by his selection as a train-on for the WA Under 16 Schoolboys team and multiple appearances in Melville's 2s team. Josh's basic skills coupled with some fantastic stick skills allowed him to control the centre half position and demonstrate that he is a premier player in the 9/10A grade. Moving into 11/12s next year, I would like to see Josh utilise his skills and change of pace to break lines and create opportunities going into attack. Great season Josh, looking forward to playing alongside you in the near future.

## **Henry Edwards**

Henry (aka Swanny) has some of the best stick skills I have seen. A lot of teams see him as a little harmless guy - that's until the whistle blows and he uses his skill and strength and shows them how it's done. Henry has had a good first year in 9/10s and he has a great eye for the goal. Well done Henry.

## **Andrew Howells**

Andrew has been a pleasure to coach and has always tried his hardest! He has great skill and works very hard. He just needs to work on staying focussed but I have seen this improve as the season has gone on and see a great future in you Andi! All the best mate!

## **Callum Joynes**

Callum is a pleasure to coach, always trying his best and working hard. Cal has very good awareness and with time and some work on his strength and goal shooting he will be a weapon in the future. Great year, Callum!

## **Ashley Ranford**

Ash has had a very solid year, making the South Metro Regional team and getting selected in the Under 15 State team, well done!! Has been the main centre-half but has found himself at full-back and inside forward. This is the first year he has scored more goals than his brother, and let me tell you his brother isn't happy. Great season Ash!

## **Jonathan Rayfield**

Jono had a great season in goals, making numerous saves to keep the team in games throughout the season. Jono's ability to save direct shots is fantastic, improvements in his sliding and decision making on when to come out of the goals to challenge the striker will see him become a very successful goal keeper in the future. Keep up the good work.

## **James Ross**

Jamie has had a very solid season, seeing him make the South Metro Regional team. Jamie is one of those guys that you can put anywhere and he will give you 100 per cent. He has a great eye for goal. With some added strength and awareness Jamie will become an even better player. Great season Jamie.

## Boys 9/10A (contd)

### **William Ross**

Will began the year as a striker, as the season progressed though, he moved to the half line and really found his calling. His strong channelling and tackling techniques along with his ability to find targets with his passes caused him to receive multiple mentions in the best on ground voting since his move to the half back line. With improvements in his receiving skills and ball control, 11/12s will see him develop into a well accomplished hockey player. Great effort this year Will, best of luck next year.

### **Jordan Rutigliano**

High work rate, strong tackling and his ability to read the play was the reason behind Jordan's effectiveness as the free defender in the backline. Jordan's consistency throughout the season and willingness to listen and learn made him a pleasure to coach and he has shown significant improvement over the season. Heading into next season I would like to see Jordan improve his receiving and passing skills to take his game to the next level. Well done on a great season.

### **Lachlan Sims**

Lachlan's enthusiasm, tireless work rate and neat stick skills made him a crucial part of our midfield. On numerous occasions Lachlan was given the job of marking the opposition's best player in an attempt to take him out of the game. Not only did he not give the player an inch defensively, he was able to run off his player and get involved in creating many offensive opportunities. Thank you for your efforts this year Lachlan, congratulations on a great season.

### **Matthew Tate**

Matt has had a very good year this year, playing for South Metro in the U15 Regional Championships and he has just been selected to play for WA in the Under 15s, all the best!!! He is a very dynamic player, playing anywhere, not only just playing that position, but putting in 100 per cent. He has great pace and can burn players with his skill and is a very good distributor of the ball! Great season, all the best!

### **Conor Thompson**

Conor played the majority of the season at left half, a significant change from the right wing position which he was used to. Conor's long reach in his tackling and solid basics allowed him to excel at this position, consistently winning his battles with the opposition's right wing. Taking confidence from his great season this year, including selection in the South Metro Regional team, I look forward to seeing what Conor achieves next year as one of the "senior" players in 9/10s.

### **Jonathon Thorn**

Jono had another great season this year. His consistency and strong basic skills was the reason for his selection into the U15s South Metro Regional team and his effectiveness at the fullback position. With another year still in 9/10s I look forward to seeing Jono become one of the premier players in the competition next season. Congratulations on a great season this year and best of luck for your hockey in the future.

On behalf of the team and the coaching staff we would like to thank **Dave Thompson** for managing the team this year, you made our lives so very easy, the email reminders with the location and time of the games were invaluable. We would also like to thank the parents for their support during the season.

Thanks again to all the boys, looking forward to seeing you continue to develop your hockey over the next few seasons.

# Boys 9/10A Reserve

It was a pretty tough year for the Boys who were up against some really good competition. All boys improved during the year and towards the end of the season were looking for each other and playing as a team.

A big thank you to our Coaches, Liam Woodward and Chris Morrison who gave the boys tremendous encouragement and support. We are very appreciative of the time and effort provided to the players.

Also a big thank you to the parents for their help this season, special thanks to Rohan Swan for umpiring a number of games.

Great year boys. Look forward to seeing you all, either in this team next year or around the club.

## **Cameron Addison**

Cam is a natural defender and is rock solid at left half back. He has very sound knowledge of the game and it is a pleasure to watch him play.

## **Christopher Appleton**

Chris' season was cut short with some pretty serious injuries which was a shame as he was stamping himself as one of our starting wingers. Chris always did just what we wanted him to do making him a valuable player. If he keeps at it he can go far. Hopefully he gets better soon.

## **Richard Beddoes**

Held down Centre-half with ease and always found space. Richo's huge work rate is amazing, he just kept running all year. We look forward to seeing him progress through the grades.

## **Greg Bloem**

The "little terrier"!! Greg is another one of our utility players who is all about attacking. Smallest one on the field but has the biggest heart and gives 100% every week. Keep up the hard work and you will go far Greg.

## **Bailey Brown**

Bails, along with Mason, has a severe dislike for push ups, and is frequently seen quoting famous movie one liners. One thing that sets Bails apart is his positive attitude and mental endurance to push himself, Bails also has a natural ability for trapping corners which is always handy. With that same mental talent, Bailey has the ability to develop into a great well rounded player.

## **Mason Co-Cliff**

Spends too much time around sandboxes!!! Mason found his feet at half-back this year and with maturity and experience, Mason will have the ability to play world class hockey.

## **Jonathan Cornwall**

All arms and legs but with such a good reach he is hard to get past. Reads the play very well, just needs to get a bit louder and take charge. Good season Jonathan.

## **Mathew Dixon**

POWEEEEERRRRR!!! Matt is a great talent to the defence, his natural instinct to pick the ball off attackers could see him playing higher levels of hockey.

## **Jamie Howells**

Jamie adjusted to the team quickly and was soon given the nickname 'Torres' due to his undoubted resemblance to the soccer star. He is often known at fitness sessions to get a stitch during the warm up lap, only to power through the rest of training with ease. Torres found his feet half way into the season proving to be a determined striker and was quick to build up an arsenal of skills and strength which frustrated opponents.

## **Mackenzie Love**

Hard year in goals but each week Macca would make some excellent saves. Covers a lot of space for a little guy. Quiet in the goals and loud out of them!!!

## **Tom Mansfield**

Tom was our expert winger for the season who would take it upon himself to get the ball from the half line, beat four players and then cross it to the post. Sadly no one was quick enough to keep up with him. Amazing effort all season Tom.

## **Jackson McReady**

Jackson was a late addition to the team but a much welcomed one. His contribution to the forward line was instantaneous and his ability to make the right pass cut opposition teams apart. Was always listening and wanting to improve which are attributes to becoming a great player.

## **Eddie Swan**

Eddie's presence on the field is usually identified by Greg's high pitched "Eddie Eddie" calls. This bloke also has a bidding rivalry with almost every umpire to have crossed his path, including his Dad! Eddie has a natural instinct for timing, which he uses to his advantage to be the go-to guy for goals, being the highest scorer in the team. Eddie has the talent to be able to read the play and has great potential for the future.

## **Jordan Templeman**

Mr Fix it!! His ability to play in any position was a huge asset to the team. Very commanding player and took charge when he had to. Keep it up Jordan.

Coaches: Liam and Chris

# Boys 9/10C

Overall a good and happy year, strange to say given the lack of results on the scoreboard but you get out what you put in and as a group the boys have trained hard most weeks. They've turned up incredible early every Sunday and got on with it. Turning up is mostly down to their long suffering parents, especially as many of the games were out at Guilford for an 8am start. I can only thank them and the boys for a mostly positive mental attitude.

Thanks to both my sons for their umpiring efforts when their schedules allowed and Fiona for her excellent efforts as manager. All bar one of the boys stay in this grade next year and with the team spirit they've shown they will taste sweet victory soon. Hopefully we can even get some games in our post code. Must mention in finishing Chris, Harry's dad, who provides the get up and go on the sidelines. The weeks he was not there we were not the same. I didn't think I'd enjoy this year, but coaching you guys has been fun and always reminds me why we play team sports. There are many in the club at the elite level who could learn a lot from you as a group.

## **Ryan Breuer**

Was our own Gibraltar at full back papering over the cracks. He and Liam Pratt formed a good duo at the back both tackling and clearing the ball well. Next year Ryan needs boots! Ryan turned up consistently for games and is a real team asset. We hope to see him back next season.

## **Caleb Cumper**

Marks and tackles so well. He has the skills to go further with his game. We just need him to be more in the moment and concentrate on the play. Hope to see you again next season Caleb.

## **Benjamin Gilbert**

Has shown improvement over the last few weeks by getting really stuck in and showing true grit. We hope you enjoyed it. More confidence next year will see you go even further with your game.

## **Hamish MacPherson**

Playing at centre half Hamish has run and run, and his skills have improved. Hamish is capable of a higher level next year if he trains well and wants to do it. A great season for him and we hope to see him back at the club next year.

## **Thomas Moulin**

Starting at the back our lacrosse double up goalie, Tom. He willingly played up from year 8 and performed well all year. He saved us many times from even bigger defeats. We hope he stays with hockey. Thanks for a fantastic effort Tom.

## **Harrison Ollier**

Harry our trick pony, all the skills with the ball, enjoying the game and never giving up. Good level of fitness kept him moving well. Next season think more about the play and keep getting in there to tackle tackle tackle!

## **Thomas Pinkerton**

Has a good hockey brain and uses it well. His skills are improving all the time. Keep working Tom and you'll get there. Keep at it.

## **Liam Pratt**

Did not miss a game all season. Has very good basics and hits the ball strongly. He is an asset to the team. The need for better aerobic capacity is all that's holding him back. Liam has the skills and attitude to get there.

## **Sean Reynolds**

Played on the wing and has genuine mongrel "tude" in the D and has played every position on the pitch when asked, including goalie. Sean has never let anyone down. Great teamwork and great effort this season.

## **Liam Sinnott**

Has been a threat to the other teams all year and looked really good up to the D. A very reliable player, just did not score enough goals. Needs a bit more mongrel!

## **Scott Stewart**

Played his first year of hockey and impressed us with his great attitude. Scott has also played wherever asked. His skills and confidence have developed consistently and we hope you keep at it. We've enjoyed your company and reliability this season.

## **Milorad Utjesinovic**

As centre forward Milorad has tried and tried, and run and run. He scored our best and first goal of the year. Decision making sometimes let him down. Milorad is at his best when he moves the ball on quickly.

## **Dylan Whetmore**

Is potentially a good player and a popular team member. Can be a little distracted, so work on that next season. Always fun to be around. Keep smiling tiger!

# Girls 7/8A

We had a great group of girls this year with a range of characters. Any bystander can see (and often commented) that the girls get on well from the amount of chatting that goes on at practice. We generally had to run quite a few “suicides” before the chatter shut down. In terms of the ladder, this was a season that could have been better. We lost points in a few games by conceding goals in the last few minutes, which left us all feeling gutted, and had some games where we lacked intensity. But most importantly we also had some huge highs where it all came together, often against top sides. As the season progressed, the girls played with more structure and width, and our press improved to the point where it probably influenced the shape and outcome of the matches. It was a pleasure coaching these girls. Lena and Dennis would like to thank Stuart for managing the team, those who reff’ed (esp. Kurt), and the parents for their support and encouragement.

## **Maddy Bedford**

Maddy started the season a bit timidly so it was great to see her improving in the second half where she was more tenacious and confident. Sideline calls of “Go Mad!” sound more abusive than encouraging, but she knows what we mean. Good work on carrying the ball up the wing, slipping the defender and getting your crosses in. Let’s build on that next season.

## **Tanya Brits**

Tanya spent most of the season at full back but can play up high too. She is a reliable defender with a good hit, she chases down well and generally comes away with the ball in a 1-on-1. She always works hard both in first phase tackles and in cover defence and never shied away when charging out during short corners. Being a full back she copped some knocks, but didn’t let them affect her play. Good commitment Tanya.

## **Eliane Gebauer**

Eliane had a great season in a range of positions, but was probably most effective at centre half. In one game though we were getting punished by a right wing so Eliane was drafted into left half and closed that attack down completely. Her work rate, commitment to the tackle and strength on the ball were great to see and lead to her well-deserved selection in the regional side.

## **Molly Hagen**

She is our socialite and we all know when Molly arrives. Molly started the year well and ended it even stronger. Great leg speed and strength on the ball made her a real threat to most teams at centre forward. On the right wing, Molly penetrates well and has learnt to attack the base line and hook back to one of the girls on the P-spot. This year she developed as a player and is running great leads, offloading well and getting into the press early. Fantastic season, Molly. Congratulations on being selected in the State Under 12’s team and for winning gold in Adelaide.

## **Sarah Hicks**

Sarah is a quiet achiever. She has a great shot at goal and that has come through in the games towards the end of the season. She has mainly played inner where she tracks back well and works hard in attack. Sarah is always open to advice, and takes the advice into the game. And its great to have someone quiet to balance the team.

## **Zoe Hopkinson**

Zoe probably started the season a bit flat and found she wasn’t enjoying centre half. But the 2nd half of the season she played a lot of wing and got her spark back. It was great to see her drive and combining really well with the inners. Her calling and positional play lead to great penetration and the enjoyment was there for all to see. Well done in making the regional team and the final round of state trials.

## Girls 7/8A (contd)

### **Danika Kirk**

Dani has been fantastic in goals. We had games where she was under pressure for long periods and she held her ground and pulled off great saves. She has really good presence in the goals and doesn't hold back in attacking the ball. Well done on state selection Dani - we're proud of you.

### **Kirsten Loffell**

Kirst was handy at full back and played a lot at outside half this season (which pleased her no end). She is determined in defence and generally comes away with the ball in a 1-on-1. If she is beaten she works hard to get between the play and the goal, and has an instinct for covering in defence when the play comes down the far side. Well done on making the final trials for regionals (pity about the early mornings though).

### **Alice Marler**

Alice works hard in attack and defence and has a tenacity in ball-carries that sees her making it through when most others would have been stripped. She is a pleasure to coach as she listens and you can see her implementing in the game. Her Dad chose the wrong game to offer money for each goal – there was much laughter amongst the parents as Alice scored each of her four goals. She worked hard all season and made the final trials for regionals for the U15's.

### **Olivia Silvey**

She has been ultra-solid and composed in defence and her hit is a feature of our attacking short corners. She reads the game well and takes good options when after making the tackle. Livvy was the team's unanimous choice for captain and filled the role brilliantly. She dragged the chatterboxes into line and kept up the encouragement. Well done on your leadership.

### **Mikayla Stephens**

Mikky is terrier-like in stature and tenacity. She has a great work rate, good stick work and must be a pain to play against because she will run you down. Mikky is the team's biggest tease, generally picking on Tori or Molly, or anyone who would react. Her ability to play a range of positions (and stick to each of those positions) makes her really valuable to the team. Well done on a good season.

### **Victoria Wade**

You always know if Tori is in the group because the volume increases. She is fast and works hard with good strength on the ball. You always know where you stand with Tori and she let's us know if she doesn't understand our instructions. Its been great to see her learn to hold her width in the wing, and she showed real promise at outside-half towards the end of the season. Tori generally helps with the feedback and suggestions at half time. Thanks for giving 110% each game.

# Girls 7/8A Reserve

Overall this was a difficult season for all the girls and I'm so proud that they managed to keep it together and score a win at the very end. Due to illness and injury, lots of players were asked to play in positions in which they didn't have experience and all performed to the best of their ability. It was a hard season against a lot of tough opposition teams, and despite the lack of wins I think the girls' gritty determination to make it through the season will result in them being stronger and harder to beat next year. A big THANK YOU to all the 5/6A players (Abigail, Cassandra, Eilidh, Eva, Jade, Lauren, Lisa and Neasa) and their families for supporting this team and filling in when we needed you. A big, big thank you also goes to Jenny Ross who was a fantastic team manager and whose help in finding substitute players, organising oranges and making sure we all rocked up at the right field at the right time was very much appreciated.

Dee (Coach)

## **Paige Brickhill**

Paige is a reliable, dependable player who consistently played well throughout the entire season. She was inseparable from Trilby on most training nights and supported her during matches as a strong centre half. Paige always runs back to help to defend and is in the right place at the right time when needed. She is a strong player who keeps trying even when she is visibly tired.

## **Margaret Clarke**

Margret only played a few games for us at the start of the season and all the team missed her when she left. Margaret has a good hit and was a strong forward player. She worked well with the other players in the attacking line, and had a good eye for spotting gaps in the opposition defences.

## **Grace Clavey**

Grace is an enthusiastic player, who communicated well with the rest of the team. Grace played in a number of different positions throughout the season, but was capable as a half back across the field. Grace provided suggestions and input at trainings and game days. Unfortunately illness prevented Grace from playing a number of games, and I hope she can have an injury free season next year.

## **Kate Davoren**

Kate worked solidly as fullback this season and was an essential part of the defensive team. She made a surprise debut as the team goalie in our second last match and was amazing in goals! Kate is friendly and boisterous and you always know when she is around. She has a good strong tackle and defensive skills that will be an asset to any team that has her next year, but would improve further if she attended regular training sessions.

## **Aimee-Lee Dowsett**

Amiee-lee listens well and is dedicated. She doesn't give up and supports team mates by running back to tackle in defence and then carry the ball forward into attack. Amiee-lee has played left wing for most of the season and can be depended upon to try her best (despite the sore knees!) Amiee-lee's tackling skills and positioning on the field has improved over the season.

## **Katherine Dumas**

Katherine joined the team a few weeks into the season and took a few games to find her feet but then went from strength to strength. Katherine's strength over the ball has improved and she just doesn't give up when tackling. Katherine played a number of different positions this year without complaint. Katherine's enthusiasm occasionally resulted in her drifting from her set position, but her support was valuable wherever she was on the field.

## Girls 7/8A Reserve (contd)

### **Emily Hardbottle**

Emily is a fantastic attacker who has an instinct for goal scoring that Melville players often struggle to obtain. Emily generally gives her all and has a great hockey attitude. She is a versatile player and is ferocious on the field in both attack and defence. Emily's war cry when she ran out in defence of short corners was particularly notable. Emily also supported the Melville 9/10 B girls when they needed an extra player.

### **Mia Kelly**

Mia's skills have improved immensely this season and she has picked up strength in tackling and position play. Mia is great at training because she listens and immediately takes on board suggestions and tries to improve her play. She has developed into a stronger player throughout the season, even filling in to play as fullback during a winning match. A solid quiet achiever.

### **Karolina Olszewski (Goal Keeper)**

Karolina was put under a lot of pressure this year, as we played many defensive games against tough sides. Karolina has a good attitude and didn't seem to let the pressure get to her. Unfortunately Karolina suffered an injury at the end of the season and was missed for a few games. If Karolina keeps improving her skills and works on clearing the ball from the circle she will be a very valuable player for any team next year.

### **Amy Ross**

Amy is a great all-round player. Her steady presence in the back line was essential this year, and unfortunately she did not get to play in attack as much as she would have liked. Amy shows skill in attack and could certainly grow in this area if given a chance. Amy was often in the last line of defence and made several good saves throughout the year. She has also supported the Melville 9/10 B girls when they needed an extra player.

### **Claudia Sader**

Claudia is a fantastic right wing, and has the skills and abilities to play in any of the attacking positions. Claudia has a hard and accurate hit and her stick skills are very high. When Claudia stretches out those long legs she flies ahead of the opposition. She has a good head for where to pass the ball and stays very calm under pressure. A very reliable, capable player who will be an asset for any team next year.

### **Aysha Stroobach**

Aysha is a great player who really gives her all when she plays. Aysha is strong over the ball, runs fast, tackles and makes good passes. Her stick skills have improved over the season. She is tenacious with the ball and doesn't give up. Aysha showed that she was a good all-round player by being willing to play in different positions when required.

### **Trilby Widger**

Trilby is a strong player who worked well with the other attackers. She has a good hard hit, can run fast on a break away and was central on most of our attacking short corners. Trilby was missed by all the team when she left to go travelling for a few weeks in the middle of the season, and it was great to have her back to finish off the last few games. Trilby shows the flexibility and skill required to play in any of the forward line positions.

# Girls 7/8B Gold

This season has been a time where many of the girls have improved in their game to a point where results and improvements are starting to show on the field.

They are a fantastic group who have shown a high level of commitment to both training and their team mates.

I am sure if the season was longer better results will start to flow as their current position is no reflection of their abilities and effort.

Many thanks to our manager Steve Ryan who has been a great support to myself and the team this year, not only in communication but assistance with weekly reports and team voting.

## **Kate Atkinson**

Kates game has shown an increased level of maturity and ability this season. She has taken on new ideas and put them into practice with great results Kate will only improve as seasons progress.

## **Charlotte Coggin**

I identified Charlotte's on ball abilities early on and gave her the important role of Centre half. To her credit she embraced the role 100% and on many occasions kept running the entire game. Charlotte has also gained an increased level of skills and these are now beginning to show on the field. A solid years performance.

## **Kya Cromb**

Kya, as our goalie, has been very positive in her approach to training this season. This has resulted in a great performance in goals with many great saves being seen over the course of the season. Her growing ability will do well in future.

## **Olivia Fruzynski**

Olivia has really improved in leaps and bounds this season. For a girl who started with very little knowledge, she has grown to be an integral member of the team. Olivia always tries her best on the field and takes on suggestions and puts them into practice. Olivia will continue to develop and improve as time goes on.

## **Poppy Goerke**

I have had the pleasure of coaching Poppy on 2 occasions now. She is always smiling and brings that happiness to training and the games. Her strength over the ball in recent weeks has improved markedly and this is helping in both her confidence and ability. Poppy will continue to grow as a hockey player and I will be watching her progress with interest.

## **Sophie Hamdorf**

I often refer to Sophie as "the rock". This year she has taken a lead role in defence and played her position with maturity and strength. To Sophie's credit she has taken on new skills and put them into practice week after week with excellent results. Sophie will only get better and I hope to be able to coach her again in the future.

## **Bailey Irvine**

Bailey came to our team later in the season. Although she did train with us on our Tuesday sessions from the outset and then continued with the Thursday group. Bailey has worked hard on her game to bring her level up and results are starting to flow. If Bailey continues to improve and grow as I know she can then next year should be an exciting one.

## Girls 7/8B Gold (contd)

### **Harriet MacNevin**

Harriet has a skill level to which she hasn't fully realized, and it is only just beginning to show in her game. Her confidence is growing slowly and as time progresses she will grow into an outstanding player. I saw her ability early on and have been trying to drag out that great player hiding within. Harriet has been a great contributor to the team and has always trained at a high standard.

### **Jessie McDonald**

Jessie was a bit of a surprise packet for me. It was only a position change which brought to my attention what Jessie can bring to the team. Her running game is outstanding and it is only now she is realizing her own skill ability and potential. This was reinforced on our last turf game where she played an integral part in attack and the goals which resulted. Well done on a great season.

### **Christina Ryan**

Shy and unassuming until you give her a hockey stick. Christina has had a great season this year. Her skills and ability have increased markedly from the start, due to the fact that she listens intently at training and gives everything a go regardless of difficulty. One of the best block tackles on the team. Although short in stature she stands tall on the field.

### **Emma Shaw**

Brought a cheekiness and laugh to the side. Could always count on Emma to be smiling regardless of how the team performed. I have watched Emma grow now this season to become quite an accomplished player. Well done this year Emma, will see you in future years no doubt.

### **Maartje Van Lieshout**

Maartje is another player who came to the team with a lot to learn and absorb in a short space of time. To her credit she has stuck to her commitment to both training and the team and this definitely showed in her performances on the field. I am pleased Maartje has improved so much this year as this will put her in a great position in seasons to come.

### **Rebecca Vanderzwan**

What has been pleasing is Rebecca has now gained a good level of skill and ability and brought it each week to the game. Her run across the halfback line has been solid this year, and she has become an integral part of the team. Great season this year Rebecca, well done.

# Girls 7/8C

## **Aki Etelaaho (Coach) – Year in review**

It has been an up and down year and I hope that the girls have gained some new friendships and skills through the journey. Many thanks to all the parents for your support and to Coral for your assistance and help in keeping everyone informed of training and game locations and start times.

### **Bailey Irvine**

Bailey was our centre forward for the first third of the season and was promoted to the B side when some players left the top squad and there were players promoted up the grades to make up numbers.

### **Bryanna Martin**

Bee is full of character and life and always tries her best out on the field. Enjoys having a chat down back then pressing forward out of defence, Bee was a great part of our defensive group.

### **Ella Hall**

Ella went along to the Bunbury hockey weekend this season and played with the A Grade players and picked up some wonderful skills. She put those skills into practice every week she played for the C Team. Our regular left inner, she would get into the play and distribute the ball forwards to team members creating many chancers on goals.

### **Emma Donaldson**

Emma had a very serious injury half way through the season and had to miss a few games. That didn't stop her though, as soon as she was well again she came back firing harder than ever putting in her best effort. Great ability on the left wing, driving attack from defence along the sideline to many plays on goals.

### **Erin Robinson**

Was given opportunities to play a few positions this year, which she played well, but lacked fitness to play out a full game.

### **Katelyn Etelaaho**

Very determined and always strong on the ball, stopping or slowing down the oppositions' attacks down the left side of the field. Enjoyed being a part of the team and attending training.

### **Kristine McRobert**

Kristine worked hard as an inner at the start of the year then moved back to the left half position. As her fitness improved through the year so did her skills.

### **Nadia Komagai**

Nadia only joined our team late in the season but was a welcomed addition to our team. Since she has joined our team she has shown great courage and strength.

### **Naomi Yuen**

Naomi enjoyed giving the ball a smash from defence and is a tenacious tackler, one of our regular full backs; she left the club near the end of the season when the family moved overseas.

### **Phoebe Lawrie**

Phoebe joined the team mid-way through the season and was warmly accepted into the group. She played right half, wing and inner.

### **Rachel Clarke**

Rachel played mainly as the centre half and was the play maker delivering the ball from defence in to attack.

### **Sophie Hackett**

Sophie is a gutsy player, who left the club to go to Fremantle due to the lack of opportunity to play in a higher grade at Melville. Very disappointing to lose a player with ability to another club.

### **Rhiannon Wickham**

Rhiannon enjoyed the company of the other girls; pushing and dribbling the ball wasn't her preferred way of playing, she preferred to swing hard at the ball not always making contact. Played on the wing most of the year.

Our 7/8 C team started strong at the beginning of the season with the girls all having great team spirit and working well together as a team making them strong contender in this grade. Unfortunately circumstances changed and we had players leave the team half way through the season making each week a struggle to find players. Without the wonderful support of the 5/6 girls, some weeks we would not have been able to play. So a big thankyou goes out to all of those girls and their parents who assisted us in our time of need.

We would like to make a big THANKS to the following players who came down; **Sophie Beckwith, Kayla O'Sullivan, Sam Chisholm, Ciara Thompson, Stella Brown, Zoe Polglase**; we all greatly appreciated your help this year.

# Boys 7/8A

The season started off a little shaky given that we as coaches were away for two of the four weeks before the season, making selections very hard and the team's preparation very disrupted. Unfortunately that carried on into the early part of the season and saw us struggle to get going in games, resulting in our position on the ladder being far below what we had hoped and expected.

To the boys credit however, the second half of the season saw us begin to dominate games, with the players starting to implement the instructions and game plan that were in place. It was startling to see the improvements on the field when the boys learnt to focus pre-game and concentrate on specific instructions, which really came down to respect and attitude. Luckily for the boys, they had two very experienced coaches when it came to having big egos and bad attitudes, and we could relate and help them through some difficulties they may have had.

Ultimately, the hockey that this U13A's team were playing towards the end of the season shows what a bright future these players, and Melville as a club have, and we can consider ourselves a touch unlucky to miss finals.

Big thanks must go out to Kate Page our manager, who has done a tremendous job keeping us and the boys in line, as well as making sure everything is organised for the team so that all we have to do is turn up and play. We also greatly appreciate the effort of Brad Potter who has dedicated many Saturday mornings voluntarily umpiring, as well as any other parent or sibling that has kindly umpired for us. The support of all the parents at trainings and the games has been highly valued, as well as the boys for their efforts in ball boying this year. Thanks for a great year, and we look forward to working with these very talented players in the future.

Tim & Ross.

## **Benjamin Clark** (Space Cadet)

Ben is a great kid with a lot of talent, but often had us questioning what planet he was on through his ability to get distracted at the slightest thing and his tendency to ask outrageous questions. For example, half way through a half time team talk, Ben thought it would be a suitable time to interrupt us and ask if he could play left half. This was just down to Ben's natural enthusiasm though, and he was very effective as both a striker and a half back, which earned him a spot in the regionals team. Ben's ability to score goals, as well as stick to an opposition player like glue just showed the contrast in positions that Ben can excel in. If Ben continues to work on his receiving skills he will find it a lot easier to score more goals. Well done Benny.

## **Samuel Cocks** (Wolverine)

Sam is another 13 year old who looks older than us, and I'm pretty sure has already got more facial hair than both of us, hence he got the name Wolverine. Sam made left half his own position this year as he would consistently shut down opposition wingers and distribute the ball confidently. It was a pleasure to coach Sam due to his willingness to listen and learn, and if we can continue to work on your positional awareness and composure with the ball you will become a very solid player for the future. Well done Sam.

## **Jesse Floyd**

Jesse has been one of the biggest improvers in this team over the season, and has flourished in his midfield role with his natural elimination skills and ability to receive the ball on the move. This talent is rare at his age, and something that we as coaches identified early on in the season. Able to create something out of nothing and generate our attacking play, Jesse played an important role this year, and has a fantastic attitude towards the game and trainings. As Jesse matures in the coming years, he will gain greater strength over the ball and this will see him hopefully improve at the same rate as he did throughout the year. If Jesse keeps working on his defensive positioning and awareness then his progression as a player will be something to watch closely in the future. We are excited at the prospect of coaching Jesse again in the coming years.

# Boys 7/8A (contd)

## **Dylan Forbes**

Dylan is another 11 year old playing up a grade and another one who doesn't look out of place against the bigger and stronger boys. Dylan is never intimidated by playing up, and often showed why he was selected for the U12's state Schoolboys team through his ruthless approach to the game and his smart creation of play. Dylan was another player who was played in all three lines, and when we asked Dylan where he would want to play he constantly replied "I don't mind". Dyl's commitment to hockey is already evident through his personal coaching sessions with Ross – it's just a shame that Dylan showed up and Ross didn't...at 6am (Sorry Dyl & Theresa). Well done Dylan, we look forward to coaching you in the future.

## **Benjamin Hall (Kamikaze)**

Ben is someone who we like to refer to as a 'kamikaze defender' as he plays by the law of "take the ball or the player, but never let both through". Some instances would see Ben charge at a 50/50 at 100mph and either take the ball cleanly or make sure the opposition player was in no position to get past him. Ben's physicality and desire to win the ball is a talent many kids his age don't possess, and often saved the team from a certain goal. Good to see some Melville Mongrel in you mate, channel that aggression wisely and you will have a great future.

## **Jordan Kirk (GK)**

A 13 year old who looks older than both the coaches. Jordan's presence was one of the reasons he was selected as goalkeeper for the 13A's as he took up the majority of the goal just standing still. Jordan is a talented shot stopper and this saw him selected in the 13's regionals team. Jordan could become a great keeper if he is committed to the cause, and makes his massive presence felt on the field. Well done Jordan.

## **James Manassis (Goal saving/goal scoring machine)**

James was instantly a favourite of Tim's simply because he supported Arsenal. James was plucked from the 7/8A reserves two weeks before the season started and given the opportunity to train with the A's. James proved to us that he belonged in the A team and was an irreplaceable right half. James is another who has a willingness to learn more, and for this reason grew into his position throughout the season. Constantly making goal saving tackles, the team often had James to thank for not being down 4 goals, especially against Fremantle. Continue working on your hitting and positioning James, and we will see you next year for another successful season.

## **Nicholas Page (Tackling Sensation)**

Nick possesses a certain expertise at making some, erm, 'agricultural' tackles, most likely from his Kiwi heritage, and something that reminds us of a young Tim. Nick's work rate and aggression can not be faulted, and it is this reason that sometimes he just so happens to steam roll the opposition. It's okay Nick, we know the intentions are good. Nick's work rate was inspirational at times, and throughout the season he blossomed into a talented midfielder. His ability to eliminate players and work into space is an admirable feature of his game, and along with his defensive commitment, is a reason that he was so effective as an inside forward in this grade. Well done Nick, see you in the future.

## **Kyle Potter (TB/)**

Kyle has made the step up from 5/6A's to 7/8A's a year early, meaning he is 11 and playing against 13 year olds. However, Kyle was never out of his depth and often showed the older kids how to play the game. What Kyle lacks in silky stick skills, he makes up for with his utter desire and strength. This would see Kyle dominate the game from either fullback or centre half, resulting in him asking us week after week who got three votes. When Kyle puts his mind to the task and forgets about the distractions other things pose, he is easily identified as a gifted player. We look forward to the next two years in 7/8A's with you Kyle.

## **Alex Rayfield**

Alex's versatility has seen him play in all three lines during the year, being a rock at fullback, a dominating centre half or a goal scoring striker. Alex has a natural touch on the ball that many other 13 year olds don't possess, and his stick skills are well above average, as well as his excuse making when it comes to running. Alex should be commended on his inclusion in the state 13's team, however, Alex shouldn't let this hold him back from improvement. If Alex keeps setting his goals higher and higher, and doesn't rest on his laurels, he will be a top grade player for Melville in the future. Alex, when you're at the tournament, concentrate on the hockey, not what your next hockey stick should be! Congratulations on a very good season Alex.

# Boys 7/8A (contd)

## **Will Reynolds** (Incredible Hulk)

What Will lacks in size, he makes up for in muscle. Surprisingly, none of Will's shirts have ripped this year due to his bulging biceps (much like Tim's). In all seriousness though, regardless of Will's size, his attitude towards training, playing and improving as a player are the reasons Will has the potential to be such a successful hockey player. Will was often the loudest player in the team with his encouragement and positive attitude. His stick skills often help him get out of tricky situations, and along with a very high work rate and his knowledge of the game, Will was often the spark the team needed to start playing well. The best thing about Will was his ability to do what we asked of him, which was highlighted by his goal against Fremantle at the back post. When Will develops a little bit more physically, he will flourish as a hockey player. It was a pleasure to coach you Will, and we are very excited for the day you hit the gym!

## **Mitchell Tate** (Another Tate?!)

Mitch filled in for us for a few games during the year, making the step up from 5/6A's. To Mitch's credit, he was thrown into the deep end a few times and managed to keep his head above the water every time. Mitch played various roles for us throughout the year, as a striker or a centre half. Mitch is a very exciting prospect to have, and we are very excited at the prospect of having Mitch in the team next year. Thanks for your effort Mitch.

## **Joshua Watkins**

Josh has the potential to be one hell of a striker, and it's for this reason that he is a player that coaches love to hate. Josh has the ability to eliminate a defender with ease, often making them look silly with his smooth and controlled stick skills. However, Josh, if you do wish to go far with your hockey, you need to work on knowing when to eliminate a player and when to pass, as you don't necessarily have to beat a player every time you get the ball. It has been a work in progress this season, and if we can get that aspect of your game right, then you will be very effective as you progress. Also keep in mind having your bottom hand further down the stick for increased strength, both on the ball and when you're making a pass. The prospect of you getting this part of your game right excites us, as we know that your ability is just about unmatched. With the right attitude you can become a great player, and we congratulate you on a really impressive season.

## **Daniel Whibley**

First things first, Dan supports a terrible soccer team in Liverpool – sort that out mate. Dan struggled in the first half of the season, and trying to fit him into his preferred position of centre forward was often difficult. To his credit, however, Dan was probably the most improved player in the second half of the season. Dan's improvement came in putting two hands on the stick, being aggressive towards winning the ball and using his size to his advantage. This would often see Dan steal the ball from the opposition and use his excellent stick skills to weave his way into the D to earn short corners. Dan's not one of the quickest guys in the team, but if he can focus on using his strengths to his advantages, then pace won't be an issue in the future. Dan – your improvement in the second half of the year has been exceptional, and has been very pleasing for us to witness. Keep spiking your hair for games, you have to look good wherever you go, we get it. Well done pal.

## **Tony Ziegelaar** (Kony)

Tony was another one who was plucked from the A reserves before the season and slotted in nicely to the A team. Tony possesses many admirable features such as positive aggression, good receiving and elimination skills, and positional awareness. These talents combined are what makes Tony such a great player to have in the team, and he can play in two or three different lines. Tony's enthusiasm at training was always evident, whether wanting to have fun or pick fights with Tim. When it comes to game time, however, Tony is able to change his focus to playing hard and winning the game. Tony should aim on working on his defensive work rate, as well as execution of his passing. Getting these simple things right will ensure that Tony develops his game to become a very effective hockey player for Melville moving forward. Well done Tony.

# Boys 7/8B Gold (Maroon)

This year's B grade competition has been pretty even. We have had some wins, some losses and a fair few draws. I have seen the team play blinders where we have nearly taken down the top team and games that we didn't quite play to our potential. Overall this year has been a lot of fun. A big thank you to the Widger family who provided us with great umpiring all season!! Another big thank you goes to Cassie Hughes who was manager of the team and made the season run very smoothly. Well done this year boys!

## **Ben Belke**

Ben has improved a greatly this year and has been one of the hardest working players. He has done the hard stuff like making tackles and running back to cover that wing on the post and believe me it has definitely played its part! Great work this season Ben!!

## **Connor Deaville**

Connor has showed a huge improvement from last year. As he pushed up into the midfield it made a big impact on the game because he never stopped running, if he was beaten he would work back again and again. At times it looked as if there was more than one Connor on the field. As you learn new positions you will only get better! Well done to a great season!

## **Lachlan Deaville**

Even though Lachie was not as passionate as he was last year, he did see the season through and was a credit to the team. He shows talent as a versatile player who can play midfield, defence and attack. Thank you for your efforts this year. Nice work!

## **Brendan Delaney**

Now, if you know Brendan you will know he isn't exactly the biggest player on our team. I have, however, seen Brendan take on much bigger opponents and beat them! Brendan has potential to develop into a dangerous player. Keep on working hard and you will get there!!

## **Nicholas Deluca**

Nick has been a strong force in the midfield and in defence this year. Hardly anyone could get by him. He did some great stuff in the midfield and showed improvement over the season. He is a very solid player and will continue to develop. Well done Nick!

## **Jayde Elliott**

Jayde is a quiet achiever in the forward line. He has pleasantly surprised me more than once this season with some of the things he has done helping his team members. Continue to work on your basics and you will improve. Thanks for your effort this season.

## **Mitchell Hayward**

Mitchell is another who has greatly improved from last year! Over this season I have seen him progress to be able to make good quality tackles to getting some shots on goal. He works very hard off the ball, constantly running. Keep on trying and you will do well!

## **Sean Hird**

Sean would have to be one of the most consistent players of the team. With outstanding stick skills and his 100% attitude it has made a big difference to the strength of our team. Keep practicing your hitting, forestick only, and you will definitely go far! Well done this year Sean!

## **Jordan Lukan**

I was told early on that Jordan is one of those players that will swing at anything! In the first game we saw it and he scored a goal. This year has been a fairly low scoring year but not with the lack of trying and Jordan definitely tried! Great work this season Jordan! Great work!

## **Joel Raja**

Joel was a late addition to the team as fulltime goalie and to be honest, I don't know where we would be without him. This season he has pulled off some miraculous saves and kept the opposition goal scoring to a minimum. Well done Joel!

## **Henry Scurry**

Henry is a very valued player to the team. As much as he hates fullback he didn't complain when I put him there. He is a very strong tackler and showed excellent positioning knowledge. Keep working on your hitting and your strength over the ball and you will be a prodigy in the midfield. Thank you for all your efforts this year! Well done!

## **Eugene Tang**

Early this season it looked as if Eugene was trying to find his feet. Towards the end of the season I can surely say, he found them! Eugene is another who has shown a huge improvement from the beginning of the season to now. He makes a big impact in the midfield and has worked very hard. Keep working on your hitting and you will go even further. Nice work this season!!

## **Mitchell Widger**

Mitchell is by far the most entertaining player this season. If it's not him making a run down the line towards goal it's him doing a handstand or running around with his shirt on his head every time we scored a goal. You have great basic skills and have again improved this year. Well done Mitchell!

# Boys 7/8B Gold (White)

I had the pleasure of coaching a group of boys of mixed experience and ability this year. While we weren't as successful on the field as we would have liked, the group formed a real bond by the end of the year and we improved across the board. I would like to thank Carol Cadle for managing the boys, and all of the parents for making my job very easy. I would like to specifically thank Mike Love for standing in for me when I went away and for being a sounding board through the year. Finally thanks to all the boys - I hope you enjoyed the year as much as I did, and will see you all back at the club next year.

## **Brysen Cadle**

One of our more experienced players, Brysen held down a variety of defensive spots, but is probably best suited to fullback. Gave us a lot of strength at the back, helped stiffen an inexperienced defensive unit, and is always handy if you want to borrow some hair products.

## **Preston Giumelli**

A few games into the year I was astonished to find out that this was Preston's first time playing hockey. He has a natural feel for the game, his basic skills are solid and he will over time develop into an excellent fullback. Great to have around the team.

## **Henry Rogerson**

Henry was the cornerstone of our defence this year - solid at right half, rarely beaten, and providing excellent linking movement with Mitch and Tim. It is really pleasing to see him start to demand the ball through his spot and create play upfield. I have no doubt that if he sticks to his game and keeps developing he will be an asset at the club for a long time to come. I hope to be there when you finally score THAT goal.

## **Seth Butler**

Seth is truly an ideas man - he has a theory for everything. He is a joy to have at training due to the energy and humour he brings, and his effort on a Saturday cannot be faulted. As I write this he is still searching for that elusive goal - maybe this week?

## **Jackson Parker**

That very rare thing at Melville (in my 30+ years anyway) - a natural striker. Jacko is one the most coachable kids I have ever worked with, always willing to listen and to have a go, and was rewarded for his efforts by scoring a number of goals for us this year. He was a large part of our success, and his partnership with Tim was fantastic to watch.

## **Ben Hawkins**

Ben played striker all year, and by the end of the year he was one of our most improved players. Needs to work on positional sense, but his desire and work rate really improved by the end of the year, and will continue to as he sticks with the game.

## **Cam Surtees**

The most improved player of our group this year, little Cam looked at me like I was his mortal enemy when I asked him to play half back for the first time. He then proceeded to dominate the opposition for the rest of the year at left half. Excellent stick skills, great 2nd and 3rd efforts, and made a terrific half line combination with Mitch and Henry.

## **Harry Clark**

Harry had never played before this year, but it was difficult to tell that based on his run and understanding of the game. It is always hard starting out, but he worked diligently to master the basics and was rewarded by significant improvements across the board. I really hope you stick with it Harry - another year of development like this one and you will be an excellent player.

# Boys 7/8B Gold (White) (contd)

## **Cam Sinnott**

Big Cam, the other ideas man. Cam played most of the year at full back before being released into the forward line towards the end of the season. Cam works hard at his game, formed an excellent defensive partnership with Preston, and provided me some memorable moments of humour, generally when suggesting outlandish ideas for tactical changes in the middle of games.

## **Mitchell Batten**

Little Mitch plays the game the way I think it should be - hard, but always with a smile on his face. He was thrown into the midfield a lot this year, and always worked as hard as he could even though he is more suited to a striker role. He is a great example of the best thing about this group of kids - no matter what I asked him to do he just got on and did it. And smiled the whole time. Great stuff.

## **Mitch Scally**

Played centre half all year, and had to put up with his dad as coach, which is never easy. While there are more skilful players on our team, Mitch works himself into the ground for his teammates, is never beaten, and never gives up, and as such he is a pleasure to coach. His link work with Tim, Henry and Little Cam made for some of the best moments of our year. And for all the parents, I will acknowledge that I may be a little hard on him. But only a little.

## **Tim Dickson**

Tim has silky skills that make him stand out in any game. Which together with his pace make him an outstanding prospect. Over time he will get bigger and stronger, and that combined with the basic skills he has now will make him a formidable hockey player in the future. I look forward to watching him develop over the next few years with excitement as to what he will bring to our hockey club.

## **Mackenzie Love**

Mac is an accomplished field player who decided over the summer to take up goalkeeping, and almost made the State side after playing a handful of games. Has an amazing understanding of the game, an astonishing work ethic and an extraordinary desire to improve. Those traits, combined with obvious natural ability, will see him continue to perform at a high level for years to come.

# Boys 7/8C Black

At the time of writing this report, the 7/8C boys team are yet to record a win but it does not reflect how much they have improved throughout the season as players and team mates, nor does it reflect the effort that they have given every week on the field. Over a third of the team had never played hockey before, so it took us a few weeks to work out basic skills and who would fit in which position.

What the boys have learnt this season is the value of consistency, good hitting and tight marking in defence! Make sure you remember those things in future years.

## **Nathaniel Buffton** (Goalkeeper/Halfback/Forward)

Nathaniel – Our other goal keeper as well as a versatile half back and forward. Nathaniel also did a splendid job in goals and on the field is very good at passing the ball to the right spot.

## **Joel Daniels** (Wing/Forward)

Joel – Another versatile forward, Joel is another player that will think about what he does with the ball. He had some great games when he was able to feed the ball to the other forwards to keep the attack progressing. Joel mostly played at wing and inside forward.

## **Alec Dorrington** (Fullback)

Alec – The other half of our main full back set up, Alec was able to intercept many attacks and would put his body on the line with his slide tackle – yet never get hurt! A very consistent player who saved quite a few goals.

## **Liam Hill** (Fullback)

Liam H – Liam is a rock. He is a great full back and has developed real consistency in his game this year. Many times he stopped opposition attacks and fed the ball back to our forwards. We really missed his skills when he wasn't on the field.

## **Jarvys McQueen-Mason** (Centre Forward)

Jarvys – Found a home as our centre forward but also played inner. Jarvys was able to keep the parents entertained with some breathtaking solo runs at goal. Jarvys has good pace which has also helped in defence.

## **Liam Metcalf** (Goalkeeper)

Liam M – New to the club this year, Liam can play in full back but has great skill as a goal keeper. He is very athletic in goals and shows no fear. Made many amazing saves to keep the scores low.

## **William Robinson** (Wing)

William – Will has played at wing mostly this year and always plays great position. He has had some memorable runs up the wing getting the ball in a position to score. Will was also a great contributor in defence when the chips were down.

## **Stephen Simpson** (Wing)

Stephen – Despite the coach persistently putting Stephen at wing, his preference was full back where he played his best hockey. Stephen has a good hit and very good stick skills (that's why the coach still wants him at wing!)

## **Samuel Skepper** (Centre Half)

Samuel – Sam is amazing. At times he carried the team in his no fuss manner by running down opposition players and just being there when he needed to be. Our main centre half, Sam has great passing skills to go with his agility around the field.

## **George Softley** (Wing/Forward)

George S – George has made the adjustment from soccer to hockey – understanding positions and now developing his skill set. Works hard as an inside forward and wing. George's stand out game was on the turf where he stepped up a gear and everything clicked.

## **Ross Stewart** (Halfback/Forward)

Ross – Ross is a convert from Rugby so it took him a little time to adjust to rules and positions, but he has developed really well. His inexperience has been more than compensated by his attitude and work ethic on the field. He never stops running and fighting for the ball.

## **Joshua Turner** (Halfback/Forward)

Josh - Our highest goal scorer, Josh has excellent skill and also a terrific work ethic on the field. He always comes off exhausted. Josh has been improving his ball use this year and can play any position, but very useful at half back or inside forward.

## **George Whitebrook** (Jimmy Right Half)

George W – "Jimmy" found a niche playing an attacking right half by finely tuning his amazing hitting power which became our secret weapon. This year has been a great start to hockey and George was a strong contributor every week.

## **Atle**

Atle joined us half way through the season as a new player and has only played a few games, but shows natural flair and understands the pace of the game. A very useful forward.

A big thank you to **Cameron** as our umpire this season and also to **Barbara, Craig** and **Joe** for helping out with managing and training.

# Girls 5/6A

We have to be honest we were mildly concerned when we turned up to the first few training sessions this season and the girls were hyperactive - to put it mildly. We weren't entirely sure what we had gotten ourselves into, but it turned out to be one of the most enjoyable things we've ever done. The improvement the girls have shown over the course of this year has been astounding. Despite almost giving us heart attacks on multiple occasions, we've had some impressive wins and really come together as a team. You all have so much potential and we are so excited to see how you continue to develop over the next few years.

## **Lauren Anderson** (Princess Charming)

It was always going to be hard to pick the most consistently hyperactive one at training, but congratulations Lauren... you're it. Lauren is known for saving our 'bacon' in tough games. Her cool head, determination and skill allow her to dominate the play in both attack and defence. Like all good Princesses, Lauren loves to dance, she made teammates, coaches, parents and grandparents do either the 'happy' or 'sad' dance at the end of each game without fail. By the end of the season Lauren was often the first to get fired up and last to give up on game days – the sign of a good leader. Great season Lauren.

## **Alana Baskerville** (Tinkerbell)

Petite, blonde Alana reminded us a bit of Tinkerbell at the start of the season. She was a little quiet at first but became increasingly bubbly though out the season, declaring one quiet training session that because some of the louder girls weren't at training she was going to take over with amusing everyone. Alana often provided the magic we needed in the forward line by running the base line and passing to the spot or manning the post to deflect it in – a delight for her coaches. Well done on your marked improvement throughout the season.

## **Abigail Bell** (Fairy Godmother)

Abi adds a little bit of razzle dazzle to the midfield. I have never seen her give up and her determination often results in a goal or short corner. Her stick skills make her standout. But what is most impressive about Abi is her desire to improve. Your hit has improved out of sight. Abi is always very amusing to coach with new stories to tell us about her little 'friends'. She has had a very successful season with making the state and regional teams and is definitely a player of the future

## **Eva Cocks** (Wonder Woman)

Eva traps everything...literally everything. She constantly surprises us all with her ability to stop the ball no matter how hard or fast it is coming at her, or even if we think it's 10 metres away. A natural center half and athlete who embarrassed her coach at one training session by almost beating her in a running drill despite the 7 year age gap. She has a good hockey brain and can read the play beyond her years. She definitely deserves the nickname Wonder Woman.

## **Cassandra Drayton** (Mulan)

As Lauren would say, Cassie pulls out her inner mongrel each week. I think we can thank her brothers for the way she fights for the ball and won't be pushed around. It's always a little amusing to see little Cassie standing her ground and pushing back some of the bigger, more aggressive girls in games, especially those wearing rugby hats that hiss. Cassie is so versatile and never stops running, a very admirable trait. She will certainly be someone to watch in the future.

## **Grace English** (Ariel)

Grace is probably one of the quietest and most polite people I have ever met. Sometimes we wondered if she had lost her voice but on the field she was everything you want in a full back; determined, reliable and consistent. She even received a black eye one game because she refused to let the player get passed her. It was definitely the best battle scar of the season. Grace is certainly the quiet achiever that no one should underestimate.

## **Neasa Flynn** (Cheshire Cat)

Like her nickname, Neasa was often invisible at trainings - either AWOL completely, or sneaking up behind her coaches ready to pounce. Her huge grin and small size often fooled her opponents in the beginning of each game, but they quickly learned that Neasa was a force to be reckoned with on and off the ball. This sneaky pocket rocket has it in her to at one moment be tackling a forward in deep defence, and then be up in our attacking D the next. If she can learn to hit a ball without tumbling head over heels in the D (and this has happened more than once), we have no doubt that Neasa will be a brilliant striker.

# Girls 5/6A (Contd)

## **Lisa Gleave** (Donald Duck)

Nicknamed for her tendency to waddle whilst walking to her goals, Lisa is probably the smallest goalie I've ever met, not that it stopped her in any shape or form. Her penchant for laying down at training to get in some extra sleep during a drill was always a source of entertainment, and her ability to stop the goals that another goalie would miss was always something that stunned her coaches. Our midget in the goals provided steadying words of encouragement and direction to her team, but we were always shocked to see the person under the pads - we felt she should be much bigger to match her yelling. Well done on your improvement this season Lisa.

## **Alice Haigh** (Duchess)

Very much like Duchess from the Aristocats, Alice very quickly showed herself to be the proper English lady of the team - until it came to game day. She was ruthless on the wing and absolutely nothing got past her at halfback. Always ready with a smile, and sometimes with a cheeky one-liner if the situation presents, Alice has been a pleasure to coach this year. Her tenacity and general willingness to learn will stand her in good stead for the rest of her hockey career, and we are sure that she will go far.

## **Luka Mellor** (Nemo)

The smallest, most adorable 11 year old I have ever met, with an absolute shock of bright red hair, Luka's antics often prompted exclamations of either "That's so cute!" or "Take a photo!" - and sometimes more than once per training session. In the few moments she wasn't being cute, Luka was an absolute terrier at left or right inner, always willing to do the hard yards to get the ball. For such a small player, she certainly beat quite a few opposition defenders - and they were huge in comparison! A very impressive season Luka, you've improved so much.

## **Bryanna Miller** (Bullseye)

From wing, to halfback, then wing, then fullback, Bree certainly got thrown around a bit this season. Bree has the ability to receive the ball on the line, and then run towards goals...and run and run and run. Her work in the half and forward line was certainly impressive, but it was at fullback where she truly shined - much to the surprise of her coaches. With a truly impressive hit and her eye for the play, Bree is quite capable of attacking as a forward, and stopping those attacks as a defender, which makes her a very versatile player. Well done this year Bree, you have improved immensely.

## **Eilidh Rayfield** (Tigger)

The tallest player in the team, with one of the biggest personalities to match. In between regaling her coaches with anecdotes about her day at school and literally bouncing off anything she could, Eilidh found time to smash a few hockey balls through entire opposition teams. She has a wonderful hockey brain that allows her to read the play and stop oncoming attacks, and that then allowed her to find a teammate nearly every time. With continued focus and dedication, we have no doubt Eilidh will make an even more impressive fullback than she already is. Well done on your season Eilidh.

## **Jade Vanderzwan** (Rapunzel)

The spitfire with the longest hair ever seen on an 11 year old. Jade certainly brought a truckload of spunk to training with her tenacious attitude, and that transferred right on over to her games. No matter where the ball was, Jade was there, tackling to get it back or supporting her teammates in attack. Almost always the first one there, Jade used her time to complete some of her own training, and wasn't afraid to ask for more running drills, much to the chagrin of her teammates. She certainly surprised her coaches with her ability to rise to beat any challenge every week, over and over. We have no doubt she will make it far with her hockey should she choose to. A very good season, well done Jade.

A big thanks to **Chloe Forbes**, **Sophie Beckwith** and **Ellen Rolls** for being dragged up whenever we needed them and for giving it their all each time.

We also have to say a few final thankyou's to; firstly, our amazing managers Anita English and Shannon Baskerville for all they've done for us this semester. You have made the season run so smoothly and successfully. Finally to Vanessa Cornwall for her constant guidance, organization and support. You have all made our first season of coaching so much easier.

# Girls 5/6B Gold (Maroon)

On the 28th April we came together for the first time on grading day. Everyone was enthusiastic but a bit apprehensive. We did find some commonality, however – a general interest in hockey and a love of chocolate.

Over the season we have seen a lot of changes. Under the cool, calm and capable direction of Coach Rohan the girls have emerged into a team, playing positions, passing the ball wide, thinking before passing the ball and scoring goals (with chocolate rewards to boot). Winning wasn't everything (in fact we only won 2 games) but the reward was in seeing the girls develop into a strong cohesive unit.

It has been amazing and delightful to watch this team of girls develop over the season. They have demonstrated great persistence and commitment. Many thanks to our entourage of supporters: Paul (our Saturday morning assistant coach); Eddie (the awesome umpire and mentor) and a group of dedicated and supportive parents.

It has been a most enjoyable season

Kath  
Manager

## **Chloe Bodini**

You listened to instructions so well, trained so hard, and put into place everything that you were taught. It's amazing to think you have not played hockey before this season. You had the discipline to curb your natural instincts to follow the ball for the benefit of the team and worked the ball into attack for our strikers well at either inner or out on the wing. Keep playing Chloe!

## **Mia Borinelli**

You never give up and are a fighter who we could put anywhere on the field and know we were going to get 150% effort. You listened to instructions well and did what you were asked to do – every time, no matter what position you played. We loved the way you just got in there and did the job with a minimum of fuss. Top work, Mia.

## **Felicity Brown**

Our little superstar that never let the side down. You have developed into a really effective half back that shut down the opposition wings limiting their attacking options. We were really impressed with your tackling and your ability to take the ball off the opposition and get it to our wings and inners. Keep up the hockey Felicity.

## **Stella Brown**

An elegant player with pace and skills and a training ethic to match. Stella was a pivotal part of our midfield and linked well with both halves and strikers. As an inner your job is to attack, defend, be a creative midfielder and eat the chockies. You did all of them brilliantly and scored goals as well. Great season, Stella.

## **Ailsa Christian**

If there was an award for carrying out coaches instructions to the letter, you would be world champion. At right half you did everything by the book - you shut down the left wing in defence and linked with the right wing in attack beautifully. We loved the way you took your free hits quickly to get the advantage for us and the encouragement you gave your team mates was fantastic.

## **Alyssa Cribb**

Sometimes people just seem to know what to do in certain situations. We tried you in the midfield. We tried you in the back line. We tried you at goalie and inner before playing you at centre forward and wow, are you a natural striker! At centre forward you were always in the right position for our midfield to pass to and created heaps of goal scoring opportunities. Look out goalies!!

## **Sophie Lawson**

You worked into the season well, and once you got the idea of how to play wing, your passing and linking with the inners and the centre forward was just brilliant. Your game in goals was awesome too! Just remember to keep watching the game so you are completely ready when the ball comes to you. Great fun to have in the team and one of the most improved players by the end of the season. Thanks Sophie and we look forward to seeing you develop more next year.

# Girls 5/6B Gold (Maroon) (Contd)

## **Charlotte Marshall**

We never came across Charlotte in any disposition other than cheeky, smiley, funny or laughing - but don't let that fool you! A resolute defender that always seemed to make good decisions under pressure. Charlotte never seemed to panic and always managed to get the ball through the attacking press to our half backs and wingers - the other half of our super defence! Go Charlie!

## **Phoebe McWhae**

A pacy winger that loved to mix it in front of goals..... and even in them! Phoebe has done it at both ends of the field this year having scored goals and also saved goals. Phoebe is a player that would do well in any position on the field. We loved your happy nature and your organisational ability to make sure I was always doing the right things at training. A great season, Phoebe.

## **Erin Miller**

We loved your tenacity and your ability to get the ball out of a pack and out to the wings. Up against much bigger and stronger opponents you acquitted yourself with great style and purpose. You never give up and are a real fighter. Practice your push to make your passes a bit stronger - there will be no stopping you! Your sense of humour and your cheeky disposition kept us in fits of laughter. See you next year!

## **Reen Minotti**

A terrific ball player with an engine to match. Having not played hockey before, Reen played as an inner where she linked with our half backs and forwards with great effect. Reen became our specialist short corner hitter late in the season and scored some great goals from the top of the D with her powerful strike. A great start in hockey – see you next year Reen!

## **Georgia Munnings**

A cool, calm and disciplined defender, Georgia cleaned up innumerable opposition attacks. Georgia always seemed to have extra time to assess the situation and take the best option whether that be a pass to the wing, move the ball forward herself or simply clearing the danger. It gave us great confidence knowing Georgia was there even when we were severely outnumbered! Your hockey future looks good Georgia.

## **Zoe Polglase**

Full back, half back, inner, centre forward, winger.... is there a position you didn't play this year? Our utility player that we could throw anywhere on the field and know that we are going to get a result – usually a goal! Lethal in front of goals, Zoe is an excellent ball carrier but also ran hard back into defence and back tackled to break down opposition attacks. Top work Zoe!

## **Amelia Swan**

A super fit, super strong tackler and a driving force at centre half. You used your running ability and the auto play to have us dominating the midfield by the end of the season. You're back tackling and ability to win the 50/50 ball was a real asset. When you get your quick hit working every time, you will be a complete player. Great season in the engine room of the team Meli!

What a joy this team was to coach - I don't think I have had so much fun developing a team before (or ate so much chocolate!!). By mid way through the season it was clear who liked to play where and in the second half of the season we developed into a really well structured team who played down the wings and used the autoplay rule brilliantly to our advantage.

You all listened to instructions really well and trained really hard! That's all a coach can ask for. Many thanks to all the support from Kath and Paul and for the kind words of encouragement, and early starts, from all the parents. Thanks to Eddie for umpiring and for helping out on match day and at training.

Keep on playing girls, you have all developed so well this season and by the amount of chatting and laughing that went on, you had great fun as well. I know I did!

Remember girls – autoplay, autoplay, autoplay..... wide, wide, wide!

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# Girls 5/6B Gold (White)

After I began coaching I realised very early on what each of the girls was like and how their different traits made them fit together as a team. Although training never seemed that interesting to a few girls I always counted on them to be focused for the game. They played an excellent season working together to score goals and should be proud of not only themselves but their team.

A Special Thank you to Teresa Forbes who helped run the fitness session as I couldn't make it.

## **Madeline Alder**

Maddie is a strong player who always manages to come back and defend when necessary helping her fellow team mates to remove the ball from danger. She also worked well with Kayla to score goals. A suggestion might be for her to work on bringing the loud proud Maddie out at games and not just at training.

## **Mia Algar**

Although she suffered an ankle injury recently she is confident in her position and loves playing it. Her tackles are strong and she always seems to meet the opposition and come out the stronger one. If anything her hidden strength at the moment is the fact that she doesn't look like she can take the ball off you and somehow she does.

## **Sophie Beckwith**

Although not always able to play she did well in any position I placed her in. Working her hardest to stop the ball as a halfback and scoring a goal as wing. She is a great player who concentrated a lot on improving her stick work this season.

## **Samantha Chisholm**

Samantha was always my little helper as every game she was there helping to kit up the goalie and then helping to warming them up. Although she was nice to her team helping them in turn with being a goalie she didn't show the same kindness to the opposition taking the ball off them and making sure it was securely out of danger.

## **Annabel Drane**

Joining us a bit later in the season after an injury (although she never looked injured after joining us). She is a strong Inner and works well with her wing always trying to get the ball closer to the goals and is never afraid to tackle the opposition even if it takes more than one shot to gain advantage of the ball.

## **Chloe Forbes**

Chloe is very focused when it comes to hockey always trying which matches well with her endless energy. She is always looking for the pass on the field and is not afraid of running with the ball if necessary. Her determination for the game of hockey is inspiring as she goes above and beyond to better her skills.

## **Saoirse Hanavan**

At the start of the season we were unsure of which position best suited Saoirse. After a training drill where she managed to tackle four players at once and gain the ball it was obvious she was best suited as a fullback. She loves the position playing it strong and making it hard for the opposition to get near our goals.

## **Jaimie Hill**

Jamie started off a bit shy but the other girls wouldn't let her stay that way welcoming her in any way they could. This helped her build her confidence over the season. Her tackling also improved as her confidence did, now she won't hesitate when the opposition comes her way.

# Girls 5/6B Gold (White) (contd)

## **Crystal Hobbs**

Crystal is fierce in her position not letting much go through her and taking a little run with the ball if she feels it is necessary to remove it from danger. She is a strong person to tackle and is not in any way easy to get through. I think she would be a better player if she found her voice so she can help her fellow players from the backline.

## **Kayla O'Sullivan**

She does a great job as a centre forward always creating space down the field for other players to pass. She is not afraid to stand back creating a position for her fellow players to pass the ball too and trusting their abilities to tackle the opposition but she also knows when she needs to be there helping out.

## **Eva Quattrini**

She is a strong wing always being in the goal circle when necessary to help score goals. She runs hard to try and make it to the post in case one of her fellow players might miss a shot at goals so she can pick it up and get it in. She is also not afraid to run down her side of the field with the ball but knows when she needs to make the pass.

## **Ellen Rolls**

Her fitness and endless energy is her strongest asset making it easy for her to out run the opposition. Her only problem was sticking to her side of the field as she always wanted to be where the action was. As the season progressed she got better at staying on her side although sometimes it takes a few push ups to jog her memory.

## **Ciara Thompson**

Ciara knows her position well and is strong in it. She does an awesome job at making a space for the ball so that it gets through the opposition and is always calling for it when she knows she is in a safe position. She is also strong when it comes to getting into the oppositions D not letting the opposition take the ball off her without a fight.

A huge thank you to Janezza for offering her time to coach the girls, David Beckwith for being our resident umpire and last but not least a big thanks to the parents who supported Janezza and the girls throughout the season. Getting the girls to training and games and providing the much loved oranges at half time.

# Girls 5/6 Regional Gold

Coaches: Mike King, Storme John  
Managers: Megan MacNevin, Kylie Mishra

This year has been a big learning curve for our girls most of them coming up from Grads. They came across some very tough teams with more experience than us. We did have one win for the season which was a very exciting game. None-the-less the girls have definitely improved in working as a team, playing their positions and ball skills. I give credit to them all because of their good ethics and positivity to soldier on.

Thanks to Mike and Storme (our coaches) for giving up their time each week to help the girls learn new skills and prepare them for their matches (we can see that all your hard work has paid off). Thanks to Mark Pastorino and Kye Mishra for lending a hand when needed on match days.

Thanks to the parents for bringing your children to training and to the games on time. Without your support we wouldn't have a team.

Thank you Jonathon Rayfield for your reliability to turn up each week and umpire for us. Much appreciated.

Hope to see you all back next year.

## **Anneka Bodt**

With her specially crafted hockey stick giving Anneka much improved mobility and strength in her hitting, pushing and trapping, Anneka became a steady and reliable player in our backline. Anneka always gave her all and her confidence in and encouragement of the players around her was always appreciated.

## **Josie Green**

Josie came to the team half way through the season, and with each game her confidence grew. She tackled each new position on the field with enthusiasm as she has developed to be an important member of the team.

## **Amelia Hetman**

Amelia continues to develop as a hockey player, each week her tackles and general play on the field gets stronger as her tackling technique, pushing and hitting improve. Amelia is fantastic at holding her position and can always be relied upon to be there when our team drives into attack.

## **Madison Hollander**

Maddie has developed well as an attacking forward in the team. Her calling for the ball and encouragement of her teammates can always be heard loud and clear, and her 'never give up' attitude is a credit to her. Well done Maddie!

# Girls 5/6 Regional Gold (contd)

## **Gabrielle John**

All aspects of Gabby's hockey game have come along really well this year. She is learning to hold her position on the field and is one of our key people in giving us drive forward with her speed and ability to pick up the ball on the run. Thank you for a great season Gabby.

## **Samantha King**

Samantha has been our rock in defence this season. Sam is a talented player who is prepared to run and run all day chasing down opposition players and 50/50 balls on the field. Her hit is developing well and her tackle is rock solid, having stopped many runs into our D this year. Thanks for all your hard work Sam.

## **Jessica Leeming**

Jessica has been a delight to watch this year as her confidence and abilities have steadily grown throughout the season. She has learnt to play a variety of positions and has played each of them well. Her basic skills are developing well and she is always willing to get stuck in and help out her teammates on the field. Jessica never complains and takes in all instructions with great enthusiasm. Keep up the good work Jessica.

## **Sara Lillyman**

Sarah is a strong player and every position Sara has been placed she has given her best efforts. She gets on with the job at hand to the best of her ability. Sara's hitting is improving as is her strength in defence. We wish her all the best in 7/8's next year.

## **Gloria MacNevin**

Gloria has developed in confidence over the year to become one of the real leaders on the field. She has a solid hit, and is able to dribble the ball up the field confidently taking on opposition players. We wish her all the best in 7/8's next year.

## **Lilli MacNevin**

Lilli is our little lion on the field. She adapts to any position and gives it her all. She is feisty and always willing to take on opposition players in defence and her hit and strength in her push is developing nicely. Well done Lilli!

## **Anjali Mishra**

Anjali has been one of our strong defenders this year, when engaged in the game she has a great eye for the ball and lovely tackle. She communicates really well with her fellow defenders, and her hitting and pushing continue to improve. Thanks for all your work this year Anjali.

## **Ella Pastorino**

Ella has become known as the power hitter of the team – she has a beautiful strong and accurate hit that often drives our team out of defence and into our attacking forward line. Ella's work ethic on the field is also fantastic, and she has grown to become an important member of our team. Looking forward to seeing you back again next year Ella.

## **Mary Raja**

The quiet achiever! Mary has come a long way this year learning to hold her position better. By Mary engaging more into the game she has gained strength and confidence in her tackles and holding onto the ball. Keep it up Mary!

## **Alexine Ziade**

Has a wonderful nature which shows on and off the field. She is solid in her defence and growing in confidence, she is learning to read the play to make sure that she can run back and cover in defence. She has a good strong tackle and never gives up.

# Boys 5/6A

## **Mitchell Tate** (Thor)

Mitchell has set a great example to the younger boys this year; he is a quiet achiever who leads by example. His comments during games are always positive and constructive. His strength over the ball is something to envy. We often saw forwards just give up when Mitch went near the ball as they knew they were in trouble. He leaves the 5/6's to go on to the 7/8's next year where we know they will value his skills and strength over the ball as much as we did. Good luck Mitch!

## **Patrick Lorraine** (Inspector Gadget)

Patrick has come such a long way this year, he has worked incredibly hard to improve all levels of his game and this has helped the team immensely. He has great focus and listens to everything said to him which he then executes. We think he has go go gadget arms as his reach would rival some hockey greats. He has been a pleasure to have on the team and we wish him all the best next year. Expect big things from Patrick!

## **Austen Ladhams**

Austen is a quiet achiever. He has a great passion for hockey and has settled in well to the A group. As a younger member of the team he has worked hard to get stronger over the ball and has a few more years in 5/6's to perfect this even further. Austen has a big hockey future and will do the club proud for sure. Good luck next year Austen.

## **Tim Harvey** (Tomma-Hawk)

Thank goodness the twins wore different coloured shoes as we would have had a terrible time working out which one was which from across the ground. Tim loves his back stick, loves to trap that way, pass that way and of course hit that way. Its great to see your passion for hockey coming out in the field although at times we'd like to see him get his body around the ball (smiley face). His cross country running helped the team as his fitness meant he could run all day long and never get tired. Thanks for all your efforts Tim, good luck next year!

## **Matt Harvey** (Road-Runner)

Matt also runs cross country when not playing hockey and again we were lucky to have him on the team. Not to be outdone by his twin, Matt has also had a great year and has steadily improved from week to week. He is very focused and gets about his business each week. Matt works hard at training and his skills have improved dramatically giving him reward for effort. Well done and all the best for next year.

## **Josh Scanlon** (Scanners Mini Me)

Josh rose to the challenge of the A team this year, he may be small but we think he is pretty tough too. A deflected ball to the chops this year scared us all but he brushed it off like it was nothing (all the while his Mum was praising mouthguards). He has earned his nickname for his tenacity going after the ball, he will even tell his own players to back off at times. One of his goals this year would certainly be nominated for goal of the year as he undercut one into the top corner much to the delight of everyone there. Your Dad would have been jealous of that one Josh. Good luck next year in the 7/8's Josh.

## Boys 5/6A (contd)

### **Dylan Forbes** (Forbsie)

Dylan is a veteran of the 5/6A's now and took his leadership role very seriously. He has had a dream year being selected for the State 12's and also South Metro regional competition, both teams winning overall. We believe this is definitely a just reward as he works incredibly hard and never gives up. His positive attitude has made him great to coach and a good mentor for younger players. His skills have helped the team grow and improve this year. Good luck with your new challenges in the 7/8's next year Dylan.

### **Daniel Page** (Pageeee)

What's not to like about Daniel, he has a lovely nature, a very likeable larrikin. He has improved all areas of his game this year and has peaked of late playing some blinders! He has stepped up to the A's challenge well and when he isn't off with those fairies that seem to hang around at training he does put in a strong effort. We wish you all the best next year Daniel.

### **Regan Bright** (Lightning )

Regan is our blonde bombshell, watch out when Regan gets that ball as he is heading straight for goals. He has moved positions from wing to centre forward this year and plays all positions well making him very versatile...I'm not sure we'd put him in the back line as it would be like chopping his legs off.

### **Flynn Stephens** (Dynamo)

Flynn has a tenacity and drive that would be the envy of many older players. He works harder than anyone at training and would have to be almost on his deathbed to miss a session. Flynn has been an awesome wing this year and has shown what can be achieved with hard work.

### **Daniel Paino** (Not so Silent Assassin)

Another solid year for Daniel Paino who has been a great defender for the team this year. He used to be such a quiet boy but we have heard him more this year, which is great. He is always where you need him to be and did a great job of mopping up the backline. All the best next year Daniel and thanks for your efforts.

### **Joel Walkemeyer**

"No rush Joel, in your own time..." something Craig joked about most training sessions as Joel kitted up with his goalie gear. He is an independent lad who has taken on the new role of goalie with determination and drive. He has worked really hard and improved every week. He has made some saves that even Clemo would have been proud of.

### **Daniel Brown** (The Prankster)

Daniel has worked hard this year and the work has been paying off. From the start of the year until now he has worked hard to improve his hitting which has shown on the field. He has played defence this year and it is a position that suits him.

We also had some extras train with us this year... A's goalie Lisa Gleave who was probably the reason Joel stepped up so much this year (not to be outdone by a girl) and Nesa also from the A's.

# Boys 5/6A Reserve

The team has done an excellent job this year considering we were put into A reserve instead of B grade. With half the team being first year players from Grads we have had to concentrate on game skills and Team structures and all players must be commended on the way that this was performed. A great bunch of kids and all parents should be very proud of their children as it has been a pleasure to coach them.

## **Lewis Berry** (Right Wing)

A very good right side attacking player who time and time again was able to get in and around the opposition defence and create goal scoring opportunities.

## **Cohen Burgess** (Left Half and Forward)

Mainly played at Left Half, Also played in the Forward line. Cohen has had a solid year this year and at times has kept the opposing left wing with very few touches.

## **Conor Clavey** (Left wing, Half Back)

Conor has improved a lot this year in particular with his hitting, not afraid to get in there and tackle hard.

## **Sean Curran** (Full back)

Sean is a very solid and reliable defender. He missed a few games this year and we certainly did miss his great defence on these occasions.

## **Bradley Dowie** (Left Inner and Right Inner)

A very good player and can be very fast in attacking some times, runs all day.

## **Lochlann Downey** (Centre half)

Fantastic player who shows great skill and determination. I believe that Lochy could have played up in the A grade.

## **Callum Flynn** (Forward)

Callum is a little terrier who loves to get in there and fight for the ball, sometimes throwing him self at the play. Just needs to not tackle our own players.

## **Austin Hall** (Right Half and Forward)

Very solid player who gives his all. Austin always listens and learns very fast when asked to do something in particular.

## **Josh Hardbottle** (Fullback, Half Back)

Good player who has been very solid and reliable in defence this year. Would have loved to give him a go in the forward line, however with Sean away a lot, Josh was the only player who has the strength to play back.

## **Joshua Lawrence** (Fullback)

Another player who has been very solid in defence. Tackles well and has a good hit out of defence when needed.

## **Harrison McKinnon** (Forward)

Harry played just the one game with us this year. Thanks Harry we really appreciated your help. It was great to see all three McKinnon boys running around the field on the same Team.

## **Samuel McKinnon** (Left Inner , Right inner)

Sam came into the team half way through the season and immediately gave us some strength and attack through our right side. Like Lewis, Sam was able to create some very good goal scoring opportunities.

## **Zachary McKinnon** (Goalie)

What can I say, What a fantastic goalie. Zach well and truly kept us in many a game this year with some great saves in goals. A Very Very good year.

## **Daniel Moulin** (Forward)

Another of our first year players who has good skill and speed. With a little more experience Daniel will be a very good player.

Thank you to Alison, Clint and Conor Thompson for umpiring during the year. You all did a great job.

A big Thank You to all the Parents for your attendance at the games, and for helping out during the course of the Year. The Boys all appreciate your support.

Lastly; a Very Very big thank you must go to Mark who again has done an excellent job as manager. It hasn't been easy for him as I have been away a lot with work and Mark has had to do a lot of the coaching as well.

Craig Burgess - Coach

# Boys 5/6B Gold

## Coach's Note

I have been lucky this year to have such a great bunch of kids that listen and have been eager to learn, while having fun along the way. Training has been fun most nights, and the attendance good. As for help, again I've been lucky. With assistance at training and on game day, I've been able to concentrate on my coaching. Thanks to Dave Harrup who has done an excellent job as team manager, Rachel Harrup who has umpired for us all year (even when sick!) and Peter Gillett and Rob Whitelaw who have helped at training and match day. And to all the family support, the good spirit and encouragement shown towards the children has been another reason for our success this year – thanks! Andrew Spear.

## Manager's Note

Under the excellent and patient guidance of our coach Andrew Spear, the boys have had a fantastic year. The year started with a bit of a reality check for them, as they lost 6-0. As a result, the boys became more focused and were determined to do better. They became a more disciplined outfit, training well and listening to their coach and playing with enthusiasm. Everyone's efforts have been reflected as to date they have had some big wins of their own and they are currently sitting second on the ladder. This is a great achievement, especially considering that through injury and illness, for two games we could field only 10 players and for one game we could only field 9!! All of the players have progressed really well in both individual and team skills. We have also had a great bunch of parents, and special thanks should go to Peter Gillett and Rob Whitelaw who have assisted Andrew during the training sessions. This has been a very enjoyable season and we wish the boys all the very best for next year. Dave Harrup.

### **Conor Addison**

Conor has played mostly at left half, with some memorable games as goalie. He is a determined player who goes about his business with little fuss. He has excellent team spirit, is unselfish in his play and is the first to volunteer. He tackles well and is quick to pass the ball to an open team mate. Needs to remember to chase back.

### **Callum Brown**

A strong centre half, and one of the dynamos on the front line. Callum darts around and is not afraid to take people on and has a powerful hit. He is very competitive, unselfish and runs well with the ball and is very quick. He has set up many of the goals this year and has the ability to score himself. Keep upright when hitting the ball!

### **Hewett Brown**

Hewitt has played as centre forward and has proved to be a very dangerous player. He has the ability to slip around behind the defence without them knowing and has scored a couple of goals as a result. He is a quiet achiever who trains well and listens to advice given. He has the ability to be in the right place at the right time, and when he keeps the ball out from his feet, he will score many goals.

### **Blake Gillett**

One of the dependable full backs. Though he likes playing on the wing, his best games were in defence. Blake was keen to take on the opposing forwards with solid tackling and was able to release the ball quickly. A reliable hit when he concentrates. Once his strength develops he will be tough to beat in defence.

## Boys 5/6B Gold (contd)

### **Matthew Harrup**

Matthew is a very good, attacking right half. He has developed an incredibly strong and direct drag/push which has made for a good penalty corner set up. The strength to his tackling is that he does not give up. He back tackles 2, 3 times and his long reach frustrates the opposition. He passes well, picking gaps, though he needs to remember not to just push the ball, as he also has a powerful hit.

### **Jacob John**

Jacob has played on the forward and half lines. With a lot of pace, Jacob is able to run into space and turn quickly with the ball and he can run all day. He has made some long probing runs. He gets into position for scoring, and with a bit more practise he will hit a lot of goals. Needs to remember not to try and hit the cover off the ball!

### **Braden Jones**

After good preseason training, Braden broke his wrist just before the first game. He was missed all year by the team. We hope to see Braden back next year, fit and eager to make up for lost time.

### **Benjamin McGrath**

Ben is a naturally talented goalie and in that position will play at very high level. Ben kept the team in the game on several occasions, allowing our forwards to win the game. When he had the opportunity to play as a forward himself, he was able to score a couple of goals! But hopefully Ben will specialise as a goal keeper, that will frustrate opposition teams week in week out.

### **Benjamin McVeigh**

The other Ben, was just fantastic as a full back. He excelled in this position and was incredibly strong and determined. He stopped many attacking plays by the opposing teams and was a very dependable tackler. He has good reach for tackling and when focused, can hit the 16's a long way. He needs to be a bit more imposing when tackling, then he will really dominate the backline.

### **Oliver Spear**

Oliver has had a great year at right inner and scored well. He has a strong attacking run, can turn quickly and dribble well. He runs back and tackles hard and has a very powerful hit which has led to a few great goals this season. He needs to stay off his back sticks and continue to develop his skills.

### **Kelvin Vester**

Kelvin is a good defensive half, with some great games on the backline when the regular backs were out. He has learned to read the game well and tackles well, frustrating the opposition forwards. He listens well and puts his training to work on game day. His hitting is good when he remembers stance and concentrates. Never complains.

### **Harry Watkins**

Harry has had a good year at right inner. A naturally talented forward, Harry is very quick in attack and has some excellent stick skills. He is very competitive and has scored some great goals. Needs to remember that as he times the ball so well, he doesn't need to swing so hard! That will result in even more goals for Harry!

### **Ben Whitelaw**

Ben has had a good year out on the right wing. Another one of those quiet achievers, Ben has trained hard and has some great runs down the wing, passing across to goals. He is also quick to drop back and defend. Ben needs to call louder so that he gets the ball more, as he is often well positioned.

# Boys 5/6 Regional Gold (Maroon)

The Melville Maroon Regional Boys 5/6 Team bought together a relatively inexperienced group of players. With the majority of boys stepping up from Grads or playing hockey for the first time, the season was always going to be a challenge.

It was a slow start with losses in the first two rounds, which, given the inexperience of our boys was to be expected... our only hope was this was not a sign of things to come. However in Round 3 the boys scored their first goal and things suddenly looked brighter.

During the coming weeks, the boys continued to show great desire and trained extremely hard, a trait that continued throughout the season.

## **Christopher Baita**

Chris joined the team after the call of Ice Hockey became too great for his brother Tim, a skilful goalkeeper, left to follow his heart. Chris has shown great determination in becoming the best he can possibly be. Easily frustrated by his own lack of skills, he has worked hard and developed into a fine wing. He has gone from chasing the ball and being sucked into the centre of the field, to holding wide and making leads for the ball. I don't think anyone will forget his diving goal against Hale! We wish Chris and his family all the best in NSW and hope he continues to play hockey once settled.

## **Liam Betham**

Liam is the quiet achiever in the team. Another "wingman", he has learnt the importance of holding wide but also shows great positioning whilst in our attacking D resulting in his first goal against the Lions. An obliging player – he willingly filled in for the Melville White team one week when they were short – he is not one to blow his own trumpet. Yes Liam, we did hear you had a wonderful game with them against the Wolves and had a brilliant solo run down the wing almost scoring a goal!

## **Cameron Brown**

Cameron quickly found his place in the team as a fullback. Not frightened to attack the opposition, his teaming with Sean and Oscar produced a solid last line of defence. His most memorable game was against Vic Park when our team was ravaged with illness and injury. His dogged determination saw the Vic Park attackers come off second best and resulted in them remaining goalless at full time.

## **Ben Deacon**

One of our more versatile players, Ben came to us having played predominantly as a wing in Grads. At the start of the season he was asked to step into the pivotal role of centre halfback and has continued to provide a solid base for the midfield in both attack and defence whilst occasionally doubling as a goalkeeper. Ben is a thinker, and this shows in his game and with his positioning. Many of our training sessions have focused on back passing and creating options which he has successfully introduced to his role. I hope he continues to develop his game as either a centre halfback or as a goalkeeper as I believe he will excel in either role.

## **Ryan Doody**

Ryan joined us a novice to hockey but being a natural all-rounder he quickly found his feet. A tenacious inner, he just keeps going and going (he reminds me of the 'Energizer Battery') but is equally at home as a halfback teaming well with the midfield to provide a solid defence whilst supporting our attack. His dogged determination in attack has resulted in him being rewarded with goals against both the Wolves and Vic Park.

## **James Drayton**

James is one of the youngest permanent members of the team (he's only in Year 4) and was originally cast in the role of halfback as he successfully "shutdown" the opposition's wings on the Team Grading Day. Following Tim's departure, he put his hand up to be our regular goalkeeper and after a few games, we quickly realised he had a natural feel for this position. With that in mind we organised some extra training with Tracey "Squeak" Cousens (the GK for the Women's 1s) and with her assistance he has become a formidable defence with some controlled clearing shots. His most memorable "Save of the Day" was a stick deflection over the backline from an angled shot on goals against the Wolves – a skill you'd expect from a seasoned keeper.

# Boys 5/6 Regional Gold (Maroon) (contd)

## **Keifer Dyson**

Keifer has been a joy to coach this season and his strong desire to improve has seen him ask a lot of questions during training. He has a very methodical approach to the game and despite his frustrations at his own ability he has come along in leaps and bounds. Keifer has a very relaxed manner about him that has often lulled the opposition into a false sense of security. This allowed him to make some amazing runs on the wing especially in the game against the Lions or was it because he was having a birthday party!?! His positioning on the post during short corners is fantastic and it will only be a matter of time till he scores that elusive goal!

## **Sean Flexman**

Sean was in his second season at this level and after being cast as a midfielder last season, it quickly became evident his strength was as a fullback. Providing a solid wall of defence, Sean soon developed the ability to clear the ball wide of our defensive D. As the season progressed his tackling skills and ability to read the opposition players has become second to none. His best game of the season was against a formidable Lions side when he was not frightened to push up the field and meet them head on.

## **Jay Grimston**

Jay's first introduction to hockey came from school so this season was going to be a steep learning curve for him but like a duck to water, so to was Jay and hockey. A great team player, his encouragement and support of his team mates is a joy to see. Jay has quickly cemented himself as a halfback but has the ability to play on the forward line as was evident in Bunbury. He teams well with Ryan and Ben on the halfback line and his use of the autoplay, back pass and square pass are something which will see him progress to higher grades next year.

## **Aden Lukan**

The terrier of the team, Aden wrecks havoc with the opposition's defence! Never one to give up trying to score a goal his persistence was rewarded with his first goal against the Lions. He shows a fierce determination when the ball is in the attacking D which has resulted in many attempts and several short corners. What I love most about Aden's game is his determination to retain possession of the ball even when he loses it. It is a skill which will serve him well in years to come.

## **Maxime Morard**

The 'baby' of the team, Max joined us from Grads one week when we were short and never left! His fiery spirit on the hockey field is in stark contrast to the shy quiet boy at training who has slotted comfortably in to an already established team. A versatile player who is comfortable on the forward line and as a halfback in defence he has added an extra dimension to the team with his speed and ball handling skills. Not to mention his size which allows him to sneak under the opposition and steal the ball! I look forward to watching him develop over the coming years

## **Ben Munnings**

In his second season at this level, "BJ" was asked to take on the key forward attacking position – centre forward – which was a far cry from being an inner last year. The leading goal scorer of the team with six goals to date he has certainly lived up to the expectations of what is entailed in this position. BJ has learnt where to position himself no matter what the situation – creating leads forward of the ball (never too high), providing defence when needed and anchoring the press. Following the push out in short corners he hits the post each and every time and was rewarded with a well earned goal against CT Pirates for that persistence.

## **Oscar Sanchez-Tierney**

The third of our novices, Oscar's skills have developed the most since his very first game. A natural defender with the ability to effect a good tackle, he was selected to fill the role of fullback. In defensive short corners he is always one to put his body on the line – even at training – and has been instrumental in many saves. As a very solid player over the ball the opposition struggles to relinquish it from him which has afforded him the opportunity to run the ball out of defence himself when no other option presents itself. During the season he has added to his skills by perfecting the rolling hit and introducing the autoplay option to his game which when the opportunity arose enabled him to develop his skills as a centre halfback.

# Boys 5/6 Regional Gold (Maroon) (contd)

## **Kayne Holyoake**

Kayne joined us on a couple of occasions from Grads when we have been in need of players due to injury and illness. A regular at training, he has shown a remarkable desire to improve his skills. His eagerness to learn is to be commended and the improvements from when we first saw him play to now are a definite indication of his determination to succeed. I look forward to seeing him play regularly next season as he shows great promise as a wing or inner.

Coaching the 5/6 age group, is not only challenging but also creates the foundation for their future hockey development. As coaches we need to constantly ensure we are teaching them the fundamental skills whilst empowering them to think for themselves.

This young group of boys are truly amazing – and like sponges have soaked up so much information. Not only have they perfected the standard short corner, they have developed variations which they choose to execute. Long corners can be tricky but not for these boys who all know you can't hit straight into the D! With the halfbacks creating options both back and at the top of the D, the wings positioning themselves on the baseline and post, we have managed to catch many of the opposition teams sleeping.

But by far the biggest achievement has been the successful execution of the defensive press. A skill which is more commonly seen in the older age groups, this group of boys know their positions and take them up quickly. It's a wonderful sight to behold when the opposition is left confused because they have nowhere to go.

But none of this would have been possible if it wasn't for the boys' parents. Their support and enthusiasm has been greatly appreciated by myself, Mark and Jonathon. We have had it all - the over-excited parents cheering from the sidelines, the video footage of the first goals scored, the oranges and the lollies – it has made every weekend so enjoyable so I thank you all.

I'd also like to thank Phillip for assisting on game days by coaching and encouraging our fullbacks – their ability to play one up and one back would not have been possible without your support. I'd also like to thank you for umpiring our game against the Wolves a few weeks ago despite your son not playing. It was greatly appreciated by everyone, especially Jonathon.

Secondly, I'd like to thank our umpire Jonathon. Whilst I know you did this as part of your school's Community Service requirements; your enthusiasm, understanding and willingness to explain to the boys from both teams your decisions has been appreciated by everyone. Watching you carry injured players from the field regardless of which team they play for has made me so proud of you and showed to the younger boys what sportsmanship is all about.

Finally, I'd like to thank Mark for his support throughout the season. The role of Team Manager requires someone who is well organised and willing to keep the team regularly informed on game times and training sessions. Your weekly emails and match reports have been a delight to read – I am sure that the boys and parents have loved reading them too!

However, Mark went above and beyond that role by assisting me on game days with substitutions and helping coach players from the opposite side of the field. What most people don't realise is that it is very difficult to coach 11 players of which many are very new to full field hockey. Your support allowed these boys to develop as a team and learn where they should be positioning themselves – I couldn't have done it without you.

With only a few games remaining, the boys have shown significant improvement and should be extremely proud of their achievements.

After a rough start to the season, they have only lost two more games and sit comfortably in the top four. The boys have been rewarded for the fantastic effort they have put in on the training track week after week, and their never say die team spirit.

I wish the boys all the best for next season. You have been a pleasure to coach.

# Boys 5/6 Regional Gold (White)

It has been a Brilliant season. It took a while for the team to settle in and work together to start producing some excellent patches of play. It was interesting to see the individuals develop and get used to playing 5/6 hockey. For some this was their first season and the amount they learned in one season is amazing. The team put together a few very good games as a team especially towards the end of the season. Huge thanks to our manager Leanne Ogden for not only getting everyone in the team organized but me as well. I would also like to thank our umpire Carlo Bontempo for umpiring every game this season.

## **Taj Alder**

Taj is a solid player, always tackling and is never afraid of getting the ball. His effort throughout the games has been excellent, producing some excellent forward plays. Taj has proved himself to be a valued member of the team and with some fitness work he will become an awesome player.

## **Nicholas Bontempo**

Nick is a great midfielder who is always happy to help out in both defence and attack. His effort in games is one of the best in the team which makes him an essential player to the team. Nick takes in all the advice he is given and tries really hard to apply it to his game. Nick has been a great player to coach and has made huge improvements over the season.

## **Harvey Deen**

Harvey is always the first to training and his enthusiasm has resulted in a great improvement in his skills over the season. He has perfect positioning on the wing but does not get into the game much. Harvey has the skills to match it with nearly all the players in the competition and with some more confidence he will become an outstanding player.

## **Thomas Hamdorf**

Tom has been a strong defender for the season with a very good tackle. Not many people get past Tom but when they do he is there tackling again. Tom could pay more attention to coaching advice which would improve his game dramatically. Overall Tom is a vital member of our team, well done Tom.

## **Ethan Martin-Proud**

Ethan always wants to hit the ball and when he gets hold of one it goes really far. He is always keen to train and put in 100% in all the games which is a great aspect to his hockey. Ethan's efforts were rewarded with improvements in both his tackling and passing. Good work Ethan.

## **Kaleb Milson**

Kaleb is a great player who always works as hard as he can. Kaleb has scored some amazing goals throughout the season which have won us games. His fitness and work ethic makes him a critical player in our team. Kaleb is always willing to take in advice and apply it to his game which has resulted in great improvements in his hockey.

## Boys 5/6 Regional Gold (White) (contd)

### **Jordan Nicola**

Jordan is a magnificent defender and an even better goal keeper. His ability to keep goals out of the net is better than any 5/6 goalkeeper I have seen. Jordan's talking to organise the defence is outstanding especially on short corners. Jordan is always focused even when he does not touch the ball for long periods of time. Well done Jordan.

### **Mark Ogden**

Mark is a tough player who controls the game from his position as centre half. He is always willing to give advice to other players on the field. Mark has an extremely accurate hit that can hit the sticks of our players from a great distance. Mark follows the play well and drops back to defend when required. Great season Mark.

### **Harrison Rayment**

Harry is a strong defender when he is focused and wants to do well. He has a good tackle and his skills have improved a lot over the season. Harry is one of our most improved players this season and this is because he is always at training and willing to learn. Harry will become a great player if he tries really hard to keep focused. Well done Harry.

### **Matthew Roche**

Matt is a great winger and always knows what he should be doing. His ability to work back and help out in defence is a great help to the team. Matt can hit the ball very well but does not use it much in the game. Matt always has something to say about what the team should be doing which shows he has an understanding of the game.

### **Christopher Soraine**

Chris is our star centre forward who always seems to know how to score goals. He has a very good drag and can run through defence with very little effort. Chris is our leading goal scorer for the season. He always has something to say at training and at games which most of the time is about hockey. Excellent year Chris.

### **Mitchell Vaughan**

Mitch is a tireless player who can anticipate where the ball is going to be next and moves there. This skill results in Mitch going all over the field and providing support to all of our players. Mitch's skills have improved from week to week with both his hitting and running with the ball. Great first season Mitch.



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