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Life Members

Men		Women	
V. Dalton (Dec'd)	1959	S. Bell	
D. Spitteler	1969	S. Grey	
P. Noad (Dec'd)	1971	H. Klass	
R. Halliday (Dec'd)	1972	D. Markham	
B. Spitteler	1975	S. Niven	
M. Currell	1978	G. Richardson (Dec'd)	
W. Meacock	1979	C. Bayens (Dec'd)	
K. Timmel	1980	M. Margetts	1996
W. Forward	1982	J. Rate (Dec'd)	2002
J. Cole	1984	B. Bennetts (Dec'd)	2002
M. Reynolds (Dec'd)	1985	N. Ogden	2007
B. Hancock	1987	J. Davis	2011
I. Deveson (Dec'd)	1988	L. Forbes	2013
J. Pickering	1991		
N. Kidd	1992		
W. Atkinson	1993		
G. Napier	1994		
C. Willis	1994		
K. Jackaman	1997		
K. McGuire	2000		
R. Walker	2001		
M. 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		
B. Cadd	2012		

Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

Club Administration 2014

Patron:	Mr Russell Aubrey, Mayor, City of Melville
Vice Patrons:	Merv Bennetts (Life member) Wally Meacock (Life member) Colin West (Life member) Norm Kidd (Life member) Sonya Bell Alan Carpenter MLA Simon O'Brien MLC
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Equipment Officer:	Mark Rayfield
Uniform Officer:	Tracey Hunt
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Games Records:	Rob Walker
Windelya Sports Assoc. Representative:	Barry Hancock

President's Report

Another year has gone so fast. So much has happened, and so much was achieved by the club and you, the members. We are a busy, active and proud club. Last year we were looking ahead. What if we achieved Women's MTL League? What if we achieved finals for our MTL Men's Team? How can we make our club a better more efficient running organisation. Well that small army of volunteers that I constantly refer to and rely on, who are too many to mention all by name but we know who they are, serving on Committees, Social Groups, Uniform Shop, Kitchen, Bar, Records, Coaching, Managing etc. have achieved another great year. Our culture is alive and well and we have a very good organisation which is one we can all be proud of.

Second year as president has been somewhat less daunting, at least now I know when I am going to fall into a hole. I'm now working on being politically correct. We'll see how we go. Thanks for sorting that one out committee. Discussing committee, when you are tired and the proposed turf 2 agreements are going nowhere and all seems to be going wrong, I am still inspired by usually one of our committee or members who do the most generous things. One person who comes to mind is Tony Illman who has been doing repairs all year without as much as a 'hey look at me!' We showed up at Hook in 2 Hockey and noted the cart that was used to set up all the fields by carrying all the gear around had a broken wheel, the young lad at the time was struggling with it. So let's try out the new system and we logged the defect in the repair book in the dugout. Well next week the Mellor kids are setting up, dragging this cart around with all the wheels working fine. This was one of many many jobs completed to a very high standard throughout the year by Tony. Not to mention the Mellor kids doing a fine job too. What does one say? This is how our club works. Members inspire me, and I am sure many of you too, all the time.



President's Report (contd)

A few bullet points of highlights through the year and season 2014 have been:

Top Squad Men	First Time Finals and marked improvement
Top Squad Women	First Time MTL Level and in the finals
Senior Men	All play on turf now and hope this is for the better.
Senior Women	So great to see the depth in our club can remain by bringing home some wins to avoid relegation next year. We tried very hard to get good time slots on the turf and hope these were seen as achieved.
Juniors	Have had a good year but with noted improvements. In saying this, there have been many of our young stars picked in state and regional teams. Also great to see the introduction of juniors into the higher grades all the way up to MTL League. Still improvements required though, in training and coordination areas between grades.
Hook in 2 Hockey	Numbers are down, which we believe is cyclic. So need a bit more work in this area. Can I encourage members to get on with it if you know what I mean. We had about 180 kids this year and hope to improve. The program is still second to none in fun and value.
Men's Vets	Seem to be very strong with all grades showing good numbers except 40 - 4 at times. However, this seems to be improving and a lot of the older guys enjoyed doubling up with an extra game.
Ladies Vets/Masters	Seem stable but did have reduced playing times on turf this year. We hope that this will not be the same again in the season 2015.
Volunteers	We struggled with numbers this year so if you can, please help. The volunteers that were available though were once again magnificent. We definitely need Kitchen assistance to spread the load and to not be too daunting for one or two people.

Club Functions beneficial to the operation undertaken or introduced 2014 were:

Junior Development	Needs more work and will continue 2015. Baseline training, Junior Coordination through Coaches and MTIS program to be reinstated.
Women's Turf Schedule	Good times were achieved and we had a program for the club Seniors by end of October.
The Pride	Became more relevant in our club weekly life. A lot of compliments coming back on this newsletter. Well Jodi and Reynolds Graphics.

President's Report (contd)

IMG System

We did go alone again with enormous work completed by Jodi Reynolds and company as well as Janine Tate and Rob Walker and backed up by Emma Bell. We will go online fully next season.

Uniforms

We are updating uniforms spread over a two year period. At present there is a panel for attire which will recommend colour, type, shape, logos and come up with a specification for our uniforms and other club apparel. Once complete, there secondly is a commercial panel who firstly negotiate a deal with supplier companies for the Top Squad Men for season 2015. Sponsors are required for these teams also. The big negotiations are for season 2016 where the club will move to a new uniform with a negotiated deal with a 5 year contract. This is to allow families to plan for this and to get the very best pricing for value we can. Which will be passed onto members.

Head Coaches Contracts

These contracts have been put in place with season 2015 being a transitional year with the successful incumbent coaches having first right of refusal. If refused then we move into a tendering process for new coaches immediately. If taken up then in season 2016 this process will come into effect automatically. At the time of writing this report these negotiations had not been finalised.

I thank the committee for their tireless efforts in keeping this club going. Thank you to our sponsors for being good corporate citizens and financing so many programs and events through all levels of Melville Hockey. I also thank you, the members, young and old for being Melville City Hockey Club - for you are the club's heart and soul.

Gary Bowater
President



Finance & Sponsorship Report

2014 has been a smooth year in terms of sponsorship. Our long term sponsors are still supporting us with a few new sponsors coming on board.

FINANCE

The financial position of the club subject to our final audit stays strong through the excellent financial management of our hardworking treasurer Louise Dixon, Cheri Bowater who has been assisting Louise and of course our President Gary Bowater. A big thankyou to all three of you. I would like to remind the members of our club that the financial position is due in part to the working efforts of volunteers. This includes the kitchen, bar and other fund raising centres run by the club. We can't thank these people enough for the revenue raised which contributes greatly to the club's financial well being. Thank you once again.

THE SPONSORS

We have many sponsors in our club who give without expecting very much in return. They have a love for the club, hockey and its community. A special thanks go to Andrew and Jodi Reynolds for their tireless work with our website and newsletters, Dave Porter for his ongoing help with the turf, Annette Gebauer for her involvement in the umpiring, Nicola Ogden for her help with the Bar, Jonathon Orr for his work with the top squad (Men), Teresa Forbes for her photography and Bruce Cadd for his work with our men's vets. We also acknowledge the many committee members who sponsor their personal time to the club and help make the club what it is today. For the generous sponsors of the club we thank you. Please use their services when you get a chance. Let them know you are from MCHC. The sponsors for 2014 are:

Duracraft Panel and Paint – Dan McEntee – Stadium Naming Rights

Hockey International – Jinder Couhon - Premium Sponsor

Porter Matthews – Bruce and Cam Porter – Premium Sponsor

Porter Engineering – Dave Porter - Platinum Sponsor

Bank of Queensland – Dean Stonehouse – Platinum Sponsor

KSN – Sam Nah – Platinum Sponsor

Melville Mitsubishi – Mario Scarpel - Platinum Sponsor

Pulse Realty – Sue and Graham Rayner - Platinum Sponsor

Reynolds Graphics and Multimedia - Andrew & Jodi Reynolds - Platinum Sponsor

Western Irrigation – Andrew and Nicola Ogden – Gold Sponsor

Finance & Sponsorship Report (Cont)

Old Bridge Cellars – Gold Sponsor

Kenwick Auto Electrics – Steve Silvey – Gold Sponsor

Satalyst – Todd Elliott – Gold Sponsor

Bentley Crane Hire – Orlando Andrade - Gold Sponsor

Creation Jeweller Fremantle – Greg Macintyre - Silver Sponsor

Westat Mining Solutions – Paul Hetherington – Silver Sponsor

Fremantle Dermatology – Annette and Kurt Gebauer – Silver Sponsor

Moncrieff Realty – Jim Moncrieff – Bronze Sponsor

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To all these fine businesses and their principals we thank you from Melville City Hockey Club and we look forward to our ongoing relationship in 2015.

Peter Oudejans

Finance and Sponsorship

Senior Administration Report - Men

I know that I always start this way, but I would first off like to thank 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 Mike Ashley for doing all of the work and allowing me to take all the credit, and to welcome Kyle McNess to our little group next year.

Last year, I wrote that I was hoping that we would make the Finals in the Top grade of competition in WA for the first time. We didn't crack it last year – but we have this year. Congratulations are due to all involved – Peter, Charlie and Jonno, Pat Welsh and Dewindy – all of these guys contribute hugely to our on-field success. Mostly though, congratulations to the players in our top three grades, who support each other and provide a platform for excellent performance in the top side week in and week out.

Again, to repeat a sentiment from last year's report, reaching finals is fantastic, but ultimately, we want to entrench ourselves as perennial finalists in the same way as other Clubs in the competition. We must improve the quality of our Juniors as they come into the Senior grades, and the club is putting a new focus on this development area for 2015. Similarly, we need to focus on our cohort of 17-21 year olds – the backbone of our future – through identifying development areas for them and then providing resources to help them improve. These two key areas will be getting renewed focus in the off-season and through 2015.

We also need to build stronger links between the seniors and 11/12s, to maximise the retention of the juniors as they transition. We have worked on this area for some time but still need to improve, and we need to broaden our focus to all of the year 12s next year, not just those playing at the elite level.

On the minus side this year, we now have no grass teams on a Saturday afternoon in senior ranks. We did add another turf team but I for one am saddened by the decline of grass hockey in WA – which is probably a sign that I am getting old and need to pass this job on.

Thanks to Stick, Picko, Tristan, Teddy, Dewindy and Walshy for their help though the year in getting teams on the park.

Finally, thanks to my hockey widow wife Janice, for still putting up with me being absent for winter...after all these years.

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

Gavin

Vice President - Men

Senior Administration Report - Women

We started 2014 not really knowing how the season would turn out. 2014 saw the 1s Women finally break into the Melville Toyota League after 2 hard fought years in Willow Bridge League. Fielding 6 competitive ladies teams was looking to be difficult early on in preseason but with a late influx of players the season was looking promising for all teams.

Blake Burrows joined us again this season and took on the role of Melville Toyota League coach. With promotion from Willow Bridge, the MTL ladies were aiming in 2014 to avoid relegation. After a strong win in round 2 over last year's grand finalists UWA, we knew there were great things to come from the MTL women. The MTL Women made history this year, finishing second on the ladder to have a double chance in the finals series. This season we have seen outstanding contributions from both the players and off-field team. Thank you to John De Bes for your support through the top squad preseason and fitness programs, to Di Silvey for managing our first ever MTL team extremely well and to Steve Silvey for assisting the team in every way possible. Finally I would like to recognise and thank our top squad sponsor Pulse Realty for their ongoing support this season.

The 2s competed in Premier 2's again this season with new coaches Maverick Yow and Sean Ranford. The 2s had a hard fought year, with a few good wins and some narrow losses to top 4 teams. 7 juniors played through the 2s this season, which shows the depth of our junior program and what great promise there is for our top squad in the future. Thank you to Mav and Ramma for your efforts this season it really is appreciated, to Rob and Annette Fullarton for managing the team and to Don Miller for your ongoing support.

With the promotion to Premier Alliance we were unsure how the 3s would go this season. 2014 saw 33 players move through the 3s, but week in week out, the team put in a great effort against some strong oppositions. The Melville 3s were a really competitive team in this grade with 8 draws and a number of wins. Thank you to Evan Bowater for putting your hand up to coach and to Susan Wilson for being so patient and managing the team this season.

The 4s had a great start to the season in the Provisional 2 Gold league and were looking a good finals chance. After a few losses mid-way through the year, Melville had to fight hard to break back into the top 4. Unfortunately the ladies just missed out on finals finishing 5th on the ladder. A big thank you to Chris Morrison for coaching again this season and to Kate Sparkes for managing. I am looking forward to seeing great things from this team next season as they push for promotion to Provisional 1.

The 5s also had a good start to the season and finals looked promising in the Provisional 4 grade. The 5s struggled with numbers for the good part of the season giving a number of juniors the opportunity to play through this grade. Thank you to Nicola Ogden and Dylan Hadley for coaching and to Nia Goodhand and Hayley Lyons for managing this season.

The Metro 1s had a tough season with a number of injuries and narrowly missed out on finals for the first time in a number of years. The Metros are certainly a great social bunch and can always be spotted at the bar each Saturday afternoon. I cannot thank Jan Davis enough for the effort she puts into this team every season.

We would like to recognise and congratulate the following senior players who were selected to represent the club at a State level:

Briony Clark	U21 Women's State Team
Preah Hetherington	WA Diamonds and U21 Women's State Team
Aimee Clark	U18 Women's State Team
Ashleigh McNess	U18 Women's State Team

And finally, thank you to Rob Fullarton for your efforts as VP Women's Administration in 2014. This season has been very rewarding and I am looking forward to bigger and better things in 2015 for the Senior Women at Melville City Hockey Club.

Brianna Coleman
Assistant VP – Women's Administration

Masters Report - Men

This is my last report on our season as masters coordinator as I've decided to hand over to someone else to carry on in the role. This year we had the same number of teams as previous seasons with a mixed result - four teams in the four and the rest in 6th and 7th positions.

Many changes have taken place in the team structure and the 2 manager roles have been working well with most teams, taking the pressure off one manager. All managers handled the changes to the manner of reporting and registering players online well - we only had minor problems. This year the Masters Australian Championships are on in Perth. Congratulations to those players that have been selected to play for WA and also to our players who are playing for other states.

This year a special thanks to Jodi Reynolds who put in many hours dealing with HWA's new system. Thanks also to Rob Walker for his efforts in following up on missing reports and registrations. Without their efforts we would have been in a real mess.

Thanks to Neil Ashley and Steve McEntee for their valuable sessions on umpiring that they ran after training on Thursday nights. They were greatly appreciated by those who attended them. I hope we can continue on with this next season.

The managers have all been under a lot of pressure to find players every week but have done a great job in making sure we didn't forfeit any games during the season. Congratulations for your efforts.

On a sad note, this year we lost Geoff Corlett, our 60's Goalie, after a period of illness which he fought to the end. Having attended a service in his memory, I now realize how many hockey events he had been part of. To his family and friends, our condolences. We will miss him greatly. It was very satisfying to see our yearbook as part of a tribute to his hockey life achievements along with all his medals, trophies and photos of Masters Tournaments he had been to over the years.

I know he will be organising his defenders up there in his normal way.

The coming year poses challenges to some teams with player shortages so get in early and indicate your participation for 2015 season. Please help and support your Managers and Masters coordinator and Thanks for the last 5 Years

Bruce Cadd
Vice President - Men's Masters

MOFTA Report

Another year has gone by with many enjoyable evenings at the club. Getting together for a chat and telling stories of years gone by over a beer and a roast is a great way to spend Thursday night.

Tony Illman and Greg Stewart have joined our group this year and on behalf of other members I welcome them into the clan. The meals once again have been excellent and I would like to thank Lynda and her crew for an outstanding effort. Also thanks to Barry, Steve and Bruce for their help and effort during the season.

The "Poison Pen" may return in 2015, so look out!

All the best to all teams in the finals, especially our top men and women.

See you all in 2015.

Junior Administration Report

Once again, it seems like the season has flown by. I wouldn't be telling the whole truth if I said it had been an easy ride this year, but that's the nature of sport – it's full of ups and downs. The excitement of a team going through the season undefeated (as of writing they have one game to play), and the worry about teams struggling to get a win on the board. The stress of trying to keep everyone happy, balanced with the joy of seeing a team improve during the season, and really enjoying their hockey, regardless of the score.

Our club couldn't run without a large number of volunteers, and I would like to thank a group of people I have worked closely with throughout the season, the 2014 Junior Committee:

Assistant Junior Co-ordinator:	Graeme Coleman
Hook in2 Hockey/Grads Co-ordinator:	Roger Mellor
Year 5/6 Girls Co-ordinator:	Vanessa Cornwall/Vanessa Carmody
Year 5/6 Boys Co-ordinator:	Colleen Moulin
Year 7/8 Girls Co-ordinator:	Vanessa Cornwall/Chris Cocks
Year 7/8 Boys Co-ordinator:	Kate Page
Year 9/10 Girls Co-ordinator:	Leona Stephens
Year 9/10 Boys Co-ordinator:	Mark and Theresa Rayfield
Year 11/12 Girls Co-ordinator:	Denise Miller/Graeme Coleman
Year 11/12 Boys Co-ordinator:	Corelle Coleman/Rae Thompson
Equipment Manager:	Mark Rayfield
Junior Coaching Co-ordinator:	Keith Harper
Junior Managers' Co-ordinator:	Emma Bell
Junior Umpiring Co-ordinator:	Annette Gebauer

Most of the people on the Junior committee have been involved for several years, and some of them have decided to take a break from their involvement next year. I would like to sincerely thank Denise Miller, Vanessa Cornwall, Corelle Coleman, Leona Stephens and Vanessa Carmody for all of their hard work. We can't run a club this size without the help of people like these, who are passionate about doing their best to make sure that all of our Junior players have a fun, successful season.

I need to thank Jodi and Andy Reynolds, who run our club website, publish "The Pride" newsletter and maintain our membership database so that we can keep everyone up to date with important information throughout the season. I would also like to thank Club Registrar, Rob Walker, who maintains our "games played" and "goals scored" records - a huge job in a club with almost 1000 members! I hope your team hasn't needed to use its First Aid Kit too often, but if you have, your thanks should be directed towards Annette Davoren, who has efficiently stocked and maintained kits throughout the season. Many of you will have seen Teresa Forbes on the sidelines snapping away with her gigantic camera, capturing our Melville players in action. Teresa shares her photos on the club website and also helps out at the end of the year, preparing team photos for printing. Thanks Teresa!

As always, a highlight of the year for many Juniors is the annual Southwest Junior Hockey Carnival, held in Bunbury over the June long weekend. Once again, Vanessa Cornwall organized our teams. This was no mean feat considering she had a new baby and a wedding to plan!! Once again, thanks to Vanessa's extremely efficient organization, a great weekend was had by everyone. I hope we will see even more Melville teams in Bunbury next year.

One of the most difficult parts of organizing a "team sport" club is determining how many teams we field each year. We need to strike a balance between having enough players in a team so that there are substitutes on the sideline to rest weary team-mates, but not too many so that players are on the sidelines for too long and become bored. For example, if we have 35 players register in an age group, do we form three teams of 12, 12 and 11, and perhaps use some players from a younger age group, or form two teams, of 17 and 18? Given that a team can only field a maximum of 16 players in a game, option 2 is not really a possibility. Option 1 is a risk, because it doesn't allow for sickness or injury. The only other alternative would be to turn players away. Often we cannot make these decisions until the last minute, as some members leave it very late to register to play for the season. We have been caught out in a couple of age groups this year, with a few teams struggling to have 12 players each week. Some of this is due to injury (broken and dislocated bones and torn muscles meaning long bouts on the sidelines) and illness, some of it due to Juniors who also play Seniors, some due to players withdrawing from a team at the last minute, or during the season, and none of it was predictable at the beginning of the season. I'm sorry if your child has been in a team that has had a hard time. We are looking at how we can improve on this in 2015. One thing that would *greatly* help us is for existing members to register early so we have an idea of numbers well in advance of Grading Day.

Junior Administration Report (Cont)

This year we fielded 26 Junior teams, 14 girls' teams, and 12 boys' teams, including a team in A grade in every age group. Thirteen of our teams finished in the top 4 in their grade, including two who finished on top of the ladder. Well done to the J5/6C Boys, who win the Premiership for finishing first (no finals in J5/6 grade) with one loss for the season, and to the J7/8B (White) Boys, who didn't lose a game and will play in the Grand Final. An area of concern is the lower number of younger boys' teams (J5/6) this year. We had three teams, rather than the five we have had in recent seasons. We need to work hard over the next couple of years to make sure our Hook in2 Hockey and Grads program keeps its numbers up, and that these players progress through to Junior teams. Please encourage your children's friends to come along and give hockey a go – our best advertising is our members!

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

U12 State Schoolgirls:	Chloe Forbes, Saoirse Hanavan, Sarah Hasselerharm
U13 Girls State Team:	Neasa Flynn, Lisa Gleave, Kayla O'Sullivan, Ash Power, Jade Vanderzwan
U13 Boys State Team:	Patrick Lorraine
U15 Girls State Team:	Abi Bell, Molly Hagen, Jess Hood, Jo Snyman
U15 Boys State Team:	Mackenzie Love, Alex Rayfield
U18 Women's State Team:	Senior players Aimee Clark, Ashleigh McNess
U18 Men's State Team:	Matt Tate (also Senior players Shaun McKay, Bryn de Bes)

We also had two Juniors selected to umpire at National Championships: Matthew Tate at the U15 Boys, and Dylan Forbes at the U12 Girls. Like any sport, being a hockey umpire is sometimes a thankless task, but we can't play without umpires. Our Junior Umpiring Co-ordinator, Annette Gebauer, has done a magnificent job organizing our band of Junior umpires this season, the biggest group we have ever had! Many of them have been working towards official accreditation, which is fantastic.

Thank you once again to our Team Managers, who make sure that the season runs smoothly for their teams, that everyone knows where to be, and that results are entered on HockeyNet each week. I'm sure your teams really appreciate everything you do.

Probably the most important volunteers at our club are the team coaches. We simply can't exist without a coach for every team, and I can't thank them enough for giving up their time to help our Juniors improve their hockey. Our coaches are a diverse bunch in age and hockey experience. Some of them are parents or siblings of team members, quite a few of them are senior players at the club who give up their time because they love the game, and it's a way to "pay back" the time that their Junior Coaches put into coaching them when they were younger. We have identified coaching as an area of priority for 2015. We want to better support our coaches, providing coach education at an appropriate level for everyone, before the season starts. Even if you don't want to coach a team, perhaps you might attend a coaching session next year so that you can help out the coach at training, working with a small group of players. We appointed Russell Lee as our Junior Development Officer this year, a new position we have created to assist with the transition from Juniors to Seniors, improve our coaching and playing standards, and identify talented players. This is a big job, and something we will continue to work on and refine in 2015.

Last year I thanked Graeme Coleman for his many years of involvement, expecting that he would move on to Senior administration, since he no longer has any children playing Junior hockey. As it turned out, he once again put his hand up to be the Assistant Junior Coordinator when we were stuck, and has done a magnificent job as always. He swears that this is definitely his last year on the Junior Committee. I guess we'll have to wait and see!

It is time for me to take a break from the role of Juniors Vice-President (Junior Co-ordinator), although I intend to remain on the Junior Committee and help out wherever I can, especially as a support person for the new Junior Co-ordinator. As I write this, the position is still vacant for 2015 – please consider taking on this very important, but also very rewarding role.

Finally, thank you to Craig, Matthew and Mitchell, who have made it possible for me to fill this role, and are always supportive and help out in any way they can.

Janine Tate
Vice-President (Juniors)

Hook in2 Hockey Report

What a fantastic season our youngest club members had in 2014 in our Hook in2 Hockey program (Hin2H). Our Hin2H 1 players are our newest players. At the beginning of the season, I witnessed sticks being used as swords, crutches and even walking sticks! By the end of the season, all 49 of them looked like the real deal!.. They have become very proficient at pushing, stopping and dribbling. Our final turf game was an opportunity for them to showcase their new skills and give the parents a little lesson in hockey. They demonstrated that they had not only grasped the fundamentals of the sport, but also gave the opposing parents a lesson in passing and team play. I hope the parents took something away for the next parents v kids match!

Hin2H 2 players also had a productive season. They built on the basics, with many games being open and spread out. This resulted in some high scoring battles with some remarkable goals coming from well put together passages of play. This is no mean feat when there are 18 attacker's on the ball! They are an enthusiastic bunch the 2's, and had clearly been practising over the break. Hopefully all 48 of them continue to practice, and return in 2015 even more hungry for some hockey action.

Our 30 Hin2H 3 players played their final year of Hin2H. Clearly they are ready to spread their wings on a bigger field in Grads in 2015. They showed us, with their good levels of skill, their "hard at the ball attitude", that they are ready for Grads! They generally played free flowing open games of hockey with plenty of well-placed passes. Position play was also noticeable in these games. Falling back to help defend, giving team mates room when in attack, looking for the square pass or through ball became a common occurrence. The games had a pleasing level of competitiveness about them, and encouraging levels of sportsmanship. I look forward to seeing the grads games next season.

Grads players have come of age. Our 5 / 6's teams next year are looking to be in good shape with our 40 grads players making the transition to junior competition in 2015. It took no time at all for these players to adapt to hitting and playing on a ¾ field. The games were exciting with players really coming to terms with the strategic elements of our great sport. Strong basic skills and an ability to play well in our traditional field positions enabled the introduction of short corners and full field games early in the season. Short corners proved to be successful and soon our players recognised these as a potential goal scoring opportunity. We have had one Grads team play against Fremantle each week, which was of mutual benefit to both clubs, and thoroughly enjoyed by all the kids.

It was very evident that all our 24 coaches have done a great job. A special thankyou to all the coaches. Well done. Also thanks to the managers that rallied the troops for BBQ duty and took care of other administrative tasks throughout the season. Thanks also to Guy Dyson for his whizz bang excel skills and for taking care of the team lists and fixtures. Thanks to the BBQ ladies – Maureen and Linda, as well the troops from the 1's team for running the BBQ and kitchen every Saturday morning and on Friday nights. It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge my son Mason Mellor who volunteered to do the set up and pack up each week. Not once did he complain about getting out of bed at 7am on a cold and wet Saturday morning. A good effort for a 15 year old that doesn't even play hockey! I hope that, as parents and spectators, you got a lot of enjoyment out of the season, and return to play our great game at our great club in 2015.

Roger Mellor
Coordinator
Hook in2 Hockey / Grads

Melville City Hockey Club

Games Played Awards 2014

800 Games

Maris Margetts

600 Games

Bruce Porter

400 Games

Aki Etelaaho
Michael Jensen
Daniel McEntee
Johnson Orr

300 Games

Susan Clark
Andrew Reynolds
Brad Wake
Steve Walsh
Richard Williams

200 Games

Pat Hall
Holly Menegola
Christopher Morrison
Annette Scholten
Megan Silvey
Kirsten Silvey
Andrew Starling
Michael Watson

100 Games

Bronwen Anderson
Tristan Clemons
Eliane Gebauer
Wayne Harries
Rachel Harrup
Matthew Hudson
Darren Kidd
Brittany Lawrence

Russell Lee
Duncan MacPhail
Natalie Matthews
Justin McDougall
Kyle McNess
Monique Miller
Dee Murphy
Robert Preedy

William Ross
David Ross
Monique Sader
Lachlan Sims
Andrew Toogood
Georgia Wade

50 Games

Kenrick Armitage
Abigail Bell
Carlo Bontempo
Nathaniel Bufton
Brysen Cadle
Eva Cocks
Corelle Coleman
Geoff Currie
Jack Davoren
Chloe Dawes
Lochlann Downey
Lizzie Fairall
Jessie Floyd
Neasa Flynn
Aidan Gallagher
Christian Gallagher
Alice Graham
Matthew Harrup

Matthew Harvey
Tim Harvey
Mitchell Hayward
Liam Hill
Sean Hird
Joshua Lawrence
Jayden Lawrence
Charlotte Marshall
Zachary McKinnon
Luka Mellor
Bryanna Miller
Ben Munnings
Ian Munns
Mark Ogden
Kayla O'Sullivan
Peter Oudejans
Daniel Page
Eva Quattrini

Eilidh Rayfield
Ellen Rolls
Jo Rosso
Emma Shaw
Stephen Simpson
Cameron Simpson-Bint
Samuel Skepper
Andrew Spear
Mikayla Stephens
Cameron Surtees
Ciara Thompson
Rebecca Vanderzwan
Joel Walkemeyer
Daniel Whibley
Matt Willis
Tony Ziegelaar

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 committee.

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 2014

Division	Fairest & Best	Coach's Award
Girls 11/12A:	Monique Miller	Brittany Lawrence
Girls 11/12B:	Chloe Dawes	Ciara Browne
Boys 11/12A:	Ashley Ranford	Lachlan Sims
Boys 11/12B:	Andrew Howells	Jordan Templeman
Girls 9/10A:	Jo Snyman	Aimee-Lee Dowsett
Girls 9/10A Promotion:	Amy Ross	Trilby Widger
Girls 9/10C:	Jaida Christie	Isabel Vieira
Boys 9/10A:	Alex Rayfield	Hayden Lock
Boys 9/10A Reserve:	Connor Deaville	Liam Metcalfe
Boys 9/10B White:	Mitchell Widger	Atle Edgar
Girls 7/8A:	Jade Vanderzwan	Lisa Gleave
Girls 7/8A Promotion:	Tiana Tindale	Lilly McDonald
Girls 7/8A Reserve:	Ailsa Christian	Isobel Piggford
Girls 7/8B White:	Cailey Pickard	Tara Godin
Boys 7/8A:	Dylan Forbes	Mitchell Tate
Boys 7/8A Reserve:	Joshua Scanlon	Brodie Hood
Boys 7/8B Black:	Oscar Sanchez	Asher Blechynden
Boys 7/8B White:	Jaymon Needham	Joel Walkemeyer

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Junior Awards 2014 (Contd)

Division

Coach's Awards

Girls 5/6A:	Saoirse Hanavan	Kate Edwards
Girls 5/6A Reserve:	Mikaela Spires	Eveleigh Arthur
Girls 5/6B Gold:	Sasha Richards	Celia Evans
Girls 5/6C Gold (Maroon):	Natasha Chisholm	Tara Mishra
Girls 5/6C Gold (White):	Piper Sumich	Alex Rolls
Boys 5/6A:	Dylan Harris	Callum Flynn
Boys 5/6B Gold:	Benjamin Parker	Thomas Williamson
Boys 5/6C Gold:	Daniel Wallington	Andrew Goddard
Junior Loyalty Awards:	Rachel Harrup	Jack Paterson
	Ashley Ranford	William Ross
	Alison Watson	
Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy:		Ashley Ranford
Most promising junior progressing to seniors		
David Porter Trophy:		Lisa Gleave
Outstanding goalkeeper		
Ian Halliday Trophy:		Andrew Howells
Highest junior goal scorer		

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Seniors Awards 2014

Club Champion: Fairest and best - men's top side	David Orr
Club Champion: Fairest and best - women's top side	Miya Eum
Hladky-Bayens Award: Member displaying most commitment to club	Janine Tate
Caitlyn Ogden Memorial Award:	Matt Bowater
Premier 2 Men:	Ben Meacock
Premier 2 Women:	Brittany MacNab
Premier Alliance Men:	Frank Reynolds
Premier Alliance Women:	Emma Griffiths
Provisional 1 Men:	Kyle Jamieson
Provisional 2 Gold Men:	Will Beddoes
Provisional 2 Gold Women:	Jessica Gallimore
Provisional 3 Black Men:	Matthew Read
Provisional 3 Gold Men:	Nick Malacari
Provisional 4 Gold Men:	Christian Gallagher
Provisional 4 Women:	Camilla Elliott
Metro 1 Women:	Jolene Olde
O40 Midweek Men:	Russell Lee
O35 Division 2 Women:	Susan Clark
O35 Division 4 Women:	Jenny Coad
O40 Division 1 Men:	Andrew Scanlon
O40 Division 2 Men:	Derek Doak
	Michael Currie
O40 Division 4 Men:	Brett Gibbins
	Brian Kennington
O50 Division 1 Men:	Michael Watson
O50 Division 2 Gold Men:	Andy Wood
O50 Division 3 Men:	Bruce Porter
O60 Division Men:	Leo Welten
Melville Turf Inc. Merit Award:	Tony Illman

The Maple Leaf Cup

Presented by Kip Hladky 1982 - 2011



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

President's Award

Johnson Orr & Graeme Coleman	2001
Greg Riley	2002
Rod Wake & family	2003
Bob Blachford (<i>Bob the Barman</i>)	2004
Linda King	2005
Conor Keating	2006
Lynda Forbes & Maureen Welten	2007
Daniel White	2008
Theresa Rayfield	2009
Andy & Jodie Reynolds	2010
Leo Welten & Wayne Hudson	2011
Janine & Craig Tate	2012
Jodi Reynolds & Steve Silvey	2013
Maureen Welten & Gavin Scally	2014

Melville Toyota League - Men

I have just read part of my report for the 2013 Annual Windup Team Report, and it talks of just missing out on Finals and the reason why???

For the first time in 2013 we achieved a positive goal difference which generally puts you in the top 5 or top 6, however, we still leaked too many goals. In 2013 we scored 63 goals and let in 53. I commented then that letting in 53 was still costly not just on the scoreboard but also on chances to play Finals. We needed to do something about it.

In 2014 we let in 38 goals and scored 52, so a significant improvement on the 2013 season, and guess what we made Finals for the first time sealing it with a fighting win over a star studded Wasps team 3 to 2 in the second last fixture. Congratulations to all involved.

Of significant note, our goals against means we have the second best defensive effort in the League - an outstanding performance!

It is these continual improvements that will take the first men's team forward to be a consistent top three team, and a marked improvement on the 20 goals for and 95 against 6 years ago when I first took the job on. It has been incremental improvements and hard work for a long time to create a sustained model for success.

I must highlight Charlie Gaudoin's role in this. To work closely with Charlie on our mission has been special. He is a marvelous gentleman and a bonus to our Club but also a blunt coach who tells players exactly as he sees it. Like it or lump it, many have improved their performance through Charlie's input. He is integral to our performance. If he stops coaching I believe he has a career waiting as a joke teller.

Johnno once again coordinated our management and what a hug I received when we cracked enough points for a finals berth. Do not be fooled by his quiet manner as his love for the team, Club and desire for success is beyond imaginable. His support to me behind the scenes is loyal and incredible. Thanks for the preseason trip to Geraldton with the Swedish backpackers in the Morris Johnno, that's a trip to remember and a great 60th memory for you. We played hockey and bought raffle tix in Geraldton too, and the 1s Squad won everything defeating Hale in the Final, and winning all other prizes on offer. I think Rizza's form at the Geraldton nightclub was memorable, and to finally see Anto's batteries run out on the Sunday shows that he was warmly welcomed into the squad on Saturday night also. Killa, the man, did a great job coordinating the trip under Johnno's mentorship. The success of his efforts was shown again and again throughout this season.

I have been indebted to my other coaching staff. Jordan and Pat as 2's coach have been tireless in their efforts of assisting all to improve and to give direct and solid critique on the 1's and 2's performances. It's a pity Pat can't play, but he is a talented young coach, and we are lucky to have him in our midst. Jordan's hockey knowledge is outstanding and the players listen to all that he says due to the value imparted. Once again we are lucky as a Club to have these guys do what they do. De Wind has once again capably led the 3's. I must admit, these 3 coaches have a difficult job on the selection table to maintain balanced sides as the 1's Coach picks and chooses who he wants each week. Sometimes this provides difficulties for them, which are not of their own making but they always carry the Club first line to better the larger squad as a whole. With Pat's operation occurring during the finals week, Dirty has also stepped into the coaching role, and once again we have a brilliant young coach in our midst.

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

So the squad:

With major changes to the team makeup a new defensive unit was created with regulars being Captain **Justin McDougall** at RHB, Goalie **Tristan Clemons**, **David Orr** as sweeping defender, **Bryn Hayward** as LHB, **Jordan Hunt** as front fullback, **Pat Lawther** at interchange for all positions, and **Ross Hall** in the latter half of the season to cover the front full back role.

As mentioned we produced the second best defensive effort in the competition this year, and it's a real credit to this group. Dirty won the best and fairest, with Jordan and Ross close on his tails. Doogy had his best season yet, and Doc Hayward never let anyone past. Clemo is an outstanding goal keeper as many of you have witnessed and contributes greatly to a confident positive team.

Both Ross and Clemo have gained National League honours this year and we look forward to their continued development to the top. Jordy and Doogs were named in the Thundersticks squad so we have many of our group battling amongst the best in the League. I wonder why Dirty was overlooked as his form has been outstanding.

Whip started the season in the first team, but his inability to be able to train twice due to greater work and family commitments means he has become a real linchpin for our 2's. He has committed great service to first team hockey at Melville and continues to be integral in our overall development. Stick played a couple of early games this year but was struggling to find form, however to his credit he forced his way back into the first team in the last fixture and played very well thus securing a berth in the first team finals campaign. Hard work pays off.

Our midfield was made up from **Matt Willis**, **Bryn de Bes**, **Tim Geers**, and **Ricca** in the main. They have worked very hard, not only in improving their individual games but also carrying a huge work rate for the team. Young Frank Reynolds made his memorable debut in the second last fixture when the team, despite all odds, defeated Wasps with young Frank doing a job on Aussie player Hammond.

It has been great to see Bryn de Bes take on a key role this season especially after missing out on U21 selections, but he has solidified his recognition by excellent form for his beloved Club. Matt Willis continues to be a very loyal team member, works his butt off in training and on match day to see his Melville team succeed. We are indebted to Matt for his leadership and dedication.

Tim Geers has had a difficult year with a lower back injury but has provided some individual brilliance at times and a few sneak goals. Ricca, a team stalwart, never says die on the pitch and fronts up against the opposition to maximize what he can get out of himself.

On our forward line we have some special stories. **Mark Brodie** has continued to harass the opposition with his hard work in the press to make defenders look very nervous. He scored 6 goals this year and hopes to double that score next year. Joining him was our international fly-in Flying Dutchman **Christiaan Stroboer**. Chris has really enjoyed himself at Melville and by the end of the fixtures rounds had scored 13 goals after missing the first 5 games - nice work. Many of us will remember his powerful shots especially in the Wasps game, although I think Matty B has some not so nice memories and bruises to show from the training track. Thanks for being such a great ambassador Christiaan, you are considered a Melville man for life and we hope you come back next season to terrorize other goal keepers.

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Sam Geers has had one of his better seasons for the Club this year and consequently continued to be selected for the 1s. Sam doesn't realize his potential and could become a very damaging forward. Sam scored 4 in the fixtures this year, which is not quite enough and is already talking double figures for 2015, "actions speak louder than words".

Dan McEntee cracked the first team in his 30th year and played his 400th game for the Club in the first team. A major sponsor he is, so what a fine story we have of a Clubman that earns his spilt in the first team and in half a season scored 4 first division goals. This is a lesson to all that it's never too late, just keep working on your game and get better than the rest.

Shaun McKay joined us from Narrogin as a very talented U18 state player and was instrumental in a vibrancy of play and some great goals. He is a player to watch in our future as well as the State's future.

Others who played are **Ryan Hyder, Kyle McNess, Matt Tate, Nick Tate, Ash Ranford, Josh Antoncich, JBQ, Matty B, Russell Ford, Matt Swann, Evan Kelly, and Karl Tulloch**. All have contributed in some way or other. Some had their seasons cut short due to injury, others with international commitments and others due to the fierce competitiveness in our greater squad.

So, 31 players used in the first team this season. That is great club depth, and with such young depth and with demands for improvement we must only get better.

And finally I would like to thank Gary, Gavin and Karen for making so much possible this year. We are in good shape, but we have to work doubly hard to continue to get better. Great memories guys.

Peter Freer



Melville Toyota League - Women

Coach's Report - Blake Burrows

MMXIV saw the start of Melville City Hockey Club further progressing into being a prominent State League Club with the introduction of the Women's first State League side in MCHC History. Together with the Men's side, the club can now start on the journey of developing into being a dominant force in hockey in WA. The foundation of this is Melville City Hockey Club maintaining State League 1's, 2's and 3's and the importance of this is paramount. The club, with its visions, and ambitions understands this and the formation of our women's program that we embarked on two seasons ago is testament to this.

Having the right platform with supportive coaching staff, managers, physiotherapists, medical staff, fitness coaches to presidents, vice presidents, sponsors, players and of course the support of the whole club has allowed us to get where we are at now. At the time of writing this we are currently sitting second on the ladder and heading into our first final series in our FIRST SEASON of State League.

Our plan from the outset was to maintain our playing group as much as we could coming into this season and making sure that firstly, we didn't lose any players, but also that we added experience to our playing group. Our crop of talented young players needed to have the experience of 'a spine' of more experienced players as we termed it in order to play off and learn from them and so this became our main focus in recruiting. In all sports there is no substitute for a player who has played at the top level. Regardless of attitude, which can or at times cannot be changed, they still understand the requirements to play at the highest level and this is also the same for a 100 game player in 'Classic League'. So we were out to achieve this. We managed to recruit well and welcomed Hope 'Bobby' Munro, Jade 'self-named Rooby' Close and Catriona 'Colin' Bailey-Price to the maroon zone. With our AIS draught picks as well, which included Rachael 'Junior' Lynch, Edwina 'Eddie' Bone and Mathilda 'Till Dawg' Carmichael, we were in a very strong place at the beginning of the season. Our full strength line up included nine ex/current internationals, two WAIS scholarship holders and a bench strong enough to be picked in any other starting line up in the competition.

Our season started strongly, however it would soon become evident that for some unknown reason we had annoyed someone in Hockey Heaven... Within weeks we had lost two key players to long-term injuries, with one being potentially career ending. Our depth was clearly going to be tested, and the time and investment that we had put into developing our long term plan was time well spent as we already needed it to start paying dividends. At the beginning of the season we were winning games against top sides and making strong connections amongst the playing group. A comment from club stalwart Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Stratton, who was a little nervous about coming into this season, will stick with me after our first two games.... 'We can do this!'. There was no doubt about it. The on and off field leadership from these senior girls including Miya 'have a loooooook' Eum and Helen 'Allen' Grant was exactly what was needed. Even Sami Gayle coming down after her injury to be with the group was a testament to the support and desire that these girls were showing. There was never any concern from the off field team in the playing ability from the girls in our club. It was the experience and the aforementioned lack of experience of State League games that was going to be our issue going forward.

At the start of the year we stated as a group that we wanted to play finals. Our attitude reflected this and our commitment to not only the team but to training was excellent. We were sitting in the top four and playing some good hockey. If some frustration was coming out it was because we could see the potential of the group and when we were not playing to OUR standards.... Something to continually strive for was what THIS team is about and for the most part this was happening.

To add to the issues caused by injuries we also went through the usual rigors of state team players leaving throughout the season and players not being able to train for whatever reason. Regular and consistent attendance at training is something that is a simple, basic requirement in order for our players to improve. Lack of numbers at training tests not only coaching staff but also other players in the group as well, maybe even more so than the coaches, putting in the hard work week in and week out. The coaching staff worked to the policy that as far as possible each player would be treated as an individual whilst still within the guidelines on what is team policy. Players have families, work and injuries that must be managed.

This year has been a huge transitional period for this playing group, on and off the field. I believe the transition and step up on field to the level of hockey has actually been easier and seen more consistent improvements than off field. The group has at times played the top teams off the park, and our position and number of goals scored is testament to the potential and ability of the group.

Melville Toyota League - Women (contd)

However, and understandably, there have also been times when the group has shown a lack of maturity and inexperience at key times. We have conceded far too many 'soft' goals and need to be physically stronger and more aggressive in our approach. Girls must understand that we can't always be nice and that we must be able to handle criticism in order to win. These things will naturally develop with time and experience but they also require a step up in commitment, desire and work ethic and this starts on the training track.

Sometimes over the course of this season players seemed to lose sight of this and still placed their individual needs/thoughts over what is best for the team. As a coach, I find this unacceptable and hard to swallow, and have voiced my concerns on several occasions. In order to compete for a grand final place season after season, and to consistently be a top four team this group needs to sit down together and decide where exactly they want to go, as a team and as individuals. There needs to be an expectation that you do not let your team mates down, and holidays and social occasions should never take priority. Commitment starts from day one of pre season and ends with the final game full stop. Clearly there will be family/work commitments that are unavoidable, but everyone needs to display the same level of commitment to the TEAM. This year clearly showed that some individuals have not grasped this just yet, and the group needs to decide exactly what is acceptable going forward as it is the off field commitment that will drive the on field development.

As a coach I think it is vital that the group determines its own culture, obviously under the guidance of Steve and I and the senior players. Melville City Hockey Club women's first grade side is no longer a social team, it is rapidly developing in to a strong, exciting force and if we get the off field issues right we could and should be sitting top of the ladder next season and for the next few seasons.

I am very proud of what the group has achieved this season, and the journey we have taken over the last 3 years. We are sitting second in the ladder despite not yet having played our best hockey so far this season. I have very high expectations of this group and am frustrated we have not managed to maintain our consistency over the course of the season. However, putting all things in perspective we have achieved so much so far and surprised a lot of people. We have plenty of hard work to do with SPAM over the next 3 weeks. I am looking forward to the challenges we will be presented with and seeing just how far this group can go this year and in future years. Thank you ladies. It has been a pleasure working with you and wish you all the luck in the finals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the club and in the maroon zone for their support this year and pass on my congratulations to the men's team as we embark on finals together for the first time in the club's history and look forward to a special few weeks of hockey with you all.

I would like to thank the two's players and juniors coming up and filling roles within the first grade team this season. You have done a wonderful job and the club is stronger and has a bright future because of you.

To Annette and physiotherapists over the years that have helped us. Thank you for all of your efforts, Annette. I don't think the girls have ever been so looked after since you have been there and I thank you for your dedicated support.

To John 'nicest bloke in the world' de Bes. Thanks for all the hard work that you have put into these girls. We are clearly the fittest team on the field and without your guidance we could not be where we are today. People have A LOT to thank you for John and we are extremely lucky to have you at the club.

To Di, where do I begin? I have never met someone who is all over a managerial position like you, from dinners at your house for the girls to nurofen and makeup wipes. You are exceptional to have around and are very, very good at keeping EVERYONE in line and where they need to be. We never have to worry about anything as you have sorted it. The girls always know what they are doing because you have organized them and from a coaches point of view that is fantastic as they get to concentrate on playing. Over the three years we have worked with you, never once has there been an issue that you haven't fixed and you have kept me in line as well which truly I am grateful for. I can't thank you enough and we are lucky to have you as a part of our team.

And Finally to Steve.....Thanks mate..... will see you at lunch!

Manager's Report - Di Silvey

2014 as most of you know is the first year for MCHC to be playing in the women's Melville Toyota League. A tower of work over the preceding years by the off field team as well as the playing group has finally seen the club's goal fulfilled.

Melville Toyota League - Women (contd)

John de Bes kicked off pre pre-season in January with pre-season in full swing by February. John's meticulous attention to detail ensured the girls were off to the finest start possible. Thank you John for your continued efforts and support of our team throughout the season. In the words of the girls "we love John".

Pre-season matches were under way during February/March giving the coaching staff an opportunity to gauge the strengths and weaknesses of the team before the season commenced.

Our inaugural MTL squad of 19 was announced and with our new sponsor, Pulse Realty on board, the girls were presented with their new uniforms and tracksuits. Our sincere thanks to Sue and Graham Rayner for coming on this journey with us. We hope you have enjoyed the ride and continue to do so.

I must also thank Nicola Ogden for her support of our top squad and in particular the hand towels she so lovingly produced for all the girls at the beginning of the season. They have been well used. Thanks also to Westat Mining Solutions for your continue sponsorship of the MTL girls.

Our first game of the season was against our old foe Fremantle and both Blake and Steve were as nervous as I've seen them. The players though had the match in control and we ran out winners in our first ever MTL game for the club.

Blake and Steve have committed themselves to this group over the previous two years and nothing was going to stop them from again proving that this group deserved to be in the big league. The dedication and attention to details to produce results at the highest level is an achievement that must be commended. The support of our club president, Gary Bowater, Women's VP Rob Fullarton and Assistant Brianna Coleman has been outstanding and must also be included in the success of this team. I would also like to thank Peter Freer and his team for their support and encouragement and wish the men every success as they enter the finals series this year.

As our season progressed we were to have our fair share of injuries (both short and long term) and players unavailable due to various circumstances. To be able to call upon players within the top squad and the disruptions this caused to our second team was unfortunately unavoidable. A massive thanks to Maverick Yow and Sean Ranford (Premier 2's coach and assistant coach) for your patience and resilience, something that is definitely required when in charge of the 2's. A fight to the end for the 2's and our support is with you.

No match is complete without ball girls. Once again many thanks to the girls from J7/8A for being our ball girls this year. The weather has been particularly kind to us this year and so not too many complaints about getting wet. You have all done a wonderful job and a big thank you also to the parents for spending another day at the hockey club. Particular thanks to Chris Cocks who arranged for the roster at the beginning of the year and ensured all the girls were at the right place at the right time.

Annette Davoren joined us in the second half of the season as part of our OFT. Annette became chief nurse of everything and one that was very much appreciated by all the girls, particularly on game day. Thanks Annette, an extra spare pair of hands goes a long way.

Currently the girls are sitting second on the ladder, with one round left to go in the regular season. It has been long and tiring but to have earned a spot in the finals is an amazing achievement in our first year. The mountain gets higher every week but I hope we have been able to get to the top.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure this team gets on the field each and every week. I have read and re-read Premier League Rules I don't know how many times, made numerous phone calls, sent a thousand emails and found out along the way how important it is to make sure every t is crossed and every i dotted. We can all be proud and encouraged by the success achieved this year as we head towards the finals series, but it is so important to think beyond today and tomorrow and how we can all help to ensure the continued success of the women's programme at MCHC.

Thanks again everyone and good luck for the finals.
Di Silvey

Melville Toyota League - Women (contd)

Catriona Bailey-Price

Colin arrived direct from Canberra via the USA. Your knowledge and leadership, not to mention your Paella and Lemon Meringue Pie together with your willingness to support our team and club has been brilliant. Loved having you with us BP and hope you'll join us again next year. "Getting there" might just be the tough bit.

Edwina Bone (HAHPP)

Whilst Eddy's time with us has been limited, we have thoroughly enjoyed watching her at this year's World Cup and Commonwealth Games. A silver and gold medal respectively is no easy task. The injury curse has struck and Eddy is now sidelined with an ankle injury. Wishing you a speedy recovery so we can again watch the pink shoes in action.

Mathilda Carmichael (HAHPP)

Tilly joined us this year fresh from NSW busting to join the ranks of the current Hockeyroos. A young girl with a booming voice had an immediate impact, on and off the field within our group. An unfortunate ankle injury has sidelined her since the U21 national championships, however she did wear the boot well. Look forward to seeing you in the green and gold soon Til.

Chloe Carter

You know how there is always a super fast runner in any team, well Chloe is ours. Unfortunately with her blistering speed her shins have said "slow down buddy" towards the end of the season. After a few disappointments early in the year Chloe rose to the top and is to be congratulated on a fantastic year.

Aimee Clark (U18, WAIS)

State selection at the beginning of the year is a great way to start, but when you are struck down with a serious knee injury four days before you go away, you can only ponder what may or may not have been achieved. Aimee you have had an incredible inner strength this year when you could not be a part of the playing squad until Round 17. The future is only just beginning.

Briony Clark (U21)

Working tirelessly in the defensive unit Briony worked hard all season. Flexibility has been a key component this year and Bri has fulfilled many roles without question. And what was the phrase of the year "Keep it Simple". Good job Bri.

Jade Close

Still can't get used to calling you Ruby, but I'll keep working on it. Jade's powerful moves up front were interrupted with injuries as well as having her wisdom teeth out this year. Thanks for your contribution Jade and good luck in Belgium.

Mi Young Eum

Our Korean star followed on from last year with some wizardry and outstanding performances in the midfield. Loved watching you play Miya, listening to your improved English and am eagerly awaiting an invite to your first dinner party.

Sami Gale

Our "Rock of Gibraltar" suffered a sickening knee injury in Round 3. To have completely ruptured your ACL and MCL proves that Sami never does anything by halves. Surgery and a 12 month stint on the sidelines means we can't wait to have Sami back on the pitch with us sometime next year.

Helen Grant

Our English lass pulled on the boots again this year and still remains one of the leading goal scorers in the competition. I'm sure she would love a new knee, new hip in fact probably everything new, but nevertheless always seemed to get the job done. Thanks Helen.

Preah Hetherington (U21, WAIS, Diamonds)

A tower of work placed on young shoulders, but again Preah didn't let the team down. A terrific season covering the midfield both attacking and defending. Great year Preah, can I just check though who is leading goal scorer between you and Razza.

Tanya Hoswell

Just call her super-sub. Tanya has been an amazing team member with her bubbly personality and great sense of humour. Whilst Tanya will be the first to admit she has spent most of the time helping out on the bench, her contribution cannot be underestimated. Thanks heaps Hozzy for your commitment to our team.

Rachael Lynch (HAHPP)

Not many teams are fortunate to have the world's best goal keeper amongst their ranks. Congratulations on your achievements this year Rach at both the World Cup and Commonwealth Games. Your time with us has also been short, however, thank you for all that you have been able to give.

Melville Toyota League - Women (contd)

Ashleigh McNess (U18)

Ash calmly slotted a penalty stroke earlier this year, her signature she has been working on since she was little (were you ever little Ash). Just reminds me of how much time, effort, patience, I could go on, that is required to succeed at the top level. Another signature introduced this year, "the slider". Good job Ash.

Hope Munro

Our striker turned fullback has been an amazing asset to the team this year. Her guidance and knowledge has been well received on and off the field. Loved having you with us Hope and look forward to seeing you in 2015.

Nikki Rollason

Pulled on the pads again this year as we stepped up to the big league. A job that is never easy, heck who wants balls fizzing past you at speed. Remind me next time though to keep spare straps in my bag, you never know when you'll need them. Look forward to seeing what the new year brings.

Kirsten Silvey

Another step up for Kirst this year and the challenge was accepted. A back injury towards the latter half of the season slowed her down but didn't keep her off the pitch. Resilient to the end and one that we are all super proud of.

Megan Silvey

A trip overseas early in the pre-season made the adjustment to MTL just that little bit tougher for Meg. By the half way mark though she had found her feet, literally at times, but no doubt a reliable defender within the group. Good job Meg.

Elizabeth Stratton

In a constant fight to get the ball in the net, Liz never leaves anything behind and is happy to remind us all how to do it. Her ageing legs (am I allowed to say that) never let her down and her ability to tough out the season in MTL has been outstanding. Great job Liz.

Our team is not only made up of the 19 players in our inaugural MTL squad, but also the many girls within our top squad who have given up their time at training and on match day. Many thanks to **Stacey Tweddle**, **Britt MacNab** and **Kaity Passmore** for the important roles you have played. We have also been in the fortunate position to have three junior players in **Taleisha Power**, **Jo Snyman** and **Eliane Gebauer** gain experience on match day with us. Whilst their time on the pitch may have only been a few minutes at any one time, the experience they have gained has been invaluable in the future growth of our club.



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Mens Premier 2

Josh Antoncich

'Mouse'. Found some voice this year which is encouraging to see. The nickname is still going to stick with you regardless, so get used to it. Coming from a great season last year in 2's and an intensive off-season playing state indoor and 1st grade indoor for Melville, Josh has made enormous steps forward in his development. This has led to consistent time in the 1s team this year drawing him away from the 2's group but always a pleasure to have him back in the team. Extremely promising future to come, it's easy to forget that he is only 17 years old.

Matty Bowater

Spiritual leader. Lives and dies for the club, always willing to provide tough criticism when required. Matty has played another solid season, stepping into the net for the one's in the absence of Clemo. After missing the finals campaign due to injury last year, Matty B has kept the Melville 2's ship on track when perhaps the boys were starting to get them ahead of themselves. Matty offers the team so much more than just his excellent play in the net. Great season.

-honourable mention to Evan Bowater for his 2's game vs OGMHC – Ev stepped in for his little brother who as usual left some huge shoes to fill. We got the three points and it couldn't have been done without you mate.

Jason DeWind

Honourable mention for the game vs UWA in the first round. Was a tough game to come into and the end results did not fair our way. Windy's desire and dedication to the club is to be commended. Was an excellent 3's coach, developing the juniors on his team while concentrating on his own game. Your efforts this year on the training track did not go unnoticed. Great work this year and look forward to seeing you next year in the maroon and white!

Matt Eastham (3 games)

3 games 3 goals, needless to say Matt had a huge impact to the 2's squad when he was playing. Matt's explosiveness on the pitch was impressive to watch, however unfortunately it was also his downfall, hamstrings and quads pinging left right and centre. If only his body, travelling adventures and work commitments allowed him to play more games for the maroons. Hope to see you next year donning the maroon again.

Fraser Hay

Uncle "Buckets" Drew. Fraser earned his spot in the 2's forward line for one reason. Just gets "buckets". On numerous occasions the coaching staff would say to him "Fraser mate, we need a goal" and would he deliver! Fraser has distinguished himself as a prolific goal scorer, an asset that Melville City Hockey Club has not seen in a number of years. His composure in the D and ability to find space to get a shot away is impressive. Further to this, his receiving skills while closely marked have really come to light as an effective part of his game, on numerous occasions breaking his tag and tracking into the D to unleash a rocket of a shot on goal. Congratulations on an excellent debut season in mens - looking forward to seeing you knocking on the coaches' door for a possible 1's gig next year.

Ryan Hyder

If Frank is the masterchef contestant, Rizza is the guest professional chef when it comes to pot stirring skills. A magician in the attacking 25, his unique skills producing many moments of individual brilliance. Just needs to keep it simple through the midfield to limit his turnovers. A fierce competitor, Rizza constantly led by example with his work rate and desire to win. Naturally stepping into a leadership role it was great to see Rizza provide experienced input into team discussions. Excellent season.



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Mens Premier 2 (contd)

Pat Lawther (7 games)

Fairest and best in 2's last year, his break out season did not go unnoticed and Pat got the call up into ones. Glad to see you improving your hockey each year, would have been great to have you again this year in the twos. Bigger and better things await you in 1's though, and it has been great to see you step up to the challenge and play some really good hockey.

Kyle McNess

It's our pleasure to finally introduce Kyle McNess to the yearbook. After two years of missing him out it was a case of third time lucky in remembering him this year. Killa bleeds Maroon and white having an enormous impact on the club this year, on and off the pitch. From the shirt presentation, organising umpiring for the top squad, constant Facebook updates regarding game times and being the go to guy for all things club related, on behalf of the top squad we would like to say thank you. Moving onto your hockey; we moved you back into the defensive group this year and it paid dividends. Your ball movement and poise in out-letting and toughness in your tackles has been a blessing for the twos this year. Looks like you have found your calling in the backline, unlucky. Well done on an excellent season.

Ben Meacock

Effortlessly stepped into the 2's leadership role this year. With priority in his work commitments the 2's team welcomed his quality hockey and strong presence in the back line. It was evident after a few games that Whip greatly influenced the fashion in which the 2's played their hockey. A natural ball magnet for the team, it was important to see the ball continue to be moved on by him. The opposition players however did not gravitate in the same way that the ball did towards Whippa. Whip and his six foot four frame was somehow able push through the midfield and get shots away unmanned from the top of the 'D' as if he were a ghost. An enormous inclusion into the team this year, great season.

Craig Orr

Has the best head on the field. Not the best head of hair but it's what's on the inside that counts. Sorry mate, had to get that one in there, it wouldn't be a Craig Orr write-up without it. Definitely one of the most knowledgeable players we have had the chance to work with as coaches, constantly pushing us to improve, questioning the in's and out's of drills and styles of play we are trying to enforce. Great year this year and it was definitely hard to see you miss out on the last couple games. #shinbreaker #heartbreaker.

Ashley Ranford

Ash man has had a great developing season with 17's, 3's and earning a spot in 2's. Although he has the 17's tendencies to hold the ball a little too long and try and put the team on his back, he has certainly improved in this area throughout the season. Basic skills are something we look for as coaches and your development and consistency in this area have earned you the 2's spot year round. Great work, keep grinding away and working on your game and your future with MCHC will be impressive.

Sean Ranford

Disclaimer: A \$10 surcharge may be applied to this "Seany Ranford Show" promo. He will happily sign your yearbook and/or baby's head upon request. Always 'talking the talk' Ramma has for the majority of the season 'walked the walk' as well. Ramma again solidified his spot as an integral twos member at the half back position, his strong basics, decision making and creativity provided great foundation for our attacking plays. Unfortunately pace is a trait that is not a strength of his, to be honest it's always fun to see him look like a training cone when a winger with wheels gets the step on him. Another great season mate, well done.

Frank Reynolds

Congratulations to Frank on a breakout year in seniors. His success started from day 1 of pre-season, leading the pack in every running activity and continued on to getting the call up to 1's in the last two games of the season. Franky's skill set brings great versatility to his hockey, predominately utilised as the marking fullback for 2s and seeing time late in the season as a midfielder for the 1's. With more body feints than Kobe Bryant shooting a jump shot and pot stirring skills to rival a Masterchef contestant, it's been an exciting year coaching Frank. Looking forward to your progress into a consistent member of the 1's team in the near future.

Andrew Ricciardone (played 6)

The old wild dog; had the pleasure of his contributions early in the season then the coaching staff came to their senses and brought you back into the 1st team. Great season mate.

Mens Premier 2 (contd)

David Richardson

The perfect example of a working class hockey player. Not the fittest bloke, often recognised from the bench to be 'blowing bubbles' but will run even when he is completely knackered just to ensure that his job is done for the team. His commitment to the game plan can never be questioned, always doing his job and doing it well. Always leading by example, Richo has again been a pivotal piece to the 2's success. Congratulations on a great season.

Pat Rundle

Another debutant for the 2's team this year. Has made great steps forward in becoming a regular member of the 2's team. A promising striker; his pace down the wing and ability to be in the right spot at the right time around the goal has had his name mentioned a number of times on the score sheet. With some more experience playing at the senior level, I have no doubt that Pat can develop into an effective contributor for the Melville top squad. Well done mate.

Matt Tate

Only played half the season due to 1's, national hockey commitments and injuries. It would've been great to see more of you on the pitch in the 2's.

Matt's lanky frame and great skills make for a dangerous combination. Very promising future awaits. Well done mate.

Nick Tate

Intercept at the attacking 25, coaching staff and players on the bench turn to each other, and as if they were a choir; GOAL! Nick proceeds to run at the fullback, fore-stick drag, tomta, goal. It was a common occurrence for Nick this year; it has been great to see him playing in the best form of his career. It's been quite obvious to see that finding enjoyment again in his hockey and a new level of maturity has been the catalyst for the form that he has produced. Congratulations on a terrific season, capped off by selection in the 1's for the final few games. Well done.

Mark Timmel

Change of role for Stick this year, moving out of the backline and into the midfield. Stick has adapted well and accepted these duties. Unfortunately for Stick it has been a season full of interruptions, some hospital visits, Bali, Thailand and purse holding duties (uncharted territory for Stick) has seen him absent for a number of games. Even with the relaxing holidays, once he crosses the white line he cannot help himself from providing consistent and ongoing feedback regarding the umpire's performances. Looking forward to having Stick back in the finals line up providing leadership and a passion to win at all costs.

Karl Tulloch

Only has one gear, but winds it up to about 6000rpm and takes off around the pitch, his work rate and pressure in the press is second to none. Karl improved remarkably in front of goals this year. His composure before his shot saw him converting at a high percentage, scoring some very classy goals. Working on his possession game when receiving the ball in the midfield will take his hockey to the next level, Great season mate.

Ryan Vickery

An up and down season for Vickers, found some good form coming into the last few rounds leading into finals. His work rate, positioning and nous in front of goal have made the strike line much more dangerous since his resurgence into the team. Good to see you back playing at your best. Great season.

Maverick Yow

Another solid season for Maverick, providing plenty of attack from the half line often finding himself inside the attacking 25. Maverick combined his attacking hockey with some consistent defensive play making him very versatile and effective. Going away from the 'Tokyo drift' Maverick of last year and becoming a far more consistent tackler and distributor in the backline. Great season mate.

Womens Premier 2

Taking on the job of coach a few weeks out from the start of the season, was an easy choice. The opportunity to coach a great bunch of ladies was indeed tough at times but very rewarding. How hard could it be coaching women's hockey? It proved to be the biggest challenge to date in a very young coaching career that Ramma and I started almost 6 years ago, coaching U/13 boys together.

What a season! Every game was a roller coaster ride that lasted the full 70 minutes! We produced some great hockey and that showed with every result this year being very close. Although boasting one of the leagues best goals against record this did not reflect our ladder position.

Abigail Bell

The youngest member of the team and often the team joker at training. Abi was always keen to improve and step in at anytime. Continue the hard work and we are sure hockey will take you places.

Sarah Billingham

Billy still shows she can match it with the best this year. Often outrunning her opposite number off the field. Always one to get everybody up and about before a game.

Demelza Dravnieks

Dee has developed into a much more mature defender this year. Her distributing skills have developed a lot throughout the season and she has been one of the most improved in the team.

Amy Fullarton

Fully has undergone a huge transformation this year. Her work off the ball has improved and she is becoming a better striker each week. Continue to work hard Fully and it will pay off.

Molly Hagen

Molly came through the three's this year but quickly made her way in to the two's with a natural eye for goal she often found the target. Although she may be young she is one of the most creative players on the field. Keep up the hard work!

Tanya Hoswell

Hoss has slotted in very nicely into the team.. Always hungry for a goal and very competitive on the field. Often seen breaking lines and having the occasional dip into the circle. A well needed addition to the club this year!

Brittanny MacNab

Small in stature but huge in defence. Game after game Britt would make saves that makes us wonder "how did she do that!". An up and coming keeper to look out for in the future.

Holly Menegola

Holly took on the role as captain this year. She has showed us that we made the right decision, with her on field leadership and good communication.

Monique Miller

It is rare to find a mature defender that is cool under pressure. Mon is one of these hockey players. Often making the 'crunch' tackles and plays wherever we need her. Look forward to seeing what she can do next season when she will be a full senior player!

Kaitlin Passmore

First season back in maroon for Kaity. Her work rate on the field is second to none and this showed as she has featured in the one's line up. Her confidence grew throughout the season, Great season Kaity.

Womens Premier 2 (contd)

Taleisha Power

Another one of our young guns, she has matured throughout the season and is now an established member of the two's team. Always seeming to find her self getting hit but bouncing back straight away and helping her teammates out. Taleisha is going to be one tough player to play against!

Jo Snyman

Jo shows that size does not matter, this little dynamite can run all day and demands the respect in the middle field through her work rate and ball distribution. With this form she was able to find her way into the one's. Well done Jo.

Caitlyn Surman

More commonly known as 'chooky' to the team, Caitlyn showed that she is ready to be more than just a goal sneak. Looking forward to seeing you more next year and in the midfield. A solid end of the season in the 3s saw chooky develop her passing and skills.

Stacey Tweddle

Although she is supporting a new last name this season, Stacey still plays with the same speed, determination and manages to get a sneaky goal at times.

Georgia Wade

Joined us later in the season due to illness, but was welcomed by the team. We can trust Georgia to nail a goal if open in the attacking circle. This girl can hit a ball! Work rate to run back is awesome too.

31 players were used over the year in the 2's team. Wow! This showed how much depth we have in our Women's section. Huge thank to **Britt Macdonald, Lauren Costa, Cassie Nicol, Tearne Latham, Gemma Brayshaw, Brianna Coleman, Brittany Lawrence, Eliane Gebauer, Ash Mcness, Serena Matthews** and **Chloe Carter** for coming in to the side and helping us through out the season. We look forward to seeing your development throughout the off season and hope to see you all back next year.

Huge thanks to everyone that was able to help us this season. Special mentions to Rob Fullarton for stepping in as game day manager and showing us great support (without this guy our job would have been near impossible). To Don Miller thanks for stepping in where possible, really appreciate it. To Steve Silvey and Blake Burrows thanks for all the support and help!

Mens Premier Alliance

Evan Bowater (Can I have another beer)

It is a known fact in hockey that to be a goalie you must be a different kind of person and Evan is no exception to this rule. It is very rare to see Evan at a game early, but he can always be relied on to have a bevvy in hand pre game. Throughout the season, Evan was involved in a lot of on field banter and always enjoyed telling the opposition how good he was. In a 12 team competition we were close to making finals this season so I think Evan had a few good games in goals.

Mathew Bowater (Matty B)

Matty B dives more often than Cristiano Ronaldo. While Ronaldo dives for frees, Matty pulls off amazing dive tackles. Forwards with 5 meters on this bloke don't know what hit them when they look down and the ball is gone. He is known for engaging in on field banter similar to his brother but against Aquinas he took it up a notch with "I can out lift your whole team." Secretly he only plays on the field to show off his muscles that hide under his goalie gear in the 2's. But we all know that this comes from all those proteins shakes, gym sessions and purchases from the Nike store to achieve this Spartan god like stature. Good season Matt.

Jake Coleman (the Snake)

We all know Jake has ripped a fair few blokes, so I think he deserves a bit back himself!!! A wise man once said "If you don't have anything good to say don't say anything." So I won't say too much about Jake..... He showed us all this year that there is clearly 0 correlation between maths brains and hockey ability. He loves a cherry pick and I'm pretty sure we didn't see him pull out one tomma this year.. Any danger? Hitting..... Mate I've seen Corelle hit a ball twice as hard as you!! He reminds me a lot of a goat named Gary, just casually runs on his treadmill on the wing, and never gets off it!!! Even Windy could out run you! Apart from having one of the rudest lids in the team he scored a very handy 5 goals for us this year, all tap ins off the goal line, and he is very good to have around the group. Good season mate, hopefully you can cement your spot in the 3's next year and get some more buckets!

Jack Davoren (Davo)

This was Jack's first full year in seniors and he handled himself really well. Ever since he got a girlfriend he started coming to the game late. Jack is known for throwing himself into the air to trap overheads but forgets that he may have to land with his feet under him. This results in some spectacular falls. Davo definitely uses his strong physical presence to almost always win the 50/50 contests and hit to our strikers down the line. An integral part of the team who showed great skill and commitment all season. Great season Davo.

Jason De Wind (Dewinda)

Jason is the second oldest in the team and likes to alert everybody to that fact. Even though Gibbo is only 5 minutes older than him, Jason wants to fit in with the rest of the young team saying he's like them. He even admits Gibbo should have been dropped ages ago but he doesn't want to be the oldest. Jason recorded an unprecedented 54 fairest and best votes and 68 goals this season, it seems entering the report comes with some advantages. Even though Jason selected the team every week he couldn't find players old enough to have a beer with him. This proved to be an advantage when he had to buy a round for getting carded. The umpire's reason for carding him was "you were being an idiot" which was reasonable after multiple average tackles.

Stephen Gibson (Gibbo)

The oldest member of the 3's team which is a big achievement considering we have Morro. He is one of the fittest in the team running all day through the inside forward channel. It is rumoured that he will be competing in a Triathlon later in the year which leads to the fact that if you google "silly old b*****" a picture of Gibbo comes up. In the 3's team to be classified old you have to not be a teenager given the majority of the team are. Gibbo is one of those people you have called by their nickname for so long that you have forgotten their real name. Asking around amongst the team leads to no answers as to what his real name is or if he even has one.

Mens Premier Alliance (contd)

James Grosser (Gross Man)

Gross Man is a new member of the team this year from the distant place where Frank comes from. He played in 3's early on in the season as goalkeeper however De Wind drag flicked one too many past him at training and moved him to 5's. James has one of the best work ethics in the squad and is always up for the next drill. While injury and form held him back this year, big expectations are in for this kid next year.

Jack Hallam (Jacky)

On the field Jack always has ways of improving the team's performance with some well-received advice to the delight of Windy. Off the field, on the other hand, he can down Jäger bombs like a champion. Unfortunately his drinking skills do not transfer to the dance floor with Jack scaring away all interest with some poorly timed moves. About half way through the season he started playing some more 4's games but he was still playing the 3's style of hockey. It was decided amongst the boys that he should go back to shoulder charging people like he did in juniors. This would make him fit in better with the 4's and add another dimension to his game. Good season Jack.

Fraser Hay (Frase)

Fraser has had a great year being the highest goal scorer of the competition for most of the season. The majority of his goals being what other people would say are impossible. I'm sure he is going to continue his career making people's jaws drop with his goals. Fraser proudly states "I'm the highest goal scorer in the comp" but Colin from Aquinas slotted 2 in the last game of the season to knock Fraser off his perch. I'm not sure if he knows it yet, but it doesn't matter where you are in the middle of the race just at the finish. Just ask Jason about Port Adelaide, you have to be the best in September to win. Fraser has some ability on the golf course which impressed the 4's boys enough to give him a run with them. Unfortunately his golfing ability doesn't transfer to taking strokes but the 4's foolishly had faith in Fraser. He ended up putting it straight to the keeper.

Zac Hayes (Zacy)

Zac was our other low draft pick because of our good ladder position last year. Next year is looking promising because we managed to loose enough games to avoid finals and secure good picks for next year. Unfortunately Zac was a forward which meant he got caught in the "you stole my goal" crossfire from Ash. Zac only scored one goal in 3's this season although the stats can't be trusted because Jason has a policy, if you don't claim your goal it becomes his. Either way he was accused of stealing 10 goals from Ash. Aside from all this he proved to be a powerful striker this season and a good asset to the club.

Christopher Morrison (Morro)

Morro, the 40 year old, doesn't fit in a team with an average age of 18, earning him the nickname babysitter. Morro learnt quickly that the 4's tackle (if you can call it a tackle) leads to watching the game from the naughty chair. During the year Morro suffered a knee injury due to old age catching up with him. His mind was saying "yes" and the body saying "maybe." Aside from all this, Morro lived up to his fairest and best status from 2012 putting in another good season. Good luck in Vets next year.

Ashley Ranford (you stole my goal)

Ashley "you stole my goal" Ranford. Many games have gone past where Ash was not able to score goals, but none without Ash saying "you stole my goal." Ash's average is 13.75 "you stole my goal" and 0.25 goals scored per game. If people stopped stealing Ash's goals he would be the first player in history to score more than 200 goals in one season. In Ash's family his brother Sean took all the good looks, height, intelligence and hockey skills, leaving him with an attitude and a bad haircut. Often we can see Ash hiding in front of the strikers as the rest of the team defends, or lying on the ground pretending he is injured because he wants a rest. Good season Ash!

Mens Premier Alliance (contd)

Alex Rayfield (Pup)

The youngest of the team each week, Alex joined us from the 4's early in the season. It is rumoured by the 4's that he jumped before he got pushed. He rocks up to the game with the oldest pair of thongs that you would expect your grandparents to wear saying "they're comfortable." The rubber bike tube he ties around his head for a headband compliments his bad haircut making him look scary on the field. The truth is we only let him play because we needed a goalie and he happened to be related to one. During the season he made the halfback position his own, keeping his opposition wing out of the game with his solid tackles and his hard work rate in the games. Good season Alex.

Frank Reynolds (Buddy)

The kid who would never stop running. Playing 2's and 3's virtually every week. The set of skills he has, has seen him be a dominant ball carrier selling candy like a true salesman. It is rumoured that during the week salesman Frank drives around in his BMW selling ice to Eskimos. Frank's hairstyle is somewhat questionable and he spends more time putting bobby pins in his hair than playing hockey. His decision making and teamwork are always of standard, however sometimes he just needs a little reassurance when it's not his day. But all in all a great season, seeing him make his debut in 1's.

Patrick Rundle (Dirty Pat)

Patrick Rundle- If Rundle owned a fruit stall he would be one poor man. His pre game warm up consisted of 2 apples, a mango, 5 bananas, 3 plums and an entire watermelon. His fruit fetish aside, he was an absolute work horse up front. He would do the hard work off the ball running and force short corners all day. A very selfless player and it is great to see him have a good season.

Conor Thompson (Baby Face)

Connor joined the team halfway through the season and earned his spot very quickly. His choice of girls is sometimes questionable but his solid defence and passing is never in question. His height makes him an imposing figure in defence but when they get closer they realise he is a baby with a bad haircut, and not an imposing figure after all. Connor's first year in seniors, he has shown he can match it with the big boys and with more experience could play at a higher level of hockey.

Joshua Wakefield (Wakes)

Josh and his red jacket go together like Ashley and "you stole my goal." It seems that Josh spends all his money enjoying his weekend with Ryan hence the same jacket for 3 years and a stick with the grip falling off. Josh runs through the midfield with the grace of a fridge falling down a fire escape and on the odd occasion it works. Most of the time Josh seems to evade cards from the umpire but when he combines his banter and grace he ends up in the naughty chair next to Morro. Josh has a fear of passing to Ash or any of the midfielders (Ash complains about it the most though) because they can't trap. In their defence it is hard to trap a ball 20 metres either side of you. Good season Josh.

A special mention to all the guys that went MIA or filled in for us at some stage this year. **James Welten, Patrick Welsh, Ryan Vickery, Jon Rayfield, Lloyd King, Tom de Bes**

Womens Premier Alliance

After receiving a phone call from a distressed Brianna Coleman pleading “Please, Please Even our first game is in 1 week and we still don’t have a coach.

I took the job and lead the Ladies to a record season.....of DRAWS!!!!.

I think I learnt more from the girls than they did from me with 16 different opinions on decisions I made throughout the season. I enjoyed coaching the women very much this year and a big Thank you to my manager Susan Wilson, other coaches above me in 1’s and 2’s and to all the ladies that make up the talented, social and friendly MCHC Premier Alliance Women.

Kathryn Atkinson

Kitty Kat! ‘Wheres Kat?’ In America. ‘Wheres Kat?’ In Bali. Easily the most travelled of all of us, yes you missed a few games - but you made up for it in personality. Your beautiful, loving nature had everyone from the get-go. Not one game went by, without us hearing you, supporting from the back line. Your energy and smile spurred us on every time, we love you... And we know you love us. Captain Kat- we salute you.

Gemma Brayshaw

Gemma moved to Melville from Hale this season, but we didn’t hold that against her. Playing between Inner and Striker, Gemma was a great addition to our team this season. Her skills and ability to run with the ball gave us a lot of attacking drive. A notable mention goes to Gemma’s ‘I have something in my eye I can’t make training’ excuse which is in contention for the worst excuse of the season award.

Brianna Coleman

Brianna has been an integral part of our 3’s team this year as a half back. She has worked exceptionally hard to assist and organise all women’s teams as Vice President. Right from leading us in our pre-game warm-up every week (which none of us seem to remember except for her), to giving us helpful directions on the field, Brianna’s experience and skills on the hockey field have certainly been an asset. You may see Brianna in the midfield not afraid to tackle the opposition head on, set up the press and think “on her feet”. She is always up to the challenge without any complaints (except when it involves skipping) and has shown her dedication to the club and our team this year in many ways. Not bad for someone who’s only just turned 21!

Lauren Costa

Lauren Costa aka Loz A vital voice for the team, Lauren provides such support and encouragement she always seems to know how to put smiles on everyone’s faces. Being such a versatile and strong player Lauren is one not to mess with on the hockey field. When she goes in for a tackle, she goes in with everything she has got. She is a dedicated player and a great addition to the team.

Samn Gibbs-Jones

Samn moved to Melville a few weeks into the season and fitted well into our midfield and defensive lines. Sam has a huge involvement with hockey WA as an umpire and technical officer, She will have a crack at anything as long as its gluten free.

Womens Premier Alliance (contd)

Georgia Gibson

A great asset to the team on and off the field, holding the girls together in the back line and providing advice and good company off field. Georgia has a warm enthusiastic attitude which she passes on to everyone around her. She had a killer season, despite the knee injury right at the end. Georgia embraces a bit of chit chat, but as she's a policewoman mentioning to her that you're going to "have a drink after the game even though you're still on your P Plates" probably isn't the best idea.

Emma Griffiths

Emma joined our club this year after allegedly serving an undisclosed amount of time in the UK secret service. She felt like a change of pace, so she and her other half decided to settle in lil' old Perth, where she has unleashed her militant brand of hockey on the competition this year, much to the appreciation of her team-mates/comrades. Emma has a ninja-like precision when slicing through her slap hits! She displayed the rare and hard-to-obtain skill of "mind control" over the ball and opposition, pulling off a marvelous slow-moving shot on goal, entrancing the opposition defenders and beating everyone's stick! She governed the hostile territory of Centre Half with steadfast confidence and unwavering resolve. Please join us again next year Em, for the next round of battle...

Sarah Jarvis

Sarah is proof that good things come in small packages. You can always rely on her zipping up the wing with lightning speed toward the circle. Sarah is always there with a bright smile or a sneaky tackle to stop a free hit in it's tracks. It's been a pleasure playing with Sarah this season. Great headband.

Tearne Latham (Turtle)

You can't say a bad word about this girl! Absolutely loved by all and does everything with a smile. She supports the whole team by saving our backsides as an amazing goalie and off the field as an amazing friend to all. It has been a fantastic season for Turtle, can't wait for next year.

Brittany Lawrence

One of our younger players but probably the most mature! Britt has a keen eye reading play and has been a crucial member in this years short corners. Definitely a force to be reckoned with!

Serena Matthews

Serena is definitely the cake queen of the 3's team. With her homemade cupcakes and brownies bringing cheer, by helping us celebrate a win or eat to feel better after a loss. Serena also comes in a pair. Rarely seen without her trusty sidekick Elyse. It is great to have both friendly, young faces in the team. Serena is a tough nut on the field and keeps us old girls on our toes. Challenges hard in tackles, and keeps her head down and goes strong when she has the ball on the end of her stick. Has shown tremendous improvement throughout the season and will only continue on this path. I look forward to playing with you well into the future.

Womens Premier Alliance (contd)

Cassie Nicol

New to MCHC this year from our friends down south, but you wouldn't know by the way she fitted right in with us from day one on and off the field getting amongst it with the girls. With the stick skills of Chuck Norris, positioning herself in the right spot and leading into the space with a loud voice you will see Cassie making a fool of her opposition, and then the shot on goal on the reverse and on target!! Cassie is an energiser bunny that gives intense short bursts of field play, off to recharge for 5 then back on to give 100% again and again. She informed us that to work on her fitness she is now training as a Muay Thai cage fighter! If the UFC doesn't recruit you Cassie, we all want you back here next year playing with us.

Michelle Regan

She never stops trying, even after surgery and stitches. Has a wicked push out on short corners. Even looked hot with her black eye. Loves a drink, or so I'm told...(party house)? Listens, learns and improves to be the best she can every game.

Hannah Repton

New to Melville, Hannah was a great asset to our team. Played in any position that needed to be filled, it was great to have such a flexible player. She missed a few games with a pesky wisdom tooth and then jetted off to Europe only to come back with the meanest tan anyone has seen. Her new nickname should be Hannah Reptile! Thanks so much for bringing a smile to our games, although I'm pretty sure the team enjoyed the vast variety of sweet treats more. See you next year! xx

Caitlyn Surman

AKA Chooky is our super striker up front. With gazelle like pace and the work rate of a honey badger, Chooky always finds herself in the right place at the right time inside the circle. Unable to train with us due to her vocation in saving the lives of, and aiding our injured furry little and big friends, we all look forward to her fun and energetic personality to lift the team on game day. Just remember every now and then to "Go yourself Chooky"

Elyse Wilson

Throughout the season Elyse maintained great positioning on the forward line. Receiving many long balls up the line she showed her skill as a reliable striker for the team. Not only was she an asset on the field but with her constant chatter in the change room and at training she made sure there was never a dull moment. It was a pleasure to be on the team with you.

A huge thank you to **Abby Bell, Sue Clark, Demelza Dravnieks, Marie Farrow, Amy Fullarton, Courtney Fullarton, Jessica Gallimore, Sarah Gallimore, Gaye Glaskin, Molly Hagen, Natalie Mathews, Holly Menegola, Monique Sader, Jo Snyman, Stacey Bruce, Georgia Wade, and Susan Wilson** who all filled in for us this year.

Mens Provisional 1

The mighty 4's had another successful year, once again making finals and looking to make a charge for the flag. Highlights were defeating every team in the grade at least once, and introducing several new players to the team, including Tom, Rodney and Hickey. Apologies for the write-ups below, please forward all complaints directly to Ash....

Michael Ashley (Stick)

Stick has taken the hardest job at Melville once again, coaching the 4's. You may disagree with this statement, however when you have a third of the team FIFO and Chris Geers on the bench, it makes it very difficult, oh ... also have any of you tried to get the room to listen after everyone has seen you wearing an orange dress with a matching ManKini?

Jake Coleman

The Snake has come of age this season gelling well with the team, on and off the field (especially when using his mum's money to buy beers/ pay fines). His hockey skills are the second best thing he has brought to the game this year.

Tom De Bes (Alpha Coaching Inc.)

Tom, this season, has invented the right-handed one arm tackle to cement his place into the 4s team along the half line. The success and style of this tackle was immediately recognised by the club and wider hockey community, so much so that the Hockeyroos have contracted his coaching services to teach this tackle. The success story unfortunately has a twist, his left hand has been neglected from the success of the right and now needs to be amputated.

Ashley Ellis (The Superstar)

BOOOM – He makes another save! Lloyd's cheer squad is going wild! Ashley again has shown he is absolute class on the hockey field in goals, easily playing 4 grades below his skill level. His hockey career being held back by his dedication to his job and an invalid fitness concern from "lack of training", he has again dominated the 4s competition. An extremely modest person, he has shown great camaraderie and teamwork on and off the field, Ashley was a pleasure to coach this season.

Casey Ellis (The Phantom)

When KC is not chasing a hockey ball around the field he is on his phone in the change rooms. He will always be remembered for the game that he missed this season because he drove to Wooroloo (not the prison to the relief of his brother) the night before the game.

Christopher Geers (I don't want to be here)

The long anticipated slowest man in the team race occurred this year, with every player in the team participating to ensure an accurate result. The bookies had the favourites; Ashley @ \$1.69, Jayden @ \$2.69 and Geersy @ \$4.69. Much to everyone's surprise Geersy Won, sending the bookies bust. Geersy is a great club man with everyone loving to discuss Dream Team with him. Much like his fitness, his DT performance left much to be desired this season, it's an impressive feat that he has picked the worst DT possible and is coming dead last in the league, if only he had picked Priddis and Kennedy instead of Stanton and Nahas!

Jack Hallam (The Spaceman)

Being Melville's first ruck rover to play left half, it was decided that Jack needed to play up front where the Ryan Crowley precision is not required. One of the smallest players in the team he has relied on others to back him when he has decided to take on the biggest player in the opposition team.

James Hickey (Hickdog)

Hickey has been welcomed to the Melville 4's backline this year with open arms after spending 5 years abroad pursuing his career. He has formed part of the A team across the half back line, however there is only one drawback. He is always competing with the fullbacks for a spot on the bench, when on the field he is 100% focused on the game, unfortunately not on his man though, who now has 20 metres of space on him.

Mens Provisional 1 (contd)

Kyle Jamieson (The Monk)

Jammo this year has spent half the season in China searching for inner peace (getting married). Upon his return he has harnessed this energy to completely dazzle and sledge the opposition.

Lloyd King (Mexican Wave)

Lloyd has been an excellent asset to the team this year not only in the forward half but also when we require spectators to make us look popular. He simply calls in the wife and kids and we have spectator numbers to rival the 1's and 2's! Unfortunately this season has seen his stick be cursed with a fatal career ending disease "Nick Geers Hamstring length". It's not all bad news for the team as this has seen him lead the contributions towards the fines tin.

Jayden Lawrence (Confused)

Jayden to everybody's surprise is the youngest member of the team. Moving like an anchor in defence, he has harnessed what we assume to be his confused haircut, the "top knot", to skin many attackers who we can only assume are distracted by the haircut.

Jayben Lister (I Miss Him)

Sporting the 'Alan from Hangover' facial hair throughout the season to fit in with his new tree hugging buddies at work, he has felt the pain of playing his first season without Cus to park the car and guide him onto the field. Another one of the FIFO players in the team, Jayben has been a great contributor to the fines tin.

Rodney Lorrimar (Goon Bag)

It was 7pm at the start of the season, Stick is driving down Labouchere Rd on his way to Hale Turf, when who should he overtake? Rodney on his pushbike riding to the game. Midway through the season playing in Mandurah, Rodney turns up on his pushbike! This man has covered more miles on his bike this season than Geersy has on the hockey field in his entire career! He doesn't know it yet but we are registering him for the Tour De France next year.

Cameron Porter (Deliverance)

Porter this year has grown into the angriest man on the team, we can only assume that it's the water from the hills that has changed him. If he wasn't trying to talk dream team on the hockey field every 5 minutes with Stick and Geers he may have scored a few more goals. Let's not forget he is the only manager at Melville to delegate his managerial duties on a Monday to his secretary at his work.

Guy Robertson (The Fashion)

Guy was a new import to the 4's this year after a career in Roller Hockey. Guy slipped into the forward line nicely, although we are still trying to work out how he scored a hat trick against the top team. Unfortunately Guy tried to take on an opposition goalie and came second, his dislocated big toe cut his season short.

Steve Walsh (Gains)

When not leaving a half drunk cider in the stands at Melville, Walshy is at the gym. With Liam away this season he has seen the opening and stepped into the role as #1 Gym Junkie in the team. His ability to score from the baseline improves each year, defying the laws of physics.

James Welten (Ahhhh...Illiance Insurance)

Hockey teaches us all something different each season whether it is spiritual or physical, it's a constant journey of self-discovery playing for the 4's on and off the field. Breaking his wrist on the field (Metros D-Floor), this year's lesson for Jimbo was about Financial Planning and Insurance.

Thanks to the army of ring-ins that filled in this year and cooperatively contributed to the fines tin.

Mens Provisional 2 Gold

The 5's had a fun year, we had quite a few team changes throughout the season but with a core group of regulars who were there week in, week out, we managed to put in a decent showing at every game. There were no blow-outs and a large number of games which were close but we couldn't quite get over the line.

A huge thanks to Will Beddoes who was the core organiser of the team – Will, your leadership and maturity kept us together. Honourable mention also to Griff Thomas, who stepped into the breach whenever requires as well, you are a real asset to the spirit and effort of the team. Chin-up lads – better things next season.

	Cole Aplin	AKA: The Bruise Favourite Position: Left right out Heard to say: "I'm out again this week, lads"
	Rowan Ayris	AKA: Megaphone Favourite Position: Goal-keeper Heard to say: "It's in the goal?"
	Richard Beddoes	AKA: Baby Beddoes Favourite Position: Inside Forward Heard to say: "I am more talented, and more good looking - hardly seems fair really"
	William Beddoes	AKA: Questioner Favourite Position: Resting Centre Half Heard to say: "Like" "I'll get there"
	Jonathan Colgan	AKA: Solo effort Favourite Position: Right Half Heard to say: "I will never buy a uniform"
	Christopher Criddle	AKA: The Last of the Cridheican Favourite Position: Full-back / Wing Heard to say: "I'm sure I can get my brother to play"
	Neil Ferguson	AKA: Furgilicious Favourite Position: Defender Heard to say: "It's not a mullet"
	Andrew Fry	AKA: Team drunk Favourite Position: gutter Heard to say: "just relax aye"
	Kieren Hill	AKA: Melville's most photogenic man Favourite Position: Team Ranga Heard to say: "Yeah, I was at <club / festival / event>" "Sorry, I can't umpire" "last night at clubba ..."
	Rodney Lorrimar	AKA: The best hockey player on 2 wheels Favourite Position: Everywhere Heard to say: "Yes, I did ride here"

Mens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

	Jonathon Palmer	AKA: T-Rexy Favourite Position: Inside Forward Heard to say: "I don't do Facebook" "I can't reach that far" "I'm going to Bali"
	Griffin Thomas	AKA: Big Spender / Griffmas Favourite Position: Attacking Centre Defensive Ruckman Heard to say: "I can totally overhead it to myself" "ahh Jacko will pay my fines"
	Steven Walsh	AKA: Old and Angry Favourite Position: Baseline Heard to say: "As long as it goes in what does it matter what the angle was"
	Bryce Wilson	AKA: The Receiver Favourite Position: Wing Heard to say: "It was definitely a pass across." "That's just not ok" "I have the best salad in the team."

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Womens Provisional 2 Gold

The 4s team this year was a mix of old and new players but they jelled together quickly and started with a win. The season got tougher and we drew a few games but the girls fought back. Sadly even after such a great season it looks like we will miss out on finals simply due to goal difference and by finishing equal 4th on the ladder. Hopefully everyone comes back next year and we can pick up where we left off and have a really good go for the flag. Amazing season girls, well done!!

Beth Antonio (Inner/Centre half)

aka B2. Stellar year for Beth, her skills and confidence improved immensely as the year moved on and it showed. Each week she would step up to whatever challenge I could think of which was great to see. Beth was always asking for ways to improve or new skills to learn which is an amazing trait to have. A positive player on and off the field.

Brittany Antonio (Inner)

aka B1. Britt had another great season following on from last years efforts. Her ability to stay positive always helped keep the girls upbeat. Played some amazing games out of her usual inner position and filling in as left or right half. We will hopefully see her back next year for bigger and better things.

Tracey Cousens (Squeak)

Squeak started as a wing but then moved back to left or right half and settled in there playing some really good games. After years in goals she isn't afraid to call the forwards in front of her and get them in line while still getting herself in the right spot as well. Squeak's skills were always improving and her commitment to the team often left her battered and bruised. She has definitely got the right attitude and it was always great to have her in the side.

Chloe Dawes (Forward)

One of the young girls playing for us but she fitted into the side well giving us some pace up forward. Chloe would do a lot of hard running off the ball which is a good sign of things to come.

Kirsten Dearlove

Kirsten was new to the club this year but soon became the most versatile player of the team, getting thrown from full back to winger in some games. Sadly she left the club halfway through the year, but hopefully we might see her back again next year.

Courtney Fullarton (Half back)

Courtney was a massive asset to the team when she played, filling in as either full back or through the half line. She always played well and was very reliable. Fingers crossed she enjoyed playing with us and comes back next season. Well done Courtney.

Jessica Gallimore (One of the)

Jess was new to the club this year as one of Rammer's star recruits. Started the season off with an amazing game and kept it up for the whole year. Another player who could play in a few positions and excel wherever she may have been. Was always good fun at training and games. Awesome year and hope to see her back again next year.

Sarah Gallimore (The other)

The other star recruit from down south. Sarah started as a forward then moved into inner where she had much more impact on the game linking up well with players around her or just using her own skill to walk around the defence. Added a very much needed laugh to the team which was always appreciated. Keep it up homie.

Womens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Jaimee Hadley (Inner)

Each week Jaimee would give 100% and come off completely exhausted, no one could argue with the intensity that she brought to each game, week in, week out. Jaimee played a few games as a tagger and would shut down the other teams' key player with ease. Had an interesting way of getting a few minutes rest by getting sent off for five - and really Jaimee next time, if you want a break all you have to do is ask! Good year Jaimee.

Rachel Harries (Full back)

Rachel has followed up her best and fairest efforts from last year and showed us many a time why she won it last year. Very calm and collected when in possession and makes the right pass to move out of defence. Unfortunately to not get a run in higher grades but keep it up. I'll gladly have you in the team next year.

Jessica Holmes (Sherlock)

Jess started the year at her favourite wing position and did some great work forcing short corners or crossing the ball in to someone on the post which was great to see after the previous year's hard work. Unfortunately all this hard work went down hill as she got pregnant. She was missed and hard to replace. Congratulations though Jess, and once you've squeezed this one out, we will expect to see you at pre-season to run off all the baby weight.

Wendy Joyce (Full back)

Each team has that one defender that wants to play forward and Wendy was ours. Got the opportunity in one game and from what I hear she did alright. As a defender she could be relied upon to call people into position and read the play well. Hopefully during the off season she can recover from her shoulder injury and come back fresh next year. Mind you, even though she had a few injuries over the season, none of them really bothered her.

Sarah King (Wing)

A great start to the season for Sarah, playing up forward and getting a few goals. She also set other goals up by getting to the right spots, unlucky not to have scored more. Had to go down south during the middle of the season for uni but came back with a vengeance, and just at the right time to breathe a bit of life back into the team. Keep putting in the effort and more goals will come.

Jenna Powell (Centre half)

Jenna played most of the year as a forward but with only one problem, she was too quick for the rest of the team to keep up. Her ability to control the ball on her left side frustrated the opposition as well as the coach. Jenna is very team orientated and would force a short corner rather than take a wayward shot on goal, a trait which is rare in a forward. Great season Jenna.

Kate Sparkes (Centre half)

Oh captain my captain. Kate rocked up fit and ready to kick some serious ass this season. Her skills improved as the year went on and she played consistently well at the centre half, controlling the tempo and having a very imposing presence on field. It was always interesting when the kids came along and added a whole new level to multi tasking. She even managed to score a goal in the second to last game of the season off a penalty flick, which she was pretty happy about!

Ashleigh Sperinck (ALWAYS THE KEEPER)

Ash - Keeper extraordinaire. Ash had a good season keeping us alive a few times by making saves from nowhere or running out and wiping out the opposition. Unfortunately she missed a few games due to illness and injury but it was always good to see her back down at trainings ready for more.

Womens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Zoey Tyson (Half back)

Yet another new girl. Zoey was the rock at left half, she would mark her winger then release to give us some run out of defence and link up with the forwards. Left us for an African holiday which I think might have been a fair trade off. Good season Zoey.

Chris Morrison (Morro, aka Super coach extraordinaire)

Really he would have to be extraordinary, or stupid, or dating one of the players to come back for another year of coaching, but whatever his reason (Jenna!!), we are all very happy he did. He managed to be both firm but nice with us, and was always happy to laugh with us or at us, whatever the cause may be. We all joke that he and Jenna can split up now that the season is over, but please don't. Not only are they good together - but we would also like to have him coach again next year please. Also Morro, for when you are in France - Bonjour, Je m'appelle Morro et j'ai une ville Eiffel dans mon pantalon.

The above was all written by Morro, except for the bit about him, which was done by his captain/manager Kate (just in case you think he was getting a bit up himself by writing such good things about himself).

Special thanks for Paige, Nia, Brit L, Claire, Sue, Brianna and Hayley for filling in when needed. Thanks also to Nicola for helping out when I was unable to coach due to clashes in game times.



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Mens Provisional 3 Black

Following the shambolic conclusion to last year, the Metro 1's were looking like a spent force, retirements were announced, free agents were looking elsewhere until an emergency meeting was held at Clancys'. After due deliberation (about a pint and a half's worth) the decision was made – the Metro 1's were dead, long live the Provisional 3 Blacks.

The recruiters went into overdrive, names were bandied around that were long forgotten in the halls of the Melville City Hockey Club...Rowden, Lee, Reay, Weddikara (To be honest, we are still trying to forget Weddikara – mainly because it's too difficult to spell). Critics thought it couldn't be done, and in truth they were right as we barely fielded a side come round one.

As the wins came in, so did the replies to our emails, all of a sudden the bandwagon was underway.

Save for a couple of hiccups late in the season, the Prov 3's had a pretty successful year, were able to break the 100 goal a season mark on the way to the minor premiership.

We are set up for a big showing in the GF and if all things go to plan an even bigger showing in the Post-GF Celebrations....

Kenrick Armitage

Admired for his ability to run and support the defence... when others wouldn't, Kenrick (aka Ken) clocked up another solid season. Demonstrating an uncanny ability to wedge himself between the goalies pads, Kenrick laid claim to the 'best attempt at goal' award. It is always a pleasure to play alongside Ken and we hope he continues next year.

Todd Barrett

Todd's most influential game came in our only loss. A season defining back pass set up the sealer and triggered great joy for one side and raucous laughter for the other. Now a Minkey coach, Todd has the chance to mould the next generation of young stars in his own image. Rest assured the club will be well serviced by countless black skivvy wearing full backs for years to come.

Nathan Elliott

Nathan is clearly the heavy weight of our forward line..... Nathan has intimidated many a young halfback this season as he builds up a head of steam and charges toward them from out on the left. Some say defending against Nathan is like taking a stroll down a Pamplona street in early July. Luckily for these halfbacks, Nathan's stamina doesn't match that of Spanish bovine which tends to mean he spends a lot of time getting his breath back deep in the left hand attacking corner. This works out well for the rest of us, because we know without looking exactly where to hit the ball, regularly feeding him one to smash across the circle at knee height.

Adam Halliday

Fast and skilled or injury prone hack?... hard to decide. Based on this year's form, I'd lean to the former, but time out this season suggests that Adam is fast catching up to the rest of us.

Russell Lee

Received a promotion this year to the Prov 3's, after wallowing in the lowly Melville Toyota League for much of last season. Unfortunately however, Russ did struggle for a regular appearance in the side, with it being extremely difficult to find a way into such a quality outfit of slow old men. Hopefully a strong pre-season will work to make Russ a more permanent fixture next season.....

Mens Provisional 3 Black (contd)

James Pickering

The only way Jim could possibly get a game of hockey with Melville was to put himself in charge of one of the teams. The way he walked us out on the field, lost every toss and cheered the opposition before the game started was awe inspiring – a true leader. His collection of weekly match payments at the end of the game, as well as the way he announced the starting line-up, was the envy of all other teams as well. In all honesty Jim did a great job this year and was critical in getting a team together. Thanks for all your work and we are all looking forward to next season.

Matthew Read

Matt is the only player in the team who had some sort of pre-season, and by that I mean playing a hockey tournament in Singapore that involved drinking copious amounts of alcohol. Clearly Matt was worried about playing on the turf again and needed the extra training so he could keep up with the youngsters. Well it showed and Matt was clearly our best player all year and topped the goal scoring in the league with 21 goals, winning the coveted “golden stick” for the Prov 3’s.

Dominic Reay

After targeting Dom as a recruit pre-season, it came as a relief to the team that after 7 undefeated weeks into the season, Dom announced he would be playing with us this year. Whilst his job rescuing Kittens from Trees limited his availability, when he did play, the opposition certainly knew about it. Whether it was scoring goals, beating up 13 year olds or informing the opposition players as to the night time activities of their mothers, Dom was always influential and we hope to see him back on a more regular basis next year, if for no other reason than to witness the banter between he and Ben.

Nathan Rowden

3 games, 12 possessions, total game time = 105 mins, time spent in defence = 0 mins, total time spent in the rain = 0 mins, satisfaction level = reasonably high, team mate familiarity = 25%, likelihood of a return in 2015 = good, acceptance of the play on rule and not hitting into the D off a free without moving the ball 5 yards or whatever it is = Extremely Low.

Ben Rushton

Ben is the reason I keep playing hockey year after year. It’s a privilege to listen to his inspiring pre match address. We’re clearly told to stay out of the umpiring knowing full well that within five minutes Ben will get frustrated and get stuck into the umpires. Ben hopes to mellow with age but my money is on old and grumpy.

Brad Wake

The rest of the team has had to work hard to get Brad involved in games this year. At times we felt bad for him and felt that letting three opposition attackers breakaway and waltz into the circle unaccompanied was a good way to give him a touch. This along with giving away penalty corners due to crunching tackles outside the circle seemed to keep him happy and coming back. As with most goalkeepers, Brad’s gear is a living organism of its own and will regularly grow legs and walk back to the car after a game.

Mens Provisional 3 Black (contd)

Grant Watton

The taller..... slower..... less accident prone of the famous Watton brothers. Grant has re-emerged from the wilderness of Hale Hockey Club to find his way back to his roots at Melville. Grant's ability to surprise defenders with his stick skills as he runs the ball through the circle has seen him hold down his place in the forward half for the entire year. Prior to the season, the selection committee of this side was romanced by Grant's umpiring prowess and it was agreed that someone with his skills was going to come in handy at least twice a year when the team had a bye. Surprising us all, Grant made significant contributions during the other 16 weeks of the season, particularly the weekends in which he had a wedding to attend.

Mark Watton

Community Service is important for many reasons. Taking part and volunteering teaches compassion and understanding. The opportunity to look after our aging club members is also greatly rewarding. Every team needs a special project, and I think the Provisional 3's have benefited for having Watto around. Thanks Watto.

Roh Weddikkara

With Nathan Elliot offering himself up as a genuine challenger for the team's resident seagull this year, Roh was clearly being driven by a greater force in an effort to retain his title. Unfortunately this greater force was much like the Western Force, who continually promise so much, and deliver very little. Roh did however manage to knock in the team's 100th goal for the season (yes, this was a seagull opportunity).

Richard Williams

The ever reliable general in the middle was again back to his usual tricks, including maintaining his regular last minute warm-ups and mid-season overseas holidays. Certainly appeared to revel in the return to turf hockey, and did manage to take a few opportunities to dish out some fairly solid body work on a few of our much younger opponents, whom he clearly felt needed lessons in respecting their elders. The solid season from Rich will certainly see him again in contention for the B&F.

Scott Willis

The rugged defender had another consistent year. He was solid on the right half as usual and rarely beaten. Apart from Brad the goalie, Scotty was our only regular player not to score a goal this season. Perhaps this will be a motivating factor come next season. Playing on the turf after years on the grass didn't affect Scott, he still missed traps. Great effort this season mate.

As with most years, there were weeks where we struggled to field a side, and a big thanks go to those who helped out over the year, particularly **Ryan Rushton** and **Michael Visser**.

Mens Provisional 3 Gold

As the train pulls out of the station with the fat lady shrieking at the top of her lungs “stick a fork in it, you are done...”, we are left tending our injuries wrapped in the comforting embrace of memories of another winter spent battling ourselves and mother nature. At times chaotic, other times challenging, mostly unpredictable but never dull we had some fun, did we have some fun...

On the back of a season remembered for mixed results we were once again faced with rebuilding the team due to the departure of all our young players from last year. As coincidence may have it, the team formerly known as ‘Metro 2’ was no longer, affording us the opportunity to fight for the remaining spoils of the team. A mix of old and new faces we embarked on an 18 week adventure. It has to be said that it helped if you were related to another team member (see the player list below)...

A promising start with positive results had the team buoyed until we were brought crashing back to earth at the hands of the league leaders and clear favourites. Confidence damaged, and playing ranks diminished, results followed the lead of the Greek economy amidst the GFC.

“Do you know what my favourite part of the game is? The opportunity to play”

Mike Singletary

Midway through the season saw the team shaping up to challenge for the reverse title, a far cry from the early form on display. Struggling on the field and on the scoreboard things appeared a little bleak. Difficulty in securing game day numbers proving just one of the challenges facing the team this season. Whilst on paper the roster appeared sound, the playing line up resembled a revolving door of players going in and out of the side. Injuries and players taking holidays to get engaged did nothing to help the stability of the playing group or the fortunes of the team.

“Don’t measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by what you should have accomplished with your ability.”

John Wooden

Consistency in the playing roster reflected a much need improvement in performance and proved a turning point, marked by solid results to round out the season. An emotional and inspiring individual performance by one of our players in the face of personal tragedy proved the catalyst to keep the momentum rolling to the end of the year. A late run of positive results saw us finish on a high only a couple of places outside the finals. Although never a finals contender, we finished the season on a high, spoiling the fun of all the sides above us on the ladder with the exception of the ladder leaders.

“Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can’t tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way”

Jim Courier

Next season we will have to arrange an induction pack so the new players can learn the words to the team song...

Thanks to the all the players:

Nick Malacari, Brenton Malacari, Jarad Malacari, Steve Criddle, Andy Criddle, Chris Criddle, Jackson Thomas, Griff Thomas, Jono Rayfield, Will Beddoes, Richard Beddoes, Glenn Linstead, Chris James, Jonathon Cornwall, Dan McMillan, Jonathon Palmer, Steve Walsh, Dan Arcaro, Andy Gleave, Jay McMahan, Zach McLaughlan, Andrew Fry, Ash Ellis, Jon Colgan, Kieren Hill, Rowan Ayris, Brad Wake, Jamie Ross, Neil Ferguson, Inti Mason, Ted Neesham.

Mens Provisional 4 Gold

Tristan Andrews (Fullback)

Generously taking the managerial reigns from Tim for another year (possibly because of issues with Gout), Tristan took our team through a year without any fines, infringements or player tribunal summons. Thanks to his efforts this year, we never played a game shorthanded. When players were in surplus, his management of substitutions throughout the game was surpassed by no one. While managing the team required finesse in micromanagement, his main duty was undoubtedly ensuring that Matt W (also known as M. Willis) paid his turf game fees. Near the seasons end, Tristan finally succumbed to his many injuries. After an on-field clash resulting in a fractured/broken hand, it is widely believed that the psychological damage of managing the Scrubbers was just too much for any mortal to sustain. It is rumoured that the medical advice given was to sit out the last couple of games. Although he was unable to play, Tristan still came to every game to fulfil his main duty, ensuring that M.W. paid his turf fees. A great effort from Tristan this year in keeping the team running and we hope to see him on the field again soon. His efforts did not go unnoticed.

James Butcher (The Wall)

Another solid year from James as he lent his immovability to our defence. It can be said that James' ability to channel his anger into his hockey really came to the fore this season as he was seen (more times than he has in history) to take the ball and charge through the oncoming attackers to work some solid plays down the field. James, as always you were solid, dependable and invaluable to the Scrubbers. You had a great season!

Paul Christian (No, the other Paul)

Arguably the most confusingly named player in our team. There was a communal decision not to do that weird thing US TV dramas all do (where everyone refers to each other by their last name only). None of us are cool enough to pull that off! So after much Paul based confusion, we settled on 'Big Paul'. One of the contingent of players on our team who coach, manage or otherwise assist junior teams, and thus is probably continually frustrated by the way we ignore instructions in exactly the way impressionable youth don't. When he wasn't getting angry (at us, the opposition, or occasionally the umpires) he was a solid part of the defensive lineup. He was seen floating from position to position as required like some sort of Muhammed Ali punchline (although, thankfully, minus any actual punching).

Jonathon Cornwall (Chicken Legs McGee)

While Johnno started the year strong with us, he was quickly nabbed up and played in a few other grades, there by rendering him a special guest for the Scrubbers in 2014. He was often seen supporting us from the sidelines however to provide some very welcome cheers (and sledging of the other team). Johnno is a great young player who enjoys the rough and tumble of the Scrubbers, often partaking in verbal banter with his friends from Kwinana, Rocko or Freo. In fact, Johnno was just happy to be out on the field yapping away and running his legs out. When Johnno wasn't complaining about his growing pains (complaining like an old man :P) he was a solid forward whose speed and stick skills made him invaluable.

Mens Provisional 4 Gold (contd)

Aidan Gallagher (Keeper)

Aiden did not have the most productive season this year: he did not score any goals, didn't pass the ball much and was rarely sighted running on the field. In fact, most of the time he just stood in the defensive D and yelled at people. If he wasn't wearing any goalie gear we might have considered dropping him from the side! Well done Aiden on managing to stand in the way of a few opposition shots on goal; how he got all those best and fairest votes is a mystery.

Christian Gallagher (Unrelated to Oasis, I swear)

Having made the move from grass to turf this season after filling in for us occasionally last year, Christian is another one of our Rock'em Sock'em Fullbacks. He, like our other defensive players, tended to be disinclined to allow opposing forwards try and muscle their way past without risking some sort of injury. Also had a couple of runs at halfback with the apparent aim of just making everyone else look bad as he seemed to effortlessly pass three or more opponents at a time. Maybe we'll convince him to play up forward for a bit next season, just for completeness?



Mens Provisional 4 Gold (contd)

Andrew Gleave

Andrew was a relatively new addition to the scrubbers bringing a high degree of energy and enthusiasm to the team, both during games and training. He was one of the few regular trainers in the team. Andrew played a number of positions over the course of the season, from Half Back to Inner, never shying away from conflict. He was always approachable for advice, with a cool, calm and collected manner. By running rings around the old guard, his overall fitness and physique was the envy of both Willis and Tim, as their ageing bodies begin to decay. Andrew has fit in wonderfully; we look forward to seeing him again next season.

Darren Kidd (Half)

Darren is a great team mate with huge potential and is a great teacher to us all. It is enjoyable playing hockey with him as this great scrubber always puts in 110%. Hard working each week, Darren really enjoys his hockey. He is a great bloke who just has to learn how to pass and to get the ball in the back of the net. The rest of us also find that hard, so next year it can be his job.

Timothy McEntee (Gout)

Despite the affects of old age and gout setting in, Tim remained true to form for most of this season with his aggressive plays in attack and occasional wild reverse stick goal attempts. The rest of his season played out as a tight competition with Tristan for the most severe on-field injury. Commendably, Tim managed to save his best—the great leg explosion—for the team's penultimate game, a stunt which will see him off the field for the next six months. Wheelchairs will be at the ready for his return in 2015.

Daniel McMillan (Inner)

A dependable constituent of the team, Dan assumed the roles of wing, inner, and half-back, often all in the same match. Dan was always willing to do his part to keep the team organized, and to offer up strategies for attack. His skills continually improved throughout the season, and he has developed a less confrontational (but still effective) tackle. Voted most likely to start a brawl.

Liam Metcalf (Goalie)

Liam stepped up towards the very end of the season to help fill the vacant Goalkeeper position after Aidan left for distant shores. What can we say? After the trials and tribulations last season with that particular position, it was excellent to find a permanent replacement, particularly one of his skill. He made a number of key saves, helping the team stay in the game (well, at least not get beaten badly). His quiet demeanour belied his confident, commanding play style. Needless to say, we are all extremely thankful to Liam for his assistance this year.

Paul Morris (Little or Young Paul)

Paul has spent the season supporting the forward line and the halfbacks, sprinting up and down with a clear focus. He has had a steady year being a regular attender to both training and matches. Last year's holiday beard returned to haunt us all and is now a regular feature and next year may get its own write up, depending on its performance. Paul is a dependable player who can be relied upon to give his all in each game; we hope to see that continue throughout our next season.

Mens Provisional 4 Gold (contd)

David Wake (Inner)

David has wowed us all again with his panther-like ability to sneak up on opposition players and rob them of the ball. He's spent most of this season cruising about on the wing or running hard as inner. His skills have jumped to a new level, and he's often put the rest of the team to shame with some amazing drags and great ball control. An asset to the team!

Justin Wake (Wing)

Justin has been a valued member of our attacking force all season. Piercing hits through the defence of the opposition, with a number of powerful runs forward. He was even convinced into playing a number of other, non forward positions this season. At times, he could be spotted in the Half Back Line, as well as Full Back. Many a time he complained about having to travel so far for games (even those at home), but we can't all live in the idyllic countryside (some say he has meshed himself with his computers to make a new part human, part computer, part horse). It is fair to say that as always he was a calm, cool and collected team member, as consistent as ever.

Matthew Wake

Matt is a great player who has good stick skills and gives every game his all. He has been a solid half back for our team this season who will give attacking support and is still defensively minded. He has fantastic vision, wonderful passing and always plays for the team. He will give every game his all no matter the score and never drops his head, he is a valuable player and one that our team is lucky to have.



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Mens Provisional 4 Gold (contd)

Matthew Willis

While Willis can be one of the more 'volatile' members of the team, he made certain that he was on his best behaviour all season, especially against Fremantle. In the off season he traveled with Bec to the Himalayan Mountains to train in the art of meditation. His new Zen like state was palpable, and his calming influence had some form of effect on the team (calming us to the state where we were too relaxed to even score). Despite stepping down as Team Manager two seasons ago, he is still a leader on the field. Heading the charge at the front and flying through the opposition. Despite finding goals hard to come by this season (as did the entire team), he is still a leading goal scorer.

The Malacari brothers (Jared and Nicholas)

The Malacari brothers are highly skilled players who can play all over the field. They have a great understanding of how hockey should be played and work together extremely well. They are always team orientated and they will give every game 110%. They have a great understanding between them which can prove to be very damaging on a hockey field. They are great players and any team would be lucky to have them on their side.

Jordan, Jack and Jackson

There are many things that make you feel old, but playing with juniors who run, and don't seem to ever get tired is really up there. Jordan, Jack and Jackson were a number of the 'younger' players to help fill in this season, and boy did they make an impact. Always ready to run, play in any position, and dutifully follow any instruction (even the dubious ones). Without their assistance, we would have been playing short on a number of occasions. They are all truly talented players, and we look forward to watching them develop (potentially into Scrubbers' new recruits!).



Womens Provisional 4

2014 gave us an actively evolving season, with a cavalcade of players and included a mid-season coaching change. The team had a few ups-and-downs with score lines, injuries, players leaving and new players joining the team but overall, we had a pretty good year and finished the season respectably. While we learnt a lot, there's always room for improvement, so let's hope everyone comes back next year.

Chelsea Badger

Came into the team as a fullback until Nic challenged Chelsea's perceptions and she turned out to be a great asset as a half back. Chels has a strong defensive instinct and marks well, great left half material.

Emma Bradley

Long tall streak of a player who gambols around the field with the distinctive grace of a gazelle. Great in inner, and versatile enough not to lose her marbles when shoved into different positions.

Ashleigh Chauvin

One of the quiet ones (have to watch those ones!) with a natural instinct as an inner. Good ball skills, happy to run and always has a smile on her face.

Camilla Elliott

Feisty little redhead who has a never-give-up attitude. Apparently married to Hayley early in the season, there were some difficulties and they are now amicably divorced. On the vertically challenged side, so often heard to complain "I'm trying, but her legs are longer than mine."

Bronte Evans

Versatile player who thinks she'd like to be a wing but is a fantastic defender. Handy full back and half back, Bronte has been a joy to have on a team that is full of inners..... Even if she does look like a five year old.....

Shireen Gibson

Another quiet one, happy to run all day and do whatever is asked of her. Great ball chaser with a never-give-up attitude. Often a little distracted when off the field... "Was I humming? I thought that was in my head...." While one of our favourites from this season has to be "...get them a fish, bitches love fish.." none of us were sure what to make of that...

Nia Goodhand (Manager - the original)

Soon to be Mrs Stevens, our goal slut with a magic hit and our leading goalscorer by a long shot. Nia has been a strong driving force in the forward line and is a committed team person. Was our manager until wedding plans overtook her life, then handed the reins over to Hayley. A pleasure to have in the team.

Claire Hadley

Versatile defender who has absolutely blossomed in the centre half position. Strong, capable, calm – Claire has had a great season as centre half, but can play any defensive position. Great asset to the team.

Amanda Jones

Goalkeeper extraordinaire. Saved our bacon more times than we can count. Great calling and direction of players from her privileged position in the net. Had the finger injury from hell mid-season (see Facebook pictures - fingers are not supposed to bend that way) but managed to come back to finish the season with us.

Peta Lock

We broke her. Sadly, we lost this key defender and co-captain to a wrist injury mid season, leaving a struggle to find someone to fill her position. Hopefully the injury didn't impair her budding career as an acrobat on the silks.....

Womens Provisional 4 (contd)

Janezza Lymbery-Joyce

Another one we broke late in the season (curse you Southern River!!) but were hoping to get back for the last game. A strong half back, great runner and a positive influence on the game. Hopefully she will be back in fighting fit form for next season. Missed you Nezza!

Hayley Lyons (Manager 2.0 - new and improved?)

Tenacious inner with a drive that can't be beaten. Hayley runs her legs off (they are only short!) and has very good ball skills. Now happily divorced from Camilla, the pair are still referred to as twins by half the team who struggle to tell them apart (seriously? You can't tell the difference between strawberry blonde and flamethrower red??) Hayley allowed her arm to be twisted into taking up the managerial role late in the season and has done an outstanding job both on and off the field.

Jasmine MacLeod

Started the season then disappeared before mid-way. If found, please return to Melville City Hockey Club.

Felicity Packer

Flick has worked hard to be available this year and does a great job when she has been with us. Eased back into the game as a wing, but her natural instinct is to run, so she makes a fantastic inner. Good ball skills and brings our overly enthusiastic Supercoach with her when it's not past his bedtime.....

Jasmine Vico

Jas is amazing. Yet another quiet one, always happy to do whatever is asked. Had a few spells in half back and a few jaunts as wing. Jas has a natural instinct to tag a player right out of the game, which makes her a brilliant halfback. It's a tough task, but she's done a great job of it – well done Jas!

Kimberly Welten

Kim can do anything. She thinks she's a wing and she does a great job in attack, is a fantastic fullback, has got a great push out for short corners, can hit the cover off the ball and over the top of the goals (3 times... we've been counting), and as captain has done a great job of directing the play and being a leader on the field. Thanks for an excellent season Kimmie!

Avril Widger

Our late season find from the junior ranks. Avril has an amazing hit, is strong over the ball and is calm in any situation – great traits for a fullback. Avril has slotted into the team like she has always been there – an absolute joy to have around.

The coaches:

Dylan Hadley – Tall, quiet and enthusiastic, Dylan lead the team for the first half of the season until his health required him to take a break. We are grateful for everything you taught us, and hope that you will be back coaching next year.

Nicola Ogden – Noisy, sarcastic and rude.....

Nic picked up the ropes after Dylan and shocked us sideways. Challenged a few of us, and we came out the better for it. Thanks for helping us to finish the season.

We'd also like to acknowledge fantastic fill in performances from our cast of thousands:

Melanie Brown, Corelle Coleman, Chloe Dawes, Sarah King, Jaimee Hadley, Rachel Harries, Paige Hudson-Brown, Jessica Hood, Wendy Joyce, Niki McGowan, Jolene Olde, Jenna Powell, Annette Scholten and ` . Without you, we would've been up the proverbial creek, in the proverbial canoe without the proverbial paddle – thanks heaps!

Womens Metro 1

Well 2014 wasn't our best year on the field but we still had fun. We started the season with 16 names on the list but each week we were chasing around to fill our team and despite that we managed to finish the season in fifth place. Not bad girls.

The team comprised of:

Kylie in goals who kept the opposition score to a minimum, with assistance from **Lindy** and **Maris** who stood guard over the defensive 25. A formidable trio.

Annette returned and continued in her same strong defensive role at right halfback.

The centre half position was filled by **Alice**, who came back to Melville after some time away. We could not believe our luck when we got Alice and her talents but our luck was short lived as Alice fell down some stairs and spent half the season on the sideline.

Corelle has only been playing hockey for three years but when we put her at Left halfback, she plays the game like she was born to it. Bruises and all.

The forward line changed each week but we did have a few regulars and they were:

Dee on the left wing or the back line, where ever she was needed to fill the spot and she played most roles very effectively.

Jenny (Princess) who left us to play golf last year but was persuaded to come back this year and has had a very positive effect on our forward line.

Leanne (Tinkerbell) has played with us for a couple of years but claims she is unfit and unable to play the game out but she is forever chasing that ball at great speed. This year she even bought her daughter **Kayla** down to show us oldies how to run with the ball and actually get it to the goal face. Thanks Kayla.

Carolyn was supposed to work most Saturdays but seemed to convince her boss that our need was greater than theirs, which it was, because no one could steal a ball like Carolyn.

Jo who could run all day and had the skills to go with it. Our forward line was at its strongest when she was at Centre forward.

We also had **Sue** who hurt her back, **Theresa** who hurt her leg and Lisa who hurt her shoulder. All of these girls were forced to the bench, oh, and some had overseas holidays, but we were very fortunate to be able to call on **Dehlia**, **Marie**, **Jo Rosso**, **Lizzie**, **Helen**, **Elildh**, **Caitlin** and **Tearne** (on the field) and I thank you all for being available when called. Thank you also to **Sharon** and **Ray** for umpiring, coaching, managing when called upon and for The Hob. The feast and drinks after the game kept us coming back each week.

I think overall we enjoyed our season and hope to see everyone back next year.

Mens 040 Midweek & 040 Division 1

A stellar year of underachievement. Or perhaps overachievement, assuming we are a lot worse than we used to be. Take your pick, based on results we moved on several weeks ago. And it's all Scan's fault. Whatever it is.

Cam Robinson

At the start of the year Timber showed particularly poor form at picking the ball up out of the net; as a team, we conspired to allow as many goals in as possible to help him fill this gap in his skillset. He is now the complete keeper.

Gavin Scally

What is the qualifying age for 50's? Can't we change it to be based on weight?

Aki Etelaaho

Loves to hit the ball. And debate. In fact he is kind of obsessed with debating and hitting – kind of like some quite weird English preparatory school for mad left halves. As if there is any other kind, of course.

Bruce Hancock

Mellow as a bus-full of hippies. Loves Ukranians. Weird.

David Ross

When the going got tough, Dave got going – as far away from the action as he could, even fomenting a strike that could have crippled WA's economy to avoid playing. One of his teammates summed it up best – "Who?"

Dennis Lofell

Spent so much of the year shaking his head at his teammates it's a wonder his neck doesn't need replacing. At least we gave his family some entertainment through the year. They didn't come for the hockey mind.

Brad Potter

They say a true genius isn't recognised in his own lifetime. Quite right too.

Simon Matthew

Can run without hamstrings, which shouldn't be physically possible. Will only pass the ball when the time is absolutely right, in much the same way that Halley's Comet only appears when the time is absolutely right. But what the hell, we would've just mistrapped it anyway.

Darren Wilson

Too good for this mob. Shocking facial hair though.

John Cooke

I have quite a good memory, so I can remember when John was a speedy, superfit midfield distributor. Those were the days. Has a quite specific inability to see balding redheads – apparently incurable.

Andrew Starling

He was flying this year – which is entirely predictable when you are a pilot. Completely dominates a 3mx3m in the centre of the ground, causing us to avoid hitting the ball there. We should probably change tactics but...we can't.

Stefan Willett

Spent the year trying to move up the waiting list for a full body transplant, which is slightly shorter than the waiting list for receiving a pass at centre half. Literally nothing in his body functions as designed, apart from the vein on his forehead that starts throbbing during the first half and doesn't stop until...October. Loves his hockey.

Mens O40 Midweek & O40 Division 1 (contd)

Mark Lyons

An old, old man masquerading as a...well, he looks like an old old man now. Which is why he likes playing next to Watto. Watto looks older than dirt.

Andrew Scanlon

whenever there is a transfer of power, it is quite normal for the new boss to differentiate himself from his predecessor – Scans differentiated himself from Crowie by eschewing organisation in favour of chaos and sledging. Worked a treat.

Greg Ross

Still playing 40s? You're not fooling anyone.

Michael Starling

Getting married? Seriously? Bloody hell. That explains the second half of the year anyway. Not that I watched any of the games. I am seriously making all of this up. Apart from the one about Stef. And Cookie.

Michael Watson

Saw the ship sinking and jumped to 50's. Smarter as well as fitter than the rest of us.

Russell Lee

Dominated the first 15 minutes and then sank to our level – standard of his play went down quicker than the Titanic (not the first analogy I was going to use). He'll be back to full back by the end of next season.

Ben Rushton

I have never said this before, but we all prefer Ryan.

Martin O'Sullivan

Runs a lot. Doesn't say much. Is very handy. Tough to sledge.

Ray Achimedi

Ray doesn't get ruffled on the field much, which is why I love watching him coach. You can almost see the steam coming out of his ears.

Mark Watton

The new Stef – if there is an injury to be had be sure he will be the one to get it. For those really old people he reminds me of Jeff West, in that if he ever went to war stand next to him, because all of the bullets will hit him. Apparently suffering from brittle bones, which happens as you age.

Womens O35 Division 2

What a fabulous season of hockey. The team looks very different from previous years. A very good pre-season recruiting campaign by Jan and myself amongst some of the more established members in the club with the promise of, in particular, “no training” commitments has seen us gain some very skillful new Masters players. Success has come with the team certain to play finals and hopefully finish on top of the league. What a fabulous team to manage and play with too. They are punctual, reliable and quick to cough up for turf fees! The future of Ladies Masters hockey at Melville looks very rosy.

Lisa Anderson (Forward/Midfield)

Lisa has had a successful season on and off the pitch. She is a versatile, speedy fit player who, despite her niggling shoulder injury and love of the inner position, has played most positions on the field this season (watch out Kylie). Off the pitch she took on the job of ladies vets coordinator (not a hard job apparently!) and she has done a tremendous job at this as well, organising the teams at the start of the season and then ours each week, along with umpires and the coach and still managed to attend committee meetings too. Lisa you are a valued member of our team and MCHC. Many thanks for your hard work.

Ann Armstrong-Boase (Full Back)

Ann is a valuable part of our Superstar backline. She is solid in defence and ever reliable. Her strength and presence was missed when injury kept her away for the latter part of the season. Hope she will be back playing soon.

Susan Clark (Full Back)

What can we say about Sue Clark that hasn't already been said.... She is a fierce competitor, has an amazing tackle and reads the play like no-one else. It has been a privilege to have her play with us this year and we look forward to her contributions for many years to come.

Marie Farrow (Forward/Midfield)

Like a bull terrier on the hockey field, Marie is a tenacious and determined player, willing to put her body on the line and she never gives up. Off the field though Marie is a positive and easy going team member who doesn't take herself too seriously. She has been known to question the umpire on occasion (sorry Greg), but in most cases the call goes in Marie's favour and rightly so. All I can say is “are you serious?”

Gaye Glaskin (Midfield)

Gaye is the wise old owl of our team - observant, experienced and always has something constructive to say. Her hockey nous matched with her determination and incredible ability to sprint from attack to defence in the blink of an eye makes her a formidable force on the field and a vital cog in the Vets 2 machine. We love you Gayze!!

Dehlia Goundrey (Striker)

Dehlia is our amazing central striker. When she gets white line fever and slams another one at the goals you don't want to be in the firing line. She's nailed a bunch of goals this year due to her fierce determination in the circle. She's a win at all cost lady who is always harder on herself than anyone else...The type of player you want to play with, not against! Great season Dehlia.

Raelene Hetherington (Striker)

A new recruit to the team from Collie who added a spark to our forward line. Rae's exceptional slick stick skills often left the opposition in her wake as she cruised past and headed towards goals. Each week we watched the quiet persona off the field disappear and evolve into a determined and aggressive competitor the closer she got to goals. The defence had no chance! A great asset to our team and club.

Melanie Leighton (Midfield)

Mel has had a great inaugural year in ladies vets hockey. As the baby of the team she has boundless energy which sees her darting backwards and forwards between defence and attack. She is also a great utility player happy to play wherever she is needed. Mel would definitely pick up the “team ballerina” award as she is the most graceful hockey player our team has ever had. Congratulations on a fabulous season and we're looking forward to having you back next year.

Womens O35 Division 2 (contd)

Kylie Mishra (Goal Keeper)

GK extraordinaire Kylie once again had a tremendous season as our no. 1 goalie - she has put herself on the line on many occasions to save many goals and has made some spectacular saves. Even when the ball is not in the circle or even past the 25 yard line she is still involved in the game with her loud voice making its way up the field to help out the forwards! Where would we be without you – though we did hear of a talent scout in Singapore who heard you were also good at singing.....

Fiona Power (Midfield)

Fi is an unassuming hockey player who plays an integral role in our team. She gives it her all and is always ready to help her team mates out. Fi dazzles the opposition with her speed and skill, and has played a big part in controlling our mid-field game this year. A well rounded player, respected by team mates and the opposition alike, Fi has had a great year of hockey in 2014.

Theresa Rayfield (Winger)

It's a pleasure to play hockey with our Scottish import star forward Theresa! Although battling with a niggling calf injury, she has soldiered on and played some lovely hockey, sometimes only needing to use one hand! She ducked off to The Commonwealth Games mid-season to study the Hockeyroos and bring back some new strategies to pass on to us, as we strive to maintain out top of the ladder status. (PS The Rayfield family apparently found themselves on the wrong side of the law in Glasgow, resulting in them being escorted from one of the venues for a security breach). Theresa always has us laughing with her cheeky and fun personality.

Susanna Snyman (Full Back)

Zandra (no one calls her Susanna) has to be one of the funniest and nicest ladies we have in the ladies vets team both on and off the pitch. She is an important member of our defence having been called on numerous times to make match saving tackles when she has been left on her lonesome down at the back. It is Zandra's off pitch exploits that have had our team in stitches or should I say Zandra in stitches (quite literally) this year! From acrobatic stunts going wrong to dog walks round her pool (resulting in a freezing cold midnight swim) Zandra has tried her best to win the "most accident prone player of the team" award! We have loved having you play with us this year and hope (subject to your hips remaining pain free) that you come back and play with us in 2015.

Susan Wilson (Winger)

The team's blonde bombshell on the left wing. Sue is a hard-working fast player who has scored some vital goals for us this year by her great positioning on the left post. Sue is always reliable, bright, cheery, very organized and boy does she have a voice on the pitch! She was sorely missed the night she decided to throw herself down the stairs at work just so she could catch a ride in an ambulance! You've had a great season Sue.

In addition to our thirteen regular players we have had to call on a few other special ladies during the season who have the particular attribute to be able to play vets hockey i.e. they are getting old! If it wasn't for these ladies we may have had to, on occasion, field undermanned teams. Therefore big thanks go to **Mhairi Glover, Annette Scholten, Sarah Billingham** and **Lizzie Stratton**. Your help was invaluable.

To **Greg Hunt** our ever present umpire through rain, hail or shine (not too much shine but lots of rain) go our sincere thanks.

Last but not least we must thank our coach **Ross Hall**. We have not seen as much of Ross as we would have liked this season due to his training commitments with the state team but we have appreciated his words of wisdom when he could make the games - including the unforgettable 4Gs and the 3Ps! From the whole team thank you Ross for your time and effort it was much appreciated.

Womens O35 Division 4

Last year our team played most of our games one or two players short each week and did not come out of the season very well but this year we were determined to make sure we had a better season and it has been just that. As I write this report we are gearing up for the Semi Finals.

Our first game was true to form and we were beaten by Wasps but that woke us up and come next meet, we showed them what we were made of which was pretty incredible as they were the top team. It shocked them and left us feeling invincible, but that was short lived as we struggled to impress during the middle of the season. However, it seemed the harder the opposition were the better we played and here we are. Now we just have to remember to score goals because I have no doubt our girls will give any team we meet a run for their money around the field.

The team is made up of **Lindy Coss, Peta Anderson, Helen Doyle, Annette Scholten, Maris Margetts, Corelle Coleman, Jo Rosso, Jenny Coad, Leanne O'Sullivan, Marlene Dry, Wendy Joyce, Dee Murphy, Carolyn Caydamar, Kate Sparkes** and **Sue Totterdell** who hurt her back mid season and has warmed the bench since.

I would also like to say thank you to **Frank Reynolds** who came and umpired us every week or organised someone else if he couldn't.

To each of these girls I say well done. We have had such a good year because the team spirit is strong, we have had some fun and played some good hockey and enjoyed our friendships and that is what a good year of hockey is about. Good Luck with the finals and thanks for letting me be part of the team and please all come back next year.

Mens 040 Division 2

Another year crept up on us far too quickly and the day before the first game.....

“What!!!!!! The real deal commences tomorrow? I’ll now crawl out from under the rock where I’ve been convalescing and confirm I’m available to play, still bitter & twisted from GF defeat!”

With a few players having moved on, we struggled to field a side but always managed to get at least the bare eleven thrown together - although our Goalkeeper was a minor problem. With **Mark Rayfield** and **Lewis Bint** covering the backline and occasional Goalkeeping duties when we were unable to wangle keepers from our other masters grades - thanks to **Wayne Hudson, Geoff Riley, Cameron Robinson & Andrew Toogood**.

Our backline was again difficult to score against with **Geoff & Michael Currie, Andrew Criddle** and **Wayne Harries** keeping a tight ship.

With **Ray Achemedai, Derek Doak, Andrew Spear, Cameron Simpson-Bint, Michael Fardon & Ted Neesham** being the mainstays in attack, helped by **Stephen Criddle, Chris James** and **Michael Girdlestone** when they were available - which wasn’t as often as we would have liked. We managed to share the goalscoring around more than last year, although the total number scored was down.

All in all, a very enjoyable year finishing the regular season in third place.

Also thanks to the following players for doubling up or coming down to help out when we were short - **Paul Christian, Graeme Coleman, John Cooke, Aki Etelaaho, Michael Jensen, Dennis Loffell, Brad Potter, Geoff Ranford, Gavin Scally & Andrew Scanlon**.

Mens O40 Division 4

A lot of players in and out of the playing list this year and some season ending injuries. Most weeks we are just making a team but our form and the strength of our newer and emerging players have been a revelation this season as we go into the finals. Thanks to the support we have had from some of the other teams including: Dean, Tony, Jeremy, Michael, Duncan, Gus and Greg.

Carlo Bontempo (Centre Half / Full back)

While Bon Tempo translates as “good time”, Carlo provides anything but a good time for opposition forwards with his robust, passionate and physical attack on the ball and anyone in possession of it. A truly stoic defender with never a backward step, Carlo consistently presents the attributes all coaches desire in a player.

Bruce Cadd

Great to have Bruce available to our team which besides his own jobs has been beyond the call of duty. An all round nice guy who always has a word of encouragement and advice for the players.

Greg Gelfi (Inner / Half back)

Unfortunately Greg got a season ending injury about the second game. Greg has continued to follow our games and it has been great to have his support at our games.

Brett Gibbins (Goalie)

Brett was in sensational form this year as is evidenced by our very healthy goal difference. There were a number of games that we did not lose solely on the basis of Brett’s performance in the last line of defence role. Always hard on himself if he let one in the net, he set a standard for the rest of the team to follow and was our leader in the backline.

David Joseph (Inner / Half back)

Hockey bio - *Nickname*: Singapore Dave *Position*: Left Half *Plays*: Right handed *Team Contribution*: Reliable, good hit, good dribbling skills, supports our forwards *Excitement Factor*: Quiet demeanour

Brian Kennington (Centre Forward)

Brian was our number one goal scorer this year and worked fabulously in the forward line with the wingers. Best game of the year was our four to zero win over OGMHC where Brian scored all four goals even though the wingers endeavoured to seagull some of his shots.

Michael Lawrence (Wing)

What a season. I think Michael was a little tentative at first in taking up the role of left wing early in the season. Since then he has been a tenacious and consistent stand out player and along with our other key forwards has made a huge impact on our game.

Ian Munns (Centre Half / Full back)

Ian has had a stellar season with some of our key back players from previous seasons no longer with us. Ian has stepped into the role with outstandingly consistent performances. We know when our team is doing well on the ball when both Ian and Carlo are working together and pushing the team forward.

Paul Paino (Inner / Half back)

Lyrical: There once was a guy called Paul, who ran so hard at the ball, his leg went snap, he fell on his back and couldn’t do stuff-all. Six weeks off his feet, he came back to meet his mates in Division 4. Positioned an Inner, he turned out a winner, attacked like sinner and defended like a brick wall. He’s a good old soul, like Billy Joel, so if the “a” was an “i”, and the “i” was an “a”, then to all of his fans, he’d be the Piano Man. *Tautogram*: Principally preaching, Paul Paino prefers pure perfectly-perpendicular play providing perspective, pursuing perfection, primarily positioned, pending polished pre-armed passes predicting patriotic pummelling’s punishing pesky pathetic pendants. *Executive Summary*: Paul plays good hockey and is a great bloke too!

Gerald Tai (Full back)

Always cool under pressure. Standing his ground against the onslaught of quick forwards he has a way of stopping play and diverting the attention off the attack. Hits to accurate positions to start play and ensure we’re given the best chance to build up an attack. Gerald is one to look at the big picture, always encouraging on and off the field and always reminding us to go for the prize rather than be lost by an incident on the field.

Mens 040 Division 4 (contd)

Andrew Toogood (Inner / Half back)

Playing as an 'inner' for the 40Fours; Andy's skill, hard running and courage have been a huge asset. He has helped to organise the team and copped more than his fair share of whacks. However, Andy always gets up and continues to run hard and play fair.

David Wauhop (Inner)

David is a valuable, energetic and active member of the team who brings an important attacking and aggressive contribution to our forward line and team as a whole which strikes fear into the oppositions' defence. His never say die attitude and efforts are a big motivating factor for the whole team and have been sorely missed when he has not played. During games his piercing runs, positive comments and general support are much appreciated and have an emphasis on achieving team goals. Without his contributions our team would not have been as successful and we look forward to his continued contribution now and in the future.

Martin Whitley (Half back / Full back)

Late in the season, Martin came into the team as a halfback. Martin has been an outstanding positional player and a great addition to the team. He turns defence into attack and works in well with the other back players. Martin is a cool under pressure, hockey thinking player who really enjoys a good game.

Peter Willis (Wing)

Peter is new to the 40-4 team and has been playing on the right wing. His start to the year was a little slow and cautious, however from the middle of the year to the end of the year he has certainly made up for the slow start. We would all be seeing Peter making his run down the right side beating several opposition players and crossing the ball in to the D or passing it off and following up on his run to score the goal. His speed has been refreshing and having Peter on the wing has been a bonus for the team... well done on a great and productive year.

*It's 1 o'clock on a Saturday,
the regular team shuffles in,
There's old men lined up across from us,
hoping that they're gonna win.*

*We say "Paul can you set up a power play,
we're not really sure how it goes,
But it's fast and it's sweet and we knew it complete
When we all wore younger mens' clothes".*

La de da, da de da da. La de da de da ...

*Oh pass me the ball, you're the Paino man,
pass me the ball down the right,
cause we're all in the mood for a run on goal,
and the centre field is looking too tight.*

*Now Carlo in the back-line's a friend of ours,
he hates to give up a free
But he's quick with a stroke, or to arc up a bloke,
or take a ball twice in the knee.*

*He says 'boys, I believe this is killing me',
as a smile ran away from his face.
"Well I'm sure that we could be in front by now,
if that umpire would just take his place"*

*Now Peter's a right-winger hobbyist,
whose always in hockey-skills strife,
And he's talking with Davy, whose not from the Navy
but has two knees past their half-life.*

*And Martins' no longer in politics,
as the back-line slowly gets zoned
But they're sharing a link they call gracelessness
but that's better than breaking their bones.*

*Pass me the ball, you're the Paino man,
pass me the ball down the right,
cause we're all in the mood for a run on goal
and the centre field is looking too tight.*

*It's a pretty good team for a Saturday
Andy the manager gives us a smile,
cause he knows that this team can play fair when its
mean,
and forget about strife all the while*

*And the Paino sounds like a carnival,
as the team chills out for a beer,
and we sit at the bar, only div four so far
and say "man what are we doing here?"*

*Pass me the ball, you're the Paino man,
pass me the ball down the right,
cause we're all in the mood for a run on goal
and the centre fields looking too tight.*

Mens O50 Division 1

The Mighty Over 50 Div 1 - 2014.

Our season was not as successful this year as in past years, but ageing and decaying bodies left us a bit thin on the park. We always say we only need to be fit by September, but unfortunately September will come and go this year without us proving how fit we might have been. It's been another fun year playing hockey with the mates we love to be with. I look forward to next year in anticipation of some 'youthful players' joining us and helping with the run we desperately needed this year.

Thanks to all the regulars and to those players who filled in from time to time, Graeme Coleman, John Christie, Hans Geers, Aki, Andy Wood, Andy Toogood, Andy Starling and all the other Andys

Special thanks to Tash for her work behind the scenes again this year with team write-ups and stats. And another big thankyou to our loyal spectators especially the Meacocks and Ila Reynolds who always told us we played well even when we didn't.

Looking forward to 2015.

Egg
Manager 2014.

Alan Chellew (Chewy)

Mad as a cut snake, runs like a scared rabbit but most of all gives the opposition the willies as he darts from side to side calling for the ball and running the ball at break neck speed to the goals. Unfortunately no one could keep up, so quite often he was on his own to make the most of the situation. Chewy is super enthusiastic and loves his hockey and he is great to have on the field when he can fit it in around his work commitments. A great season Chewy and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Ron Chesny (Ches)

Ches was ready to go! But unfortunately his body didn't hold up this year and he only played a couple of games early. Get fit for next year Ches – we need a goal scorer!

Peter Dawkins

If it's possible to have an elder statesman in an over 50's team then Pete would be it. He constantly amazed both his often younger opponents and team mates with his work rate on the field and never say die attitude. Played left half and rescued the side on many occasions when the normally rock solid defence was breached. Great season Pete.

Andrew Ford (Spike)

"Spike" made a welcome return to hockey after an absence of some 15 years and a gain of a few kilos. He showed quickly that he had lost none of his determination, little of his skill and a fair bit of his fitness in that time. Sadly, near the end of his third game back, "Spike" ruptured his achilles which promptly ended his comeback; let's hope not for another 15 years.

Keith Harper (Harps)

Hitting legendary status at MCHC and successfully playing the seniors circuit with a bunch of increasingly aging buddies that for some mysterious reason (currently being investigated) have fallen to a record injury count and absenteeism this year. Harps succumbed to a bad back during part of the season, was away with the state schools' sports competition (coach of the 12's girls) and attended the occasional Dockers game (fanatical supporter) which caused him to miss some games and no end of grief to his team trying to get some drive up front. Surprisingly Harp's came back from injury to shine with pace (yeah ok) and skill (let's not exaggerate) and scored some nice goals and continues to be one of the best forwards in the competition (really gone to far now and must be on the payroll). Oh hail young Harp's.

Mens 050 Division 1 (contd)

Wayne Hudson (Wayno)

Wayne Hudson - team man and goal keeper for the 50 Div 1 since time immemorial. Pivotal to the team's success each week, for when Wayne is on song, his tenacity is infectious and helps lift the team. Wayne has been our goal keeping stalwart throughout all our hockey going back many years, during which his tenacious goal keeping has kept us in many a game. Wayne's game day protocols involve a coke pre game and another post game. A reliable, friendly, supportive team and club member, always helpful and a pleasure to be around and spend time with on game day, a wry sense of humour, and well placed in his work to be backing up teams to the end. Wayne, with assistance from Tash (missed you this year), manages the game day best player slips and match day results sheet for HWA, but more importantly provides the talisman snakes at half time. Wayne ever reliable, a stalwart of the team. See you next season.

Greg Hunt (Egg)

Captain, list manager and provider of pre, half-time and post-match wisdom, Egg capped off his contributions to the team with another stand out season on the field. The stick-work wizardry is still there as are the straight line runs – remember, with his dicky knee, this guy can't turn. Along with some sensational goals, though, Egg gave Harps a run for his money in the "Barn Door" moniker. Egg loves a nice 'red' after the game, and, like a good red, he is improving with age. Top year Egg.

Michael Jensen (Jenno)

The rock at the back who again directed the defence brilliantly this season. Jenno may not be the quickest around anymore but he makes up for it with exceptional flat stick, back stick, between the feet, behind the back and stopping tackles. Thankfully refrained from overheads which was a relief for spectators and players on the next door pitch. Provided the team ball boy who was over worked all season chasing missed shots from our opposition.

Patrick Matthews

One of the most graceful players to set foot on a hockey field. Week in week out we watch in admiration as Patrick waves his stick above and around the ball, often not even touching it (whether this is by design or bad eyesight is open to debate), mesmerising players and umpires alike. Never too old to learn new tricks, Patrick continues to amaze us with his innovative style as was demonstrated with his brilliantly deceptive slow overhead off a short corner, a variation sure to find its way into Classic League in the near future.

Paul Meacock (Whip)

Lionhearted Paul Meacock had the type of season that would test the resolve of the most earnest of masters hockey players. A suspect, previously splintered thumb, broken arm, hernia operation and ruined back kept him off the field for much of the season but when he did join the fray, he was as unflinching as ever in all aspects of contest. We wished and prayed for Whip to have played more games this year, because the statistics prove that when Whip is on the ground we win games! We look forward to a great 2015 with you Whip.

Geoffrey Ranford (Ramma)

What can you say about Ramma that has not already been said. A ruthless defender with a killer tackle and a bullet like hit, and an all round good player who takes the field and gives his best every week. That was from under 15's and in 37 years nothing has changed. Another fine season from Ramma, maybe a little slower now, but still a solid reliable defender, with a good pass and who gives 100% each week. Some things don't change.

Andrew Reynolds

Andy has had an unfortunate run of injuries over the past couple of seasons and unfortunately couldn't get to many games. When he was able to take the field Andy always made an impact; whether as the impassable defender or the dangerous forward, the opposition were never in doubt as to the quality of this player. His precise hitting and penetrating overheads out of defence would quickly turn defence into attack. Andy is the team player we all hope is playing each week; let's hope that he and his toy camp seat will grace the sidelines more often next year.

Mens O50 Division 1 (contd)

Greg Ross

The fit fullback. Greg had a cracker of a year down back and thank goodness as most of the games were played in defence. Apart from the odd (many) war wounds, Greg fought out all the games with great endeavour. Greg has developed a very good strategy to read the play and cut off many attacking moves from the opposition. Another great strategy Greg brings is his equipment bag, full of exciting things, various tapes, gels, pills etc, but his STUBBY HOLDER for after the game is a must. Great year Greg, bring on 2015.

Russell Scanlon (Rusty)

It's so hard to pen enough superlatives for reliable Rusty - he is just there, all the time, always when needed, year after year. A complete professional in his approach to the right half position. "You can, always rely on the right side in life... If a left attack seems jolly rotten, There's something you've forgotten! Russell's out there to stop a good left wing, When you need an overlap, Russell's one reliable chap, Who'll never let you down so here's the thing! You can always rely on the right side of life...

Stephen Silvey

Steve's coaching commitments with the women's top squad and his dodgy knee meant that we only had the privilege of Steve's presence in the side for a handful of games. The contribution Steve made in those games showed why we are a significantly better side when he does play. His determination, skill and speed put him in the stronger bracket of players in our grade; imagine what he would be like with two good knees! We hope Steve can be a more regular member of the team in years to come.

Robert Thorn

Another year rolls around and Rob rolls with it. By continually refreshing his fitness with holidays and spa treatments he is able to maintain a pace which others can only envy. On the field he quietly moves into position, ready to take advantage of that deep searching ball sent out to the wing. Once under his control the speed takes over and he moves quickly, deep into the corner, ready to drive the ball across the circle hoping to catch another forward waiting on the post. Many times Rob has had to hold back so that the other forwards can catch up but he takes this frustration in his stride and waits for the next attack. There are the odd times of course, when the pass might not be as good as he would like and unfortunately the ball sails over the side line. Many games during the year Rob has found himself in a position to actually shoot at goals, the team waiting in anticipation and the results speak for themselves. Another good year as one of the key elements in our attack.

Michael Watson (Apples)

What huge shoulders this guy has. He has had to carry the responsibility of providing run through our midfield, often the forward line and regularly down the back. It's no wonder that his back gives him a bit of grief. A fantastic first year in the 50's. We all hope that the second is sensational. A great season Apples.

Ken Wilson

Ken had a great start to the season but a debilitating back injury cut short what could have been a stellar season. Ken was always keen to score and made excellent position on the post and the goal line to get the vital touches into the goal. Sometimes the foot got in the way or he completely missed the ball but the intention was always there and he scored several goals again this year to add to his tally from last year. We wish you all the best with the injury Ken and hope to see you back again next year.

Mens 050 Division 2 (Gold)

The pre-season low attitude training definitely paid off this year. The “TreeLoppersRUs” crew were put to good use on Saturday morning and later rewarded with an exceptional lunch at Wise. Unfortunately Pitch forgot to turn on the black box and all memories of events after 2pm have been lost forever.

We managed to finish third, even though we put as many measures in place as possible to avoid playing finals. If the last game of the season is any indication of the form we are taking into the finals, we may as well get the gardening tools ready now. Thanks to the other 21 players, not mentioned below, who helped out this year.

Chris Avent (Gramps)

Gramps was absent for a number of games early in the season undergoing experimental electron bombardment therapy to resolve ongoing calf muscle problems. After extensive trials the good folk at Lucas Heights were unable to secure a direct hit so the treatment had to be abandoned. Luckily a passing palaeontologist pulled over at Buzacott and was able to offer some advice, but one mystery remains however, why does Gramps, clearly Cro Magnon genus, require a size XXL cap – the answer is of course to fit the number of games embroidered on the side.

Trevor Brockman

Trev is the ultimate quiet achiever. But without the quiet and...actually without the achiever. Trev is often fond of the long drive and has parted the hair (much harder to do these days with the follicly challenged being quite numerous) of defenders and attackers alike. Sports scientists have calculated that Trev's movement quotient is actually only a total of 88.2 m per game at speed but he is so measured and calm that often has spare capacity at the end of the game.

Terrence Brooks (Brooksie)

Rumour has it if you pull on Brooksie's right arm two oranges and a lemon pop up in his eyes. Although there were no shortages of lemons in sight, Mr Frontal pressure needed to be restrained this season and wrapped in padding to protect hapless forwards wandering into the goal area. Clearly the team is taking OSH (occasional senior's hockey) seriously and our accidental or deliberate incident caused by goalie rate was down to zero but not for lack of trying.

Graeme Coleman (Vista Arbourialist Colemanis)

The mastermind of our short corner strategy (which is “oh no we've got the ball...get ready to defend”). Graeme was sorely missed for most of the season whilst he was off having his back waxed. Despite his reconstructed back there was a clear expectation on other teams that he still had his Sherpa carrying capacity as it was quite common to see Graeme giving a few defenders a piggy back. The season break should see Graeme coming back renewed after a trip to Thailand for a bit of “elective surgery”.

Michael Jolliffe

Mike returned to the fold this year on a rotational roster with 'Frontal Pressure Brooksie' and a strict curfew. With the aid of Trusty Tom, he was able to find every ground this year without the need of external assistance. He even managed to avoid following random white utilities to secret destinations. Mike has lost none of his lightning reflexes in goals or his scathing wit, although me thinks Busselton remains off the agenda.

Robert Knyn

Robby finally realised he was wasted playing hockey and disappeared for part of the season chasing a lucrative career as a test rig for prosthetics and surgical appliances. Unfortunately this was unsuccessful and on his return Rob played hard and managed to coax his body through the season. He managed to convince the opposition he was falling apart through limping onto the field and wincing with pain every time he moved, that is until he got the ball and then he was off like a rabbit with a smile on his face.

Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) (contd)

Stephen Llanwarne

Some speculation is ongoing over exactly what bits the good doctors at PMH left out but Stephen returned with hardware and software suitably reinstalled and re booted late in the season. In Stephens words, "you are going to see grown men cry on my return". And cry they did at that appalling match against Southern River when Stephen lobbed it over the top from 1m out. Our team motivator and general agent provocateur made some stirring speeches this year and clearly went to some secret training sessions as his on field performance was astounding (in so many ways). Who knew he could run, tackle, spell and pass (that being at least two skills more than most of the team). Stephen is also really good at rubbing his tummy and patting his head at the same time.

Alan Marshall

The seagull is back and in fine form even managing to get a stick on a shot on goal that was clearly going in already. His words of encouragement for the umpires were greatly appreciated but we did run into a few this year that thought it was a good idea to pay advantage. The disadvantage was, as we all know, Al's hang time in the air while doing either a Toyota moment (goal) or a "what about me" (appeal for a free) is quite significant and defenders often were able to walk in and take the ball away while he was still in the air. Al scored a few ripper goals and managed to disrupt the entire European economy. Cruise lines and airlines have had to rethink their catering policies given the consumption of their annual supply of butter and jam cubes, plastic cutlery and sugar sachets; the refilling of bar fridge booze bottles with coloured water or other substances; and the clogging of help and complaint lines. Not to mention the devouring of entire buffets at the free breakfast and lunch sessions.

Bill Morrison (The Grudge)

Also known as "The Grudge" because he is usually carried by most of the team, our version of the Running Man had some of his best hockey from the sideline later in the season and his sage advice was fantastic (if only the team had followed it or Billy may have needed to match the advice to the capacity to implement it). Perhaps diagrams and pictures along with incentives may have been more effective. Seriously Bill is the pivot point for the team and a key to our "success". Rumour has it that they are naming a wing at the Fiona Stanley Hospital after him.

Eric Nell

The Les Patterson of the team. After nearly a decade of refinement, Eric's signature move, the "up and over" finally proved its worth as a deadly weapon against teams of average height under 4'6"(dwarfs). Of course to teams of normal height it proved a minor inconvenience as it inevitably hit them somewhere around the stomach before usually resulting in a catastrophic reversal in the direction of play. Eric's second most inspiring moment was his memorable speech out at Trinity Playing Fields, rumour has it that Eric will be leaving hockey this year to work on his career in the Palmer United Party.

Roger Nottage

Roger has been responsible for more A and E admissions than the seasonal flu, however the white line therapy was interrupted this season once we realised that Roger was deliberately seeking time off behind the goals. There is a school of thought that Roger may have been trained in the art of bushido, as there is clear evidence of some excellent sword work in his attacking runs. It is normal for defenders to be penalised for hacking but Roger was able to beat them to it when running with the ball much to their surprise.

Mens O50 Division 2 (Gold) (contd)

Mike Pitcher (Pitch)

Pitch is the spiritual leader of the team, although you wouldn't trust him to drive your suitcase through an airport. After an extensive pre-season (he started working on his "six pack" in October, but by the time the season came around he had more of your Coolibah cask, without the box) Pitch came back with all the grace, dexterity and speed of a Westinghouse 2 door cyclic defrost, but none of the attractions. During the season his fitness improved to a point where he could almost run down the guy marking the lines on the side of the field but these bursts of speed were few and far between... As a season highlight, late in game 15, Pitch inadvertently stumbled across the halfway line and met some guys who introduced themselves as the half backs and full backs.

Colin Slattery

The 'Silver Fox' played in just about every position this year and all that boot camp training has paid off with some scintillating runs from defence to attack, although it appears he is not quite sure what to do with it once he enters the circle. Must be a metro male thing.

Andrew Spear

Great work and an inspiration to other less capable players (on the other team). We would like to say that speed and agility are the hallmark of Andy's game but we would be lying. However, he did go above and beyond in serving out his 20 hours of community service by helping the old and infirm, otherwise known as Melville 50-2.

Geoff Widdicombe

Fortunately the writers of this report have sourced much of their material from reliable sources such as Wikipedia and WikiLeaks so we have no fear of being sued by Geoff (the Team's General Counsel). On second thoughts we might be sued so we think he is a splendid fellow and clearly no relation to that slouch in the back line. Laconic is probably the best description of the other half of the Trev and Geoff show and his inspired strategy of having 4 full backs was never really adopted by the team who clearly revel in the prospect of 5 attackers descending on the full back line.

Andrew Wood (Chips)

Some would say that Andy just loves hockey, as a result of a need to do penance for something clearly very bad, he put in a great season. He even laughed at Mike's jokes and decided not to put a restraining order out on the back line. Chips provided a much needed skill injection to improve the general good looks and talent native to the team. His general wit and sarcasm needs to improve though to secure his place in a team that prides itself in the ability to provide psychological support and general well-being.

Mens 050 Division 3

Overall a good season for the Melville 50 Div 3's. Although we started a little slow we timed our run well towards the finals and certainly became more competitive. As the season progressed we gelled as a team and every player noticeably improved and in the end we comfortably made the finals.

Lorne Alder (Inner/Forward)

Lorne's first season for a number of years. He is one of the fastest guys in the team and always gives 100%. Missed a few games through injury but always made an impact in the inner or wing positions. Bagged a few goals and often look dangerous in the opposition D.

Roger Bell (Goalie)

Another solid year from Roger. Yet again the Melville team conceded fewer goals than any other team. Reads the game very well and organises the defensive team. Roger is the backbone of the Melville defence.

Gary Bowater (Centre Half / Forward)

Gary's run and ball skills always made a difference. Always ready to support and encourage his team mates. Played anywhere from centre half to centre forward. One of our key contributors either scoring goals or setting up goals for other players.

John Christie (Half Back to Forward)

First year for John after more than a decade. Joined us half way through the season and instantly made an impact. Impeccable stick skills and a great eye. Set up numerous goals and made a huge difference in short corners.

Michael Coles (Half Back/Wing)

Another versatile player who played anywhere from half back to wing. As the season progressed you could see Mike's skill and confidence improving. Regularly held up the opposition attack giving us time to regroup.

Tony Ganzer (Inner/Wing)

Tony played mostly as a left wing, always in and around the opposition goal looking for the deflection. Always runs hard and is a great team player. One of his many attributes is that he never gives up.

Hans Geers (Centre Half/ Half Back)

First year playing with the 50 div 3's. Impact player always able to fire off a pinpoint pass to the forwards. Generally played in defence usually as centre half. Another player with great stick skills.

Brett Gibbins (Goalie)

Great Goalie. Played a couple of games in goals for us when Roger was away.

Matthew Hudson (Half Back/ Wing)

Matt missed a few games through injury but was always competitive and able to unsettle the opposition. Played mostly at half back but often went for a run along the wing linking defence to attack.

Robert Knyen (Forward)

This guy must be fit as he regularly played for two teams. Scored a number of goals and set up many others. The team always played better when Rob was playing.

Duncan MacPhail (Wing)

Played mostly as left wing. Always looked dangerous in the opposition defence hoping to get a deflection on the goal line.

Mens O50 Division 3 (contd)

Jeremy McGready (Half Back/Inner/Wing)

Jeremy is a real all-rounder and can happily play anywhere on the field. Most of the time played at inner or wing. Gave us some real pace in attack as well as giving us some scoring options.

Johnson Orr (Left Half)

Johnno played a few games for us when we were short of numbers. Always had a positive impact.

Peter Oudejans (Half Back/ Forward)

A great Clubman! Although Peter missed a number of weeks through injury, he still turned up every week to offer support from the sideline. Played mostly as a half back and helped form part of the solid Melville defence.

Tony Patton (Full Back)

Played alongside Bob in defence as full back. Solid contributor who is always happy to take on the opposition forwards.

Bruce Porter (Centre Half/Inner/ Centre Forward)

Bruce has great skills, is competitive and a great guy to have on your side. Played mostly through the middle either as centre half or centre forward and was often the conduit for us getting the ball forward.

David Porter (Half Back/Wing)

What can you say about Dave Porter that has not already been said! Very competitive and able to read and analyse the play. A highlight was seeing Dave score 4 of our 6 goals in the match against Kalamunda. Unfortunately he missed the last round of matches.

Robert Preedy (Full Back)

Bob is one of the cool guys under pressure. Always reads the play excellently and knows when to time his tackle. No shouting or hysterics but just commitment and skill. Links up well with Tony as one of the two full backs.

Dean Stonehouse (Half Back/ Inner/ wing)

New to the 50 Div 3s this year. Dean is our racehorse. Can often catch the opposition out with his blistering runs along the wing and is always dangerous when in the opposition D.

Gerald Tai (Half Back/Defender)

Played a number of games earlier in the season. Another very solid defender who reads the play well and has a great tackle and solid hit out.

Leo Welten (Wing)

Leo played 3 games with us during the season. Ultra competitive with great ball control and dribbling skills.

Andrew Wood (Forward)

Andy helped us out. Runs all day and always puts pressure on the opposition defenders.

Overall a really positive season.

A highlight for most was playing in the game against Hale where Johnno Orr and Bruce Porter celebrated playing a combined total of 1000 games – That is not something you see every day!

Mens O60 Division

Along with the enjoyable social times together, 2014 has been a year of change for our team, with 3 players joining from the O50s, some position changes, a retirement, progress with a more short passing, possession-based game style, and a jump in goal scoring. Not all smooth sailing, but a good year overall, ending with 3 players in the O60's goal scoring top 10, a final four spot still a (mathematical) possibility leading into our last regular game, and good prospects for 2015.

Robin Bailey (Full Back and Half Back)

Had a few injuries during the year, but plays hard on his opposing forwards. Always tries his hardest to get the ball out of defence, and frustrates the opposition with many good clearances. A bit too friendly to the opposition at times but means well. Thanks for another consistent, well played year, Robin.

Bruce Cadd (Forward and Full Back)

Caddie's part of the heart and soul of our team (and club), who can call on his past experience to contribute strongly in almost any position (fitness allowing). For the first time in many years, this included a number of games at full back, where Caddie acquitted himself very well, showing great anticipation, and executing many good interceptions and clearances. In his role as Vets Coordinator, Caddie also made sure all his teams were well looked after, and organised, throughout the hockey year. Although this sometimes meant sharing Caddie with other teams (to even up numbers), we greatly appreciated all Caddie's efforts on our behalves, on and off the field.

Ray Domingo (Wing, Centre Forward and Inner)

Ray is our left wing, a rare bird, he does not go "beep beep" as he goes past, but you can hear his unusual and distinctive call of "bring bring", to let you know he is there for you. Ray is our top goal scorer, with many balls hitting the back of the net, a very enthusiastic player with lots of energy. All the best for the rest of the year Ray and look forward to seeing you next year in our new look team.

Pat Hall (Half Back and Full Back)

Pat has been a stalwart of our team, and is a much valued player. He is a true professional, who comes early, sets a good example to the players and prepares for the game well, with the usual warm ups etc. He never fails to let us all know to behave properly and respect the umpires. Although he had a slight set back with his health last year, Pat continues to run hard, play well and give it all his best. Pat is a well respected team member, who helped us do much better this year than previously. Thanks, Pat, for your solid effort and leadership on the field.

Tony Illman (Inner and Wing)

Tony was back playing regularly this year with his customary enthusiasm and endeavour and it was great to have him back. He's one of the quickest in the team and along with his trademark reverse backstick ball stop has on occasions confused the opposition when he has stopped the ball dead. Tony is constantly improving his play and this year has dumped his dreaded back stick tackle. Tony's a valuable team member who we hope to see back next year. A great year Tony.

Mens O60 Division (contd)

Steve McEntee (Centre Forward)

Steve was elected Captain of the team this season and has done a great job. One of the 3 Amigos who came up from the Over 50/3's team, he has been able to focus the team on a short passing game that has finally started to bear fruit in the second round, with 5 wins and only 2 narrow losses of a goal each. Though not the highly prolific goal scorer of past years, Steve is often the person who sets up the pass to create a goal by staying slightly back from the other forwards when they go forward. His powerful but controlled hitting usually hits the target. It has been a very good season and Steve has made an instant impact. We can aim for the finals next year with some confidence.

Kingsley McGuire (Full Back)

A long term club and team stalwart, Kingsley played our first 10 games with his usual skill and drive at full back, where he formed a cornerstone of our deep defence, and frustrated opposition forwards with clever anticipation, tackling and clearances. Although he stepped out of active hockey for the latter part of the year, Kingsley became a welcome supporter from the sidelines, and generously filled in with a whistle when Neil, our regular umpire, became unavailable late in the year. Thanks for all your great contributions Kingsley. Hope to see you back, in whatever capacity you choose, next year.

Johnson Orr (Left Half)

Left Halfback and MOFTA Fellow – JNO's skill levels may be still improving in some areas (not surprising as he has not played hockey for as long as some); however, his claim to fame is his use of his indoor hockey down low tackles that net him some well earned respect from most players in the grade; though he does struggle to get back onto his feet after applying such tackles. JNO is also the Manager of our top men's teams, so we should be utilising the wealth of knowledge he has gleaned from our head coaches to improve our own performance in the 60's. Another great season, and hopefully many more to come.

Terry Parker (Inner and Centre Half)

As usual, every game Terry plays is top quality hockey and an absolute pleasure to watch. His stick work seems so effortless and yet so effective. This season he has had added responsibility as a joint team captain, and has had to manage the players coming and going off the field. This has not been easy with around three extra players each week. Someone needs to tell Terry that playing hockey is way more important than going on holiday!!! Well done Terry, top season.

Keith Platel (Inner and Wing)

If GPS tracking ever comes to O60's hockey, Keith will be shown to be one the hardest runners in our grade, repeatedly working back to help out in deep defence, then running hard forward again for our next attacking move. Combined with smooth skills, a good hockey brain and a generous team spirit, this makes Keith a highly valued member of our team. Thanks for another top year, Keith. Hopefully just one of many more.

Mens O60 Division (contd)

Geoffrey Riley (Goalie Extraordinaire)

The disarming smile of Geoff Riley was one that the opposition didn't get to see too often behind his face mask, as our outstanding 'stand in' goalie. However, it was seen by his team mates as something more akin to that of the 'smiling assassin', as he took issue with the opposition trying to score a goal or two in his patch. There is no truth to the rumour that others wanted to take up the position, albeit Steve Mc did have a run for one game. Geoff did a terrific job as the O60's goalie and he continues to surprise us with his tenacity and dogged skills as he works to protect the goal and where appropriate take out the competitors. Finally, there was also some question that on his OS holiday, Geoff had sought out the Dutch World Cup goalie for a few tips. As a result, Geoff borrowed the bright 'William of Orange' shirt to make sure he is more easily seen by both the competitors and his own team in the huddle that often occurs in the 'D'. A top effort and come back as the O60's goalie next year Geoff.

Tom Rushton (Half Back and Forward)

Tom is not the most skilful player in the team, but each week he puts in 100% effort and really enjoys the game. He is very understanding and considerate of his team players and probably spends more time on the sidelines as a reserve than most of us. He has had some very good games playing at half back and sometimes forward or full back. His unorthodox, molly duker style has a way of frustrating the opposition players. Thanks for a good season Tom and we hope you will continue to play and enjoy the game.

John Smith (Centre Half)

Smith is a common name, but our John Smith is a special person. As our centre-half, he is an essential member of the team, and plays that role extremely well. John is a skilled player with a good knowledge of the game and is not only willing to take on opponents (fairly), he is always looking to bring other members of our team into the game. In other words, a good team player, and he willingly contributes both on and off the field. He is consistent in his playing and we rely on him a lot. Not only that, he is a good bloke and enjoyable company.

Leo Welten (Wing)

After a couple of games serving out his apprenticeship last year, Leo joined the Over 60's full time this season and has been a strong contributor, helping us to the position where we are just in or just out of the final 4! Leo has filled the right wing position admirably, demanding the ball (delivered on to his stick, of course), then skilfully passing opposition players with strong over the ball play, which has seen him be one of our main goal scorers and penalty corner earners. Leo is quick to play on to create opportunities for the team. On those occasions where the ball goes left, he is also quick to remind team mates that he is sitting deep on the wing in the open! Leo has been a valuable addition to the team, not only through his personal skills, but also through his advice and assistance with team skill development generally.

Mens O60 Division (contd)

Kelvin Woodward (Full Back)

Another year older, more grey hair, but at least he still has some hair there to blow in the wind, as he darts out from the defending circle (may have been quick 10 years ago), and takes the ball off the attacker. Yes that's our Kelvin, tall dark and handsome!! Nah that's not Kelvin is it? He is the only person I know that has faked an injury to get his car brought onto the hockey field, just to conserve energy and save the long walk back to the car park! Thanks Kelvin for the season, always solid at the back, for the most senior of teams at the mighty MELVILLE.

Many thanks to all who've helped our team out this year, including Caddie as Vets Coordinator, Neil Ashley as umpire, David Orr and Kingsley for umpiring when Neil couldn't, Mary Riley as assistant manager, chief supporter and ball girl, and everyone else who stepped up to fill in when asked (Roger Bell, Dave and Bruce Porter, Peter Oudejans, Skinta, Mike Goodman and Frank Williams). Much appreciated all. Last but far from least, we'd like to record a sincere tribute to our long term goalie and mentor, Geoff Corlett, who tragically succumbed to mesothelioma this year. It was a privilege being part of your team Geoff.



Vale to Geoff Corlett (Buddha)

6/12/1943 – 1/5/2014

A stalwart player in the Masters scene with Australian Masters and State Masters, he has over 28 years experience at this level. That is with WA, Qld and Vic. He played for the Australian National Masters team from 1996 – 2006 and 2008 – 2010. Geoff was a goalie and we know these fellas don't go down easy; as his Masters friends say, "they just get sent to the back of the bus".

While known as a gentle and compassionate family man to his loved ones, he was also a friend to his hockey mates and many were there to say goodbye at his service. He finished his tour at Melville City Hockey Club where he will be remembered as a friend and a passionate competitor.

To his family and loved ones we share with you in your loss and give our sincere condolences from the Melville City Hockey Club and especially from the old guys. Buddha, we will see you in the back of the bus some time later.

Girls 11/12 A

A very difficult year for the team exacerbated by the half-year cohort resulting with a starting line-up of just thirteen players. That made it difficult to field a team without the assistance of other juniors whose help was appreciated but who are too numerous to name. Unsurprisingly the team finished in the bottom four but the girls did their best and the competition was such that a couple more wins could have resulted in a top four finish.

Coaches almost outnumbered players this year, we had four. A big thank you to Miya, Dirty, Preah and Helen who all brought their own perspective to the game. A few girls move out of juniors this year and to those girls and those coming up through the ranks we wish them every success next season.

Finally, this season had its off field challenges and the assistance of the year coordinators, club president and Graeme Coleman cannot go unacknowledged. Despite this, the team pulled together and it is to the girls' credit that they remained focussed on their hockey.

Bronwen Anderson (Bron - Fullback)

Proved to be a reliable defensive player as well as playing half back. Still has the trademark golf swing but managed to keep the ball on the ground and avoided decapitating anyone. Also featured as one of our short corner specialists and would have scored a few more goals if the opposition goalie had not got in the way.

Rebecca Dymond (Bec - Inner)

Almost didn't play this year but glad she did. An effective and reliable midfield player always willing to take it up to the opposition. Her game was always characterised by her tackling and perseverance if she didn't get the ball first time.

Bonnie Fitzgerald (Forward)

Played most of the season with the team up forward. Great communicator and able to take the ball up into the D but was unable to capitalise on those opportunities. Perhaps the player with the most potential to improve and with a little more confidence and experience should develop into an effective goal scorer.

Courtney Fullarton (Fullback)

Part of our defensive back line with Monique Miller, Courtney also played half back. Always gives 100% and is impressive with intelligent and accurate passing even when under pressure from the opposition. Great communication from the back line kept the girls on their toes.

Rachel Harrup (Rach - Inner & Wing)

Another game winner whose efforts up forward would invariably result in a goal. Maintains her composure when in the D and pulled off some spectacular scoring attempts. Unfortunately one of these attempts resulted in her crashing awkwardly into the turf resulting in an injury that kept her out for the rest of the season. Moves into seniors next year.

Jessica Hood (Goal Keeper)

Joined the team in round 6 as our permanent goalie on loan from the 9/10A. Settled in really well and was easily the most improved player for the season. In the few games we won, Jess kept out certain goals so those wins were down to her as much as anyone else. The experience should bode well for her hockey future.

Brittany Lawrence (Brit - Half Back and Mid Field)

A quiet but intelligent player who reads the play well and positions herself accordingly. Keeps her head up when she has the ball and consequently disposes of it effectively. Great team contributor with solid skills and who could be relied upon to follow the coach's instructions. Moves up to seniors next year.

Girls 11/12 A (contd)

Lucinda Lefroy (Luce - Inner)

Quick as a racehorse but with not as much stick twirling as last year. The year was characterised by a number of spectacular runs down the wing before unselfishly feeding the ball off to the forwards. A great team contributor and a worthy vice-captain who moves on to seniors next year.

Natalie Matthews (Nat - Half Back)

Impressive player who never turns her back on the opposition and marks her players like super glue. Great work at half back with numerous skilful passes up the line. Always maintains her composure on the field and will be an asset to next years team.

Monique Miller (Moni - Centre Half)

Although playing at centre half Monique's strength was in the defensive role. When the ball goes to Monique you know she is going to trap it and thump it back forward to where it belongs. Another 100% player who finishes the game looking as though she has been swimming in her clothes. Her positive attitude, sunny disposition and performance made her a deserving vice-captain.

Monique Sader (Sader - Inner & Centre Forward)

A very strong, dedicated and reliable player and an asset to the team. Displays a never die attitude and demonstrated her amazing stamina by literally chasing the ball all over the field. We lost her for a couple of games through injury and it is likely that her absence was the difference between a win and a loss in those games.

Tegan Stephens (Teegs - Half back and Forward)

Despite her slight build Teagan was never afraid to get into the thick of it and her agility and surprising turn of speed kept her out of trouble. Her confidence and ability improved noticeably doing the year and should continue to do so next season. Had a couple of cracker games in which her endurance and tenacity on the field was inspiring to the rest of the team.

Alison Watson (Ali - Wing and Centre Forward)

The team captain spent most of the season on the sidelines with a back injury, but when she did finally play, the team lifted and won a couple of games. Displayed her usual tough as nuts approach to the game but avoided further injury. Was happy though to score just the one game for the season and moves up to seniors next year.

Girls 11/12 B

What a great season, we started with a win and are into the finals! The girls have worked hard and should be proud of themselves – well done!

Melanie Brown (Mel B - AKA - Scary Spice - AKA - Firecracker)

Your sweet quiet personality disappears when you have a hockey stick in your hand. On that field you were dynamite in defence. Playing anywhere we would put you, it was lovely to see you consistently work hard for your team. You were one of the most reliable players I have ever coached and I hope to see you in my team again next year.

Ciara Browne (Ciara with a C or Browne with an E)

Always doing the unrewarded running at inner, if there was a ball to get you would ALWAYS run it down. Although you were one of the quieter players of the bunch, we have a lot of belief in your hockey future, mainly because we think you will grow to be a better player as your confidence grows. You need to trust yourself and your skills and you'll be flogging them.

Kate Davoren (Kate, Kate-o, Goalie, or Smiley!)

We were third time lucky with Kate, striking out twice before her. But she was the goalie we were all waiting for to join our family, it wasn't quite complete without her. She fit right into our quirky brand of team spirit where we balanced craziness with legit skills. Kate, your goal keeping skills are undeniable and we really hope you continue with your career! Keep working on your fitness and agility and you will be all over it for years to come!

Chloe Dawes (Chloe D - AKA - Wild Child)

Leading goal scorer for our grade says it all. If there is one thing you can do mate - it's score goals. Your hunger for the back board is unrivalled and everyone knows it. The only thing that holds you back is your moods! xx We all know you score more goals when you are happy - so make sure you keep that smile beaming. We will always have a few dollars to supply the mars bars, even if we aren't your coaches!

Kirra Gauci (Kirra with a K - AKA The Gauch)

We did hunt you down and talk you into joining our team this year because we knew you had something a little special. You have a natural touch to the ball which can be frustrating when we see you not putting in 100%. We don't need to tell you how good you are, but with a little more 'rocket' you absolutely blitz past players. You looked good playing in the midfield and pretty speck up at centre forward! Everyone wants a flexible team member. We will hunt you down to play again next year, and you know it. xx

Felicity Geer (Felicity - AKA Flick)

Sometimes ignorance is bliss! And you are bliss! Considering you had a hockey stick for 7 days before your first game ever- you absolutely astonished us with your brilliance. 'Get on the post- if the ball comes- push it in the goal' first game- 4 shots on goal. Amazing. Hockey is obviously in your blood, you're a credit to teenagers everywhere! You are never too old to learn a new sport- and you picked a good one.

Girls 11/12 B (contd)

Alice Graham (Alice G - AKA The Big A)
You were so determined to get that slap hit down this year! It's pretty much on the nose now, which is a feat for someone of your height. You started to get some goals towards the end of the season and it was pretty amazing how much that lifted your game. You fit really well into centre forward and we were really impressed with how well you listened to instructions, your trust in the coaches will definitely help your game! You would sometimes let your lovely demeanour get in the way of your tenacity on the field. Remember - forwards are ball scavengers so don't be afraid to get right in there! Get that ball and get goals Big A! Hope to see you next year. Can't wait to pump you up! xx

Maddison Moulin (Maddie - AKA Madness Maddy)
A bright smile for such a tough player. We really appreciate your contribution to the team this year. Your presence in the backline was felt very reliably. You used your voice really well and gave out trusted instructions to our team. Your hard tackles and strong hits were always a great start to our game moving forward. Keep working on your skills and agility and you will continue to dominate!

Hattie Steele (Hattie - AKA Hatts - AKA Shiv)
We were really impressed with your improvement this year. You seem to have great determination to learn new things and keep excelling. You have shown us great versatility going from wing to half back and back again, that is a fantastic feather to have in your hockey cap! You should continue with your hockey career knowing that there are some fun challenges ahead of you, and I think that you will only get better!

Sonia Urbano (Son AKA Son Stop talking AKA Shiv Little Son...)
You were a pleasant addition to this team. You're one of those players that makes me shake my head but smile at the same time! Good sense of humour and a nice set of skills on you. When you're on, you're ON! So work more on consistent, quality games and you will definitely continue with a lot of potential!

Gillian Walker (Gill - AKA GillDawg - AKA Bec)
Gill has been a great contribution to our defence this year. Strong hit and good skills made for a confident full back. We really hope you continue with your hockey because you have a lot to offer your team, with a great personality and enthusiasm for the game, keep up the good work little one!

Kimberley Wynhorst (Kym - AKA Kymbo - AKA Big K Our beautiful assassin!)
! Kym you've had a great year, even better than your last. Coming into her own, Kym has improved her field position, stick skills, but most importantly her hunger on goals this year, at games and training. Our fearless leader set a good example for the team with her dedication and positive energy. Kym I really hope you continue with your hockey because you're a welcome member of any team, and I know the seniors will enjoy meeting you!

But all the achievements and fun of the season would not have been possible without the great coaching team of **Kat** and **Loz**. The coaches have done a great job and we are all very proud of what has been accomplished.

Boys 11/12A

This season has seen a number of ups and downs due to changes in coaches and a shortage of players, but at the end of the days the boys have had a good season. Individually the boys have improved their skill levels and work rates throughout the season. The 11/12's game is played at a much faster pace than the 9/10's so it has been quite a big step up for the majority of the boys who played 9/10's last year. A huge thanks to Pat Lawther for coaching the boys this year. He has done a fantastic job and I know the boys really appreciate the time and effort he has dedicated to the team. Also thanks to Josh Byrne-Quinn and Matt Eastham for the expertise they provided.

Joshua Antoncich

Due to Josh being a main player in the men's senior team he was only allowed to play a few games for us this season. However every time Josh played he made an impact on the game. With his amazing skills and composure on the ball he was able to dominate the game.

Mathew Dixon

Matt has had an incredible season this year and his development as a hockey player improved each week. Playing in the back line this season, Matt has displayed great strength in his tackling and has been the defence anchor in the back line. Matt will always put his body on the line and always do the team thing. One area Matt can improve on is his attacking involvement when going forward.

Henry Edwards

Even though Henry was the smallest player in the team, he displayed a huge physical presence on the field. Playing in the forward line this season, Henry showed amazing stick skills which even impressed opposition players. One area Henry can improve on is his work rate when the ball is in defence.

Zac Hayes

Coming to Melville half way through the season, Zac has shown everyone that the kid has talent. Zac's silky skills and change of pace has fooled so many opposition players even made some of them fall over. Zac is definitely one player to look out for in the future. One area Zac can improve on is the way he distributes the ball. There are times to take on a player and there are times where you have to give the first pass.

Callum Joynes

Playing in the forward line this season, Cal has developed himself as a vital striker. He is always in the right spot for scoring goals and creates great pressure up front. Cal also has great hockey awareness. He knows when to attack quickly and knows when to slow the game down. One area Cal needs to improve on is his work rate at training and during games. Another area Cal needs to improve on is his hair style.

Ashley Ranford

Ash man has stepped up his game this year and has shown everyone at the club that he is a senior player. Playing centre half this season, Ash man has displayed great passing skills and eliminating skills. He has also developed his leadership skills through playing in the senior men's 2s team. One area Ash man can improve on is his work rate when defending.

Jonathan Rayfield

Jono has had a brilliant season this year. Does not matter who the forward is or who the drag flicker is, Jono gave 110% with stopping the ball getting into the back of his net. His goalkeeping skills improve each game and Jono is going to be a vital keeper for the club when he starts to play seniors. One area Jono can improve on is his communication to his team mates on the field.

Boys 11/12A (contd)

James Ross

Jamie brought a lot of talent to the forward line this season. He displayed silky skills and showed great quickness up front. Jamie's quick change of pace made it a nightmare for defenders to mark him during games. One area Jamie can improve on is receiving the ball in a strong position when in the D.

William Ross

Playing in the back line this season, Will has developed himself as a dynamic defender. Will always listened to what was said and always implemented the game plan on the field. He showed great determination when defending and always gave 110%. One area Will can improve on is to know his next pass before receiving the ball.

Jordan Rutigliano

Playing in the back line this season, Jordy has developed himself as a play marker in defence. Jordy always gives the first pass and always listens to what was said. He will play to the game plan to the best of his ability and will always give 110%. One area Jordy can improve on is his tackling in deep defence. Channeling an attacker to the sideline/baseline is the main goal for defenders.

Lachlan Sims

Lachlan- the marathon runner. Lachlan has an amazing work rate and always gives 110% in games. Lachlan has displayed great dedication to hockey. Even when he is sick he will still run out a whole 70 minutes of hockey. His quick change of pace and work ethic made him an important player for this team. One area Lachlan can improve on is his hunger for going forward and scoring goals.

Matthew Tate

Similar to Ash man, Tatey has stepped up his game this year and has shown everyone at the club that he is a senior player. Tatey's elimination skills made opposition players look silly. Every time Tatey was on the field he would make a significant impact on the game. One area Tatey can improve on is his work rate when defending.

Conor Thompson

Conor has really stepped up his game this year and has shown that he is a true leader in this team. His leadership skills were vital with controlling the team structure during games. Playing in the back line this season, Conor displayed effective distributing skills and possession of the ball. Conor was able to control games by the way he distributes the ball around the back. One area Conor can improve on is receiving the ball in a strong position when going forward.

Jonathon Thorn

Playing in the back line this season, Jono has displayed great awareness of being able to read the play and his strength when tackling. Jono also has a great work ethic and he will always do the team thing. One area Jono can improve on is his marking role on his opposition player.

Special thanks must also go to the following players who helped us out throughout the season:

Sam Cocks, Daniel Whibley, Hayden Lock, Alex Rayfield, Nick Page, Sean Hird and McKenzie Love.

From all the players and parents a huge thanks to **Pat** for taking on the coaching role and helping the boys to improve their hockey. All but three of the boys will be eligible for 11/12's next year which will be their final year of junior hockey. Hope to see you all back next year. Thanks also to the parents for their support during the season and making the managers job run smoothly.

Boys 11/12B

Cameron Addison (Full back)

Cameron has been a great full back this season. He is a great tackler and has great recovery speed to chase back opposition attackers. However he has had a season that has been interrupted with injuries and has only been able to play 4 games for us this season. He is a fantastic defender and I'm sure if he can stay injury free he will be able to have great success in the future.

Gregory Bloem (Half back)

Greg has been a solid half back for our team this year, he is always looking to get in the thick of the action and loves a close game more than anyone on the team. His tackling technique is less than conventional however, as he is known for his hacking ability and how he is never afraid to slow the play down by taking the stick of the opposition player and not actually touching the ball in the tackle. Despite all of this he is a valued member of the team who does not shy away from trying different positions or tactics.

Ryan Breuer (Wing)

Ryan's season this year was unfortunately cut short with a serious broken wrist in round 4 against OGMHC. However in his 4 games he showed everyone that he had good stick skills and a good ability to read the play which was greatly missed during the season. I am sure that next year he will be back to his best and I'm sure that he is itching to get back out in the field.

Jonathon Cornwall (Half back AKA Jono)

Jono has been a great player this year despite playing several games a week as he plays with Melville's 8's and 7's seniors. He always gives every game his all and makes sure that he has done everything in his power to give the team the advantage. He is a fantastic Half Back who will cover back and get forward to provide attacking support to his teammates and is always looking for the crucial pass to get the assist. He has had a fantastic year and he will continue to play well in the future.



Boys 11/12B (contd)

Andrew Howells (Centre forward)

Andrew has showed great stick skills and a fantastic goal scoring ability this season. He has a wonderful ability to get around opposition players with ease and he can hit a powerful and accurate goal. On several occasions he has scored the winning goal and he even had a 5 goal game this season. He is a true centre forward who is always wanting the ball and applies fantastic forward pressure when he does not have possession. All in all he has had a great season and he should be proud of his accomplishments this season.

Jamie Howells (Centre half)

Jamie is one half of the dynamic Howells duo, he has a great passing ability and has set up many goals for the team this season. He always takes responsibility when he is out on the field and never forgets his defensive duties as centre half, he gives every game 110% and never stops running for the whole game. He is a fantastic player who has played a crucial role this year in helping the team obtain the success that we have this year. He will continue to grow as a player and I fully expect him to be a great player in the future.

Hamish MacPherson (Wing)

Hamish is one of our star wingers who is always willing to work out of his comfort zone and at various times through the year he has filled in as inner even though he does not have experience in that position. He is a great player who will work back when the team needs extra support and then turn around and sprint back up the field to give his teammates passing options. His has a fantastic work rate and always puts the team first.

Thomas Mansfield (Wing)

Tom is a fantastic winger who is always moving on the field to get into open passing lanes. He causes opposition defences many problems as he is one of the hardest guys to mark. He can both score goals and set up goals as he has a fantastic shot and has wonderful vision to make the inch perfect pass to give the team the best chance to score those important goals. He is an important player and we are lucky to have him on the team.

Andrew McCartney (Goalkeeper - Spot)

Andrew is our team's star keeper who has made some wonderful saves in big games. He is always looking for that spectacular save however he also makes those important saves that may seem like standard saves however are not quite as easy as they look. He is always the first one to the games and he always does the best job that he can do week in week out. We are lucky to have a keeper of such high standards on our team and I am sure that he will keep playing well in the future.

Jackson McReady (Inner)

Jackson is a fantastic inner who plays the position incredibly well. He seems to never run out of energy as he has played entire games as inner and still gotten forward and covered back even at the end of the game. He has fantastic passing and dribbling skills and is never shy to try and take on the opposition defenders in one on ones. He is a fantastic player who is crucial to our team's structure as he is always willing to do whatever is needed of him for the team.

Jack Paterson (Full back)

Jack is one of our team's full backs and is never afraid to get up the field. He is always calm on the ball and never afraid just to run the ball out of defence instead of the more common clearance. He has a wonderful last ditch tackle and fits the defenders build very well. His communication is fantastic out on the field and he can control the play very well from the back. He is always offering support and I think everyone who has ever seen one our games would have at one point heard jack yelling at the back so the team knows where to go. He is a great defender and a great player.

Remi Piercy (Half Back)

Although Remi is actually a goalkeeper he has done a fantastic job to join the team after the start of the season and learn the game on field instead of in front of goal. He has a great understanding of the game and is always willing to give important input to help the team during games. He has done an unbelievable job to grasp the game after being a keeper for the time that he has. He will always listen to advice and if he marking up on someone then he will not leave their side for the whole game. He is a great player and will continue to play well in goal or out on field.

Boys 11/12B (contd)

Thomas Pinkerton (Half back - Pinkie)

Pinkie is one of our team's half backs who will always cover his man and not give them any room to try and get the ball to effect the game. Although he is very keen on getting forward he will always put the team first. He will always look for the pass and then work off the ball to give his teammates much needed support. He has had a great season and will continue to play well in the future.

Liam Sinnott (Wing)

Liam is another of our team's great wingers who gives every game his best. Even though he is one of the quietest players I've met, he has done a fantastic job this season putting in those important goals on the post for if he was not in the right position those opportunities would go begging. He is another player on the team that has a good ability to beat opposition players and applies fantastic forward pressure that has led to various goals this season. He will continue to play good hockey and I believe that he can be a serious attacking threat in the future.

Eddie Swan (Inner)

Eddie has been moved from centre forward this season to inner and has done a great job at adapting to his new role. He has great stick skills and can play the short passing game very well. However he is never shy to point out to other players or even the umpires that they missed free hits or if they shouldn't have given the free that they did. Despite this his is a fantastic player who is very important to the team and is well in the hunt for the team's leading goal scorer.

Jordan Templeman (Full back)

Jordan has done a fabulous job this season as he has filled in at full back when the team was short. He has played his new role fantastically during the season and has one of the best tackles I have seen. On several occasions he has been the last man running back with the player and he always seems to get his stick on the ball to put the opposition player off. He is a great player and has shown that he can play in various positions this season.



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Girls 9/10A

At the time of this report we are sitting in 3rd, having won the last 4 games after the mid season break. I hope I haven't jinxed us? Spurred on by the sugar hits at half time the girls (young ladies) have grown into a tight knit team, ably guided by Kirsten and Megan Silvey, possibly the first coaching sister act. The Silvey pedigree is evident in the progress the girls have made whilst allowing them to show off some individual brilliance. It hasn't been all plain sailing with some minor injuries, fatigue, availability and the obligatory 'tanty' that some found easier to master than others. Some preferred to play hockey whilst standing up, others preferred to play whilst lying down. Some preferred to arrive early, some preferred to arrive 'just in time'. Some respected the umpires decision, some looked forward to the next whistle. It has been a pleasure to be involved as manager and this has been made very easy due to the support of the parents. Special mention must go to our 7/8A girls who helped out throughout the season. With only 11 in our team, we relied on their efforts and commitment and they all played above themselves. Many thanks to all the volunteers and committee members who give up countless hours to ensure the juniors get to enjoy the game. I must leave you with a final quote: To uncover your true potential you must first find your own limits and then you have to have the courage to blow past them. SWTM.

Aimee-Lee Dowsett (Biggest improver.)

Aimee-Lee has come so far since the beginning of the season and we hope she also recognizes this. She has been such a pleasure to coach with always giving her all and doing her best to implement instructions given to her. Aimee-Lee's basic hockey skills need some improving and with this we believe she can become such a dynamic player for the game. She has been such an annoyance for opposition teams in the front line and we thank you for the 110% effort you have put into every game you have played this year.

Molly Foss (Quiet achiever Molly)

Molly just goes about her business in the back with no hesitation. She has easily been one of our most reliable players to deliver on game day. Working in tandem with El we easily have one of the strongest defensive teams going around. Molly has never failed to have a laugh which is such a pleasure and makes training and games that much more enjoyable. Thank you for your efforts this season Molly, it really has been great.

Eliane Gebauer (Steady Eli)

Eli has been one of our most consistent and reliable players this season. She has held her own at the back with such ease and she has been such a pleasure to watch and coach. We hope Eliane continues to have the passion and drive that she does. Thank you for being such a calming person in our back line when things haven't always gone our way and never giving up, such a wonderful trait to have. Thank you Eliane.

Isabelle Gurbiel (Squeaker Iz)

As one of the quietest to start with this season it has been such a delight to see Izzy come out of her shell and into her own taking on the second half of this season head on. She has really shown what she can bring to a game and we really hope she keeps heading in the direction she is. Building on a stronger hit and push for Iz will help greatly in the development of her game. It has been great to see her implement instructions given by us into her game, as for us coaches, it makes our job so much easier so we thank you.

Molly Hagen (Molly the ball stealer)

She has been a great driving force in the forward line for us this year. Using her habitual tommu, as maybe a deterrent to her game, to deceive and hurt the opposition defence. Molly has the ability to lead from the front and with some added experience and maturity we look forward to seeing her grow and flourish in the years to come. Thank you for the season Molly, it has been great.

Jessica Hood (Fog horn Jess)

Jess has had a promising year this season and has come out of her shell and developed her voice within the team, but unfortunately has been plagued by injury and sickness. In saying this we would like to see Jess develop a strong voice from the back as we believe she can be a great leader from behind. She has kept the team alive in many games this season and we all appreciate her efforts. Thank you Jess for the saves this season.

Girls 9/10A (contd)

Taleisha Power (TanTel)

Taleisha what do we say about you. It has been an interesting year, so many ups and downs but we are glad we have been a part of it. When we see Taleisha's ups they are spontaneous with so much enthusiasm and passion however the lows really need to be less low and frequent. It has been such a pleasure to coach Taleisha and we really hope that she works hard on keeping her head up as this will improve her game immensely. Thank you Tal for all that you have given this season.

Claudia Sader (Fluky Claudia.)

Well, well, well Miss Claudia Sader, what would we do with without our goal specialist. It has been memorable to see you work the ball into the back of the net with such little intent. In saying this, there have been moments of brilliance with intent, and they have been exciting to watch. The improvement we have seen this year has been so great and we really hope that you keep improving at the rate you have done this year. Thank you Claudia for the role you have played for us this year.

Jo Snyman (Precious Jo)

Jo has been our middle man all year and we wouldn't have had it any other way. Jo has such class when out on the field with beating players and holding down the fort for us which is always welcomed. With some further experience to come we believe Jo can go far and we do hope she continues the way she is going. One of the leaders this season and she has taken the role head on as well always offering some advice which can be better heard than coaches some of the time. Thank you for the season Jo.

Mikayla Stephens (Dancer Mikayla.)

Such little legs that can run a mile. Mikayla has shown us throughout the year she has the stamina and strength to out brute any opponent she is put on. Mik is very aggressive in the way she attacks the ball and this can sometimes be her down fall. Wanting to be in the attacking "D" is maybe not the best spot for our defensive half to be. We hope that Mikayla has learnt more about the positioning roles she has played this year and will take it on board in her following years to come.

Victoria Wade (Tori the work horse)

We have never seen such a high work rate of a player, in any team we have come across and this really is admirable. Her leadership skills are also a massive asset to her game, which make her so easy to coach. Her skills could use some guidance in moving forward to better her game but with Tori's determination and drive we believe she will get there. Thank you Tori for your efforts and laughs supplied to us this season it really has been enjoyable.

Girls 9/10A Promotion

This year was a challenge for the team. We were moved from B to A Promotion and were faced with some very good competition. This required a change in the way we structured our team play each week and to their credit the girls put the plans into action and enjoyed some good successes. This required effort from everyone across the ground and I was pleased that the girls stepped up when it counted. The whole playing group needs to be congratulated on the season as some very good hockey was played.

A big thank you to the numerous fill in players who assisted us every week from both the 7/8s and the 9/10s. They are way too numerous to list but you all did a fantastic job in helping us out every week. Finally to our manager Dennis who had a difficult job chasing players, and keeping the roster organised so we had sufficient players to field an effective team. A massive job which has been well appreciated, and to our parents who supported the girls each week also a big thank you. See you all again next year.

Charlotte Coggin

Charlotte is a versatile midfield defender who was our mainstay centre-half this year. After a shaky start Charlotte grew in confidence and was playing strongly through the defensive line. Her decision making and skills have improved nicely this year, and should continue that way next season.

Kate Davoren

Our goalkeeper Kate had a very busy start to the season. Whilst the girls were settling into our game plan, poor Kate got a fair bit of work. As the season progressed the defence tightened but also Kate's abilities in goals started to shine. I have always known of the potential in her game and it has been over the last round of matches that Kate's confidence has really grown. The ability has always been there, but the extra work and commitment Kate has shown this season has been well and truly rewarded on field. I can see next year fulfilling many of Kate's future aspirations.

Sophie Hamdorf

Sophie does not give her abilities enough credit. A very strong fullback player who, when given the opportunity to play high, attacks the ball with strength and skill. Sophie's tackles have improved greatly this season and she is very reliable as a last defence, especially at the top of the D.

Bailey Irvine

As a centre forward Bailey has done all that was asked of her this season. Her ability to turn over the ball in our defensive forward presses was a feature of her game. This enabled us to get many effective forward passes to our high strikers, setting up and being involved in many scoring opportunities. Her best hockey is when she gets lower over the ball and concentrating on that will advance her game to a higher level.

Kirsten Loffell

Right half back can be a difficult role to fill within a team, as it requires a player who can feed pass to the team's strengths. Kirsten has grown in this position to be an excellent player who can lead off her wing effectively and still have the effort to double back and defend as necessary. Her instinctive passing is a highlight, especially to the high strikers, and her support work off the ball after the pass is excellent.

Jessie McDonald

Jessie's confidence as a high striker has grown markedly this season. She always has the ability to keep the halfbacks guessing with good leads up the ground, constantly making runs into space to receive the ball. The scoreboard never reflected Jessie's effort during the game which was outstanding. Keep going at it because the rewards will come.

Girls 9/10A Promotion (contd)

Amy Ross

Amy is an outstanding defender with a long reach and a strong tackle. When she takes a breath and settles before her clearances they are always strong and effective. Amy has also showed great confidence in the latter half of the season by backing herself with her skills and pace. With some more work keeping low and strong, Amy could also develop into a good midfield player.

Emma Shaw

Emma can be a real surprise packet at times, but was a great help at training with the girls' fitness regimen. During the games Emma showed some very good skills and ball control, and effected some great passes to the strikers. With some serious commitment to training Emma has the ability to further develop as a player, and I will be watching her progress in future with interest.

Olivia Silvey

Liv has always been a strong player with the ability to be positioned from the midfield to the backline and play a number of roles. She has the strongest clearance hit of anyone of the team and was the pivot in our short corner battery. Her ability to win back possession in midfield along with a very good pass set up plenty of opportunities for the team. I also knew that Olivia would get the girls talking on the field and always was a strong voice of encouragement pre-game. A real asset player.

Jemma Thompson

Jemma joined our team mid-season and settled in very well. It hasn't taken her long to understand our different game structure and to become an integral part of the team. Jemma is always attentive at training, and it is a shame she wasn't with us at the start as there is some real potential in her game. I am sure she will continue to develop strongly, and her abilities will grow with her confidence.

Rebecca Vanderzwan

Rebecca's seasons in hockey continue to improve. High striker, especially down the left hand side is a difficult position. Her ability to run the ball and hook the baseline on the left is a great skill to have, and she is a very reliable pass across the D to the other attackers. Rebecca's ability to make space and receive on the back-stick makes her a valuable addition to the forward line.

Trilby Widger

Trilby is a very good midfield player who has grown stronger as the season has progressed. Trilby gives great support through the midfield and doubles back defensively very well. One of our key midfield players, Trilby has had a really good season with many consistent performances. I look forward to her future progress within the club.

Girls 9/10C

When I was asked to assist Zandra Snyman with coaching these girls on game day, I never dreamt of the work ahead of us. This wonderful, enthusiastic group of girls was predominantly a team of defensive players. How were we ever going to be competitive if no one was eager to score goals?

In their very first game they showed everyone, including me, how competitive they would be with a 5-1 win over the Lakers. Zandra and I realised then, that with some fine tuning of their skills and positional play, this group of girls would become a force to be reckoned with.

Samantha Chisholm ((Sammy) Centre-Half/ Fullback)

Unable to play hockey in her own age group due to School commitments, the hockey bug bit Sammy hard following her participation in the Bunbury Carnival. The opportunity presented itself for Sammy to join our girls and she has never looked back (well maybe just a little after injuring her wrist in her first game). Sammy provides stability through the mid-field and consistently works hard to move the ball forward or wide. She is also showing potential as a striker during attacking short corners. When the fullbacks run the ball down the field, Sammy naturally drops back into defence never leaving the team unprotected. I look forward to watching her develop more in the coming years when her peers join her.

Jaida Christie (Inner/Wing)

Goal hungry Jaida (she has six goals at the time of writing this) has found two accomplices in Lily and Bellsye - as forwards they work well together in moving the ball into attack. Despite a nasty injury whilst filling in for the 9/10 A Promotion team, Jaida has not let this hold her back. In fact I would say this has ignited her fire and determination to lead her team to success. She has a strong presence on the field and works hard in both attack and defence. Jaida needs to develop more confidence in her hitting particularly on short corners and together with more fitness, she will have all the makings of an excellent inner.

Kya Cromb (Fullback)

When I first met Kya it was several years ago as a 5/6 Goal Keeper. No longer in goals she is a formidable force on the field either in defence or carrying the ball up the field into attack. Kya has had to learn that as a defender she needs to stay out of the keeper's line of sight – a difficult thing to do for a former keeper as you have to unlearn what comes naturally to you, but to her credit she has worked hard on changing this part of her game. Kya is still learning to adjust her game to her height and once she finds her feet (and stops kicking the ball) she will be able to keep two hands on her stick and outplay her opponents. Ever reliable to clear the ball out of defence, we just need to work on the direction (not through the centre). Kya has intimidated more than a few members of the opposing teams.

Lily Green (Inner/Wing)

Lily joined us part way through the season from Regional WA where she played as a wing. However, to the observer it was noticeable that her passion was to run and be where the ball was rather than hold her ground wide on the wing - she would make a perfect inner. After making the switch to inner, Lily has grown in strength and determination, her regular pairing with Jaida and Bellsye sees the ball quickly moving down the field into attack. Lily works hard off the field to improve her skills and it has become very noticeable that she has put some extra work into her hitting as she is thinking less about the action which has improved her timing and power. In time and with increased confidence and knowledge Lily will be a player to watch.

Girls 9/10C (contd)

Emily Hutchinson (Fullback/Halfback)

During our very first game I watched her as a fullback confidently tackle and then run the ball up the field before laying it off to a team mate. It was at that moment I realised this was the young girl I had coached at fullback in 5/6s (and despite some time away from hockey she hadn't forgotten anything!). Emily is a very consistent and solid worker who has a never give up attitude. She has developed into an excellent first runner on our defensive short corners – putting the opposition under pressure and preventing them from scoring on numerous occasions.

Bellsye Illman (Inner/Wing/Centre Forward)

Bellsye is the quietest member on the team but don't let that fool you! On the hockey field she is like a raging bull – strong and determined especially when she gets the goals in her sight. An exciting member of the team to watch, she is willing to play wherever asked (a coach's delight!) and works well with her fellow forwards particularly Jaida and Lily. Bellsye needs to believe more in herself and trust in her own ability – especially her hit. Once she finds that inner strength she will be unstoppable on the field.

Dana Jolliffe (Wing/Centre Forward)

One of the younger members of the team, Dana has shown a quiet maturity in the way she listens and learns. Keen to train and develop her skills she always gives 110% to any task. Dana has developed into a strong attacking wing often penetrating the D in an attempt to score. Her positioning on the field and support to her team mates is second to none. With time, her strength and confidence will grow to match her determined persistence. Dana shows all the signs of becoming a key striker in future years.

Hannah Jones (Fullback/Centre-Half)

Hannah is a very underestimated player who often catches the opposition off guard. As a fullback she is consistent at moving the ball out of trouble and has successfully defended many a short corner. At the start of the season Hannah was asked to play as the team's Centre-Half, a challenging role which she embraced. Her stability at fullback has also shone through in the midfield as she regularly wins tackles and moves the ball wide or high. Hannah's determination and passion for hockey is clearly evident in her game.

Mia Kelly (Halfback/Fullback)

A sensational Table Tennis Player every other week, Mia joins us every fortnight and provides us with consistent and determined defence. No matter what task I give her, she executes it with a fierce determination. Mia shows maturity in her hockey and knows exactly what her role is as a halfback or fullback. It's not often a coach can relax but when Mia goes into action I can always breathe a sigh of relief knowing that we will be back on the attack soon.

Bryanna Martin (Goal Keeper)

Full of life and energy is the only way to describe this dynamo in the goals. I had the pleasure of coaching Bryanna several years ago (when she was a formidable wing!) and it is wonderful to see how far she has come since then. She has learnt to control her team mates in the defensive D and found her confidence in doing so. Bryanna should not be underestimated as a keeper and has made some very remarkable saves during the course of the season. Her clearing kicks are sensational!

Girls 9/10C (contd)

Aimee McGinniss (Wing/Centre Forward)

Aimee is one of the quiet achievers in the team, and as a first time hockey player had quite a lot to learn. As a wing, Aimee always held her position wide and high being an excellent option for team mates. However, as a Centre Forward she has found new confidence and is eagerly getting involved in the play. Aimee's tackling has become more determined and she has developed a strong hit which she needs to utilise more during the game. Her next trick will be to score a goal from the "spot" and with more attacking training it will only be a matter of time before she succeeds.

Isabella Moncrieff ((Bella) Halfback)

Bella is a thoroughbred Halfback. She knows her role in defence and executes it well..... 95% of the time. The other 5% of the time is her coach's fault for switching her from right to left as she then naturally gravitates towards the centre of the field. Bella is developing well as a second runner on short corners putting the opposition's second hitter under pressure. In defence she is consistent and has a strong ethic to work back from attack when the play is overturned. With a little more endurance (and enthusiasm) Bella could be developed as an Inner.

Jemma Thompson (Inner/Centre Forward)

Jemma was voted by her peers to be the Team Captain, a role which she embraced, leading her team both on and off the field. From getting the girls warmed up before playing, showing strength and determination on the field, to encouraging her team mates both during and after the game - she embodied what it meant to be a team player. Jemma's dedication to this team is to be commended and it should be noted that she struggled to leave the team when given the opportunity to develop further as a permanent member of the 9/10 A Promotion team.

Isabel Vieira ((Izzy) Wing)

Izzy joined us this year as a first time hockey player and has become a superstar on the wing! From not knowing how to play in her very first game to now tackling her opposition successfully and then running the ball the length of the field, she has shown a determination to learn. The key thing to remember as a wing is to be positioned on the post for the rebound or deflection – Izzy is still developing this but now knows the significance of this positioning after being rewarded with her first goal in our win against Hale on the turf.

Jessica Wenham ((Jess) Halfback/Wing)

Our little pocket rocket who many an opponent underestimates. Jess has a natural ability to read the game and position herself in relation to her opponent accordingly. As a halfback, Jess is a tireless worker, she is developing as a second runner on short corners but it is her strength and ability on an attacking short corner which will bring her to the forefront. Jess needs to draw on her inner confidence which is becoming evident when given the opportunity to play on the wing. As a wing, Jess applies the same determination required for a halfback so it will only be a matter of time before she scores her first goal.

In my opening paragraph I posed the question "How were we ever going to be competitive if no one was eager to score goals?" Well I am pleased to say that the girls have shown me exactly how competitive they are and that there have been no less than eight girls (to date) eager to score goals. Congratulations to Jaida (6), Bellsye (4), Lily (3), Dana (2), Hannah (2), Izzy, Kya and Jemma on your exciting goals. Who knew a team of defensive players could become enthusiastic goal scorers.

Girls 9/10C (contd)

Throughout the season we have called on several of the 7/8 B Girls to help us out when we have been short of players. Each and every player has shown great strength and determination, they have embraced the opportunity and been an asset to the team. To see how far they have developed since the beginning of the season is a credit to their coach **David McMeekin**.

To **Cassidy Batten, Dempsey Collinson, Morgan Frossos, Aaliyah Lee, Li Mei McGready, Cailey Pickard, Sophie Simpson** and **Jorja Studley**, we thank you for all your help and wish you all the best for next season, may you continue to be passionate about hockey.

The parents and I would also like to thank **Jonathon Cornwall, Eddie Swan** and **Jo Snyman** - our umpires. It's very rewarding to see our Junior players give back to the Club by assisting other teams. Umpiring at this level can be difficult because it is such as stop-start game, however they kept the game flowing and made it enjoyable for everyone.

Zandra Snyman was an integral member of the Coaching Team having developed the girls' basic skills during pre-season and then continuing to work with them on their skills and fitness as the season progressed. I know Zandra was disappointed she could not be there on game days but she has expressed on numerous occasions how proud she is of the girls and how far they have come – her thoughts were never far from the girls.

I'd also like to thank **Jim Moncrieff** who stepped in to assist at short notice to umpire and has also assisted me by co-coaching on occasion from the opposite side of the field. And to **Andrea Martin** who commenced the season as your Team Manager - a huge thank you. It is this type of parent support that makes teams successful and enjoyable.

Finally I would like to thank **Siti Rafiq**. Without Siti's support my role as coach would've been more difficult. Her welcome emails for match reminders and orange rosters; organising a team get together and completing all our reports for Hockey WA and the Club have taken a huge weight off my shoulders and enabled me to focus on the task of coaching. Thank you Siti, I know I speak for the whole team in saying you have been an integral part of our success this season.

As I close this report we have only a handful of games remaining and the girls have exceeded my expectations. With a definite finish in the top three looming we are now preparing for finals. No matter where they finish they are all winners worthy of a gold medal. Their sportsmanship and the manner in which they conduct themselves both on and off the field is a credit not only to the Club but to themselves.

My own daughter recently told me what her own hockey coach's acronym for TEAM was and I wanted to share it as it clearly applies to these wonderful girls..... TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE.

Well done girls!

Boys 9/10A

This year was a difficult season for all involved, with the inconsistency of our performances really costing us in the grand scheme of things. Unfortunately when I took the job as coach I was unaware that my State 21's commitments would have such a heavy impact on my availability for trainings and games.

The second half of the season, however, saw us really step up a level in our performances. We proved that we could match it with the best teams in the league, notching up draws against top 3 teams such as Fremantle and Vic Park. Unfortunately it was the games against the lesser teams which let us down when we were unable to produce the same level of performance.

A running theme this year for the boys was "the effort you put in will determine the result of the game". When we put in the required effort, such as the Fremantle game, we matched it with quality opposition. When we didn't put the required effort in, we were left disappointed, such as the Hale match. I urge the boys to keep this in mind in the future as it takes every player to do their role in order for the team to achieve success.

Overall I am proud of our performances in the second half of the year, and I look forward to getting the majority of these players back in 9/10A's next season.

Benjamin Clark (Striker)

Ben has many of the raw elements to become a very good hockey player, and when he puts all these together he demonstrates how dangerous he can be. Ben is always keen to learn what he can improve on, and is always willing to put in the hard work in the press. We look forward to watching Ben develop with experience, and can't wait for the day that he finally decides never to upright back stick pass again! P.S. I will take the blame for your yellow card. Well done Ben.

Samuel Cocks (Defender)

Sam is a player that shows glimpses every game of the great player he has the ability to become. Sam is a strong physical presence with the ability to use skill in tight situations, which is important for a defender in the modern game. With some improvement in his tackling and a bit more awareness in his marking, Sam can develop into a valuable defender for this club.

Timothy Dickson (Midfielder)

Tim is the silkiest and most natural ball carrier in this team, with the rare gift of 'soft hands'. Tim is a pleasure to watch, and if he can work on remaining influential for the whole game then he will become a top player in the future for Melville. In the coming years Tim will hopefully develop his strength on the ball and a change of pace - two things that will make him a very exciting prospect for the future. We look forward to having you back in 15's next year!

Jesse Floyd (Midfielder)

Jesse has been our work in progress for close to 3 years now, because we knew from the beginning that with the right coaching he could become a valuable player for us. Jesse has a 'hockey brain' which makes him a very smart player when he has the ball. He's always shown natural ability, and this year Jesse has taken a massive step in the right direction in terms of attitude and willingness to do the hard work. This year Jesse managed to channel his frustration into desire - very different to what we started with 3 years ago. When Jesse now gets angry, we can only smile as coaches, because we know that is when we get the best out of him. I can't wait to coach Jesse again in 2015.

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Sean Hird (Defender)

Sean is a coach's dream - a player that will play at 100% all game every game and just do what he's instructed to. Sean made the right half position his own this year, with his best quality being his desire to win the ball. Never shy of a contest, Sean would often bulldoze his way through opposition players and set up our attack. There are still some small positional things to tweak in Sean's game, but with his attitude I have no doubts that he will manage this. I look forward to watching you in 11/12A's next year Sean.

Hayden Lock (Defender)

Hayden has been a shining light in this team all season, and can be very proud of the way he has played. Hayden is a no-nonsense defender, always cleaning up the scraps at the back with his deceptive pace and fantastic tackling. He has a natural ability to read the game, and has worked hard all year on getting his positioning right in the press when he is the free full back. It has been really pleasing to see Hayden's development this year, and I wish him luck in 11/12A's next year.

Mackenzie Love (Goalkeeper)

After many weeks of deliberation prior to the season, we decided to take Macca as our 9/10A's keeper this year, and he didn't let us down. In what was a difficult year, Mac was often the reason we didn't concede double the amount of goals that we did. With the necessary commitment required, Mac can become a top level goalkeeper in the future if he wants to and we are excited to have him back in our team for 2015.

Nicholas Page (Midfielder)

Nic is the engine room for our team and the driving force going into attack. Nic can run all day in the midfield, and with his uncanny skill set, often finds himself eliminating numerous opposition players in dangerous areas. Nic is a pleasure to coach, simply because he gives his all in every match and never says a word when asked to do something. Well done on a fantastic season.

Harrison Parkes (Striker)

Harry was new to the club this year and after impressing during the trials was given a shot in the A team. Although at times this year it was a struggle, Harry showed just what he can do when he gets the ball in dangerous situations. His goal against Fremantle was an example of this, and not many players have the composure to finish as coolly as he did. Hopefully next year Harry develops a bit more strength and confidence, which should lead to him scoring some more goals.

Alex Rayfield (Striker/Midfielder/Defender)

Alex was asked to play in a few different positions this year, ranging from striker to full back, and he has excelled wherever he played. Alex has strength, skill and a natural ability to read the play, which made him such a good fullback towards the end of the year. Alex has never walked away from the challenge that was presented to us this year, and has been a real leader in the team. Already playing at senior level, Alex has demonstrated what a valuable prospect he is for the future of this club.

Will Reynolds (Striker)

Will is a skillful player, but more importantly he is a smart player, which is much harder to teach. Will is one of the most natural hitters of the ball, and often uses it to pinpoint passes to great effect. His game against Aquinas was the highlight of his season, where he was involved in almost every dangerous bit of play we created, as well as scoring a sensational goal. Well done on your efforts this year, Will.

Henry Rogerson (Defender)

Henry took a little while to get used to the step up to 9/10A's this year but when he did he went back to being the composed, reliable defender that we love coaching. Henry formed a great partnership with Hayden at full back, and was another that worked hard on his positioning as a full back in the press. When asked to play at half back, Henry did the job admirably, even though we know it's not his preferred position. Henry is thankfully back again in 9/10A's next year, which is very comforting for the coaching staff!

Boys 9/10A (contd)

Mitch Scally (Striker/Defender)

Mitch is the utility of the team, filling in at half back when needed, but is like a dog off the chain when he gets released to play up forward. The running Mitch does and the pressure Mitch applies to the opposition in the press is something that was incredibly valuable to us this year. Mitch knew his role and performed it exceptionally for the team, and I can't wait to have him back in 2015. The only thing Mitch needs to work on is not listening to his dad's advice about how to tackle!

Daniel Whibley (Midfielder/Striker)

Dan has the ability to become a sensational hockey player. After taking a few games to find his stride, Dan asked if he could play centre half. Although we were hesitant at first, Dan proved what he could do, and remained as the team's centre half for the remainder of the year. Dan has unique skill when he has the ball, and when he gets a shot off inside the D, more times than not it's at least on target. Dan is another that has had to work hard on his positional awareness, and he has to be commended on the way he has adapted to the instructions we gave him. Big things await you next year, Dan.

I would like to thank all of the players for their commitment this year, and although at times I am sure you don't like what we are telling you, it is just us trying to make you better hockey players.

I would also like to thank **Chris** and **Sue Clark** who have acted as the team's managers this year. It allows me to focus solely on coaching and not have to worry about the administrative stuff that would just confuse me. I know it is difficult trying to chase up match reports from a 20 year old on a Monday morning, so I really do thank you for your help this season.

I cannot thank **Gavin Scally** enough for his efforts once again this season as my assistant coach. Gavin was there to take the team when I was unavailable and offers me and the team a wealth of experience and knowledge which is invaluable. It has been a testing year but I greatly appreciate your help, support and friendship this year and beyond.

Finally to the parents of the team, thank you for your support this year, as well as the delicious oranges and snakes that you so kindly provided for each game.

I wish everyone an enjoyable break over summer and good luck for the 2015 season, whether that be in 11/12s or back with me and Gavin in 9/10A's.

Thank you,
Tim Geers



Boys 9/10A Reserve

This was my first time in charge of a team and I couldn't have asked for a better group of lads to introduce me into the world of coaching. Unfortunately, a few mix ups meant that I initially only got one training session with the boys before our first game so I never really got to know any of them or even learn their names. The first match turned into a baptism of fire as we got hammered 5- 0 by Uni. As far as season starts go, it wasn't ideal, especially since the next four matches we continued the trend, letting 5 goals slip by each match. After a talk at training, we were all determined to turn the season around and by round 6, Vic Park, we chalked up our first win of the season. 3-1. It was a huge celebration and after that, we had a great streak of form, winning our next three matches, including the highlight of the season for me, a 3-2 victory over Uni (the team that had smashed us in round 1) after coming from 1-0 down at half time. In all it's been an up and down season but all the boys can be immensely proud of everything they have achieved. It was only because of the collective determination and focus of the group that we were able to turn it around and become a very good team.

My main philosophy, I decided at the start of the season, was to incorporate as much fun as possible into training. After all, we are all here to enjoy ourselves and watching that element of enjoying playing hockey transpiring onto the field was immensely satisfying for me. If it were up to me I wouldn't change anything for next season but unfortunately that isn't the way it works and all good things must end. Thanks lads for a great season, I've really enjoyed teaching you what I know about hockey and I hope you learned something/enjoyed it too.

I want to make a special mention to Mark and all the parents. The task was pretty daunting at the start but I received some great support and encouragement from the parent group, especially with the running of the Monday night sessions. Thank you all very much. Also to Jonno and Eddie who did a great job umpiring our games. After the success of this season, for me, coaching again is definitely on the cards and with any luck I'll have some of the lads from this season again. One other job as a coach is to write a little spiel about each player on the team from what I've seen at training and at games, so enjoy.

Bailey Brown (Chief)

The most common thing that Bailey had to say was "put me up front, I can take them." There was never any doubt in my mind that he could have taken on an entire team but in Hockey, the position of full back is just as important and requires someone who is switched on and not afraid of a challenge. Bailey is both of these things and whenever we needed to defend, he was my go-to man and he performed the job admirably meeting any opponent with a steely look and then a massive tackle. On the occasions I did put him upfront he always rewarded the team with a goal. Without his input from the back we wouldn't have won the games we did. For these reasons he gets the title "Chief."

Brysen Cadle (Wrecking Ball)

Not afraid to get physical in a tackle and seems to believe the umpire is there to be more of a hindrance than a help. Brysen holds the illustrious record of being sent off the pitch the most this season, mainly for talking back to the umpire. But a few big hits on some of the opposition earned him the nickname of "Wrecking Ball." Cards have no place in Brysen's world, however. He just comes off the field, fixes his hair, goes back on and does the same thing again. Every team needs/has a player like Brysen and he has earned my respect not only because of his sky high confidence but also because of the great technical skills he possesses. Brysen formed a pivotal part of the back line and performed his duties outstandingly. Keep up the great work, Brysen.

Connor Deaville (Superman)

There isn't a lot I need to say about Connor except that he is a coach's dream. Focussed, quick and excellent on-ball skill, Connor was the driving force behind the team for most of the season. He played most of the matches in the half line but his diversity saw him moved all around the field from full back to centre forward, chipping in with a goal or two. He gets the nickname of "Superman." His leadership on the field and commitment to training was commendable, always giving 100%. He is a very bright prospect for the future and I'm pleased I had the opportunity to coach him.

Brendan Delaney (The Enforcer)

Despite being one of the smallest players in the squad, Brendan didn't let his size compromise his ability. On the contrary, I watched the surprised look on many opponent's faces as they got barged out of the way by a lad half their size and then dispossessed. Brendan's determination to win these one-on-one contests saw him become a pivotal part of the midfield and I encourage him to maintain that as it will serve him well as he progresses up the grades and encounters bigger opponents. "The Enforcer" is therefore Brendan's title.

Boys 9/10A Reserve (contd)

Nicholas Deluca (The Master)

Nick's ability to read the play was unmatched and he could often be seen directing players in the midfield and up forward, to which they listened. He backed up his hockey intelligence with an impressive skill set and killer shot on goal, sometimes a little too killer to connect with the ball (big swing, no ding!). He always had something very insightful to add to any team discussions often pointing out things that I hadn't noticed either. Nick is the kind of player that made my job as coach so much easier earning him the nick name of "The Master." Thanks for a great season Nick.

Damian Gregory (Phantom)

Damian was a quiet young man who was often overlooked by the opposing players. Though sometimes a little distracted at training, when Damian gets into the game he uses his low profile to a killer advantage, making some great unseen leads up the wing and through the centre, often putting the opposing team on the back foot and allowing us to press our advantage earning him the nickname of "Phantom." Also towards the end of the season, Damian began to show his prowess in the half line as well and is never afraid of running for an entire match. I'm very pleased with how Damian has progressed this season and hope to see him back next year.

Ryan Lawrence (The Black Stick)

Named "The Black Stick" due to my inability to tell him and his doppelganger, Josh, apart. Even at the end of the season I struggle. Ryan's focus on and off the field served him very well, always executing my instructions during the game to the letter and possessing great situational awareness and allowing him to steady the ship and create smart passages of play through the half and forward lines. As well as his level headed approach to the game Ryan is also able to move the ball incredibly well and beat multiple opponents. Ryan has had a great season and if he can maintain the same focus he has this year he will continue to be an asset to any team he plays for.

Jordan Lukan (Gunner)

Named "Gunner" for his love of Arsenal Football Club, indeed sometimes at training all he seemed to want to do was talk about the world cup. Being a Manchester United supporter myself, I was willing to look past this. Jordan played most of the season in the forward line, patrolling high up the pitch for an elusive ball to slip through and working with the wings and centres with well put passes and quick leads. Jordan has worked hard at training to improve his positioning and off-ball running and I am pleased with the progress he has made. Well done Jordan.

Liam Metcalf (The Wall)

Liam was our goal keeper for the season, a job he performed outstandingly. Despite getting hammered for the first few rounds, Liam's strong, positive attitude shone through and as the season developed we started scoring and winning. He constantly showed maturity beyond his age group and pulled off some incredible saves earning him the title of "The Wall". Albeit frustrating at times, he always kept his cool. I also had the privilege to play alongside him in the men's division. I really look forward to working with Liam in the future and seeing him develop as a top class goal keeper.

Jackson Parker (Everywhere Man)

Jackson started off a little timid, but by the end of the season he became a force to be reckoned with in the forward line, also able to perform the duties of a half back brilliantly. I am really pleased to see how Jackson developed so well into the role of a key forward and his skills have improved dramatically. He has the very desirable ability to play in just about any position and during the course of the game would turn up in contests again and again all over the pitch, earning him the nickname of "Everywhere Man." Jackson has a lot of respect from his team mates and can be proud of his efforts this season, not just on the field but also at training working on his skills. Great job Jackson.

Boys 9/10A Reserve (contd)

Cameron Surtees (The Tomma King)

Cameron was one of the most consistently good players on the team. Spending most of his season in the half line I could always rely on him to do his job and also became a vital part of our defensive set up. That said, he earns his nickname "Tomma King" after a superb tomahawk effort from the base line against Lions, chipping it over the keeper and roofing it into the top net. It was probably the best goal I have ever seen. This was just an example of the great technical skills Cameron possesses, partly one of the reasons he was so good playing in defence which is an inherently difficult position to play well. I congratulate Cameron on a brilliant season and I'm sure we'll see him back at Melville next season.

Harry Sutcliffe (Seagull)

Harry was a new comer to Melville this season and took a little while to settle in. Once he did though, Harry found he was most comfortable positioning out in the wings and creating plays up and down the line. The effort he has put into his game is really evident, always paying attention in team briefings and as a result he has progressed in leaps and bounds, especially in his positioning and off-ball running. Harry earns his title of "Seagull" after a brilliant effort against WASPs. The ball looked to be travelling out over the baseline until Harry appeared out of nowhere and snuck it in behind the keeper; text book stuff. I look forward to seeing Harry back next season.

Eugene Tang (The Lap Runner)

Eugene was probably the most outspoken member of the team, sometimes a little bit too much so, getting him into trouble with the umpire a few times and earning his fair share of disciplinary laps at training, earning him the title of "The Lap Runner". That said, Eugene's high confidence is well justified as he constantly backs this up with brilliant ability and a killer drag flick that I was unfortunate enough to be in the way of during a training session before I put my shin pads on. It was still purple a fortnight afterwards. Always wear your pads and mouthguards, kiddies. Eugene can be extremely proud of the season he has had and can continue to be confident in future seasons as I know he will only continue to get better. Great season Eugene.

Joshua Turner (The Red Stick)

Again, named "Red Stick" so I could distinguish between him and his double, Ryan. Josh is a consistently good player most comfortable playing up front and in front of the goal. He has a great team mindset as he is always aware of where his team mates are and always working hard to support the ball carrier. Josh became a firm part of our forward line and thrived in our forward press tactic with his solid stick skills and constant drive to win every battle he is faced with. If he keeps up this mentality, his skills will continue to improve and he'll become a really good hockey player. Good stuff Josh.

Tony Ziegelaar (iTony)

Tony: our most prolific goal scorer. He has a real eye for shooting and was our main front man for the season. Another one with bucket loads of confidence and always had excellent points to add into any team discussion. His friendly personality and hockey knowledge earned him great respect from his team mates and I. Unfortunately though; Tony seemed to be a bit of a magnet for injuries resulting in me having to write an "i" next to his name on the whiteboard a few times giving him his nickname "iTony." To his immense credit, it took a lot to take him down. He is one tough nut and I would very much like to coach a team featuring Tony (without the "i") again in the future.



Boys 9/10B White

Mitchell Batten (3 Musketeers)

Mitchell has worked very well with the other 2 Mitchells in the team on the forward line. As the 1st member of the 3 Musketeers, I have struggled all year to work out the difference between you and Hayward. What makes it more difficult is that you both play a similar style of hockey and it has been at a very good level.

Ben Belke (Want-my-advice)

Ben has been a strong contributor to the team this year. The move from half back to left wing has suited Ben really well. I was reluctant at first but Ben offered his opinion on the matter and convinced me to move him. He has played very well in this position. Ben is not shy about providing his advice on the field. Excellent year Ben.

Eligh Blechynden (Bacon Saver)

Eligh has been very solid in the back line, regularly pulling off a last line of defence tackle to save our bacon again ... I like how you stay cool under pressure and never give up chasing the ball. I feel the defensive unit has become stronger throughout the season. Well done.

Nathaniel Bufton (Super Surprise)

Nathaniel has been extremely versatile this year being the unofficial part-time keeper when Tom was not available to play. Some of the saves you made during the season were excellent. The highlight of your season though, was your goal at the Melville turf against Canning. It was a great moment.

Alec Dorrington (Hit It)

It has been great to see Alec's game improve throughout the season. In particular, his hitting, while slightly unconventional, has improved significantly. You are not the only one who seems to be reluctant to hit the ball and would rather give it a halfbaked push. Keep looking wide with those free hits as tempting as it might be to go straight up the middle ... just hit it.

Atle Edgar (Mr Reliable)

Atle is always Mr Reliable in the half back line and never short of a word or 2 to make sure everything is in order. I really like how you take control of defence on the field. I notice the guys don't always agree with you but that never seems to stop you.

Jayde Elliott (Chippy)

I have really enjoyed watching Jayde play in the forward line. In particular on right wing. When the rest of the team are in sync with each other and they feed to ball out to you we look awesome as a team. You have this knack of making your way to the post and take every chance to pinch a goal on the goal line. This is a unique ability which earns you the title of 'Chippy'.

Maxwell Gillard (Hound Dog)

Wow what a season Max. New to hockey this year and your touch on the ball is sensational. Playing centre forward most of the season where you have the freedom to run with the ball. I like how you keep chasing the ball like a hound dog and sometimes you run too fast and leave the ball behind you. You have the ability to have a big impact as a forward and score lots of goals. Well done.

Mitchell Hayward (3 Musketeers)

Mitchell has had a great season up front. As the 2nd member of the 3 Musketeers, he has worked well with the other 2 Mitchells. The 3 Musketeers were unlucky not to score more goals between then. Don't be afraid to get involved in the play more because you have the ability.

Liam Hill (Rodeo)

Liam is a very interesting player to watch. It is not uncommon to see Liam chasing down a through ball in the forward line or put on a back tackle in defence but all the time with only one hand on his stick. He almost looks like a rodeo rider, one hand on the reins and the other hand waving around keeping balance. I didn't need to remind you about this because Ben often did it for me.

Thomas Moulin (Part-time)

Tom the official goal keeper when at the game but unfortunately Tom was not available every game. Congratulations on your lacrosse success. We really appreciate the contribution you made to the games you played - thank you. Great season with some spectacular saves.

Boys 9/10B White (contd)

William Robinson (MIA)

Unfortunately Will has been missing-in-action for most of the season having sustained stress fractures to both feet early in the season. Will was one of our many casualties this year. We went from having 6 spare players down the bare eleven with some players running on 50%. Thanks for coming to each game to support the boys.

Stephen Simpson (Leaner-Meaner-Faster)

Stephen was another player that grew into his body this year and made a significant contribution to the team. The new learner, meaner and faster Stephen was able to make a big difference to the attacking moves in the forward line. Some excellent goals and assists. It has been great to see you develop throughout the year.

Samuel Skepper (BP)

I think I will give Sam the nickname 'BP' the quiet achiever this year. You will often find Sam lurking in the wings ready to pounce on a rogue forward just at the right time. Even when he didn't feel like running Sam would chase down a forward in order to stop him. Another player whose hitting improved throughout the year.

Mitchell Widger (3 Musketeers)

The 3rd member of the 3 Musketeers, Widge really leaves his mark on the game. I have been very impressed with how the forward unit has worked together and at times been a formidable force. I have really appreciated your contribution to the team and it has been great to see how the players around you lift. Thank you for a terrific season.

I have really enjoyed coaching the boys this year. The performance of the boys throughout the year has improved and one highlight was the game against Rockingham down at Lark Hill. Everyone got into the game, you connected well with each other and played some excellent hockey. There were unfortunately a few games where the boys struggled to switch on and their performance on the field showed.

The biggest challenge for me this year was convincing you all to hit the ball. For some reason everyone prefers to do a half-baked push rather than a good solid hit. Some of you started to get the idea later in the season but I encourage all of you to work on your hitting - it will make a big difference to your game.

Thank you to Eligh's brother **Asha** for filling in on a couple of games. I hope you enjoyed playing with the boys. We certainly appreciated you helping us out. Thank you to the parents for getting the boys to training and the games each week. Thank you to the umpires for being there each week – I apologise for being a bit vocal at times.

Finally, thank you to **Barbara Bufton** for managing the team, organising the umpires and reminding me about the match report each week. See you all next season.

Girls 7/8A

With so much talent within one group, we were extremely fortunate to have a high quality assistant coach in Bruce Vanderzwan. Bruce was in charge of the team rotations and the attacking penalty corners. Thank you to Olive Hasselerharm for her management of the team. Like a good umpire you rarely noticed her. This meant, of course, that all that needed to be done had been done. On paper, we were a high quality team. At the start of the season we played a lot like Geelong under the leadership of Malcolm Blight in the 90s – win by scoring more goals than the opposition. Defence was something that was secondary. I hope that this mind set has changed somewhat under my guidance. It wasn't individual efforts, though, that got the girls moving in the right direction. Once players settled into their strongest positions, we played some pretty impressive team hockey. I trust that these girls play together in future years and further deepen their friendships and knowledge of this wonderful game. Finally, thank you to the parents and supporters. You make this whole show go around.

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Lauren Anderson

Lauren played all across the forward line and her long striding runs into attack helped to set up numerous scoring chances. In the midfield, Lauren was one of our most disciplined markers and could be relied upon to cut her opponent out of the game.

Abigail Bell (State 15s representative, South Regional representative)

I'd rate Abi in the top half dozen players in the entire grade. Her strength over the ball, her elimination skills, speed and ability to drive down our right hand side into attack made her a vital cog in our midfield. As a midfielder, Abi's next step in her hockey development is to get her team-mates into the game. If she's used as a striker next year and she sharpens her field shooting she is going to be a nightmare in waiting for all opposition sides. Abi's potential is huge – a Melville star in waiting.

Eva Cocks (South Regional Representative)

Strong, very quick, smart and courageous, Eva is a coach's dream. She always trains well, aims to follow instructions and gives everything out on the field. She has been our Miss Fixit and played in almost every position over the course of the season. Late in the season her prowess as a striker came to the fore and the team became far more dynamic and threatening as a result. She has a wonderful, quiet steely determination running through her veins. She's the kind of player that you'd love to have running out onto the hockey field alongside you. Another player to watch in the future.

Girls 7/8A (contd)

Cassandra Drayton

Used predominantly as a forward early in the year, Cass shone when placed at right half. Her vision and passing were a revelation and along with her long striding speed she was rarely beaten. Loves her hockey and eager to learn we will really start to see her grow as a hockey player when she stops growing. When Cass gets used to her body, watch out.

Neasa Flynn

Neasa was our terrier. She would tirelessly chase down balls all over the park, she'd harass any opponent within reach and use her much improved skills (especially the jink) to carry Melville into attack time and time again. She was most effective in the centre of the ground but was capable of tearing half backs to shreds. You can't coach speed. Neasa's run gave us a fantastic offensive weapon. Neasa is going to be welcomed with open arms by all her future teams.

Lisa Gleave (Goalkeeper, State 13s representative)

Lisa would vie with Eva as the best trainer in the team. She has taken in all the hints that the club's goalkeeping clinics have had to offer, slotted them alongside her unfailing courage and set herself very high expectations. The result has been a consistent season of the highest quality. Those who saw Lisa's game against Wolves in the first round would have to agree that she was is another star in the making. Determination plus.



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Girls 7/8A (contd)

Sarah Hasselerharm (State 12s representative)

Yet another girl who proved to be versatile, Sarah played in all of the back four positions. She is disciplined and plays to team rules and roles. Her tackling and aggression improved as the year went on as did her passing skills. As Sarah builds her self-belief she is going to go from strength to strength. Like many in this team, she has a huge upside in the future. I'm so glad she's a Melville girl.

Crystal Hobbs

Initially selected as a forward because of her strong stick work and clever passing, Crystal fell into the full back position and made it her own. Deceptively quick and keen to move to the ball, she continually broke up opposition attacks by getting to the contest first. Crystal also played well as a right half.

Kayla Osullivan (State 13s representative)

Early on in the season it seemed that if Kayla did not score, we did not score. Kayla has goal sense – something that that is rarely coached - you are born with it. It makes Kayla invaluable because, somehow, she just gets to the right place at the right time. She has a cracking shot on goal and she has used this to good effect in our penalty corner set ups. She will be a sought after player as she progresses up the ranks. My final piece of advice for Kayla is to work on the defensive side of her game. Address that and she will be a mighty player.

Ashleigh Power (State 13s representative)

Ashleigh played her best hockey between the two 25s. She reads the play well, has a mean tackle and can pass the ball intelligently. For a player who is so attacking I think that Ashleigh can become a consistent scorer by simply recognising the time to take the shot herself rather than trying to set up the perfect assist goal. At right half or anywhere in the midfield, Ashleigh's influence was profound. She was our barometer. If she was on, Melville won.

Eilidh Rayfield

Our reliable full back, Eilidh held down the sweeping role with aplomb. She had the knack of laying a saving tackle or giving away a stopping free hit to halt an opposition foray. Her block tackling improved and her positioning off the ball, too, improved as the season progressed. Eilidh's one stint in the forward line led to a fantastic goal – only to be denied by a truly biased umpire, her brother.

Amelia Swan

Amelia played predominantly at left half in a shut-down role. Her ability to run all day, her speed and close checking meant that we were rarely exposed by any opposing right wingers. With speed and discipline, Amelia will be welcomed in all her future teams. As she matures and gains strength, her passing game will improve and she will be able to set play up from the half back position.

Jade Vanderzwan (State 13s representative)

Our cool head in defence, Jade played in the key central positions: centre half and as the high full back. Her ability to read the play and be in the right position to tackle at the critical moment was second to none. It was also Jade who regularly set up our forward thrusts with either deft passes to space or cracking drives through to a high attacker. In addition, she was a key part of both our attacking and defensive penalty corners. All round, Jade was key player in the successes that we had this year. I expect that she will play a part in Melville's successes in the future.

Girls 7/8A Promotion

Coming into the team exactly one training session before our first game, the girls were naturally thrown into each and every position, except of course for goalkeeper. Unfortunately, this continued on for the entire season, and for that I apologise. In the girls' defence, foreign positions were accepted with smiles and only occasional complaining, which made my life very easy.

A massive thanks to Rowan and Kathie for their support for this year as managers, and to the wonderful group of parents as well.

I can't think of a group of girls that are more like a team, or that I have had more fun, and more gossip, with.

Alana Baskerville

A natural wing, Alana is also a natural talker. Always giving 100% on field, she backs it up at training with stories and anecdotes that drive her coach mad. Alana can be relied on to run the baseline each and every single time she gets the ball on the right. Early passing is the key to keeping possession and not running into opposition players.

Annabel Drane

Annie has been thrown into a number of positions this year, and can always be counted on to do her best. While she may not exactly like some of the positions she is given, Annie has proved herself to be a talented right and centre-half. Focus on your ball distribution and tackling and your game will improve dramatically.

Alice Haigh

Alice has played through the forward line this year, but has really found a niche in inner. Her linking passes have allowed her to move the ball up the field and around those pesky opposition players. Have the confidence to run the ball up the line in future games, because we all know you can do it.

Gabrielle John

Short Blonde #2, and very often confused with Eva on-field. Gabby has a tendency to concentrate so intensely on the game that she ignores calls to run off the field. Gabby has an infectious energy both on and off field that translates to consistently high effort levels. Less concentration on the ball and more on the players around you will certainly help.

Lilly McDonald

Lilly has improved in leaps and bounds this year. As quite possibly the skinniest player on the team, she was forbidden from short corners, but had no problems taking it to the biggest and meanest opposition players on field. Look to increase the strength of your game, and maybe grow a few inches!!!

Luka Mellor

Luka is the smiling assassin of the team. An impish grin combined with a tendency to tackle to biggest opposition players results in no one saying anything about sharp elbows. Luka has predominantly played in inner this year, a position she does very well in. Remember to be strong in your passing and watch how much your game improves.

Girls 7/8A Promotion (contd)

Bryanna Miller

Bree has struggled with knee injuries this year, but when on field she is a dependable and competent fullback and halfback. She has an eye for the play that means she is always in the right place to make that goal-saving tackle. In future, you should work on your passes out of defence – the hits are perfect, but the pushing needs to be harder.

Zoe Polglase

Zoe is another fullback who moonlights as a forward when the need arises. She has the ability to place the ball wherever she likes on a hit, and wherever she likes is usually a teammates stick. Zoe is also very capable in separating the ball from opposition players sneakily, something I very much approve of. Remember, Zoe, a fullback needs to yell at everybody to get things done.

Eva Quattrini

Eva - Short Blonde #1, and very often confused with Gabby on-field. Eva has been one of those players who does equally well in the attacking or the halfback line, a versatility that makes her coach's life easier. She is tenacious and lacks nothing in the energy department. Work on your tackling to improve your overall game.

Ellen Rolls

Ellen is the energy of the group, and can always be found in the middle of the gossip session we like to refer to as "training". Ellen has played through the forward line this year, in particularly preferring centre-forward. She has improved each game this year, so obviously talking at training works! Concentrate on keeping your hands further apart on your stick in the future.

McKenzy Stringer

McKenzy, our dedicated goalie for the year, is an absolute packet of fun and talking. Her close-in work in goals is very impressive and quite often saves the teams' bacon when they aren't paying attention. A reminder that goalkeepers have to be the loudest players on the field, but I'm sure I heard you squeak the other day.

Ciara Thompson

Congratulations on your regionals selection. Ciara has predominantly played in fullback this year – a large change from the forward line of last year. She has quietly grown in confidence and ability and is reliable in getting the ball out of defence. Remember that it doesn't matter when other people are watching, only that you can do the job.

Tiana Tindale

Congratulations on your regionals selection. Tiana has grown in leaps and bounds this year, and most people who watch her would not realize she only started playing last year. Fitting into the position of centre-half this year, Tiana can be relied on to be the loud voice in the middle. If she is ever cured of her bad habit of dragging to her reverse stick and running, Tiana will be a very capable and competent player.

Girls 7/8A Reserve

A Pom double act: Paul, full of enthusiasm, yelling out instructions, and Rhian sorting out the admin with positive support from the sidelines! Thank you both, and thank you to parents for lending support and encouragement. To umpire Tom, thank you for umpiring every week, reliably, quietly and methodically. Mostly however, thank you to the girls for playing week in week out and doing their best. You've all improved beyond all recognition through the season and all have taken their turn positively in goal. (Rhian Bilclough – Team Manager)

Another great year coaching one of our junior teams at Melville, watching the Girls 7/8 A Reserve team as they have continued to grow and develop is fantastic. As the coach of this year's Girls Y7/8 A Reserve team, from the first training session I was amazed at seeing the improvement of players who I have had the pleasure to coach at Y5/6. Not only have their legs grown too long and keep getting in the way, and for some they were even noisier, but their attitude to competitive playing has definitely been sparked and this makes it very worthwhile. This year has seen a really strong selection of Y7/8 girls with three A grade teams, the A reserve team is a great mix of ages and skill levels with some moving to A grade from B grade last year while others moved up from Y5/6. As a coach I can say there is nothing more rewarding than seeing the girls use the skills we have been drilling into them at training being played out in front of us on the hockey pitch on a Saturday morning. The shift to 50% Turf games really helped the girls gain valuable experience to become the stars of the future. I would also like to thank all the parents and of course Rhian Bilclough the team manager who have provided such positive support to the girls and myself. This year has not seen any wins for the team but I feel the girls can hold their heads high showing in every game that they can complete fully providing every opposition reason to be concerned when they met us. Ultimately we achieved what we set out to do.... Play hockey to the best of our abilities and to have FUN, I look forward to next season though I will miss the girls who will now pass up to Yr9/10, I hope that they continue to play and improve.

Mia Algar (Centre Forward / Halfback)

Mia has been a star player this year showing great determination to get to the ball at all times; with her speed and enthusiasm Mia has become our main Centre Forward and she is our highest goal scorer and can be relied upon to hassle the opposition defence. Mia listens to coaching direction well and joins in with the team banter.

Kristen Batten (Forward / Halfback)

Kristen has really shown great improvement over the season from an unsure, slightly uncoordinated player to a surer more dedicated player who, once she understands the position you want her to play, goes for it to her full ability. Kristen has been a pleasure to coach though her constant badgering when she is subbed can be both amusing and wearing.

India Bilclough (Winger)

tenacious, tenacious, tenacious! India when focused is single minded in her determination to take the ball down either wing and get it into the danger area. She has also proved to be a great listener by racing into the D to get on the end of a cross and score a goal. India is one of a select few of our team who are great conversationalists (talker) and her focus at training is sometimes affected by her need to expand on her day's experiences, this does not however distract from the fact that India is a team player who is liked by all. India will continue to develop next year and should continue to grow.

Mia Borinelli (Full Back / Half Back)

This year has seen Mia challenged into taking on the role of half back as well as her usual full back. This has seen Mia develop into a more rounded player getting greater involvement in all areas of the field. Mia should continue this exploration of these other positions next season as it makes her a more rounded player with better knowledge of the players around her. This year was a learning year for Mia and I expect her to be a prominent force with Melville next year. Mia's cheek is measured and funny and I enjoy her banter which is always respectful.

Felicity Brown (Centre Half)

Seeing how far Felicity had developed in the year that I have not coached her makes me proud and I had no hesitation in appointing Felicity as our regular centre half, the focal point for the team. Felicity has shown a strong determination and constant reliability in the mid field which has provided the back bone to my weekly team selections. Felicity may be quiet (honest) compared to some of the more vocal team members but she is a strong team member who I look to for extra efforts on match day.

Girls 7/8A Reserve (contd)

Ailsa Christian (Half back / Inner)

Ailsa has astounded me this year with her attitude change to a fully focused hockey player who wants to be involved in every move and wants to challenge for all balls. Ailsa started the year as a half back, her old preferred position but with the move to inner she has relished the experience and thrived to be a regular inner. Another good talker in the team and of course sometimes not that keen to listen to Dad (me) as she knows best but overall one of the great improvers from last year. Next year should see Ailsa flourish in her second year at this grade. Ailsa is not afraid to show emotion to the opposition.

Samantha King (Full Back / Half Back)

With a multitude of backs this year, Sam is another player who has been pushed out of their comfort zone of full back helping out in the half line. Sam shows a great determination to win the ball at all times and this, coupled with her increasing confidence to move the ball forward, has seen her develop into a more rounded defender who can be relied upon to work in union with her fellow backs to keep a tight ship. Sam will continue to grow at this same grade next year and is always a popular member of the team.

Phoebe Knudsen (Inner)

Phoebe has been an out and out huge improver over the season with her confidence, skills and mostly her determination to get the ball being what has made her a stand out performer for the year. Phoebe is a keen member of the team always willing to get going though she can also be placed into the group of conversationalists within the team. Phoebe should develop further next year when she moves up to Yr 9/10.

Cydney Marrington (Wing / Half Back)

Cydney has had a mixed year being pushed to support the forward line more than her preferred position in the backs. Her determination has been her strongest attribute over the season and with an increase in her confidence in her skills this has seen her develop into a more focused player who should continue to develop. I hope that she continues at the next grade as she can be a valuable addition to any team.

Charlotte Marshall (Half Back)

Another of my ex-players who returned to my fold. Charlotte shows a great determination at half back and in particular her adherence to the defensive requirements of the position, wherever her opposition player is, so is Charlie. Yes, another member of the great talkers within the team, and perhaps the leader! Charlotte is a popular team member and that perhaps provides her with more reasons to explain her life in detail to everyone at training. Charlie is another player moving up to Yr 9/10 next year and I will miss her involvement.

Phoebe McWhae (Centre Forward / Inner)

Phoebe started the season with great ability standing out as our player to get the ball and to challenge the opposition defence. As the season has developed and her fellow players have stepped up in performance, Phoebe has shown that she can work just as well in small triangles to outfox opponents. Phoebe has been a joy to train this year and in previous years and I feel that she will be a main player in Yr 9/10 as she comes to terms with her still growing body and concentrates in honing her individual skill levels.

Isobel Piggford (Back)

Isobel has been the outstanding player this year and I can only see her improving and becoming a key player for Melville hockey club. Isobel has shown an understanding to position and movement as a full back that is a pleasure to see and I have seen her skills rubbing off on her team players around her. Isobel is a quiet, determined but well-liked and respected member of the team and one that I think all the girls look up to. I see Isobel making moves up the teams quickly from this point on and I hope she continues to play and enjoy hockey.

Girls 7/8B White

I have had the pleasure of managing the Girls 7/8 B (White) team and watched as they have continued to develop throughout this season. Thank you to David McMeekin, team coach, who has worked tirelessly with each of our team members to ensure their development on the hockey field. His recognition of the “fit” for each player made it possible for the girls to develop into their positions. Although he was often “encouraged” by some players to place them where they believed they should play, he calmly and firmly worked with the girls to develop a team that would work together. I would also like to say thank you to the families of our team, who fronted up week after week, there was many a laugh on the sideline at each game. Although on the scoreboard, we didn't fair so well, the girls had a very enjoyable season and maintained a positive attitude which showed each time they hit the field, an attribute to be very proud of.

Lea-anne Frossos (Team Manager)

After mentioning to Keith Harper (my former primary school hockey coach) that if they needed help with coaching, I would be happy to assist, I found myself “Head Coach” of what turned out to be a most wonderful bunch of girls with an amazing group of parents behind them. It may not have been the finest season for match results, but it was an unbelievable season of seeing the girls develop their skills (ok we still need to work out where our attacking goals are :-)) and apply what we were doing at training in the games. I would like to thank Lea-anne Frossos for the fantastic job she did managing the team and getting things organised throughout the year. I would also like to thank the girls for their effort and I would especially like to thank the most amazing group of parents for their support of their girls, the team and of me. I have thoroughly enjoyed the season with a great group of people, thanks.

David McMeekin (Coach)

Cassidy Batten (defender)

A strong defensive player who reads the play and tackles with skill. Cassidy is an extremely reliable player and a wonderful addition to the team. She always has something fun to say and contribute to the group.

Anneka Bodt (goalie)

Unwavering in her resolve to stop goals, Anneka stood firmly in Goals and worked hard to ensure her defence was strong. Anneka's bright personality and positive outlook kept us all entertained throughout the season.

Dempsey Collinson (attacker)

Dempsey was a quiet achiever on the field this season. In each game she played she put in a solid performance and always worked hard to stick with her position in the game plan.

Morgan Frossos (attacker)

Morgan thoroughly enjoyed each game she played throughout this season and this showed through the way she tackled and worked to read the play. Off the field she was a little more vocal and enjoyed a bit of banter with her teammates and always had a question or three to ask.

Tara Godin (attacker)

Tara read the play and anticipated what was coming and would ensure she was ready and in position to receive the ball. She never stopped running and worked hard to ensure her job was done and never gave up. A lot of fun to have in the team.

Madison Hollander (midfielder)

Maddy ran and ran and ran, throughout the entire season. She has speed and agility on her side and she constantly worked hard to support the team. Her ability to read the play is a great asset and she never stopped chasing the ball.

Girls 7/8B White (contd)

Morgan Irvine (attacker)

Morgan is a tenacious player who enjoys to run and chase the play as well as assist with the coaching. Her speed is a great asset as well as her determination to try out all that was practiced. She always has something to share with the team, be it about hockey or something else.

Aaliyah Lee (midfielder)

In her first year of hockey, Aaliyah took to the game as though she's played forever. She ran and quickly learnt to read the play ensuring that she was always in the right position. She is a quiet team member with a very strong work ethic and it was great to watch her.

Li Mei McGready (midfielder)

Li Mei worked hard throughout the season both at training and in the games. She always attempted to pull off everything we practiced at training and generally managed to pull it off quite successfully during games (I think even to her own amazement sometimes). She is developing into quite the hockey player and seemed to enjoy the company of her team mates.

Marta McMeekin (defender)

Each week Marta stood strongly in defence and showed consistent strength in stopping both players and balls. Marta can read the play effectively and puts what is necessary into action. She is a delightful team member who is reliable and showed she enjoyed being a part of the team. She worked consistently and tirelessly throughout the season and has developed into a solid defensive player.

Erinn Odonnell (defender)

Erinn is a quiet team member with a gentle disposition who held her position each week and continuously stopped the opposition from setting up their plays. Her on ball skills have steadily improved and she always applied the plan as well as being willing to try something new. She is quite the asset to have as a team member.

Cailey Pickard (midfielder)

Each week Cailey fronted up to play the game of her life. She is a talented hockey player who has the ability to read the play 2 and 3 plays in advance and therefore convert the play into her team's favour. She ran to deliver and enjoyed on ball play, working hard to succeed during each encounter. Cailey is a delightful person and a great asset to the team.

Mary Raja (attacker)

Joining our team half way through the season after a break since Grads, Mary slotted in as though she has known the team all season. She worked hard to understand how the game had changed from Grads and after a week was playing with ease. Her ball skills improved very quickly as she became one of the attackers who seemed to take the opposition by surprise with her tenacity. Her enjoyment of the game was evident by her smile at training and at the games.

Sophie Simpson (midfielder)

Sophie was a delightful team member to coach, who was hard hitting and a true asset to the team. When the ball was in her sights she consistently had complete control of it and when she hit it, the girls had to run hard to catch it. Each week Sophie read the play beautifully and was one who did not understand the word stop, she just kept going and going.

Jorja Studley (attacker)

Jorja started the season well and proved to be a very strong and tenacious player. After an unfortunate accident at the Bunbury carnival, where she broke her collar bone, we lost her for most of the season. Returning late in the season, it was great to have her back with her bubbling personality, tenacity and natural ability to know what to do next. She is a fast learner and a skilled doer.

Boys 7/8A

As I write this we are about to play the game that will decide if we make the grand final or not, regardless of the result I'm super proud of what the boys have achieved this season. We have only conceded 9 goals up to this point in the season which is a formidable record which the boys should be very proud of. This was the first time coaching many of these boys and some of them there first time playing together. From the first training session the boys bonded really well and it showed with their improvements each week. There is so much talent in this group and with dedication and hard work I'm sure there is some big things ahead in the future for you all.

I just want to say a HUGE thank you to my manager Mark, you have made my job this year so much easier with you by my side. From timing the rotations with his fancy iPad app, to having players names on magnets (I still think this is because my hand writing is terrible) and for coming down to training and helping out. Thanks for all your help Mark, I could not have done it without you.

Big thank you to Mikayla Stephens for Umpiring all of the Boys games, you did a fantastic job. Special thanks to Conor Thompson for Umpiring our last couple of games. You are both a credit to the Junior Umpiring Program at Melville.

Finally I would just like to thank the parents for their support each weekend. It has been a pleasure coaching the boys and I wish you all the best for the future.

Sean

Regan Bright

This guy just runs and runs and runs. The team joker, always cracking jokes at training and leaving us all laughing. Often catching defenders out and making them pay. Regan has scored some great goals this year and his work rate has been outstanding. Great season mate.

Callum Brown

Cal has had a great year this year. His improvement over the season has been great to watch. His confidence to use his speed and stick work to create attacking plays through the mid-field is outstanding. One of the biggest improvements has been his ball distribution, Cal has been able to find his forwards and then set himself up in some great attacking plays. Well done mate.

Lochlann Downey

Loch has been a pleasure to coach. Whenever I asked him to do something he always went out there and got the job done. Loch positioned himself well up front and put their defence under pressure and when playing in the half back line made sure his opponent never got the ball. Great season mate.

Dylan Forbes

Boy does this guy have talent! His ability to get the ball then use his pace and burn opposition off is first class. Dylan has had a fantastic year and with every game he seems to build confidence. Keep the hard work up mate and I'm sure there will be some exciting things in the future for you. Great season mate.

Boys 7/8A (contd)

Jay Grimston

Jay started the season in the forward line but soon found himself back at half back where he has been playing his best hockey. Since going into the back line his confidence each week has grown and it has shown in his game. His stick skills and strength on the ball have been a massive improvement throughout the season. Well done mate.

Matthew Harvey

Matt played up front and through the mid field and his strength on the ball and passing was a key improvement this year. Matt found himself in some great spots and has knocked in some much needed goals for us. Great season mate.

Timothy Harvey

Tim has been a pleasure to coach. Tim's work rate around the field and distributing of the ball has been an improvement throughout the year and created some great attacking plays for us. Great season mate!

Patrick Lorraine

Pat found himself playing full back most of the year. This is my second year coaching Pat and his improvement from last year has been great so see. Pat's hitting has been a highlight often finding players with his now hard and flat hit. Congratulations on making the State team, all the best with the tournament!

Zachary McKinnon

This is my second year coaching Zac and boy has he improved! His footwork and reflexes have been impressive to watch this season making some fantastic saves. I have no doubt if you keep the hard work up you will become a very good keeper! Great season mate.

Daniel Paino

Dan, what a year! The way you read the play comes second to none. Time after time picking the ball up and distributing to your teammates! Keep the work up - I can see big things for you in the future!

Flynn Stephens

Flynn proved that size doesn't matter. Often sneaking up on his opponent, getting the ball then using his lightning fast speed to push up into attack. Flynn has scored some amazing goals this year. Keep up the hard work.

Wesley Stewart

I think this guy can hit a ball harder than me! One of our leading goal scorers, he has often sent balls flying past the keeper's head and into the back of the net! Wez has great skill and has been a solid performer this year. Great season mate.

Mitchell Tate

Mitch has had a fantastic year. Mitch has the ability to break lines with his stick skills but his improvement in his ball distribution was outstanding. Keep playing like you are and I'm sure you will go places with your hockey!

Mark (Manager) - Huge thank you to Sean for his patient guidance and excellent efforts to not just Coach, but to take the time to really improve each of the players' skill levels and game sense, all with good grace and humour. The boys have certainly achieved and learnt a lot over the course of the year. Great job Coach.

Thank you to all the parents for your assistance, patience and understanding over the season. You are all what makes a great Club!

Boys 7/8A Reserve

A fantastic group of boys who have bonded together well as a team and tried hard all season. They have come up against some tough opposition throughout the season, yet still managed to walk off the field with their heads held high, even after a loss. The boys had to wait until late in the season to get a win on the board. They ended up with a couple of wins and these came in the games where the boys played hard and gave 100% effort for the entire game. We are looking forward to watching the progress these boys make in their hockey teams over the next few years. Remember 100% effort, 100% reward.

A HUGE Thank you to Phil Parkes, our very patient coach. New to the club, he willingly put his hand up to coach our boys and he has guided them through a very tough season and he has been rewarded by the boys bonding together and growing in ability week after week. Phil never got angry or frustrated with the boys (despite some big losses), he was always encouraging the team and giving the boys praise for their efforts and finding the positive even when it was a bad outcome. Phil always tried to encourage the boys to 'get back to basics' and in most instances they always did, or tried to do, what he asked. He will forever be heard yelling across the field – "Press Melville Press", "Who's on Point?" and his catchcry "SHOULDERS!!!!!!!!!!!"

Thanks to Jenni Hood who managed the team efficiently but at the beginning of the year she assisted me with the indoctrination into our new Hockey Club, Melville. Jenni guided and advised me throughout the season arranging and booking turf training, organising team rosters for the half time oranges, money for turf games and umpires, reminder emails and co-ordinated extra players to assist our team when we were short... the list goes on. This made my life as the coach so much easier and allowed me to solely concentrate my efforts on the team. At training, Jenni met me with a smile and always enquired "Is everything all right or do you need anything?" From myself, the boys and the parents we thank you for your support this season.

Bailey Cole ((Bails) – Halfback)

A solid performance all season controlling the midfield. A dynamic player who scored a great goal from the short corner.

Ben Deacon ((BenD) – Halfback)

From the start of the season, he was asked to shut down the opposition right wing and this is exactly what he did in all games, stopping the opposition from running down the right. Some very hard running against some very quick wingers.

Bradley Dowie ((Brad) – Right Half/Forward)

Brad is a quiet achiever who was always eager and determined to get to the ball first. He always showed great control and knows how to use the ball to the teams advantage.

Matthew Harrup ((Matt) – Forward)

Matt (of the ever changing hair colour!) was one of the forwards in the team that was expected to run hard, and he did. Matt always ran until he was out of breath, making every attempt to be the first to get to the ball.

Brodie Hood ((Fingerless) – Goalie)

A tough season to be the last player standing on the line. Brodie really improved throughout the season in his talking and controlling of the defenders, he certainly saved a lot more than he conceded. His work at goalie training has really paid off, with his selection in the East Metro Regional team.

Gregory Hyde ((Gregory) – Forward)

Greg is a player who ran and ran in the middle of the field and never gave up. He listened to instructions and always tried to improve his skill level and his positional play.

Jacob John ((Jacob) – Fullback)

The most casual player in the team but when the ball was in his sights, he stopped the opposition relentlessly. Jacob had some promising runs from the backline.

Aden Lukan ((Aden) – Wing)

Aden always fights hard to win the ball and is always willing to back up his teammates. He had some great runs up and feeding the ball into the D.

Boys 7/8A Reserve (contd)

Benjamin McVeigh ((BenM) – fullback)

A very calm headed player, Ben never panicked and always looked as though he controlled the defensive half. Ben channelled the ball carrier out wide and made plenty of saves in defence.

Daniel Page ((Dan) – Everywhere (Go to Man))

Dan was the go to man, if there was a hole in the field to be filled Dan always did the job. He always took his opportunities and that's why he was the first and highest goal scorer for the team.

Declan Parkes ((Dec) - Wing)

When Declan got the ball on the wing he made the most of it and certainly got under the skin of his opponents. He always had the capacity to hold onto the ball until he was assisted by his team mates. Chalked up a couple of goals to his name.

Joshua Scanlon ((Josh) – Halfback / Forward)

Josh was always the hardest working and most focused player at training and on game day. Josh really worked hard to improve and encourage those around him. A couple of great goals for the season but his best was from the top of the D on the run.

Harry Watkins ((Harry) - Forward)

Harry worked tirelessly up forward and was always spent when he came off for his two minutes rest, then went straight back on with the same determination. Harry has some great skills that certainly dazzled the opposition.

A huge thank you to **Nick Page** for being our fantastic umpire. He has shown maturity beyond his years in his decisions and controlling the game. He has always shown fairness and consistency and stuck by his decisions and not been intimidated by older umpires.

Thanks to our fantastic fill ins; **Ben Harel, Callum Flynn** and **Daniel Moulin** from 5/6A in round 3 and Mighty Mouse – **Josh Hood** from 5/6B for taking over the goals during rounds 11 and 12. All four boys fitted into our team well and all gave 100%.

Thank you from the boys to all the parents for getting them to training and games and for being the cheer squad. I'm sure the opposition thought we were mad when everyone went crazy after our first win. From our reaction you would have thought we had won the grand final.

Despite not having all the wins on the board, this has been a fantastic season due to the great sportsmanship shown by this team of young men. There is some up and coming talent in this team. Enjoy the break and we look forward to seeing everyone next season.

Boys 7/8B Black

This became a far more challenging season than any of us had expected. For most of the time, our playing list consisted of only ten players, two of whom were in their first season and to make things even harder the team had six good halfbacks and not enough forwards. From week to week we depended on assistance from younger teams while our constantly rotating forward line made it almost impossible to develop team tactics to help in attack. There were several games where we matched up well against the opposition, but just failed to succeed in shooting at goal. The final scores were not always an accurate indicator of the players' abilities.

The team persevered through it all which gave several of the boys chances to play positions they may not normally have played.

Before acknowledging our own players, we do need to say thank you to all of the players who assisted us during the year:

Corey, Andrew and Josh: It is a big ask for year five boys to take the field against year eights but you all stood up really well.

Zack, Max, Jack, Kayne, Brodie, Joe and Jack: We've given you a taste of the games you'll be playing next year in 7/8s and you have all proven you are ready.

Phoebe and Mia: Playing consecutive games in the rain and mud to help us out showed great enthusiasm and you also showed the boys how well our girls can play.

And Ethan, thanks for starting the season with us, we hope you did well after the restructure.

It really does demonstrate the fellowship of the club and the team spirit of its families and players that we always had help when we needed it.

Conor Addison (Half back)

An experienced versatile player, Conor was almost always one of our best players. Strong in defence and very good at positioning, Conor missed half the training sessions, but would not miss a game if it could be helped. Conor has a good head for the game and was able to see ways the team could improve. Had our line-up been more stable we really could have benefited from Conor's insight. As it was, we benefited from his on-field talent.

Taj Alder (Inner)

Only able to play two games this season due to art school commitments, Taj made a big splash in the second one but continued to train hard in preparation for 9/10s next year. It really helped to have you in our forward line and your sprinting ability also makes you a great asset in defending penalty corners, so don't worry if you are asked to play in defence.

John Argent (Full Back, Wing)

For a first season player, John had a lot to learn, but he was always there at training and always improving. It was a big ask for him to play the early games without subs as he really needed some breaks to regroup and refocus on the things he was learning. Dubbed "The Wanderer" by an opposing team, John would make his way to the forward "D" and force the defenders to work even when the ball was at the other end of the field. Keep working at it John and you'll be ready for next season.

Liam Betham (Half back, Wing)

Liam started the season with the other 7/8 B team, but joined us after a restructure. Liam runs well and does a good job of positioning himself to put pressure on the opposition. One of my favourite moments of the season was watching Liam run an opposition wing right off the side of the field. You gave him nowhere to run, and then you took the hit in. Liam, your positioning is good, just get ready to be more aggressive when you need to.

Boys 7/8B Black (contd)

Asher Blechynden (Half back)

Another first season player who had a lot to learn, Asher really took advantage of his time at the Bunbury carnival and came back fully ready to play his half back position. Asher really worked hard to improve from one game to the next and was looking like an experienced player by season's end. Asher, you have a great attitude and lots of potential, so keep playing. Concentrate on clean hits of the ball and keep marking players the way you do.

William Dundas (Centre forward)

In a team of defenders, Will was the only one to put up his hand to play Centre Forward, so that is where he played. Will probably had the most frustrating season of the whole team as he led a different forward line every week. Time and again he wanted to develop some plays and tactics, but we weren't able to translate anything from training to the game. To Will's credit, he didn't give up. It was a great joy and relief to see you finally score, you will have more opportunities next year.

Keifer Dyson (Goalie, Wing)

Keifer started the season as an experienced goalie, but in the first game saw more goals scored against him than in all of last season. It was quite a wake up call and Keifer's game lifted over the following weeks which saw some very good saves. It was in one game later in the season when we were short of players that Keifer returned to the field and played the best game on wing he had ever done. Following this it was only natural to give Keifer more field games.

Joseph Hart (Wing)

Joseph joined us late in the season after only having played primary school hockey. It was a big transition, but Joseph can sprint well and has a good hit of the ball. You really can develop into a great hockey player.

Patrick McQuaid (Every position)

There was not a single position that Patrick did not play at some point this year. One of the more versatile players, Patrick was able to stand in where he was needed either in attack or defence. In the end, he played some very good games as goalie, a position he was very keen to learn more about and worked really hard at training to improve at. Patrick, remember to bring your drink bottle, hydration makes a big difference.

Oscar Sanchez (Full back, Half back)

Oscar's ability to hit the ball out of the defence and up into the forward line (and beyond) cemented his place as one of our key defenders. He spent a lot of time in full back while our other defenders were still learning the ropes, but as the season progressed played further forward. Hard working, hard hitting and hard running made Oscar indispensable but he also served as a leader on the field and a mentor to our newer defenders. Think about coaching or umpiring in future years.

Kelvin Vester (Half back)

Kelvin pretty quickly settled into the Centre Half position. As one of the best sprinters in the team, he played a key role in our great corner defences, but he also stood out as someone who really listened and worked hard at training. A great on-field example, Kelvin always ran to where he was needed and constantly made a difference to the game.

Finally, thank you to **Vanya** for taking on a very demanding manager's role and to **Maddie** for not only umpiring, but also for standing in as coach on one occasion.

We needed and received a lot of support from others around the club to keep the team running: especially our year coordinator **Kate Page** who was always there when we needed support; **Joe Metcalf** who coordinated helpers from the 5/6B team; **Joel Walkemeyer** who showed he could be a very good goalie coach and most importantly my fellow coach **Bruce Needham** who made the season possible by sharing his experience with both B teams. Those scratch matches really helped the boys develop rivalries and friendships that will help them in years to come.

Guy Dyson, Coach

Boys 7/8B White

With hot competition for places in the boys 7/8's this year, we saw a number of talented young players come together to form the B White side. From our first game, the improvement has been significant, not only with skills and fitness, but also how the players work with each other as club mates. Our side has also welcomed some players facing significant challenges in life and hockey has proved to be a great place for them to feel welcomed and loved for what they bring – a great feature of our club is inclusion of people from all walks of life. A significant effort from each player has seen the team be successful and we look forward to bringing home some pennants for our club at season's end.

Joshua Lawrence (Defender/Midfield/Attack)

Josh is a talented player who can play anywhere on the field and have an impact, he has worked hard at training and made big improvements on his passing and approach to hockey over the course of the season. Josh has a big opportunity to step up as he progresses in future years and make a real impact on the higher grades. It has been fantastic to see you grow this year Josh, hopefully we see you for a long time to come at Melville.

Ethan Martin-Proud (Defender/Tagger)

Ethan is the Ryan Crowley of our team, shutting down the right side attack of the opposition week after week. He does everything asked of him by the coach and never shirks taking on the best forwards. He is also a quiet, well-mannered young man who will always be welcomed into any side, thank you for giving your best for the team Ethan.

Oben McHoull (Attack)

Oben has been the bedrock of attack this season on the right hand side, also adding value on the left when we need to change things. He has developed slick skills, a great pass and an ability to control the ball so the attack is beautifully timed. Oben showed his character this year, losing his mass of hair to support charity and that speaks volumes about why the team loves him being there every week, great job Oben.

Ben Munnings (forward/Defender)

Ben started the year as our key forward and managed to work his way into being a key defender after scoring his first goal. Ben reads the play beautifully and his delivery of the ball to the midfield and forwards is lovely to watch. Ben is growing into a versatile player with great prospects for his future at Melville, keep improving Ben and you will go far.

Jaymon Needham (Midfield/Attack)

Jaymon has been one of the big improvers this year taking his game to a new level along side his team mates. Playing the pivotal centre attacking midfield and right attack positions he has set up and scored a number of goals for his team. His attack on the ball and willingness to run and chase the turnover make him a very dangerous player, keep going Jaymon, you have a great future at our club.

Riley Needham (Attack)

Riley returned to hockey this year after a few years at soccer and is in his first year at Melville. He does the most amazing "Riley" things – special moves and positioning that defy any known logic, but consistently come off to the team's advantage. His efforts have seen him become the grades highest goal scorer and an important part of our team. We look forward to you improving those moves and staying with hockey at Melville Riley.

Boys 7/8B White (contd)

Mark Ogden (defender/midfield)

Mark has taken on a leadership role this year in defence and midfield. Through his hard work and commitment, many of our forward plays are created from his central defensive midfield role. He has grown significantly in this role and delivers for his team week in week out, you have been an impressive young man this year Mark, well done.

Liam Page (Midfield/Attack)

Liam has been a steady improver this year, growing his skills across all areas and learning more about the game. He never backs down from a challenge and has been a big part of the team's success by playing a number of roles across the field to create balance. Liam also sets the tone before the games, giving the motivational comments that spur us to win, thanks for a great year Liam with many more to come.

Joshua Richards (defender)

Josh is new to our sport and has grown immensely over the course of the season. His defensive work has been rock solid and on his few forays forward has come close to snatching the elusive first goal. Josh is all about 100% effort and the team marvels at the way he hunts the ball! We hope that you continue to play hockey and add to our family at Melville Josh.

Christopher Soraine (Midfield/Attack)

Chris hardly says a word in anger, but once he crosses the white line he shows a level of determination that belies his quiet nature. Chris has taken his tackling and chase of the opposition to a level well above his grade and he continues to improve his positioning and forward play. Chris scored our opening goals of the season to set the tone and is finishing the season strongly as well, great work Chris.

Nathan Thompson (Defender/Midfield/Attack)

Nathan is a first year Melville player who was looking to learn about hockey and grow his game. He has fitted in very well to our side and played a number of roles as he finds his strengths in our club. Nathan always gives his best and respects others around him, making him a valued addition to the side. He recently scored his first goal and it is tough to know if he, the coach or his team was more excited! Keep enjoying hockey with us Nathan.

Joel Walkemeyer (goalkeeper)

Joel is a goalkeeping talent who has made a number of crucial saves this year to keep us in winning form, he has a long future ahead of him in the sport. Joel is also one of our "out of the box" thinkers and at times this creates the most hilarious discussions, but also good ideas – thanks Joel for everything you bring to the team and we look forward to having you with us for a long time to come.

Girls 5/6A

Once again, I have been blessed with the most contagiously friendly, giggly, gorgeous girls to coach. With having eight of the girls play together last year, it was great to see them welcome their new team mates with open arms. The new inclusions fitted in beautifully, which allowed our team to skip to the same beat from the beginning. From the onset, we were playing some very good hockey, which made my job that much easier to introduce new concepts, game strategies and variations of play. The girls took this in their stride, which saw them dominate for most games during the season. Our team had a successful year, winning the majority of our games and finishing second on the ladder.

It is no wonder my team was easy to coach, as I had a group of very supportive parents who had their children at training every week, at games on time, fulfilling their orange roster duties and being very objective when selecting best players. All these small things make my job so much more enjoyable, and I really appreciate their help and encouragement on and off the field. A special mention must go out to Lindy Munnings, who once again was my very efficient manager. It has been a tough year for Lindy and she has never faulted, and I'm extremely appreciative of this, thank you Lindy. Another mention must be made of Marie Farrow who assisted with most training, managed the Bunbury Carnival and has always had a listening ear for me to bounce ideas off. Thanks also to our very able umpires Dylan Forbes and Taleisha Power. Finally to Tim, who will never be forgotten for what he brings to the team – LOLLIES! Everyone's favourite.

Maddie Carmody

Maddie is a bright, bubbly girl who is full of enthusiasm. Even though she was our youngest player in the team she took on the challenge of being in the 5/6 A team with all guns blazing. She is a versatile player who has the athletic ability to run out a game in any position. She always provides a strong tackle in defence and will chase back to help her team mates out. In the later part of the season, it was rewarding to see Maddie score her first goal for our team by having her stick down low and deflecting the goal into the back of the net. I wish Maddie all the best for another strong season as a leader in the 5/6 girls next year.

Lucy Cocks

Gorgeous Lucy once again provided the entertainment for our team. It is in her DNA to talk a lot and have as much fun as she can wherever she is, which is very contagious. Being a lefty, Lucy found her niche out on the left side. She provided numerous opportunities in front of the goals and burnt just about anyone in a race for the ball. Once Lucy remembers to TRAP the ball before she does the next thing, I'm sure she will be scoring multiple goals each game. I can't wait to watch Lucy's development over the next few years as she has the potential to be a very influential player.

Kate Cowan

Kate is our little dynamo powerhouse up front. She gets fire in the belly and strives to score at every opportunity. She has created many scoring chances this year, including two hat tricks for herself in our games against WASPS and Vic Park. One thing Kate needs to work on in the off-season is her hitting and limiting the amount of "Windys" she executes during a game. If Kate gets on top of this, she is going to be a real threat in the attacking circle. Unfortunately during the season, Kate sustained a back injury, which saw her miss 6 weeks of training and games. It was a credit to her dedication to the team turning up each week and encouraging the girls from the sidelines.

Kate Edwards (MINI)

On first impressions you would think Mini is a quiet, meek little girl given her stature but after our first session I realised how wrong I was. Mini has personality oozing out of her pores, often providing small "one liners" to keep us entertained. Mini became our little pocket rocket, who bamboozled the opposition by appearing from nowhere and making a timely tackle. Many teams underestimated Mini's strength, determination and ability to read the play. Although Mini was very solid in defence, she loved to play up the field, and had numerous opportunities this year. This proved she is a versatile player who has a lot of potential to succeed in the sport she loves.

Girls 5/6A (Contd)

Georgia Farrow (GEORGE)

Georgia continued to show her determination to succeed this season, by mastering the hit out on short corners, to providing us with the drive we needed on the right hand side of the field. Early on in the season Georgia featured consistently on the scoreboard, which was a credit to her presence on the forward line. Georgia has the focus and work ethic to continue to develop her hockey skills but needs to be confident in her abilities and not be too hard on herself when things don't go the right way. Georgia is going to be an asset to any team she plays for in the future and I wish her every success going forward.

Ivy Filmer

Ivy our "Little Miss Consistent" manages to produce a great game week in week out. When Ivy plays she does the simple things well – tackles strongly, not fancy with her skills and distributes the ball to a leading player. Ivy always listens to instruction and puts it into play, which is a coach's dream. This makes Ivy a good role model for her peers as she sets the benchmark for listening at training, learning from it and committing to it. I'm sure Ivy will progress into a very good player. I wish her all the best for her future in hockey.

Chloe Forbes

Chloe is a talented, determined player which will see her play at the highest level on numerous occasions, because she sets herself a goal and will do everything in her power to achieve it. She is the workhorse of the team, who will push herself to the limit to score a goal or defend a ball in deep defence. This year saw Chloe have a change in position, which wasn't too popular to begin with. Once she realised she could still score from the halfback line she relished in the decision and ended up playing for the State Schoolgirls in the same position. Chloe should be congratulated on her achievements this year being our team's highest goal scorer, making the State Schoolgirls team that travelled to Hobart in August and receiving the accolades of being named Vice Captain of this team. An outstanding year and I wish Chloe the best of luck for all your hockey dreams!

Saoirse Hanavan

Saoirse, our quiet achiever, has had an outstanding season having played the most of it at centre half. She always seems to be in the right position to make a timely tackle or intercept. Her distribution of the ball has improved as the season went on, which played an integral part in our forwards attacking the goals. She is always cool, calm and controlled under pressure, and has shown she has the ability to succeed further with her hockey by making the State Schoolgirls team that travelled to Hobart in August. Saoirse has stepped up this year and become a good role model for her peers. Her actions on and off the field should be commended. Keep working hard Saoirse as you have a bright future ahead.

Erin Miller

Erin, being a new member of our team, was embraced by her team mates and in turn flourished in the maroon and white. Her favourite catch phrase was "Am I Fullback?" and yes she was. She played as our ever-reliable fullback for most of the season. Erin read the play extremely well, limiting the opposition and their attempts of reaching the circle. She had the knack of appearing in the right position when needed. Erin is not a showy player but gets the job done with basic skills and good distribution. I wish Erin all the best with her hockey and hope she continues to get enjoyment out of the sport.

Georgia Munnings (GM)

Georgia - our speed demon could chase down anyone in her sights. Her athletic ability is an asset to her hockey. She is able to run in any position on the field and still come off looking fresh – obviously I didn't run her hard enough! She is also one of the most well mannered children I've come across which is a credit to her and her parents. Georgia has had the opportunity to play in various positions this season, although I still believe the best hockey she plays is in defence. She has a calm approach about her which helped steady the team when we were under pressure. I wish Georgia all the successes she deserves in her future years.

Girls 5/6A (Contd)

Georgia Needham (NEEDY)

Needy was another new player to the team this year, who fitted into the group really well. Being so friendly, polite and full of energy, it was never going to be an issue. She has also been our biggest improver, which is a credit to her work ethic at training and acceptance of instruction. Needy found her niche on the forward line having played in just about any position thrown at her. In the later part of the season her skills began to shine and her distribution of the ball became more effective. She became a threat in the circle, becoming dangerous whenever near the ball. If Needy can refine her hitting she will become a more prominent scorer. Keep working hard Needy and when you eventually grow into those long arms and legs it will all click.

Chloe Power (COCO)

Coco is our ever reliable goalie who has had an outstanding season having only had 3 goals scored against her. She has dedicated a lot of extra time and effort into perfecting the skills required to be a successful goalkeeper. This year she has noticeably become more proficient in her clearances of the ball, and her calling of players into the correct positions. Coco has been a delight to coach – often entertaining us with her goalie moves and funny one liner's. She never shys away from getting involved in all the training drills, having quite often competed in drills with her goalie pads on and working twice as hard as the field players. I hope to see Coco progress in this position and be rewarded for all her efforts.

Ella Redman

Ella is another one of our speedy girls who could chase down anything in her sights and over run them. She has proven to be a versatile player, having played in any position I have asked her. When she plays defensively she reads the play well and executes a terrific stopping tackle to win the ball. In the later part of the season, Ella proved she can hold down the centre half position and transfer the ball to her team mates, opening up both sides of the field. On top of her hockey prowess Ella has managed to juggle her Basketball commitments and I am ever grateful for her dedication to the sport. Good luck with your future sporting challenges Ella – I'm sure you will be successful in whichever sport you choose.

Thanks for another great season 5/6 A girls.
One day I hope to see you all wearing the maroon and white in our premier league women's team.

I wish you all the best for the 2015 season.

Gemma Cowan - coach



Girls 5/6A Reserve

If there was a competition for putting into practice what the coach teaches you at training, these girls would be world champions!! The girls should be very proud of the way they have improved as a team and as individuals over the season. At the time of writing this, we sit 4th on the ladder, but we have only been beaten once, have beaten or drawn with all the teams above us and only conceded 5 goals (the next best is 11). Our defence was outstanding, allowing us to attack with freedom and towards the end of the season we started to find the goals. Well done girls. You have developed brilliantly, played as a team and have had great fun. I know I have. Thanks to Glen and Sarah for all their help over the season and a special thanks to Siti for being the most awesomest team manager!

Eveleigh Arthur

Our super goalie!! The fact that we have had only had 5 goals scored against us shows that when you were needed, you did your job, and did it perfectly. Keep on 'keeping' and make sure you get out on the field too, as your skills as a defender are developing beautifully. Well done Ev.

Emily Billingham

No matter what position you played, I could see that you were always doing what we did at training. Whether it was getting the ball on the wings and running the goal line, or getting the ball wide from full back, or getting into a scoring position at centre forward, you were fantastic. Your play at right wing to be in position to receive from the half backs, beat a defender and then run deep with the ball was a joy to watch as a coach. Top season Em.

Lana Christie

Another member of our indefatigable midfield. You would run and run and run and then run some more. I remember one game against the top team where you fought off the entire opposition for 5 minutes...and won! You are a real fighter and your skills have developed to another level this year. I really enjoyed watching you try new things, like reverse stick passing, during games. Lana is a player to watch out for in the future.

Olivia Farrell

Full back, half back, inner, wing, centre forward! Is there a position I didn't play you this season? As a coach, it is a great asset to have players that you can put anywhere on the field and know that they are going to do their job well, and you are one of those players! Thank you for being so flexible and so willing to listen to improve your hockey. Well done Olivia.

Tannah Growdon

Another member of our midfield engine room. I have loved watching Tannah develop into a hard working midfielder whose creative passing and strong running off the ball sets up other players to score. Your running ability and your tenacity will take you a long way in hockey Tannah. Well done on a great season.

Evie McCormack

As a speedy forward, Evie played at wing or centre forward most of the season and used her pace to attack down the wings or get into a scoring position. The difference between the start of the season and the end was remarkable and just shows how hard you worked at training and how well you put what you learned into practice during games. Top work Eve.

Girls 5/6A Reserve

Grace McCormack

With pace to burn, Grace was instrumental in scoring goals. Your speed and reading of the play got you into such dangerous positions on the field and you were rewarded with heaps of opportunities for scoring. Your willingness to train hard and follow instructions in games was first class and I look forward to seeing your name on the top goal scorers list in the future! Great stuff Gracie.

Sophia Moncrieff

Well Gloria, it's been a hoot! Not only are you the funniest player I have ever coached, you are an awesome defender that gets the ball from the opposition pretty much every time they try to get past you. And your hitting is sensational. When you got that ball in our attacking 'D' it was, 'look out goals' and when we needed it out of our defence, your hitting was just what we needed. Thanks for all the laughs and the top hockey Soph!

Olivia Patton

I remember one of the opposition coaches remarking – 'that girl is everywhere!', and you were. You run so hard and fight so hard for the ball that it seems like you are everywhere! As the season progressed, your positional play improved so much that you became an even more dangerous player, as you got yourself into positions to score and to link with the halves and forwards to get us into attack. Great season Oli.

Saysha Pillay

The tackle master! You get so low that no-one can get past you and I was particularly proud of the way you never gave up. You shut down the opposition's right hand side every week and ran hard to get back into defence to help when it was needed. I see a great hockey future for you Saysha. Congratulations!

Shaya Pillay

You really blossomed into a superb reader of the play and a brilliant defender that just kept on taking the ball away from the opposition and getting it out wide to our half backs and wings. You are such a skilled and dependable defender, whichever team you are in next year will be lucky to have you! Fantastic season Shaya and congrats on getting into Como Hockey!

Mikaela Spires

One of our running machines. Mikaela, you never stop working and I loved the way you turned and chased when we lost the ball. You gave us an extra attacker and an extra defender every game, as you worked so hard both ways. You have a serious amount of hockey skill and thank you for being so ready to play any position. Thanks Mikaela.

Mathilda Swan

As Gru said, 'liiiiiiiight buuuuuulb'!! This was a breakout year for Tilde who not only took her own hockey to another level, she became one of our most creative half backs and was the catalyst for so many penetrating attacks down the right hand side. Your willingness to play in your position, whatever that position was, makes you an extremely valuable team member. Well done Tilde.

Caitlyn Templeman

Solid, strong and dependable. It was great having you everywhere on the field. Your hitting, tackling and passing was excellent and you popped up when we needed a goal. You run hard and always follow up your work and were always ready to do what the team needed. Great season Caity.

Remember this for next season girls – use AUTOPLAY, Go WIDE and be DESPERATE IN BOTH D'S. Oh and have FUN!

Rohan Swan – 5/6 A Reserve Coach

Girls 5/6B Gold

J5/6B Gold has had an awesome season learning how to win and lose graciously. The team has played some great hockey and shown great sportsmanship. As a coach I was lucky to have a team full of a lot of talent which made coaching a winning team easy. Where we are on the ladder at the end doesn't matter because I know the team did the best they could at the time and a lot of fun was had along the way. Well done girls!

(Dee Murphy)

Zoie Arthur (Thumper)

No one gets past Zoie without a serious fight. Zoie has become more and more confident with each game.

Charlotte Bunn (Gnarly)

Don't let her quiet demeanour fool you Gnarley Charlie knows exactly where to place the ball and picks the gaps out of the back line well. Her versatility has been tried and tested playing most positions on the field because she can and she never complains.

Maeghan Carlsen (Bozo)

Mae is always putting a smile on our faces with her clowning around until you put a ball in front of her and then she becomes totally focused. Mae has a lot talent which, if developed, will make her a very good player.

Nikkola Champion (Champ)

Nikki shows signs of brilliance playing as a strong forward and occasionally in defence. With more self confidence she will do well. Stop over thinking everything Nikki and just go with it.

Milah Chanter (Chatter)

Milah is a fast wing who positions herself well but needs to be more aggressive particularly in the D. This will come with maturity. Chatter and Bozo play well next to each other on and off the field in between the clowning and laughter.

Jana Dixon (Phantom)

Jana is our ghost who only appears on Saturday (Trains with the C's) but is our phantom goal sneak appearing on our goal post like a good wing should. Keep up the good work Jana.

Celia Evans (Seeker)

Celia would run rings around Harry Potter because when Celia seeks the ball she doesn't give up till the ball is back in the forward line. Celia is a excellent half back who's talent is exceptional and she is a rock in our team.

Madelaine Moon (Magic)

Maddy is our last line of defence and has shown us her magic skills many times under pressure in the backline. Maddy always listens and has played as a great fullback when no one else wanted the job. Thanks for your diligence.

Grace Murphy (Mayhem)

Grace is a fast strong halfback whose competitive nature often knocks over her opposition with her sheer strength and determination causing mayhem. Needs to work on hitting which will come with practice.

Ruby Quartermaine (Smasher)

Ruby never cracks under pressure and is our rock in the fullback. Ruby smashes throughout the backline with her powerful hits.

Girls 5/6B Gold (contd)

Sasha Richards (Crash)

Sasha plays a strong left wing but an even a better inner as she is also a strong defensive player. Sasha is a very versatile player who has a great future in hockey. Crash's off the field activities set her back a few weeks so hopefully Sash will stay out of the trees and watch where she rides her bike in the future.

Kiana Studley (Bolt)

Kiana is our goal hungry centre forward who bolts from the centre to goals in seconds. Kiana has a lot of talent which with a tough coach will only get better.

Jordan West (Wild Westie)

Jordan is our gun in the centre who shoots the ball from one side of the field to the other connecting the team together. She is very reliable as a centre half back but needs to work on her hitting in which she lacks confidence. Jordan has been a pleasure to coach and hope she continues to play and improving her confidence with time.

A big thanks to Dees for all the effort she has put in coaching the girls this season and the improvement is clearly evident. Fantastic job. Thankyou from all the girls and parents.



Girls 5/6C Gold (Maroon)

Our team consists of a few experienced players but the majority have come up from grads. The girls have formed a friendly and supportive team and seem to enjoy both training sessions and games. We have noticed that the girls' skills and ability has increased throughout the season and this certainly has been reflected in their standard of play and performance.

They have been coached by Kirra Gauci and Bec Dymond and umpired by Nick Ogilive - all young but very dedicated to the team. The parents have been so impressed by the coaches and their commitment to the team, always on time and never cancelling a training session even when it's freezing cold and wet. Nick has been a professional and reliable umpire, thank you. Nick, Bec and Kirra have role modelled community service to our daughters very well. A big thank you to Kylie Mishra who has supported Bec and Kirra in their role and each week provided personal coaching to the goal keeper.

Tabitha Blechynden (Half or forward line)

Tabitha is a good team player, always keen to join in the game and call for the ball. This year her stick skills have improved.

Natasha Chisholm (Fullback or center half)

Natasha has been our rock this season. She is constantly working on clearing the ball with her beautiful hit up the field. Natasha's skills have improved so much this year.

Lexie Cosgriff (Inner)

Lexie is our perfect inner. She is always running around, wherever the play is, ready to help out her team mates or have a go. Over the season Lexie's strength over the ball has improved.

Charlie Cromb (Wing)

This year Charlie has improved on her stick work and pushing. She is always running around ready for the ball.

Alessandra Flexman (Halfback)

This year Alessandra has been working on her hitting and positioning on the field and she has done very well to improve both. She is a good team player.

Tara Mishra (Inner)

I can't believe how much Tara has improved this year. She is definitely an all rounder on the field, going from fullback to forward.

Grace Morphew (Centre forward)

Grace understands the play well and knows where to position herself. She is always doing runs up the field trying to score.

Kate Silipo (centre forward)

Kate is good at understanding the play and does well to get the ball through the opposition to her teammates.

Lily Somerville (left wing or left half)

Lily has learnt to position herself beautifully, ready to have a run up the field. Her tackles are getting stronger and stronger.

Jasmin Stewart (forward positions)

Jasmin is an awesome forward, always in the right position ready to score goals. She has a lovely hit on her.

Aria Strangio (halfback or fullback)

Aria is very strong over the ball with a perfect push. She works well to keep the play nice and wide whenever the ball comes down our end of the field.

Alex Wheeler (halfback or forward position)

Alex is a very good listener and always enthusiastic to have a good game. She has become very strong over the ball this year and her hitting has really improved.

Ellie Wilson (Forward position)

Ellie is always so happy and eager to learn during training and games. She always has a good run up the field as she is always in a good position to receive the ball.

Girls 5/6C Gold (White)

We started the year with a bit of a motley crew of age and experience. We had girls in year four, five and six; with some who had played at least three years of hockey and a couple who'd just acquired their first hockey stick. It is safe to say that the first few games were a bit like herding cats with a number of our supporters with their head in their hands. But there were also flashes of potential. With the guidance and patience of our coaches, Julie-Ann and Chloe, the Girls 5/6 C (white) slowly developed and we ended up with a tightly bonded, much improved team. Overall the girls have had a fun and successful season.

Elena Bodt (Full Back)

When we could pluck Elena down from the stars she proved to be a good defensive player. Banished from the goals (one too many goalies in the family) I believe her punchy personality and fierceness in defence have the makings of a goalie – sorry Kris! Elena does need to concentrate and focus on the game and she will be rewarded.

Charlise Brown (Half back)

Tenacity paid off for Charlise this year when she really learned to connect with the ball – earning her place in the midfield. She has good stamina and is an enthusiastic team member, she just needs to keep those feet away from the ball. She shuts down her opposition wing leads with determination. Keep at it Charli!

Michelle Brown (Centre Forward)

Michelle's natural tendency to attack and be 'in-the-play' along with a comfort in central orientation saw her spend much of the season at centre forward. She has excellent stamina and well developed stick skills, often spending the whole game in this position. We often pondered why you were in this grade - not that we were unhappy to have you! A great effort this year Michelle, you have a promising future in hockey.

Carys Dsouza (Wing)

Carys is very quiet but does enjoy the team spirit. She was positioned on wing for much of the season (another late-comer) where she learned to push the ball forward and lead. Keep working hard on those skills Carys.

Jazzmyn Green (Fullback)

Jazzmyn came to us late in the season from Kalgoorlie. We only have a handful of games to speak of but she proved to be promising in full back. In the short time we had her she was good at articulating ideas on strategy. Perhaps a future coach? Good luck with next season Jazzmyn.

Georgia Lawrence (Wing / Inner)

Always with a smile and 'hello' Georgia was an absolute delight to have on the team. She spent much of the season out wide having some good leading runs up the wing. Our advice is to just get stuck in Georgia, go hard at that ball and I'm sure your colours will fly.

Jessica Leigh (Centre Half Back)

Jess has great determination and stamina which positioned her naturally at centre half back. She is never afraid of the ball, tackling with gusto. Jess's ability belies her age (our youngest team member). A great future in hockey Jess – just as well with those successful big brothers of yours!

Finnity McHoull (Wing)

Wing oh winger! While we did move her around during the earlier games of the season, Finnity simply shone through on the Wing. Finnity has learned the position extremely well. She knows how to lead well up the line and get the ball right into that D. She is always on the post to knock in that ball. Good luck next season Finnity, we know you will do well.

Shannon Miller (Full / half back)

Being very quiet, Shannon flies beneath the radar but she has proved an excellent listener who then executes a defensive position with her full effort. When she connects with the ball, whoa betide anyone in the way, making her solid in either half or fullback. Good luck next year Shannon.

Girls 5/6C Gold (White) (contd)

Ellie Polglase (Inner)

Ellie is a forthright, no messing around kind of girl so we think when she 'gets' something she doesn't have to be told twice. Around halfway through the season she started scoring goals and hasn't stopped since. We have no doubt you will go a long way with your hockey (with or without those bribes from Dad). Oh and we like your cupcakes too!

Alex Rolls (Inner / half back)

Enthusiastic Alex, always super-keen to get stuck in. Not afraid to speak her mind and ask for positions or to be subbed on, the coaches were kept on their toes. Alex has come a long way this season. She has harnessed her desire to be in-the-play (at all times!) and learned the importance of position play. Her hitting has improved immensely.

Lily Skipsey (Full Back)

Lily has a natural tendency to defend. A solid effort in fullback, she just needs to relax and concentrate on connecting with the ball when awarded a free hit. Funny and entertaining, Lily was a character to have on the team.

Piper Sumich (Inner/ Half back)

We were given a girl with a broken ankle who we didn't see for the first three or four weeks of the season. Piper is polite and dedicated with a thirst to win. She listens to guidance and turned out to be an amazing asset to the team – this, her first year playing hockey! Piper you have a great future ahead of you in hockey – stay with it.

Anna Thomson (Inner/ Half back)

Anna is a delight to have aboard, always with a smile and keen to learn and impress. She played halfback and inner with equal knowledge and execution of the positions. She must learn to look up at where she is channeling the ball and she will be a great asset to any team.

Every year we cast our minds back to what we started with at the beginning of the season and what the end result looked like and think 'that's why we do this'. There's no bigger reward as a coach than seeing the girls develop individually and to sync as a team.

A final big thank you to **Kath Polglase** – our Team Manager who made sure we were at the right place, on time and filling out all those bits of paperwork most of us don't even know about amongst other issues that arise with managing a team. Maybe she will step into the coaches shoes next season?!

Boys 5/6A

The team started the year with most players playing together for the first time. Over the course of the year the team developed cohesion and worked together against the opposition. While being a particularly tough year as far as the ladder went, the growth in the boys, from their skills and understanding of the game through to their maturity in training and on the field was a credit to their determination and persistence.

Harry Bilclough (Left half Back)

Harry has made the halfback position his own. Harry's confidence and skills have grown over the course of the season.

Levi Cosgriff (Centre Half)

Pocket Rocket Levi, when not helping push the ball forward into attack from the centre forward position moonlighted as a dependable full back.

Lachlan Drake-Brockman (Full Back)

Our resident part time footballer, Lachlan joined Ethan in the last line of defence at full back. Lachlan's hits were able to pierce the opposing press, clearing the ball through to our forward line.

James Drayton (Goalie)

James at times wanted to be free from wearing the goalie gear. However he resisted the urge and saved us from many a goal.

Osca Edwards (Inner)

Osca's natural talent for Hockey was observed during grading and even though it was his first season, his understanding and skills of the game grew rapidly over the season.

Ethan Elliott (Full Back)

Ethan has developed over the season into a reliable determined full back. Not shy of a challenge, Ethan was known to play wing in the second half of the season.



Boys 5/6A (contd)



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Callum Flynn (Centre Forward)

Callum settled well into the role of Centre Forward, doing his best to not only score goals, but coordinate the forward line in order to maintain the ball in our attacking zone.

Ben Harel (Inner)

Ben was a ball of energy around the field. When not playing Inner, Ben was playing Centre Forward, scoring goals along the way.

Dylan Harris (Inner)

Dylan has worked hard all season and has developed into a strong dependable midfielder.

Daniel Hyde (Inner)

Daniel was our second ball of energy, bringing life and challenging the opposition in whatever position he was playing.

Brandon Lawrence (Right Half Back)

Brandon was our road block moonlighting as a silent assassin. Opposition players would approach him unsuspecting the fate that was about to befall them.

Daniel Moulin (Centre Half / Wing)

Daniel's determination and skills made him a valuable player for the team. Playing Centre Half or Wing, Daniel scored many goals throughout the season.

Michael Odingo (Right Wing)

Michael was a dependable Right wing, his skill on the ball helping drive the ball forward into attack.

Boys 5/6B Gold

This was a great season for the boys. They maintained a strong team ethos and worked together well. The season started with a focus on individual positions and roles, and developed into moving forward as a team, calling, leading, defensive structures and short corner structures. The boys were competitive in every game and were rewarded with regular wins and success on the scoreboard. They supported each other well in defence and attack.

Special thanks go to our first aid volunteer Kristi Rant and our two umpires Abi Bell and Liam Metcalf. Your work throughout the season is appreciated. Also thanks to all the parents for their support and assistance during the season.

Riley Barraclough (Forward & Half Back)

Riley's commitment to winning the ball through his sheer determination is second to none. With this persistence and improvement in his stick work, he is a formidable opponent who invariably comes out with the ball.

Angus Bell (Full & Half Back)

Angus always comes ready to play every Saturday. Throughout the season he has doggedly defended the full and half back line, never giving up until he wins the ball.

Dylan Bradshaw (Forward)

Dylan is a deceptive forward who fires up when he can 'smell' a goal. In these situations he is able to read where the opponents are and hatches a plot to manoeuvre into a goal shooting position. This has resulted in him being acknowledged as one of the top goal scorers across the competition.

Jeremy Gribble (Half Back)

Jeremy is such a hard working player that he would ask to be taken off, on some occasions, due to exhaustion. Over this year his skills have developed and he is now able to apply a variety of tackles depending on the situation.

Maxwell Harler (Forward & Half Back)

Max has floated between the forward and half back line over the season with great success. Always focused on the ball, he quite often comes out the victor when it comes to tackling battles.

Kayne Holyoake (Forward)

Kayne is a highly skilled player who has added depth to the forward line. Over the season these skills have given us the edge over many teams. He loves to 'jink' his way down the field and has a wicked hit when he connects.

Joshua Hood (Goalie)

Josh has had mixed opportunities throughout the season due to our superiority in some games. He has, however, made some brilliant saves and has learnt how to boss the back line around to ensure our defence is well structured and covering every opponent.

Andrew Metcalf (Forward)

Andrew played predominantly as an inner and left wing throughout the season. He was our reliable short corner hitter from the baseline and was quick to position himself on the post with devastating effect.

Riley Miguel (Half Back)

Riley has been a very effective half back throughout the season. He has not only been a tackling 'machine' but also thoughtful in his delivery and passing to our forward line.

Bailey Owen (Forward & Half Back)

Bailey loves to play up front and sneak behind the opposition to score goals. He's worked hard all season to improve his skills and is a much valued player.

Boys 5/6B Gold (contd)

Benjamin Parker (Forward & Half Back (Captain))

Ben has been a truly fantastic captain throughout the season, as he has lead by example, showing a total commitment to every game. He is not only a reliable and formidable defender but also a wonderful inner that senses when the defence is off guard and is able to manoeuvre his way to a goal shooting opportunity.

Daniel Parker (Forward, Full & Half Back)

Daniel has been the ultimate all round player who has performed equally well in the back line and the forward line. He's a great team player and works hard to fold back behind our defence.

Zachary Swinton (Forward & Half Back)

Zach has been a flexible player who has worked equally well in the forward and half back line. In the forward line he shows an ability to read the play and passes effectively to his team mates. In defence he is adept at harassing opponents until they give up the ball.

Jack Williams (Forward, Full & Half Back)

Jack started off the season playing in the forward line but as the season progressed his excellent stick work and ability to think under pressure showed that he was very useful as a full or half back.

Thomas Williamson (Full & Half Back)

Tom is the ever reliable half and full back who invariably out smarts his opponent by carefully reading their play and placing the perfect tackle at the perfect time. This is then followed up by some fantastic passes which show an advanced level of reading forward play.

It's been a pleasure to be involved with this team this season. They are a great bunch of boys with a great deal of potential, and supported by a fantastic group of parents. Hopefully we'll see them all back for Summer 7s and the 2015 season.

Phil Bradshaw (coach) and Joe Metcalf (manager).

Boys 5/6C Gold

The Melville White boys finished the season in fine form, with the top of the table position. The team matured over the short season to be an integrated, cooperative, cohesive unit with an appreciable depth of talent. The boys conceded only one game during the season and consistently improved from week to week. An asset to the Melville Hockey Club, they demonstrated unerring sportsmanship and conduct, presenting a superb example to each other as well as the teams they met. As well as having an amazing team on the field every week, special thanks to Paul Steele and Jay McMahon, as the team coaches who knew how to get the best from the boys on the pitch. To Keith McGahren, as the Manager for organising the team every week (We all loved your weekly reports). And finally the parents for getting the boys to training and preparing them for game day (as well as the enthusiastic cheering from the side lines).

Brodie Abrahams

Once Brodie had the ball and ran towards the opposition defence he was unstoppable. Brodie's speed and skills on the pitch were exceptional. Brodie impressed spectators with his ability to carry the ball past the opposition defence before laying off to a player in the D or slotting it himself. A key player to the team.

Joe Birmingham

Showed solid leadership in the defence and contributed to the team having the lowest number of goals conceded. Well done, robust performance throughout the season. Joe's powerful accurate hits made it possible to penetrate back into the opposition's 25 quickly from the defence.

Joseph Bunn

Joe showed an aptitude for great work in the backline. Reliable and unflappable as the last man in defence and consistent in his ability to turn the opposition's attack. Excellent composure under pressure.

Andrew Goddard

By the end of the season Andrew proved to be a fierce defender, as the oppositions' attacks were usually thwarted in their efforts to get past Andrew. Andrew demonstrated some of the best "tagging" we have seen for a long time and developed into an invaluable player in our game strategy. During Andrew's inaugural year his rapid growth in skills and confidence has been impressive.

James Latto

James' level-headed confidence in goals was a key to him only conceding six goals over the season (the lowest in the competition). Joe provided some great saves throughout the season. An invaluable contribution to the team.

Nicholas Massie-Taylor

Nicholas showed an enthusiasm and passion for the game which made our coaching such a pleasure. You always listened and showed excellent focus in the game. Four goals was only part of the tireless contribution to the team's performance, particularly carrying the attack from the midfield. Enjoy what we expect will be a flourishing Hockey future.

Boys 5/6C Gold (contd)

Daniel McGahren

Dan is one of our best tacklers. Courageous and skilful in going in for the ball, Daniel showed resolute hunger for retaining the ball off any opposition. Daniel demonstrated great passing and assisted in scoring numerous goals. His confidence grew through the year and will be a valuable asset to next year's team.

Julian McMahon

Julian has skills and ability beyond his years and could be found contributing to all aspects of the game, putting a couple of goals in during the season as well as a spirited performance through the midfield. Always a pleasure to see Julian smiling and infectious enthusiasm at training. An excellent team player.

Ritvij Roy

Despite being the junior of the team Ritvij's stick skills are impressive. He showed great application and it was evident during training and in the game that you had been practicing at home which, for the coaches, is great to see. Ritvij will have a fine Hockey career. Despite being new to Melville Club, Ritvij made a huge effort to be a consistent contributor to the team.

Corey Rynvis

Always a pleasure to have around at training. Corey showed a depth of skill that is ahead of his age, and is an invaluable and consistent contributor to the team. The Coaches pushed Corey to do things on the pitch because of their confidence in his ability and Corey didn't disappoint. We see a great hockey future for you.

Jack Steele

The team's (and competition's equal) leading goal scorer, we couldn't win without you. Some fantastic goals. Always a pleasure to watch from the side lines. Jack was fearless in striking distance of the goal, and developed into the go-to guy at the end of an attack. It was terrific to see Jack develop from scoring his first goal to being a consistent scorer.

Daniel Wallington

Daniel was the hallmark of reliability and strength in defence. He impressed the coaches with the way he was consistently poised, head-up looking for players to pass to and his ability to read the game skilfully. A Great team player!!

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