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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		
W. Hudson	2014		

Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

Club Administration 2015

Patron	Mr Russell Aubrey, Mayor, City of Melville
Vice Patrons	Wally Meacock (Life member) Colin West (Life member)
President	Gary Bowater
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Life Member Coordinator	Colin Willis
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Equipment Officer	Mark Rayfield
Uniform Officer	Tracey Hunt
Bulletin Editor	Brad Wake
Games Records	Rob Walker
Windelya Sports Assoc. Representative	Barry Hancock

President's Report

Welcome and it is a pleasure once again to be your club president for season 2015. This year had many challenges and the committee managed to deal with them in a professional and friendly way. The club has had a mixed year with some areas improving and some areas not quite up to par:

- Top Squad Men** We did not make finals as expected. The building process is improving and we look forward to a better season 2016. Russell Lee will be coaching next year and Charlie Gaudoin has decided to step down this year. We thank Charlie for all the years of loyal service and as a MOFTA member expect to see him around the club in a more social sense.
- Top Squad Women** We did not make finals as expected and there was not the team harmony as in previous years. A tough year for Scott Hughes the coach. Scott will be stepping down this year. We thank Scott for his coaching in a tough year for him and wish him all the best for the future.
- Senior Men** Had a reasonable year with Premier 2 team shining as minor premiers. This team seems to put it together every year. Well done coaches and guys.
- Senior Women** Had a really good year with teams making finals. Turf time slots were much improved and Premier 2 making it high in the grade which is a big turn around. All teams have done well and made finals.
- Juniors** Have had a good year but with noted improvements. In saying that, there have been many of our young stars picked in state, regional and invitation 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.
- Our Junior Development Program was stepped up with the introduction of a Junior Development Officer and now we have our own "Train the trainers" manual for Melville Hockey.
- We are in many schools now coaching and introducing juniors to hockey and Melville City Hockey Club. This project is increasing to a point where we need more equipment and coaches. It is really growing.
- Hook in 2 Hockey** While numbers are steady, we believe this is cyclic. So need a bit more work in this area. We had about 180 kids this year and hope to improve. The program is still second to none in fun and value. A great year by H in 2 H and Well done to Matt Read the Coordinator.
- Men's Vets** Are very strong with all grades showing good numbers. This year it was noted that 50s moved through the grades and 40s came into 50s. We still see growth in this area.

President's Report (contd)

- Ladies Vets/Masters Seem stable but did have improved playing times on turf this year. We hope that this good attendance will continue and improve.
- Volunteers We struggled with the kitchen numbers this year but thanks to some late entry volunteers, managed to make it all happen. A great effort by those ladies. Thanks to Maureen Welten and the crew.
- Club Functions beneficial to the operation Undertaken or introduced 2014 were:**
- Junior Coordination More work did occur and will continue 2016. Baseline training, Junior Coordination through Coaches and HPP program to be coordinated.
- Women's Turf Schedule Good times were achieved and we had a program for the club Seniors by end of October.
- The Pride Became even more relevant in our club weekly life. A lot of compliments coming back on this newsletter. We do have a requirement for more articles though not just the same people writing each week.
- 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.
- Bar Procedures Documented and Totally upgraded by Nicola Ogden and running per all legal and standard business requirements. A great year for the bar and thanks to Nicola for a great job. Nicola is also retiring this year. Good luck to Andrew Criddle who is now taking up the reins.
- Head Coaches Contracts All coaches are under detailed contracts with mid year reviews built in and option clauses included. All these occurred. We expect improvement with player reviews already in progress.
- MYOB Club Accounting System implemented in a Cloud format and still a work in progress but starting to come into a world of its own. This will assist with budgets, costing and identifying cost and profit centres. Has grown a lot and still needs a little work.
- Uniform Shop A big year coming up but functioning normally.
- Club Uniform Change Senior Men uniforms upgraded and phase two initiated in the uniform changeover process. Still a big job and major orders to go in soon.
- T2 Progress More will come from Hans but we are still negotiating and working on several models with CoM. Still unfortunately a bit more work to do. Frustrating at present but will be rewarding in the future.

President's Report (contd)

Portable Changerooms This process is still moving forward with planning approval given by the CoM. Next is the money to be received from CoM and building to move forward. We have set up a business structure to do this.

Volunteers Did I say thank you to the wonderful volunteers which run our club on a daily basis. We do need more help. So please don't be scared to put your hand up. You are not only helping the club but the camaraderie you form in these groups is invaluable.

Wyndelya Led by Barry Hancock, continues the great relationship with our Cricket Club friends. It is a good working group making headway in all directions. Barry retires this year and thanks must go out for a wonderful job.

Sponsors The sponsor group has grown again this year which you may have noticed by the signs going up all over the place. Led by Peter Oudejans this fine group of corporate citizens have really contributed this year to allow us to run the club, programs and set up for more in the new season. I thank them from all of the club.

Turf We welcome Hans Geers as new Turf Chairman and their committee group. Club and Turf are working well together and we look forward to an even better year coming up.

We look forward to a good year and season 2016 and feel like we have an improved platform to continue with club development in many areas, but to name some: Junior Development; Facility upgrades - Change rooms; Further progress on T2 in conjunction with Turf; Uniform upgrade; IMG implementation and just all round good hockey.

We are once again so fortunate to have such a good committee and I cannot thank them enough for all the work they do. It is enormous the work done and at times truly inspirational.

Thank you to all.
Gary Bowater
Club President.

Finance & Sponsorship Report

2015 has been a good year in terms of sponsorship where we lost a few but gained some new sponsors. Please remember, our long term sponsors need our support if we want them to continue to help us.

FINANCE

The financial position of the club continues to stay strong through the excellent financial management by our hardworking treasurer Louise Dixon, Cheri Bowater who has been assisting Louise and of course our President Gary Bowater. A big thank you once again to all three of you. Remember that the club's financial position is also dependant on the working efforts of volunteers. This includes the kitchen (Maureen in particular), bar(Nicola) 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 continue to have sponsors in our club who give and give and give because of their love for the club, hockey and its community. Special thanks go to Andrew and Jodi Reynolds for their great 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 2015 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

Pulse Realty – Sue and Graham Rayner - Platinum Sponsor

Poolwerx Applecross – Steve Burn and Brett Jorgensen - Platinum Sponsor

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

Finance & Sponsorship Report (Cont)

Western Irrigation – Andrew and Nicola Ogden – Gold Sponsor

Old Bridge Cellars – Gold Sponsor

Kenwick Auto Electrics – Steve Silvey – Gold Sponsor

Satalyst – Todd Elliott – Gold Sponsor

Melville Mitsubishi – Mario Scarpel - 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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All Sports Trophies – Jan and Bob Davies – Bronze Sponsor

Forbes Photography – Teresa Forbes – Bronze Sponsor

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 2016.

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. Special thanks to Killa and Stick (Ashley, not Timmel) for all of the real work, while I get to do all of the fun HockeyWA stuff...

To say we had a tumultuous off-season would be an understatement. I have no desire to revisit the events of last September/October, so I will simply say that change is never easy, and while there are some things I wish had happened differently, the end result - an off-field team of Russell Lee, Charlie Gaudoin and Johnson Orr – has been fantastic to work with. I would also like to add a final acknowledgement of the contribution to the Club of Peter Freer – due to timing I was unable to do that in last year's report.

On-field, our results were not what we wanted in the 1's, but there is enough talent in our group to be able to quickly get back to where we need to be. We need some astute recruiting to bolster our striking ranks, and to help our younger strikers to develop quickly into scoring threats at the top level. We know what we need to do, and we will work to make that happen.

Again, to repeat a sentiment from last year's report, we must improve the quality of our Juniors as they come into the Senior grades, and 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.

On field results have been good through the grades, and most importantly we have picked up in numbers and eliminated many of the issues of sides playing short. Thanks to all the managers through the grades, led by Stick, for their help though the year in getting teams on the park each week. It appears at this point, given numbers and the juniors coming up, that we will have an extra men's side next year, taking us up to 9.

Finally, thanks to my hockey widow wife Janice, for still putting up with me being absent for winter...after all these years. Sadly for her I am stepping off the committee next year, and won't be coaching Juniors, so she will have to put up with me more than usual in 2016.

Cheers all.

Gavin
Vice President - Men

Senior Administration Report - Women

2015 for the MCHC women has certainly been a learning experience and a rollercoaster for Lauren and myself. A successful previous season in Melville Toyota League saw a large number of new and returning players to Melville this year, allowing us to add an extra turf team. At the time of writing, we have 4 teams out of the 7 looking to play finals which is a great result for the women's group.

For our Melville Toyota League women, this season saw a new coach and assistant coach in Scott Hughes and David Orr, and 8 new players join the club and Melville Top Squad. It took the MTL ladies a few weeks to get some wins on the board but had some great results through the middle of the season, taking out last year's grand finalists and having a draw with the 2014 premiers. With a couple of rounds to go the MTL ladies are looking close to playing off for promotion/relegation but I am confident the group will finish the season strong and we will see the ladies competing in MTL again next season.

Our MTL squad this season is again made up of a large number of home grown juniors, including this year's captain Briony Clark. A special mention goes to juniors Monique Miller and Molly Hagen who made their MTL debut's this season.

The support team of the MTL squad has done an amazing job yet again. Di Silvey has been a fantastic MTL manager over the past few years, and this season she was supported by Chloe Carter on game days. Thanks ladies for all your support. John de Bes, our fitness coach, again put together one of the best pre-season programs. Thank you John for another great year. Thanks also go to Pulse Realty, Westat Mining Solutions and Hockey International for their sponsorship and ongoing support of our top squad this season. A final thanks must go to Steve Silvey for all your guidance and support in the planning and early stages of this season, your knowledge and passion for the club is truly amazing and a great asset to Melville.

We had great state representation again this season and congratulations go to the following WA state representatives for 2015:

Aimee Clark – Under 21s

Briony Clark – Under 21s

Preah Hetherington – Under 21s and WA Diamonds

Emma Fleay – WA Country

The Premier 2 ladies had a very tough start to the season and about 6 rounds in, looked in a position of possible relegation. From this point the ladies strung a few wins together and turned their season around. With 2 rounds to go the ladies are a good finals chance and it's great to see so many of our home grown juniors having the opportunity to compete and develop in our Premier 2 grade. Sean Ranford and Josh Byrne-Quinn lead the Premier 2's as coaches and did a great job getting the team from where it was last season, to where we are today. To Don Miller, thank you again for supporting both the 2's and the 3's, we always appreciate your assistance. Denise Miller was the 2's manager and 'team mum' this season and did such an amazing job. Thanks Ramma, Josh, Denise and Don for all your support.

Senior Administration Report - Women (contd)

Our Premier Alliance ladies have had a great season and should finish the season in 2nd position. This is the first time in a number of years our 3s have successfully made finals, and is a great credit to our junior program, with the majority of the team playing some or all of their junior careers with Melville. Coaches for the 3s this season were Ross Hall and David Odgen and both have added so much to the team. Without you guys, the team wouldn't have been as successful so thank you for all your hard work and support. The manager this season was Maddie Dawe. Thanks Mads for everything, you did a great job at keeping everyone in line.

Our Provisional 2 Black team (or as I call them, 'The Dream Team') have by far been the most impressive and successful of our women's teams this season. Prior to pre-season, Lauren and myself set coach Chris Morrison the goal of finishing the season top of the ladder and pushing for promotion to Provisional 1 in 2016. The 4s finished the regular season recording only 1 loss and 1 draw and scoring 68 goals which is an outstanding effort. The 4s team this season certainly exceed expectations and I am looking forward to great things from this group in years to come. Thank you Morro for your hard work all season and thanks to team managers Sarah Jarvis and Kate Sparkes. I am looking forward to you ladies taking out the grand final in September!

Our Provisional 2 Gold ladies had a tough season, with a mixture of some great wins and not so great losses. Cassie Nicol stepped into the coaching role this season and I really thank you for everything you contributed to the group. Claire Hadley came in as manager this season and kept the team in order, thanks Claire. We saw a number of juniors play through the 5s this season which is always great to see for junior development and the future of the club.

Our Provisional 4 (Gold) team have come such a long way since the start of the season. Lead by coaches Kat Atkinson and Christian Gallagher, I saw this team develop from a group of good individual players to a great team by the middle of the season and continued this beyond. The 6s really became a part of the club nights and events this season, with the 'Spice Girls' quite often being spotted sharing a laugh or two over dinner on a Thursday night. Jasmine Vico took on the manager's role this season and did a great job. Thanks Jaz, Kat and Christian for all your contributions this season. I am looking forward to seeing this team stick together next season and growing as a group.

The Metro 1s ladies made finals once again this season under the guidance of Jan Davis. The Metros battled a few injuries all season but have come away with some great results throughout the year. Jan has done an amazing job coordinating and coaching this team again this season and I am truly grateful for Jan's ongoing support.

A huge thanks must go to my assistant Lauren Costa, your support all season has been amazing and I really wouldn't have made it through without you around. 2015 as a whole has been a tough but rewarding season and I am looking forward to great things for the women's group moving forward.

Brianna Coleman
VP Womens' Administration

Masters Report - Men

2015 was another bumper year for Mens Masters membership, with four O40s teams, three O50s teams and an O60s team proudly representing the club on field, and sharing great camaraderie after their games each week. Player numbers were generally strong, with good new players adding strength to our teams, while longer term members continued to show great club and team spirit.

On field results were generally good, with five of our eight teams making it through to the first week of the finals - another demonstration of our strength as a Men's Masters club. Good luck for all your finals guys. Whatever the results, we're sure you'll represent our club well, and do Melville proud.

None of this would happen without the background work of a great group of team managers, making sure of everything needed (team numbers, umpires, game ball, etc) prior to each game, submitting results and reports, and maintaining communications within their teams. Thanks for all your efforts guys. Well done, once again.

Thanks are also due to all those who helped out with umpiring, particularly Neil Ashley, who also played a valuable role providing rule change briefings early in the year, backed up with ongoing advice on umpiring matters as they came up through the year. And thanks to our supporters and advisors, particularly the MOFTA group, for their ongoing support and advice, and Thursday training night fellowship.

Most importantly of all, special thanks are due to long-term Mens Masters Co-ordinator, Bruce Cadd, who stepped back into this role at the start of the season, when his nominated 2015 replacement had to pull out through illness. Bruce worked hard to ensure another good start to a Melville Mens Masters season, with team nominations and player lists all fully sorted. Although finally able to retire from his Co-ordinator role after more than five years, a few months into the season, Caddie still maintains a very strong interest in all Masters concerns. Thank you for all your ongoing advice and support, Caddie, in our early days sharing Masters co-ordination needs (now split between O40s and O50s & 60s co-ordinators). Many thanks also, on behalf of all the Mens Masters. You've shown great commitment and passion throughout your years looking after our needs, and done a great job as a result - much appreciated by all.

Andrew Criddle (O40s Co-ordinator) &
Geoff Riley (O50s & 60s Co-ordinator).

MOFTA Report

Once again another season has come and gone. The MOFTA group has had another enjoyable year. Some of us have been away, like Steve and Linda acting like the Leyland Brothers for 3 months. Barry and Christine had a Kimberley trip followed by a cruise. Colin and Christine had 4 weeks in Canada and Alaska. However the volunteer work done by MOFTA members around the club continued and is most appreciated.

Special mention must go to Barry, Tony, Rob, Nicola, Gary, Pat & Steve (just to name a few) for their effort during the year.

We had an emotional induction of Charlie Gaudoin into MOFTA recently. I am sure he was thrilled to join our group and will enjoy joining us for dinner after training. Welcome Charlie.

All the best for our teams in the finals and we will see you all again next year.

Junior Administration Report

New to the role of Junior Co-ordinator, I will report that the year has been a rollercoaster ride for me and certainly my family. I came into the role at the end of the 2014 season where we as a Junior committee had asked for feedback on how things were tracking for our club. From this feedback we decided to focus on a few clear goals for the 2015 season;

- Review of the grading process
- Developing a coaches' manual
- Establishing a support system for coaches at MCHC

During the off-season the Junior Committee worked tirelessly to refine the grading process to come up with the system that we implemented in 2015. As we all know, there is always room for improvement but I think we did a good job of developing a fair system of selection.

In the development of a coaches' manual, the club employed a Junior Development Officer, Jon Smedley. Jon has worked with coaches, presented coaching seminars, created the MCHC Junior Coaches' Manual and run development clinics for our Juniors to refine their hockey skills. Jon has been a very welcome addition to the Junior Committee in 2015.

Our club would not run without a large number of volunteers, and I would like to thank a group of people that I would not have been able to live without during the 2015 season:

Assistant Junior Co-ordinator:	Janine Tate and Chris Cocks
Hook in2 Hockey/Grads Co-ordinator:	Matt Read
Year 5/6 Girls Co-ordinator:	Julie-ann Brown
Year 5/6 Boys Co-ordinator:	Roger Mellor
Year 7/8 Girls Co-ordinator:	Olive Hasselerharm
Year 7/8 Boys Co-ordinator:	Kate Page
Year 9/10 Girls Co-ordinator:	Theresa Rayfield
Year 9/10 Boys Co-ordinator:	Mark Downey
Year 11/12 Girls Co-ordinator:	Stuart Wade and Fiona Power
Year 11/12 Boys Co-ordinator:	Rae Thompson
Equipment Manager:	Mark Rayfield
Junior Coaches Co-ordinator:	Keith Harper
Junior Development Officer:	Jon Smedley
Junior Umpiring Co-ordinator:	Annette Gebauer

A big thank you goes to Jodi and Andy Reynolds, who run our club website, publish 'The Pride' newsletter and maintain our database so that we can all keep up to date with the hockey communication throughout the year. Another person I wish to thank is Rob Walker, who maintains our "games played" and "goals scored" records. This is a huge job and with almost 1000 members, certainly should be commended. As a manager of a team, it is so handy that a First Aid Kit has been expertly put together. A big thank you to Annette Davoren, who has efficiently maintained and stocked the first aid kits throughout the season. I hope you have not had to use them too often! Teresa Forbes, who can not only can take a handy snap of top squad men and women, has also coordinated the ball girls and framed the junior teams photos for the 2015 season. A big thank you to you Teresa.

Jenny Hood and Annette Gebauer were instrumental in the organization of the 2014 Indoor Hoceky season and I would like to extend my thanks to them. After the season proper ends, it is great to know that there are willing volunteers to run with the indoor program. MCHC has many children interested in Indoor hockey and Jenny is already hard at work coordinating the up and coming 2015 season..

Junior Administration Report (Cont)

This year we fielded 23 teams, with 12 boys' teams and 11 girls' teams. During the season, we needed to withdraw the 11/12C team, however this proved to work well for the 11/12 boys and they combined the teams to end up having a very successful season in both A and A Reserve grades. Ten of our junior teams finished in the top 4, in their grade, including two who finished on top of the ladder. Well done to both the 11/12 A Promotion Girls team and 7/8 B Black Boys team who both only had one loss for the season.

To develop our Grads and Hook in 2 Hockey interest in years to come we have become a provider to the Federally funded Sporting Schools Program. A big thank you needs to be extended to Lauren Costa who took on this role earlier this year. It has become bigger than we anticipated with us now running hockey clinics in 5 local primary schools. We are hoping that, with the great coaching and encouragement to join our club we will see a flow of children joining MCHC from this experience.

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

U12 State Schoolgirls:	Jayde Jackson, Georgia Needham
U13 Girls State Team:	Chloe Forbes, Sarah Hasselerharm
U13 Boys State Team:	Zac McKinnon
U15 Girls State Team:	Abi Bell, Neasa Flynn, Molly Hagen, Ash Power, Jo Snyman, Jade Vanderzwan
U15 Boys State Team:	Dylan Forbes, Kyle Potter, Wes Stewart
U18 Men's State Team:	Matt Tate

Taleisha Power and Dylan Forbes represented our club at a National umpiring level this year, Taleisha at the U16, and Dylan at the U12 competition. At a club level we have many juniors who have registered their interest in umpiring and that is a credit to our umpiring program that is coordinated by Annette Gebauer. Annette not only coordinates the junior umpires, but works tirelessly to make sure that they are supported and mentored appropriately. Thank you Annette, for all your efforts with our junior umpire program.

Our attention now turns to the group of people that encourage the kids to remain enthusiastic and passionate about the game of hockey. It was one of our key goals for the 2015 season to provide more support for the coaches. It will remain a key goal moving into 2016, as there are many areas in which we as a Junior Committee can improve. What is great to see are coaches who are positive and provide opportunities for players to have fun. I have observed numerous coaches who aspire to develop confidence in all players and set high expectations for them to reach early in the season. It was great to see coaches commanding respect from players for them as the coach, and for players to be respectful of each other, the opposition and the umpire. The Junior committee thanks each and every person who has coached this season, as to coach a junior team is to give of not only your time, but a little of yourself to every one of the children that you have had in your care.

I would like to thank Janine Tate and Chris Cocks, who have supported me throughout the season. I am immensely proud of what we have achieved this year and what we are planning for the 2016 season.

Finally, thank you to Cam, Abi and Angus who have made it possible for me to fill this role. Cam has been my number one support person and I cherish this.

Emma Bell
Vice-President (Juniors)

Hook in2 Hockey Report

The Hook in2 Hockey and Grads program was a roaring success in 2015. This year we had over 180 kids across 23 teams. There was some obvious talent on show. Who knows... maybe even a future Kookaburra or Hockeyroo. Rain, hail or shine, the enthusiasm of the kids is infectious!

I would like to thank the following for contributing to a successful and fun filled season:

The men's and women's top squads for providing coaching support. Each week four top squad players ran a coaching clinic for a team in the Hook in2 Hockey 1 group. The initiative received great reviews from the coaches, the parents and the players.

To all of the teams **Coaches and Managers** - the program simply cannot function without your support. It is without doubt a fun and rewarding experience but also a week in week out commitment that is very much appreciated.

Thanks to **Guy Dyson** for preparing the team lists and fixtures. Guy makes accommodating 60+ parent's requests and a flurry of last minute registrations look easy.

This year **Todd Elliot** ran a weeknight training session for the Grads, to work on their skills in preparation for the step up to 5/6's next year. Todd also assisted me in coordinating the Grads program.

A huge thank you must go to **Todd Barrett**. Todd took on BBQ coordinating responsibilities this year. From picking up the buns, to cutting up onions, to cooking the BBQ and preparing the BBQ roster, Todd's efforts were phenomenal! The BBQ is a great socialisation point post game as well as a good club fundraiser so Todd's contribution to the program is truly significant. Todd was ably assisted by regular volunteers **Wayne Hudson, Maureen Welton, the Elliott family and Glyn Geen**. Thank you all for your efforts.

And finally to the **parents and players** - thank you so much for your support. I hope you enjoyed the experience and I look forward to seeing you all back next year!

Matt Read
Hook in2 Hockey Coordinator

Melville City Hockey Club

Games Played Awards 2015

600 Games

Lindy Coss

500 Games

Chris Avent
Todd Barrett
Graeme Coleman

400 Games

Peter Dawkins
Brendan Joss
Alan Marshall
Steve McEntee
John Smith

300 Games

Kathryn Atkinson
Allison Hall
Nathan Rowden

200 Games

Tara Bowater
Briony Clark
Christopher Criddle
Stephen Criddle
Brad Potter
Ashley Ranford

100 Games

Ray Achemedi
Melanie Brown
Jenny Coad
Rebecca Dymond
Henry Edwards
Gillian Forbes
Dehlia Goundrey
Molly Hagen
Fraser Hay
Ryan Hyder

Laura Lamb
Leanne O'Sullivan
Jonathan Rayfield
Alex Rayfield
James Ross
Eddie Swan
Conor Thompson
Johnathon Thorn
Jasmine Vico
Andrew Wood

50 Games

Taj Alder
Peta Anderson
Alana Baskerville
Gregory Bloem
Ryan Breuer
Callum Brown
Joshua Byrne-Quinn
Michael Coles
Chloe Corsini
Kate Davoren
Ben Deacon
Bradley Dowie
Annabel Drane
Keifer Dyson
Chloe Forbes
Lisa Gleave

Jay Grimston
Alice Haigh
Saoirse Hanavan
Bryn Hayward
Preah Hetherington
Crystal Hobbs
Jessica Hood
Andrew Howells
Sarah Jarvis
Jacob John
Gabrielle John
David Joseph
Brian Kennington
Michael Lawrence
Patrick Lorraine
Aden Lukan

Phoebe McWhae
Liam Metcalf
Daniel Moulin
Georgia Munnings
Marton O'Sullivan
Mark Rayfield
Michelle Regan
Patrick Rundle
Oscar Sanchez
Jo Snyman
Christopher Soraine
Nia Stevens
Amelia Swan
Sue Totterdell
Kelvin Vester

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 amalgamated in 2012, in the interest of further unifying the club community. The current awards are:

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 are given to the player displaying the most commitment to the team, showing great personal achievement or having shown an outstanding quality deemed by the coach to be deserving of reward.

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

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

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

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

Melville City Hockey Club Inc.

Junior Awards 2015

Division	Fairest & Best	Coach's Award
Girls 11/12A Promotion:	Monique Miller	Natalie Matthews
Girls 11/12B:	Rebecca Dymond	Jemma Thompson
Boys 11/12A:	Jamie Ross	Tony Ziegelaar
Boys 11/12A Reserve:	Will Reynolds	Atle Edgar
Girls 9/10A:	Jo Snyman Ashleigh Power	Annie Drane
Girls 9/10A Reserve:	Isobel Piggford	Alice Haigh
Girls 9/10B Gold:	Hannah Jones	Amy Belke
Boys 9/10A:	Kyle Potter	Tim Dickson
Boys 9/10A Reserve:	Liam Metcalf	Brendan Delaney
Boys 9/10B Black:	Matthew Harrup	Taj Alder
Girls 7/8A:	Neasa Flynn	Georgia Needham
Girls 7/8A Reserve:	Zoe Polglase	Caitlin Bentley
Girls 7/8B Gold:	Samantha King	Alexandra Grant
Boys 7/8A:	Patrick Lorraine	Zachary McKinnon
Boys 7/8B Black:	Thomas Williamson Luke Scatchard	Brandon Lawrence
Boys 7/8C:	Daniel Wallington	Quaide Kieser

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Junior Awards 2015 (Contd)

Division

Coach's Awards

Girls 5/6A:	Caitlyn Templeman	Zoie Arthur
Girls 5/6B Gold:	Abbey Gesmundo	Darcie Farrow
Girls 5/6C:	Alexandra Flexman	Bianca Johnston
Boys 5/6A Promotion:	Lachlan Drake-Brockman	Ethan Elliott
Boys 5/6B Gold:	Eamon Cooper	Riley Stephenson
Boys 5/6C Gold:	Joseph Bunn	Danielle Swinton
Junior Loyalty Awards:	Melanie Brown	Ciara Browne
	Mathew Dixon	Rebecca Dymond
	Henry Edwards	Kirra Gauci
	Hamish Macpherson	Natalie Matthews
	Jonathan Rayfield	Jamie Ross
	Eddie Swan	Matthew Tate
	Jonathon Thorn	
Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy: Most promising junior progressing to seniors		Matthew Tate
David Porter Trophy: Outstanding goalkeeper		Jonathan Rayfield
Ian Halliday Trophy: Highest junior goal scorer		Michael Hellberg
Life Members' Trophy: Junior player displaying most commitment to Club		Matthew Tate Jonathan Rayfield

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Seniors Awards 2015

Club Champion:

Fairest and best - men's top side

Matthew Willis

Club Champion:

Fairest and best - women's top side

Naomi Evans

Hladky-Bayens Award:

Member displaying most commitment to club

Kyle McNess

Caitlyn Ogden Memorial Award:

Brad Wake

Premier 2 Men:

David Richardson

Premier 2 Women:

Monique Miller

Emma Fleay

Premier Alliance Men:

Andrew McIntyre

Premier Alliance Women:

Jess Gallimore

Provisional 1 Men:

Cam Porter

Provisional 2 Gold Men:

Rich Williams

Provisional 2 Black Women:

Morgan Woodforde

Provisional 2 Gold Women:

Jolene Olde

Provisional 3 Black Men:

Jon Colgan

Provisional 3 Gold Men:

Andrew Criddle

Provisional 4 Gold Men:

Tim McEntee

Provisional 4 Gold Women:

Katherine Williams

Metro 1 Women:

Marie Farrow

O40 Midweek Men:

Grant Watton

O35 Division 2 Women:

Susan Clark

O35 Division 4 Women:

Gillian Forbes

O40 Division 1 Men:

Bruce Hancock

O40 Division 2 Men:

Simon Chapman

O40 Division 4 Men:

Carlo Bontempo

O50 Division 1 Men:

Michael Watson

O50 Division 2 Gold Men:

Whole team effort

O50 Division 3 Men:

John Christie

O60 Division Men:

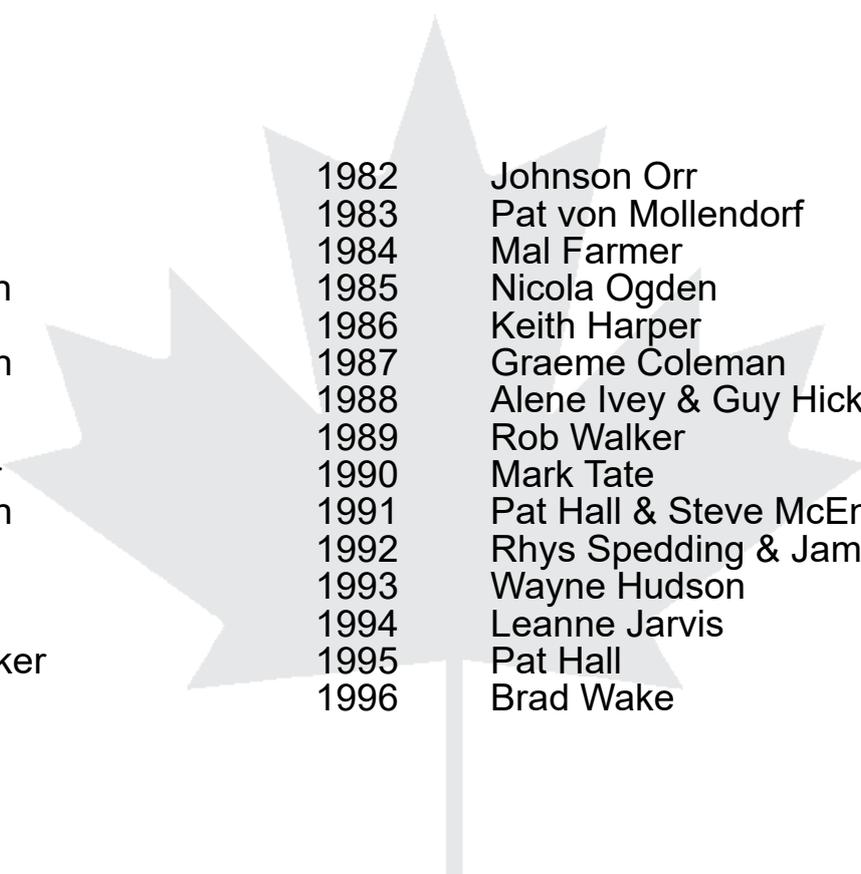
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Melville Turf Inc. Merit Award:

Lachlan King

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
Matt Read, Brianna Coleman	2015
Tracey Hunt, Wendy Jordan, Jane Vickery	

Melville Toyota League - Men

What a season and where do I start?! Had I pictured this 12 months ago - would I have made the choice to take on this challenge... with a bit of reflection and honest doubt here and there through the year; the answer continually came back to YES I would.

Why... because I love the game of hockey and I love the club. Simple. Have I made mistakes? Yes. Have I followed through on some of the details I wanted to in pre-season? In some yes and in others no. I still believe in where we as a squad/team/individuals are going and what we will achieve.

The season has clearly had its ups and downs; change is always hard and we introduced a new set of standards (on and off the pitch), a new style of play, struggled to get a consistent group of players on the park through injury and availability and then we had our perennial Achilles heel - scoring goals. Not to mention leaking soft goals at bad times.

I can sit here and look at the world with a glass half empty view but that isn't me... I'm a simple man but what I do believe in is taking the positive and RIGHT approach and talking about what we have and where we are going.

What we have is a REALLY GOOD squad with a bunch of really good blokes. Have the 1's boys shown it? In parts YES, but consistently enough NO. Have we played good hockey? Undeniably in patches we have played a style of hockey where no matter the opponent we would put them to the sword. This is where 'we' will work hard in making the guys not just better hockey players but smarter, with the ability to be 2 steps ahead of play and not as reactive as we are currently.

How do we change to become constantly good? Commitment and hard work for one but we must move away from the negative and show perseverance, internal fortitude and the WILL to change. Are there individual egos, mindsets and comfort zones that need to change? Absolutely.

The change we need will require lots of hard work and guys being put in uncomfortable situations. Will the players respond? As the off field team we will set the tone but ultimately it's for the players to decide if they as individuals are willing to accept mediocre vs elite standards on and off the pitch.

From a personal level, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the efforts and hard work of **Charlie** (asst coach), **Jono Orr** (Manager), **Gav Scally** and **Kyle McNess** (VP), **Patty Welsh** and **Jordi Hunt** (2's coaches - makes life so much easier) and the players despite our up and down season. Onwards and Upwards!

As a squad we can't thank the support/passion we get from a number of sources internally (The Committee, MOFTA's, supporters, parents/wives/girlfriends/boyfriends and juniors.. what I do ask is you take the view of glass half full not empty!). "Are you a Problem or a Solution?"

Success is not far away. If you want to be a part of the journey... hop on the bus, challenge yourself and your mates and leave the ego and the other negative s^&* at home!

Bet on you and back yourself in!

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Special mentions:

- **David Orr**; a top bloke and quality player whose on-field leadership we deeply missed.
- **Matthew Swann, Blake Govers, Tristan Clemons** and **Matthew Willis** - Australian Duty
- **Tim Geers** and **Ross Hall** - WA U21's
- **Alex Wenn, Ross Hall, Tim Geers** and **Tristan Clemons*** - WA Thundersticks squad (Clemo to stay with Tassie)

Justin McDougall - Doogs (CAPT)

The Captain. More of a leader by action than by voice. Solid in his position at Right Half and does a bucket load of running for at times little reward or appreciation. Wasn't able to give him the rotation/rest that he deserved but he's provided a good link between our back line through to our midfielders with outletting, whether that's in our back half vs our front half. One of the better hitting techniques in the team!

Matthew Willis - Willlo (V CAPT)

A quality player and our resident Tamworth Frog who has found a niche within the Timmel household. There is no doubt he has been our pillar within the midfield and our drive going forward in attack with his skill and pace. Our highest goalscorer with PC's and field goals, he has led the team with the power of work he does every week. At times could release earlier but nonetheless; classy to watch and perhaps I was guilty of doing just that when playing with Willlo and now coaching. Will be good viewing in watching New South choke (better if it's the VIC's) in another AHL campaign with their all-star side on paper...

Tim Geers - Geersy (V CAPT)

Started the season with solid performances but unfortunately went over on his ankle which saw him out for approx. a month leading into WA 21's. Post 21's, Timmy has played extremely good hockey and resulted in getting a call up to the Thundersticks squad on the back of this and his form through 21's. Still work to be done on his strength on ball given his massive frame - can see Tim being a dominant player for the Maroons for years to come. Added to the Leadership team and another area that he can further develop. It's been a pleasure to watch this bloke develop.

David Orr - Dirty (V CAPT): Retired

The son of a legend! A dodgy knee says it all for this guy and in fact has probably solidified his stature as a 1's player. With that he has made a quality impression with me as a player and person since he was a junior which continued into Seniors. That in itself says a lot. Skilful, respected, determined and a leader... a package that is hard to find and sorely missed with us this season. An emotional time individually and personally and difficult to find the words when letting the team know of Dave's predicament. With that, his last game was one of the best self-promoting gigs I've seen... capped off with a win and well deserved. The respect from Wolves in the rooms post game was something rarely seen these days. Well played David Orr! Not sure I can say the same for that reducing hairline...

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Dr Tristan Clemons - Clemo (aka Captain Grumpy)

The spiritual leader. This bloke is honestly the full package. He's not a real Doctor firstly, his chirp and jokes are terrible, he drives a Prius and he barracks for St Kilda! What has this guy got... well, he's smart beyond belief, he makes time for people at all levels, he's an honest mate to many and he has won/kept us in more games than we can thank him for. Recently engaged to the lovely Clare (despite her alleged limited knowledge of the game, I received numerous calls post game regarding feedback which I thoroughly enjoyed) - he's been a rock at the back in a season where he has been left hung out to dry on numerous occasions. He has the talent to go all the way and at times overthinks the situation rather than backing himself in. Will need his own PA soon with all the self-promoting media and radio stints...

Jordan Moore

Very pleased to have this beanpole return to the club. A quality back up to Clemo in net and a handy replacement for Matty B who relinquished the pads to hit the field. Played a handful of games in Clemo's absence and performed admirably despite not having much to do in those games. A real luxury to have a backup goalkeeper of Jordan's calibre. No doubting that GK's are a different breed and Jordi was able to back this up with a calf injury sustained while umpiring of all things. Welcome back mate and improvements to be had in the coming seasons.

Jordan Hunt - Jordi

Another player with a massive build! A year that has been up and down for Jordi, solid contributor but he will freely admit that he was patchy though the year. A lot on his plate with work commitments, training, playing and coaching the 2's. If we can get the balance right next season you'll see Jordi back to his best and if not better than he's been. Needs to be more vocal in organising on field and his presence around the ground. We'll have him back at his best... still batting way above his average, as my good mate Rob McKenzie continually chirps.

Ross Hall - Rossco

The little big man... suffers from small man syndrome at times, but was a welcome return from his English stint. Provides excellent versatility and his bag of tricks enables us to play him down in our back line and would also like to see him take control and command at CH. An area for development is to learn the art of playing CH, not just the position but in controlling the tempo of the game, organising and driving the play. Love his passion and will not ask him to change; what he is developing and will continue to develop is how he delivers that message to bring his mates to his level of expectation. There's more in this bloke and when you see it... it will be great to watch.

Bryn Hayward - Doc

A man who since coming to the club has been lonely in a couple of fronts and we actively went to great lengths to fix this, this season... Charlie recruited in Wenny, a Plumber and we recruited an import in Bully with a sleeve tattoo, Bully has since left and we managed to draft Govers with Tatts as well. The Doc is reliable and has armoury which he doesn't pull out enough with overheads that become attacking, a slap hit with power and defensive tomma. A few errors which resulted in the ultimate hurt but this is a guy who needs to back himself more. Takes his time to fix plumbing... and Geoff clearly a winner.

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Evan Kelly - Ev

Returning from a serious ankle injury, it took Ev time to get his feet back on the ground and back into the feel of stick and ball. A man not blessed with pace but makes this up with silky skills and body fairs that creates space when others would struggle. Consistency wasn't with Ev this season through a monitored pre-season and training sessions to ease the burden on the ankle. There's still plenty more to see in this guy and this year will be a stepping stone in getting back to his best. Consistently the last to everything... training/meetings/warm ups/getting onto the pitch!

Patrick Lawther - Smear

If there's a man that could find a way to injure himself it's this bloke. Walked barefoot to the ground and cut his foot requiring stitches, rolled his ankle, hurt knee, gets hit on the fingers! Love his physicality and his will to win the contest. Needs to work on a couple of areas over the off season with his tackling technique and ball control. An infamous highlight would be donning the pads for the last 23 minutes vs Freo with the game at 2 all... we went on to lose 5-3 ! Serious effort to put the pads on and no questions asked when looked in the eye!

Josh Antonovich - Anto

A talented young man and still plenty of room to develop on all fronts in skill, strength and agility. I see this guy being a key position player in the coming years. That development can be heightened if willing to put in the hard-work over the off season and leading into pre-season. Looking forward to watching Anto develop into a premier player.

Andy Bull - Bully, Bullwinkle, Redbull

Our 2nd arriving English import into the Maroon zone and was an instant hit all-round. A genuine nice guy albeit not being able to understand half of what he said. A quality player around with his strength, organising and skill. His versatility and willing to learn made him easy to coach and highly respected amongst the playing group. A bloke with a bright future and wish him all the best in Holland, we hope we will see him back.

Frank Reynolds - Frankie

The fittest young man in our club and rivalled by A-MAC this pre-season. Limited opportunities for Frank this season. Like a fair chunk of our other players, strength on ball and getting the ball on his stick are key points Frankie needs to work on for next season. Another player who is versatile across the lines. Another who prefers to slap over hitting due to technique - Love his honest approach and there's more in this guy than we've seen. Doesn't mind training in volleys.

David Richardson - Richo

Again, another guy who had limited opportunities this year. Good pass / receive ability and strong on the ball with nice in-tight skills; I know this is hard to say... probably has a worse hit than Doogs! Not the most verbal guy going around in saying much but it's on the mark when he does - excellent work rate.

Matthew Swann - Swanny

The little pocket rocket, good to have Swandawg around for pre-season although he didn't mind getting his little shredded pecks out for the beach sessions. Good to have playing games this season back from long term injury and Aussie Duties. His pressure ability and nous to find space gave us an additional midfield punch and at times as a striker. Another guy who is clearly batting above his average!

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Alex Wenn - Wenny

Our Peel, Spanish import... and increase in our Plumbers quota. A versatile player who came a few rounds into the start of the season after playing in Spain. His first game, Wenny arrived with a bang - netted a goal and set up the other - has played a few roles with us through the Striker, Mid and Back line. Has a reach for days and a pressure flat tackle that is up there with the best. Thunderstick squad selection and injury has seen the back end of the season a bit hit and miss. A good pre-season and year into the club will see him be a dominate force next year. Welcome mate!

John Smedley - Smeds

The first of the English brigade to infiltrate. A quiet conversation over a beer at Melville talking juniors led to Smeds having a crack at the Maroon zone. A man that takes pride in his grooming and looks - the partner of Picko, Smeds took some time to find his feet but was solid enough to force his way into 1's. Has had a solid season and does a lot of the bullocking work that's generally not rewarded. Quiet and methodical; he hasn't let the Ashes slip from the minds of all!

Mark Timmel - Sticky

Opportunity towards the backend of the season after a slow start and getting back into hockey after a few hospital trips. A classic brittle boned (insert Tomma story) man who doesn't mind unleashing the tongue! A player when at his best is very good at receiving and distributing the ball leaving his skills when required to get a free or out of trouble. Would like him to really dig in next pre-season and aim for a 1's spot.

Matthew Bowater - Matty B

2 games, 2 positions, 2 hamstrings - sums up Matty's 1's season! Forced his way into the 1's team as a striker after letting go of the pads and strong pre-season performances. His work rate, strength on ball and ability to find the goal were keen attributes in getting his debut on the field. Unfortunately a hamstring injury stalled his progress, then having Clemo and Jordi away saw Matty don the pads and he then re-injured his hamstring with 23 minutes to go into the 2nd half. Rehab saw his return mounted at the hallway mark back into the 2's where he's been a strong upfront focal point.

Josh Byrne-Quinn - JBQ

Given an opportunity to stake his 1's position, like most of our strikers they've been solid but have lacked that mongrel to get in and demand front spot or get to good spots to score goals. His field play and leading as improved dramatically throughout the year, needs to work on his strength in receives and his shot on goal (short v long grip - staying low). A bloke who gets the team going with his voice and isn't short on confidence off the field despite some questionable fashion stakes!

Sam Geers - Sammy

Little Sam.. a lot of potential in Sam but I'm not so sure he understands that as we've only seen glimpses and need more out of him for longer periods. Excellent fitness levels and quick over short distances. Has excellent scoring ability on both sides but needs to work on these under the grind of the opposition pressure. Need Sam to score goals. More mental focus and further understanding of the game will see the game open up for Sam to take the most of the opportunities.

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Blake Govers - Blake (?!)

What a saga! Is he... isn't he... appeals, committees, the High Court! Finally, with wiser heads prevailing the right decision was made. Only got to have him for the back end of the season and unfortunately we didn't perform to our liking. We know he has the bullet that he unleashes on corners, we just need to win and execute these better for us to see the benefit. He'll fit and work into the Maroon nicely. Has a bright future ahead and we obviously wish him all the best with the Rio build up. Welcome mate!

Anthony Ricciardone - Ricca

Ahh my good mate Ricca. Only a brief stint in the 1's with our midfield performing well. Another good man who has popped the question to his lovely Fiancé Kat. The old head, and known for his ability to get the job done and nullify key opposition players, knee soreness has plagued him a little this season. One of the hairiest and cheapest blokes I've ever met and isn't one to ever buy a beer... I'll be sure to make up for this at his wedding!

Mark Brodie - Brodes

Markus Brodius. A Geo by Trade which says it all really... different breed those Geos! Had hoped that Brodes would be unleashed this year and become a double figure goal scorer. A very good post up player but needs to add another string to his bow by getting in behind the defence more often and trusting that our midfield will find him - this will get him into more dangerous territory for his natural goal scoring ability to come into play.

Matt Tate - Tatey

A young bean stalk of a man with a lot of talent who is still learning about the hard work that's required to play consistently in the 1's. With some tough love over the coming pre-season I am confident that Matt will be able to take the next step towards fulfilling his potential. Some excellent and developing attributes with his general play and versatility, work to be done on his footwork, tackling technique and ownership with marking. A good hockey brain when you actually discuss the finer details although sometimes doesn't reveal itself in the action of it all. Attached at the hip with young love which is cute for all to take the Mickey out of!!!

Nick Tate - Nate

Another man with levels of talent which has been talked about for years but we've only seen glimpses. Limited pre-season and knee soreness led to low fitness levels but also small showing of what this guy can do. On a good day he is feared by any opposition and has many tricks to his bag, when he's not quite on-song it's very easy to miss Nate altogether. If he's willing to put in the effort and show consistency through a strong pre-season, I think there'll be no question this guy will feature more in the 1's. We need him to show it next year.

Aidan Khares - Aidos

The last piece of arriving English imports, the big strong lad from Manchester held high hopes for our Striker line. Welcomed with a win in his first game - has a strong ball carrying ability and generally eliminates his opposition player in a 1v1 with his skill. Didn't mind the physicality of our game nor did he hold back on the verbal aspect - another strong post up player but with his elimination skills would've loved for Aidos to get in behind the defence a lot more to have more opportunity to knock in that elusive goal. Again, couldn't understand a word he said, and that laugh!

Melville Toyota League - Men (contd)

Kyle McNess - Killa

Player, leader, VP, social organiser and partner of the Captain of the Women's team! What a bloke. Has been excellent from an off field perspective (with that shrinking man - Gav Scally) and is willing to do whatever it takes on the field. Aspects I love in players. Played a handful of games in the 1's and did so with consistency to get the job done. Still requires work with his tackling technique and at times decision making with ball, outside of that, Killa is a strong, versatile consistent player who you can rely on getting a job done. Thanks for all the help this year mate.

Charlie Gaudoin - Assistant Coach

passionate and the wise head of the operation. Loves telling a joke.

Jono Orr - Manager

LEGEND. That is all.



Melville Toyota League - Women

Season 2015 began with a number of changes to both the playing list and off field team. We welcomed Scott Hughes as Head Coach, David "Dirty" Orr as Assistant Coach and Chloe Carter as Game Day Manager.

The playing list welcomed the return of our talented group of young MCHC players, some new local faces, a number of new imports from interstate and overseas together with our HAHPP players. This exciting group of players were keen to continue the success achieved in our inaugural year of MTL last year.

The ever loveable John de Bes kicked off pre-season training with record attendances. John's girls were prepared as well as ever to start the long season ahead. Thank you again John for another outstanding contribution to our group. "The Vest" being a highlight.

Again, the girls from J7/8A were given the task of ball girling throughout the season for all home games. A task they completed admirably. Particular thanks to Teresa Forbes for her co-ordination, ably assisted by Chris Cocks. Thanks also to the parents of the juniors for ensuring the girls were at the game and for your support of our MTL team.

Once again Pulse Realty have been tremendous sponsors of our club and in particular our women's top squad. Sue Rayner, I can't thank you enough for everything you provided to the girls on and off the field. If you ever need your house sold quick and for a great price, then just pick up the phone and give Pulse Realty a call.

Thank you also to our club president Gary Bowater, Vice President - Women Brianna Coleman and Assistant Vice President - Women Lauren Costa for your support throughout the season. Also thanks to our Premier 2 players and off field team for your patience and sportsmanship.

Currently the girls are languishing in the lower half of the ladder with a couple of games to play. Whilst this season has perhaps not been as successful or met expectations, I know the girls have the character to bounce back next year.

I would personally like to thank Chloe Carter for her role as game day manager this year. Her efforts and support of our group has been tremendous. Next year Chloe, with your ACL rehab complete, I certainly look forward to seeing you back on the pitch instead of carrying the "travel" bag.

Finally, this will be my last year as manager for this amazing group of girls. It has been my privilege to have been associated with the team and to be part of their historic rise to MTL status. The journey has been most rewarding but I am looking forward to watching from the sidelines as the journey continues.

Thanks eternally to my ever patient family who more often than not come second behind my MCHC family. I can say with all clarity that my "hockey homework" is now finished.

Di Silvey
Manager

Melville Toyota League - Women (contd)

Catriona Bailey-Price (BP, Colin, Cat)

'Cat' as she is known to her teammates, was a returning athlete from the ACT. She is very passionate, driven and professional in her approach. Her defensive role in games has been a strength for the team and given us multiple lives throughout the game.

Edwina Bone (Pronounced Eddie (not Bone))
HAHPP Although she only played 5 games for Melville this year, her influence has been enormous. On or off the field Eddie is someone who demonstrates the qualities of a professional and is someone you love to have in your team. When she is available to play you know she will always have a great impact on the team and the result. Heading into a big year of hockey we wish Eddie all the best and know you will achieve great things.

Tara Bowater

Found herself back in the maroon this year after a stint with Reds. Bringing with her experience, knowledge and old school passion. Never afraid to make a strong tackle it was good to see her become a key link in our defensive line.

Roos Broek (Pronounced Rose (not Roos))
Comes to us from the Netherlands. She brings experience, knowledge, a good technical base and understanding of the game. Roos was the captain of her club back in Holland, her leadership qualities and professionalism has helped the younger girls in the group understand the commitment required.

Mathilda Carmichael (Tilly , Tildas)

Coming in as an import this year, Tilly was able to commit more to Melville's programme, which enabled her to pass on her knowledge and experience that she has learnt playing at the top level. She prepared well for this year's under 21 nationals, coming out as a silver medallist and player of the tournament.

Aimee Clark (Lil, Lilly)

State U21, WAIS, Diamonds Squad, Australian Junior Squad Started off this season with a bang, seeing her being added to the Junior Australian Squad. She has worked hard on her areas of improvement and we are now seeing some real progress in her game play.

Briony Clark (Bri, Briza)

Captain, State U21 Our young passionate, dedicated, enthusiastic, hard working captain. Bri has really stepped up to the Captain's role this year and has lead by example. Selected in the WA under 21 nationals where she performed consistently well over the tournament.

Maïke DeJager (Pronounced Mikey (not Maïke))

Another fantastic player from the Netherlands. Maïke gave us a threat heading forward and was always willing to work hard for the team. Her composure and embracing nature saw her begin to establish herself as a key member of the team.

Casey Donaldson (Case)

Has moved up from Rockingham to add to our midfield strength. She had a slow start to the season, but has taken on board all feedback and has gained in confidence and playing ability. It's been a pleasure to watch her grow and play some great hockey. Thanks for providing some tough criticism about not wearing a full tracksuit to training.

Naomi Evans (Evo)

Another import from ACT, Naomi brings to the group a good technical base, work ethic and desire to compete. Her pressing and one-on-one attacking skills have been a strength of hers all season and she has been great for team moral. Thanks for always matching at training.

Melville Toyota League - Women (contd)

Preah Hetherington (Pre, Boyle)

State U21, WAIS, Diamonds Preah was able to give us another dimension in a striker role this year. Her selections in the 21's State Team and Diamonds are to be commended. Preah has potential to change a game and when she is determined can be a creative force in any team.

Erin Judd (Ez)

Moved to the Maroon Zone this year after a stint at Reds. Erin has worked tirelessly alongside goal keeping coaches on up skilling her knowledge and skills to secure her position as our starting goalkeeper. We have witnessed a significant growth, great work Erin. Thanks for giving the team a sugar addiction.

Ashleigh McNess (Ash)

WAIS Ash has the potential to be an important player for the 1's team. Her skill set and commitment to a contest cannot be faulted. Still very young with many years left ahead, with hard work and determination, Ash will find herself a formidable player in the premier division.

Hope Munro (Bobby)

At an age to be confirmed, Hope still has much to offer the team and her ability to change the dynamics of the game was important. Determination to be out on the field and fight through thick and thin, despite ankles of a 70 year old, is testament to her willingness to help out her teammates. Thanks for the memorable comments trapping on corners.

Courtney Pickford (Courts)

Returning from a year playing in Europe, Court brought to the group her determination and willingness to compete. Courtney has struggled with an ongoing knee problem, but that has not stopped her drive to compete. I hope the recovery goes well in the off-season; It'll be scary to see what she can do with two good knees!

Kirsten Silvey (Kirst, Frog)

Has really progressed over the season but like her sister, Meg, illness and injury has unfortunately stalled her continuous growth. Her agility and speed makes her a versatile player who she is able to play any designated position.

Megan Silvey (Megs, Nemo)

Determined and hard working, but unfortunately due to a number of injuries we were unable to see her play at her full potential. Meg has a huge passion for the club and is a great team member both on and off the pitch. Hoping for a full recovery over the off-season so we can see what you can really do!

Jo Snyman

State U15 Our "baby" of the group, Jo has grown leaps and bounds over this season. Being versatile in her attacking and defensive position, Jo has earned her place in the first team. She is one to watch in years to come!

Elizabeth Stratton (Liz)

Vice Captain The classic mature age student was out in force. Liz's performances had potential to give depth to the forward line. Liz showed that she is a hard working and determined player who could cause other teams trouble.

Renee Taylor

HAHPP Our newest Melville recruit, Renee was selected from the AIS draft this year. Renee is a young, exciting player coming through the national programme. With a number of specialist skills on PCA and PCDs she's one to watch and we hope we can retain Renee for another season with the Maroons.

Many thanks also to **Britt, Monique, Molly** and **Taleisha** for your contribution to our MTL team this year.

Mens Premier 2

First and foremost, honourable mentions to the following players that had a role in the success of the twos team this year.

Ryan Vickery	6 games
Joshua Byrne-Quinn	2 games
Fraser Hay	1 game
Fraser Kelly	2 games
Andrew McIntyre	6 games
David Ogden	1 game
Alex Rayfield	1 game
Jonathan Rayfield	6 game
Craig Orr	7 games
Evan Bowater	1 game

Joshua Antoncich

Again another strong year for Josh, really finding his form in the last few games of the season leading into finals. Another member of this solid defensive unit. Josh's versatility to play a simple marking and distributing role in the full back position to an attacking and creative wing half is a real asset to the team. His composure on the ball and ability to get out of trouble when pressed is second to none within this group. Well done on another great season.

Matthew Bowater

The ultimate all-rounder, from saving goals in the net last season to scoring goals as centre forward this season. Matt really did live up to his word when he expressed his interest at the end of 2014 to play twos on the field. His selfless leading, work ethic and natural instincts in the D have turned Matt into a prolific goal scorer and achiever of many assists. Great season mate.

Samuel Geers

For a number of years Sam has shown a great deal of potential in becoming a very dangerous hockey player. This year he took some significant steps in realising this potential. He has shown an understanding of where his real strengths lie, being in his change of pace and quick hands and is getting a feel for when to use these to great effect. Keep playing with confidence and to your strengths and you will see yourself become a real difference maker in ones.

Ryan Hyder

Took an extended holiday over the summer returning a few rounds into the season. First game back and it was as though he had never left. The old "stir the pot" was still as silky as ever. As one of four guys on the dark side of 25, Rizza took another step in his leadership role within the group. His hard-nosed style of hockey and voice on and off the pitch was a great asset to the group.

Mens Premier 2 (contd)

Patrick Lawther

Pat was a late addition into the twos team after playing the majority of the season in ones. It has been another excellent season for Pat, taking steps forward in consolidating a spot in the top team. Having said that, the coaching staff will never complain about having you available for twos finals. A very versatile hockey player whose toughness and grit makes it a horrible afternoon for any striker stuck playing on him.

Daniel McEntee

Dan McEntee, like a fine wine, continues to get better with age. One of our leading goal scorers, Macca's smarts in his leading and focus on getting to the right areas in the D makes him a dangerous striker. Macca has excelled in his role as a leader within the group, demanding discipline when the young team would get caught up in the umpiring. Another great season.

Kyle McNess

Killer has had a very strong and consistent season leading the team and setting the tone from his play in the backline. When he's not disagreeing with the umpire's decisions for a corner against, he's a defensive force in both the short and long game from the full back position. His distribution skills have been a real asset in the twos outletting. Well done mate.

Ben Meacock

Daddy day care. Looking after his kids on and off the field these days. Employing the veteran's clause on a number of occasions (still yet to find this in your contract), Whip has missed a number of trainings and games, regardless; he brings strong performances whenever he is available. Improving on his best and fairest season last year, it has been great to see Whip continue to adapt his game to provide the best for the team. His leadership and strong presence has been a real asset to the young team.

Jordan Moore

A member of the inaugural twos premiership team, it is great to have Jordan back at the club. A very capable goal keeper, stepping up to the ones and filling the large pads left by Clemo on occasions. Jordan has had a great season, organising the back line and conceding the second least amount of goals against. Great work.

Ashley Ranford

The expectations were high for Ash Ranford this year and it has become very easy to forget that he is only 18. Took a while to find his best form, however towards the end of the regular season played some of his career best hockey. He has taken ownership of the centre half role, demanding the ball in tough positions and distributing effectively. Looking forward to another year of development next year with Ash aiming to break into the ones team. Keep up the good work.

Sean Ranford

Ramma started the season in twos and provided his usual consistently solid brand of hockey, however after an injury late in the season was unable to break back into the team. It has been good to see Ramma take on a leadership role in the threes late in the season, being a big part of their push towards finals.

Frank Reynolds

Franky has taken another big step forward in his hockey development this year. He has worked on his disposal, focussing on when to pass the ball early to his team mates and when to use his crafty skills and take the game on. A continued focus on this, along with his already high level of fitness and athleticism, will go a long way towards seeing Frank break into the top team.

Mens Premier 2 (contd)

Anthony Ricciardone

Big Riccca, another leader to our squad. While being a quiet achiever, his consistency in everything he does provides a lot of stability within the midfield position. His work rate and focus on getting into the right areas has seen him finishing a number of goals this season. Great season.

David Richardson

Newly appointed captain for the 2s squad, Richo leads by example. His toughness, consistency and drive to win allowed him to stand out as a performer each and every week that he played. A few injury concerns in the mid-season saw him miss a few games, however he was able to slot back into the side and continue to produce his high level of hockey pushing the team towards finals. Well done mate, great season.

Patrick Rundle

Patrick had another great year, playing a substantial role in the twos success. He has a lot of headroom in regards to potential and has continued to realise some of this during this season. His change of pace and skills in the attacking 25 make him a very dangerous striker. His continuing development in front of goals has seen him put his name on the score sheet a number of times with some cracking finishes. Pat has a very exciting future at Melville ahead of him. I'm looking forward to seeing him solidify his position in the twos top 16 next year and start knocking on the door of the ones group.

Jon Smedley

Jon Smedley, a fresh face at the club this year playing the majority of the season with 1s. After a short vacation to Coral Bay late in the season, Smeds returned into the twos team and provided some real class in the strike line. Runs like a bloke with two shot knees, yet has some very silky skills which creates havoc for the opposition defence. His composure in front of goal has really rubbed off on a number of the strikers since his return to the twos. Looking forward to having his experience and composure during the finals campaign.

Matthew Tate

While Matthew only played 9 games with twos this season he had a good developmental year with the club, mostly training and playing with the 1s group. Unlucky to have an interruption to his season due to shin issues but he worked hard to get back on the park and be a part of both 1s and 2s towards the end of the season. Looking forward to seeing you make a larger impact next year Matty.

Nicholas Tate

Averaging close to a goal a game, Nick Tate has again showed us how prolific he is in front of goal. This along with coming off the back end of a great finals campaign last year saw him receive a number of games in the ones. Consistency and intensity are two aspects of his game that with some improvement will take his game to the next level. Looking forward to him playing a huge role again in this year's march towards the grand final.

Mens Premier 2 (contd)

Mark Timmel

Another good season interrupted by injury for Stick, cracking the ones team midway through the season, only to break his collarbone during his first ones training. Returned to the twos for a few rounds until once again getting the call up into the ones for the last few rounds. Constantly walking the yellow brick road, Stick took his game to another level this year, his consistency in performance and decision making coupled with his solid basics and desire to win saw him become a real force in the twos grade. Great season mate. Looking forward to you solidifying that ones position next year.

Karl Tulloch

Karl plays a pivotal role in the success of the twos team. His work rate in the press is unparalleled and his finishing in front of goal is to class. A perfect example of what makes this team so strong, a guy who goes out there each week and owns his role for the team. Another great season Karl.

Maverick Yow

Maverick, like Rizza took an extended off season vacation to return a few rounds into the season. Found his form quickly in the threes and forced his way back into the twos squad. Mav provides toughness in his defensive work and real composure on the ball when pressured. A real professional when it comes to his hockey, even when dropped to the threes late in the season with the potential to miss out playing twos finals, Mav took on the challenge to stand up as a leader amongst the young threes team and was a real driver in their push towards finals.



Womens Premier 2

What a Season... As I write this we currently sit less than a win out of finals with two games to play. Something at the half way point of the season didn't look possible. Seeing the girls improve week in week out has been fantastic to see as a coach. With such a young team, it's great to see players mature and become important parts in what has been a successful year. I hope you girls can all stick together because the bond you have will see you not only improve as a team but also individually. I have no doubt success is not far away. You have been a pleasure to coach and I wish you all the best for the future.

To Josh, I can't thank you enough. You have provided the girls and myself with so much knowledge and I couldn't have done this without you. It has truly been a great year coaching along side you and hopefully not the last.

Don, your passion and commitment even when miles away is truly amazing. Your desire to see the girls get the result and improve has been something Josh and I are so grateful for. Thank you so much for helping us out this year Don.

Finally to my manager Denise, without you I don't think Josh and I would have survived. From the game day lollies, organisation of uniforms and match reports, you have been such a fantastic manager and I can't thank you enough for the time you have put in this year.

Ramma (Sean Ranford)

Being Ramma's assistant coach this year, I have learnt to appreciate how good a coach Ramma is. Coaching isn't just about the game itself but how you go about it. Demonstrating fairness and leadership, always keeping the lines of communication open amongst everyone involved (despite his constant battles with literacy), committing to every player in the squad equally and remaining true to how he wants the team to play are a few of many attributes Ramma has shown this year. He has achieved the best out of everyone, and the evidence is that every player and the team as a whole are better than they were at the beginning of the season. Cannot wait for next year!

JBQ (Josh Byrne-Quinn)

Ellie Bigwood

Ellie was one of the players wearing the maroon for the first time and slotted in nicely into the team. Ellie started the year in the 3's but after a couple of strong performances and an opportunity opening, Ellie has since been a crucial part in our 2's team. Her work rate and strength on the ball have been fantastic this season. With another strong pre-season Ellie will continue to build but may have to cut down on the number of "Mont" visits along with those "ladies" nights at the local footy clubs.

Stacey Bruce

Stacey has had a fantastic year. Every game, Stacey's effort and determination to win is nothing short of exceptional and has helped the young team develop this year. Stacey has knocked in a couple of very nice goals this year to help us to some important wins. Great Season Stacey!

Casey Donaldson

Casey joined us at Melville this season and found herself playing both 1's and 2's. Casey added great knowledge and firepower upfront and hit a couple of important goals this season. Along with her great skill and speed, Casey has helped out our young and developing forward line when playing 2's. Thanks for a great season Casey.

Womens Premier 2 (contd)

Emma Fleay

Emma joined us this year as our fly in / fly out import from Narrogin. Each week driving up to training, then back to work, before returning and playing in the maroon on the weekends. Emma not only added strength to our midfield with her ability to carry and break lines when needed but also with her fantastic distribution and defensive work rate. We hope to see you back in the Maroon next year. Great Season Emma!

Jessica Gallimore

Jess started the year in the 3's team but continued to play well which saw an opportunity open up for her to join the 2's. Since then Jess has cemented her spot through consistent performances. Jess provided us with added strength in the midfield with her outstanding work rate and her willingness to put her body on the line, which was great to see. Great Season Jess, try not to Ruffle the coach next year!

Eliane Gebauer

Eliane is another one of our junior guns that has played in the 2's this year. She had a great start to the season, then after a nasty ankle injury which saw her miss most of the middle part of the season, has returned and is playing some very good hockey. For a young player, Elaine shows great composure down back and is often making fantastic tackles. Continue the hard work Eliane, I'm sure there are big things in the future for you.

Emma Griffiths

After a solid pre-season, Emma found herself in the midfield where she has continued to perform. As the season has gone on, Emma has continued to improve and provided us with great distribution out of the midfield which has been a great strength in her game. Great Season Emma!

Molly Hagen

One of the youngest in the team, Molly has played in our forward line all season where she has continued to develop. Molly has great change of pace and very good skills, which often leave her defenders out of position and chasing her. With another strong pre-season next year, Molly will continue to develop and improve on a very good season this year. Well done Molly!

Lucinda Lefroy

Lucy's first season at senior level saw her slot into the forward line where she has been able to use her fast pace and exceptional skill to often leave defenders behind. Lucy has developed into a very strong player this year and I am sure with a good pre-season next year and not too many "Mont" evenings with her side kick Biggers, will see her continuing to improve. Great Season Lucinda!

Brittanny MacNab

After a tough start to the year, Britt has played an outstanding season. Early on in the season, Britt came to Josh and I and asked of areas where we think she needed to improve. In each of these areas, Britt has improved massively and has made fantastic saves throughout the season. It has been great to see you enjoying your hockey, Great Season Britt!

Ashleigh McNess

Ash's skill set has been a huge addition this year to our 2's team. The ability to overhead has given us another option coming out of the back when we are under the pump, and Ash's decision making when to use her skill set has improved a lot! Having another smart player in the back line has proved invaluable to our team.

Womens Premier 2 (contd)

Holly Menegola

Holly has taken this season head on, showing leadership on and off the field, helping guide our young team to many wins! She is also the first person to put her hand up when she can do better, and always willing to ask questions to improve her individual game and the team's game. She thrives on taking the pre game huddle speech followed by the high-pitched yell of "1,2,3, MELVILLE". Good season Holly!

Monique Miller

Mon has had a huge breakout season this year. Throughout the season, she has been the cornerstone to our defence. She has a huge engine, taking on the big minutes Sean and myself ask of her. Playing state indoor, her ability to make very low tackles is often hers and the teams saving grace in defence. She has improved in her drag flicking also, which we are eager to see improve over the off season. Expecting big things next year!... no pressure.

Taleisha Power

Taleisha has matured extremely quickly this season, taking on a bigger role in the mid-field and often called on to take the game on. Although her emotions got the best of her a couple of times at the beginning of the year, she has improved in that aspect and in many, many others of her hockey. Very impressed with the contribution this year, and will be looking forward to seeing her playing more 1's next season.

Kirsten Silvey

Often doubling up, Kirst has played a fair few games this year! But whenever she has been called on to play in the 2s, she has taken on the challenge and lead by example. Playing more and more 2's later on in the season, she has also contributed as a leader. Versatile and has a wicked hit on her, she generally plays to her strengths, but can work on recognising and improving on her weaknesses. Good year for us Kirst, but keep pushing for that regular 1s spot!

Megan Silvey

Meg was in and out of the 2's team! A few injuries kept her out of hockey for a while, but she worked really hard to get back to playing quickly. When Megs plays, you can never doubt how hard she is going to work. She makes smart decisions on the field, and will always ask questions about her game or the team's game if needed. A huge win for the 2's back line, awesome season when playing for us Megs!

Aleesha Thompson

Aleesha was a huge signing for Melville this year, coming over as a package deal with Erin Judd. Thankfully, Aleesha was the level head and experienced player we needed in the front half for our young team. Silky skills, and versatile to play forward or midfield, she was the quiet achiever for us in the beginning. We missed her in the middle of the season for a fair few games, but she came back with some colour and eagerness to get back into it. Awesome having you Leesh, can't wait for next year!

Georgia Wade

Georgia had an up and down season this year, starting early in the 2's, playing a couple of 3's games, flying off to Europe, coming back playing 3's, but working her way back into the 2's. One thing we could never fault is her hunger to play in the 2's team and work hard to make that a possibility. Has the smarts to score a goal, but needs to speed her footwork up a little bit to give herself every chance to bang a few. Looking forward to next year G! Well done on this year.

33 players were used this year in 2's! This really shows how much depth we have at the club. A huge thank you goes to: **Abigail Bell, Grace Bowyer, India Brockman, Roos Broek, Bri-ony Clark, Madeleine Dawe, Maïke Dejager, Amy Fullarton, Jennifer Hyde, Erin Judd, Serena Matthews, Ashleigh Power, Amy Robinson, Jo Snyman and Elizabeth Stratton.**

Mens Premier Alliance

The Melville 3s were back to their winning form, and will feature in September. Anything could happen in the finals, as it all depends on which 3s team turns up - a bit like Port Adelaide this year. A big thanks to Davo (Team Manager) and Gibbo (Assistant Coach) for their help this year, it was much appreciated.

Jake Coleman (The Snake)

And another year passes and another year of Jake Coleman shredding other team members like no other. Often remarked as “Jake The Snake”, it has been very much argued as to whether a snake would, in fact, have contributed more to the team. Once again Jake didn't get off his treadmill and despite managing to surpass Corelle's hitting ability this year, unfortunately his sister still hits it harder than him. Luckily for snake he slotted home 4 goals this season - a handy return for one who often looked the least likely bloke to score a goal on the field. Once Jake aligns his mathematical ability with his hockey ability he'll look the goods.

Jack Davoren (Davo)

The most organised manager the 3's have had in recent years, actually filling out the game card before the match. There were rumours of Bronwyn Bishop like expenditure with the excess match fees although they were strongly denied with the main excuse “Cam didn't pay.” The highlight of Jack's season would have to be calling for the ball while being in the attacking D, the closest he has ever been to scoring a goal. Maybe you'll get one next year.

Jason De Wind (Dewinda)

Jase started the year in good coaching form coming to the games with his laminated game plan notes, but as the finals hopes for his beloved team Port Adelaide faded, so did his coaching preparation. We didn't see much of the port Adelaide gear this year because he would only wear it if they won. Jase managed to score a goal this season and of course you have to celebrate like you won the grand final. Jase reluctantly played fullback for most of the year where he facilitated multiple backline collapses similar to the Australian top order.

Stephen Gibson (Gibbo)

The inspirational leader. Without a doubt the best thing Gibbo offered this year was the execution and crispness he managed to get out of the group MELVILLE call at the start of the game. His pre match speeches, capable of jeering up any group, were most certainly a valuable asset to the side. Very handy for reconfirming points that had been put up pre game for those who frequently forgot or weren't paying attention. Playing in a young side meant Gibbo was one the elder members of the group and took on a leadership role in the side controlling the midfield area of the park, albeit slowly. He brought in our great warm up 4 group routine and should take a lot of credit for other sides getting a lot of confidence looking at us before games!

Mens Premier Alliance (contd)

Chris Gill (Gilly)

Unfortunately, because of our good ladder position last year we were given low draft picks, which led to us getting Gilly. Early in the season he was under more pressure than a submarine to perform. The pressure became too much for him so he decided to have a run with Stick's mob. That was the last we saw of Gilly. There are rumours of Gilly making an appearance with us in the finals so if he plays well enough we will let him come back next year.

Fraser Hay (Kyrgios)

Fraser is known as the Nick Kyrgios of our team, pulling off some through the legs trick shots but most of the time he is all talk no show. His Dad even asked for some fuel money because he wasn't worth watching. During the same game he was accused of tanking and HWA has been called in to investigate. In the 2 games of 4's he played this season he managed to score more goals than the whole season in 3's. HWA are considering this and various other factors in their ongoing investigation. Fraser learnt his lesson from last year when he said "I'm the highest goal scorer in the comp" and was more humble this year (mostly because he is nowhere near the top). You don't want to get him talking about Belmont and the "Bet of the Month" and how he backed a horse at \$3.80 in to \$2.20 for the win. He will never stop.

Campbell Love (Agility)

Cam is our brick wall at the back, working as hard as a council worker. He is known for his discussions with Jack over if he has paid the match fee or not. Nobody has been witness to him paying his fees but he assures everyone he does it. As far as hockey goes he plays like someone said hockey in the next room.

Andrew McIntyre (Amac)

The new recruit to Melville this year, Andrew quickly became the standard of fitness, throwing virtually everyone out of the water when it came to more than a sprint. He quickly fitted in nicely after an adjustment of nickname so there wasn't a clash with the original Macca, Dan McEntee, soon became AirMax and finally Amac. After a few rounds to settle in, he's become one of most consistent goal scorers in the team, with the key ability to get the rebound scrap goals. Throw this in with his speed and endurance and you can easily see why Amac is one of the highest goal scorers in the comp. Looking forwards to the seasons ahead with you on the field.

David Ogden (Oggy)

David managed to secure a place in 3's this year due to his impending hip replacement. With his receding hairline and new metal hip he would fit in nicely in the local retirement home. During the 7 games he played, he managed to make an impact, but his biggest contribution to the team was bringing Jay along with him. Hopefully David's new hip can last the whole season next year giving him a chance to play some good hockey.

Craig Orr (Cactus)

Cactus has more opinions than Jackie Lambie and believes everyone is entitled to them especially the umps. The world is against this man, he never gets the better end of a decision and isn't quiet about it. When Cac gets near the goals he always just wants to hit it, on the odd occasion he connects with one, he hits it hard enough to break legs. Hopefully next year he can get a few on target. Cac thinks he is a better coach than Pos Reid, having so many ways to improve the 1's. Like before, he believes everyone is entitled to his opinions.

Mens Premier Alliance (contd)

Sean Ranford (The big show)

Sean started off the season in the 2's but as quickly as his hair is thinning his hockey ability is fading away too. After being promoted to the 3's he secured his spot by breaking his toe. I said last year that Sean got Ash's hockey ability but now I realise it must have gone to Pumba. He has been actively watching the Australian spelling bee to finally learn how to spell, but it seems too little too late.

Alex Rayfield (Pup)

Alex only plays with us because we needed a goalie and he happened to be related to one, and that's not all his brother does for him. After turning up to the game Alex complains that Johnno forgot to pack his socks. I thought you would be old enough to pack your own socks, obviously not. Alex was one of the top goal scorers in the comp before he hit a dry spell, mostly because Jay was using up all the opportunities pulling tommas from the baseline.

Jonathan Rayfield (Ranga)

The goalkeeper... is there a normal goalkeeper on the earth?? Well Jono is probably the closest you'll find. Exhibiting somewhat 'superhero' powers in the goals wasn't a laughing matter for Jono this year, not afraid to throw himself out there with his BATMAN smock.... A combination of the batman and those colorful laces made him certainly stand out in the goals and luckily for us he did his job very well this year. Rewarded with some higher honors such as selection in the 2s highlighted a good season for him but I'm still waiting to find that 'normal goal keeper'.

Frank Reynolds (Buddy)

Now Frank, one of the few blokes you'd find around to be gutted when told he can only play 2's and not 3's for the rest of the season so others can qualify for finals. After finally growing last year, he's up with the big boys now with speed to match his trademark fitness. The unorthodox ball skills which he possesses has allowed him to take on player after player successfully, even to the point of beating the same bloke 3 times in the same run. This being said, the confusing style he uses has seen him confuse and out beat himself at times. Yet another great season Frank, and enjoy being back in the team come finals!

Patrick Rundle (Dirty Pat)

Playing a regular twos game meant not much was seen of Pat, but when he was around he didn't offer much. Always seen flaunting his backwards hat look at training made him look the goods and ooze talent, but failed to live up to those expectations. Pat slotted home 2 goals from 11 games this season. Not bad for a striker... perhaps he could learn a thing or two about scoring from Jay Testar - if you shoot from the baseline enough times one is bound to go in!!! Having said that, many team goals can be credited with thanks to Pat's vision and willingness to pass the ball, and if he can align his form on the pitch with his form at the casino he'll be a deadly prospect!!

Jay Testar (Baseline - Tomma)

Starting the season in defence, Jay was always seen to be creeping up the field to the point where Windy gave up and chucked him up in the forward line. This move ended up being a wise one as he was one of our highest goal scorers for the season, between his drag flicks on the shorts and stick skills in play onto his favourite tomma. A good season there Jay, although like any good forward we're known for holding the ball a bit much at times.

Mens Premier Alliance (contd)

Joshua Wakefield (Wakes)

We got a different Josh this season to usual, he didn't rock up to the game hungover although this had no effect on his performance. Josh is going on an overseas holiday to get some plastic surgery on his rude head so had to save up for that instead of financing his Friday and Saturday nights. He must have heard rumours that he was going to be dropped just before finals so decided to take the Michael Clarke philosophy and jump before you get pushed.

Maverick Yow (Mav)

Mav is another player that got promoted to the 3's late in the season. A wise man once told Mav that you should never slap hit at goals, it's too predictable. Mav chose to ignore this and proceeded to slap hit the ball in the top left corner of the goals against UWA late in the season. It goes to show your coach doesn't know what he's talking about.

I would also like to thank all the guys who filled in at some stage throughout the year.



Womens Premier Alliance

When a team is happy for you as coach to return from the UK two weeks into the season and miss 72.83% of training sessions you know you're in for a good year. The year has flown by due to how much fun it has been to coach such an awesome and fun group. A massive thank you must go to Oggy, Maddie and Bree for keeping the team running smoothly in my occasional absences. Also to all the juniors who have stepped up and helped this team reach the heights it has. Couldn't be more proud of all you girls!!

Ellie “Biggers” Bigwood

This was Ellie's first year at Melville and she certainly made an impact in the 3s team. Ellie had many nicknames this season – Biggers, Big Toe, Chunderwood and Big Rig (some of which she came up with herself!). Between partying in Claremont and drenching sheep, this country girl played some pretty good hockey for Melville throughout the season. Biggers and her bright pink shoes did a lot of running through the midfield and could always be relied on to put a few balls in the back of the net. Biggers would always get the team FIRED UP before a big game and was a key part of us making finals. Looking forward to playing many more seasons with you Big Rig!

Grace “Toy Sale” Bowyer

What a woman, what a season. It's always so comforting playing near Grace on the field because you know how strong a player you have working next to you! If you're in trouble just pass to her and she won't disappoint! Her nifty skills and ball movement have supported the team - forward line especially - all season. She's also undoubtedly one of the hardest working players in the team. Congrats Grace on such a terrific season and for the generous lend (gift?) of your hair ribbons!

India Brockman

I - intercepting passes that the opposition make.
N - never letting the player and the ball get past.
The ball might get past but the player won't, the player might get past but the ball won't.
D - defending is her field of expertise.
I - inspirational calling from the back.
A - a champion player in a champion team.

Brianna “The Boss” Coleman

Bree or B is our super organised and committed captain. Not only does Bree put in 100% on the field but also off the field, organising all of the top squad women. B keeps the coaches in line and makes sure Ross is given plenty of banter for not showing up to training. Bree is a pleasure to play with and her positive attitude and encouragement have helped our team of super 3s be as great as we are.

Madeleine “Team Mum” Dawe

Where do we start for our team Mum? Always organised and on the ball, things would be a lot different if we didn't have Maddie. She is a warm and enthusiastic player which definitely shone through in her game. Never one to back down in a fight with the opposition and without doubt giving them a run for their money in right wing. Maddie you are a key essential for this team and can't wait for next year !

Demelza “Dee” Dravnieks

Young Melville veteran “Dee” has always been an important part of our team both offensively and defensively and this year was no exception. Demelza is consistently strong when carrying the ball and often uses her highly annoying but effective turn to shake off defenders. Always a team player and a pleasure to have as a team mate!

Womens Premier Alliance (contd)

Amy “Fully” Fullarton

AKA the Fullatron, Amy has demonstrated remarkable strength on the ball this year and a willingness to sharpen her elbows to get the job done. Her exuberance with short corner names is debatable (BAE, really?) but she makes them look pretty cool. Amy is quick beyond belief and we feel for the poor opposition defenders that she bears down on in her formidable press! She had a great year and we're looking forward to seeing what she can do next season.

Jessica “Harry Potter” Gallimore

Jess is a skilled, athletic and hardworking attacker and is one of the top goal scorers in our team. She is also a fantastic, friendly TEAM player. Jess does the hard running to help her teammates out, she maintains a great attitude even when the game gets tough and it is really enjoyable to play with her on the team. There were the odd occasions when Jess tried to poison us all by spiking the half time oranges with vodka, tried to disguise herself with a Harry Potteresque scar on her face or rocked up to play still hung over, but those incidents were easily forgiven, especially after an impressive goal (or when she supplied cute cat photos). Thanks for a great season!

Jennifer “Irish” Hyde

Ahhhh Irish... Think it's safe to say that the team has been lacking it's Irish touch in the second half of the season without you. We all miss you reminding us that it's not that cold and you've had frozen turfs more than once back in Ireland (We promise you it really has been that cold!). We also miss your mad skills, keen eye and relentless pressure. You were brilliant on and off the field and we hope you succeed in your new teaching job... or that you don't and you come back and play with us!

Tearne “Turtle” Latham

Tearne - Pretty scary at times when yelling at you to get back and defend but always reliable between the posts. She made some great saves this season which kept us in some games that we could have lost. Tearne is also never shy of a few words for the umpires, especially when she thinks they've made the wrong decision. She's always happy except for when it's cold when she rocks up wrapped in a maroon and white blanket! Pretty sure you need to supply the team with one of those each for next season!

Serena “The Baker” Matthews

Serena always has a smile on her face, a good attitude and is a joy to be around, making her one of the loveliest people to play with. On the pitch Serena is a versatile and consistent player and is able to play almost anywhere on the field. She is a reliable defender with wonderful marking and tackling abilities, whilst having the ability to run the ball with drive and skill into attack. This season has been awesome for Serena's hockey, seeing her improve her game with confidence, all whilst having fun. Even a month off on a European Contiki tour (getting beautifully tanned which we are all jealous of!!!) didn't stem her consistently good performance. You should be so proud of your hockey this year Serena, it has been awesome to play with you, and hope to have more fun times next season!

Janelle “Goal Scorer” Miller

The fullback who scored her first field goal(!) – Pretty amazing work for someone who has just returned after a couple of seasons off. Janelle is a strong, reliable player who supplied the team with the very important face masks in short corners! Janelle has the most amazing positive attitude and always has an encouraging and positive word to say about everybody – we don't know what we would have done without her (and Don when he was home)!

Womens Premier Alliance (contd)

Amy “Robbo” Robinson

Amy is our silent assassin - although there is a good possibility that she can't get a word in edgewise in this team of raucous ladies! Amy is one of our most consistent defenders and you can always rely on her to make a second, third, fourth or fifth effort when required. Amy we rest easy knowing that you are there to take on the quickest and most skilful of players. We can't wait to see what next season brings!

Caitlyn “Chooky” Surman

There was a lot of mystery around this 'Chook' person at the start of the season as she had maybe rocked up to 3 preseason training sessions, but apparently she is a goal scoring machine? Round one is done and dusted but how many goals did 'Chook' score??? 0!!! The next few rounds pass and the legend is still sitting on a whopping ZERO goals. Everyone is starting to wonder what all the hype was about... Maybe if you come to training Chook?? The fourth round we have Wolves as our opponent and Chook has a point to prove! Leading the charge to a 12-0 win, with goals from impossible angles, Chook has shown us what she is capable of. The rest of the season seemed to fly by with Chook scoring goal after hat-trick after goal. From tommsas from bottom pockets, to one timers out of the air and in turn ending the season as the highest goal scorer for the competition. Now everyone knows what all the commotion is about and why she gets paid the big bucks (gluten free snacks) and all this achieved by committing to only 5 trainings all year - Great season Chooky!!! Yet we still don't know who Caitlyn Surman is...

Ross Hall (Coach)

Ross got to Perth after his English adventures and jumped straight into coaching the girls. Although rarely at training, he gave everything he could, whenever he could to the team and as a result we have had a very successful year. His passion for the game and assisting others improve can not be questioned, and I hope the girls realise how lucky they are to have had such an experienced coach this year.

David Ogden (Coach)

Having a guy like Oggy around this year has been amazing. He has been happy to run trainings and take games without fault. Always around to bounce ideas off and an awesome help for all the girls. Despite a rude head, Oggy knows what he's on about and has been a pleasure to work with him this year!!

A massive thank you has to go to all of the players who have filled in for us this season and who have been instrumental in our success. The juniors who have filled in – **Tori Wade, Abi Bell, Natalie Matthews, Ashleigh Power, Chloe Dawes** and **Kayla O'Sullivan** – have been amazing and provided us with much need goal scoring power. Thanks also go to **Kat Atkinson, Lucy Lefroy, Stacey Twedde, Lauren Costa, Morgan Woodforde, Brie Rogers, Sarah Gallimore, Emma Griffiths, Georgia Wade** for filling in (often at very short notice)!

Lastly, but certainly not least, we would like to thank our part-time assistant coach **Don Miller**. It's not just the Gallimore girls that get excited when you are in town. Nothing helps the team “fire up” more than turning up to a game only to find that Don is home! We are so thankful for the wealth of knowledge and expertise that you continue to share with us.

Congratulations on a great season ladies!

Mens Provisional 1

The mighty 4s started off the season with no wins for the first 5 games, but then got our act together to string a few wins together late. Time will tell if we made the finals or not. Father time is catching up with some of us, as well as injuries. Once our new imports settled in, we showed we can still match it with anyone in this grade. Good year boys!

Pen pictures by Matt G, so feel free to take up any issues with him!

Michael Ashley

Highlight of the season: getting lightly brushed by JC from raiders, going down like a ton of bricks, gets JC sent off, bounces up happy as. Almost as funny as a previous season highlight playing on grass for Metro 1s where he went to take a 16 yard hit and collapsed grabbing his ankle. The latter was cramp, but we suspect he's remembered that play and has applied it many times since. Has perfected the pre-game chat, welded together a pretty new team and has made sure we've had a fun season (primarily by appointing Hickey as Fines Master). Good work on breeding new hockey players also.

Luke Austin

Probably too good for 4s, managed to get a few games in late in the season when Gilly was still entertaining dreams of remaining in 3s. Likely to play some 3s next year, realise what Gilly has; and come straight back to 4s.

Lachlan Brayshaw

Said about 20 words all season, 15 of which were in the last 3 games so definitely improving. We all suspect there's a good bloke in there, but we'll let you know when we manage to get a conversation out of him, or if we get him drunk at the windup. Played the whole season as a new 'in', only got better as he got used to the team. Solid in the backline and signs of brilliance up forward mean that if we actually get any good fullbacks, he might legitimately have a spot as a wing.

Ashley Ellis

Clearly the more talented and better looking of the Ellis brothers, not that we'd know, given he disappeared mid-season and only reappeared late in the season. Despite the fact we'd love to destroy him here the truth is that he's actually very good and also that picking on goalies is too easy. One of the guys in the team that always ensures we have fun, happy to enjoy a beer afterwards and shares the load in paying out on AJ.

Christopher Geers

Plays about 4 games, lightly twists his knee whilst not-running (surprise), then blames his ACL blowout from climbing over a seat at the footy on this previous effort. At least now we know where Nich gets his weakness from. At the time Chris left the team we were 0 wins from 4 games and went on to win 4 straight thereafter (surprise). Clearly Chris, who came to assist as super-coach whilst injured has demonstrated that his talents lie in tactics and in calling shots from the bench, rather than on the field. In truth, actually not a terrible player when he's fit, but collectively we are unsure if this fitness has actually ever be seen.

Matthew Geers

Back from Kalgoorlie for a few games, Matt ended up playing the season. This meant an almost unbearable quota of Geers' in the team, but made him easy fine bait. Most useful contribution was the yearbook write-ups, and a couple of goals. Always good for a woefully inappropriate sledge.

Mens Provisional 1 (contd)

Nicholas Geers

Smallest bloke on the team and often the weakest: known to spew before games from over-eating. Although beards are universally manly, this hasn't helped Nich dispel this image. Luckily, Nich has no fear on the field, known for composure and skinning guys twice his size, turning the shoulder and body checking them in defence when beaten and also for terrible hammys and taste in jumpers. Nice work on not dragging your foot roller-hockey style during any games, would've been a straight up max-fine...which you basically received every game anyway.

Chris Gill

Whilst Morro claims to be the super sub I think Gilly actually is. No surprise that with an injection of people like Gilly with actual skill, we started winning games part way into the season. Clearly enjoys his games with us, probably because of the lack of anything resembling personality in the 3s team. His failure to learn the team song after about 8 games (spread between 3s and 4s) indicates the 3s clearly weren't fining him hard enough for his indiscretion. We certainly were.

Jack Hallam

About 50% of the time, Jack plays a blinder of a game. The other 50% of the time you can find him playing anywhere from fullback to high centre forward despite the fact he's been playing right inner the entire time. In his defence though, his excuse is that people won't pass him the ball, despite the fact that the last three turnovers were passed right where he was supposed to be. Another guy that actually demonstrates too much skill on the field, shows promising ability to fire up and knows how to find the back of the net.

James Hickey

A better doctor than hockey player already. This isn't actually saying much given that he mis-diagnosed the admittedly easy ACL tear on Geers Senior and didn't bring out the needle and thread once, despite several prime opportunities. We can refute any claim he didn't know to be prepared given he plays in the same team as Lloyd who single handedly doubles the club medical insurance premium. Solid year for Hickey as the Fines Master, exceeding all earnings targets with his standard passively-aggressive, brutal tactics: "Ah...quiet day...8 bucks"... Brings a whole new perspective to the saying 'rattle the tin'.

Lloyd King

Lloyd is the reason your fees are going up next year. The medical cover of previous years was inadequate to cover both Lloyd's many concussions, lacerations and near-blindness as well as Jenna's fortnightly heart attacks from Lloyd's many incidents, which she back-charges to the club. We keep him around however because he goes hard all day, every day (and often again in 5s or 6s when called upon) and has a ridiculous ability to both fire people up and score goals. Took on the Manager role this year and will probably begin fulfilling all his duties consistently by the end of the season.

Jayben Lister

If you've seen Texas Chainsaw Massacre 1, 2 and 3 you're probably equipped to deal with Jib after a game given the amount of blood that is usually involved. Not much else needs to be said. He's always on point playing through centre half and is yet to have a terrible game, so that's probably coming soon. Needs to talk more to Morro as given the amount of time spent low to the ground during games, a bad back isn't far off.

Mens Provisional 1 (contd)

Christopher Morrison

As one of the senior players in the group, Morro brings the usual mix of attributes to the team. Sporadic hamstring injuries, a lack of hair and the ability to readily get annoyed with poor umpiring, irritating members of the opposing team or the lack of club provided zimmer frames. Despite these impediments, he provides strength at the back and is always ready to help finish anything Ports starts with the team always stronger for his inclusion.

Cameron Porter

Quiet year for Cam this year. Probably fatherhood taking its toll. No proper punch ups, only 8 threats issued, 2 jumper punches, 7 cards, 5 warnings and 3 offers to 'start something, mate'. With a regular dose of Amity, Bullet and/or other metal of choice on the way to the games, Cam drives our ability to fire up and gives us the See-You-Next-Tuesday we often require to slog through the tougher games. Special mention to Cam for gainfully employing Nich and giving him a payrise during the season, Hickey's coffers never looked fuller.

Adam Riley

Adam was one of the young proteges, tasked with carrying the old boys who could not move anymore. What was Tassie's loss was our gain, until he broke his foot with a few games to go. Good to see Ads come down and watch while injured, and contribute to the fines kitty! It's this show of support, rather than his skill that will get him selected next year.

William Ross

First year for Will, and learnt quickly that immaculate haircuts will only cost you money in the 4s. Will had serious identity issues, constantly rocking up with his Aquinas gear to training and games. Hopefully next year Will will say a word or two, so we have more info to sledge him with.

Jason Tate

Two speeds: bench and 'MustGoFaster!' Glad the missus lets him off the hook when he does the right thing and he stays back with the boys for a beer at the pub to watch the footy after the game. Pretty solid season, lends us some speed and looks dangerous up forward, often embarrassing the senior players with demonstrations of actual stick skills. Definitely a player to watch in coming years as he moves past 50kg in body weight.

James Welten

The team has discussed various uses for the fines money, but a true investment might be in a watch for Jimmy. Whilst he is often late, he has definitely mastered the art of the 5-minute warm-up because he usually comes out firing and unlike Tatey with two speeds, Jimmy only has one which is flat out. Another guy that adds a lot of strength and depth to the team, playing solidly throughout the midline for most of the year and will probably maintain an unbroken streak; not being subbed off all season as he can actually run.

Alexander Wragg

At the time of writing AJ, in his last game, took it upon himself to score a goal and then immediately turn around and give a proper spray to the female ump, a full minute after an incident. This sums up his season nicely. Highly capable goal sneak, doesn't mind having a chat: Umps, our team, their team, supporters – he's definitely not selective. Not sure which part of his game is stronger; skills or banter. Unfortunately for us everyone loves a goal sneak so he will likely retain his spot in the team for some time yet as I don't see his goal scoring streak drying up any time soon.

Thanks to the army of ring-ins who helped throughout the year - **Tom, Mitch, Harley, Fraser, Mac, Ev, Brad, Windy.**

See you all next year!

Mens Provisional 2 Gold

After claiming the Flag in the illustrious Provisional 3 Black in 2014, promotion to the even more illustrious Provisional 2 Gold's was going to mean we would have to lift to a whole new level. The offseason saw the re-introduction of Bear to the playing group, as Scotty Willis was farmed out to our Melbourne feeder club to get his touch back after failing to register a vote in the revered Barrett-low medal count, and the midseason transfer window brought new 'old' face Doug back to the Club after an 18 year hiatus.

Once underway, the season saw us come up against and beat most of the competition, only dropping two games (both in inclement weather), and drawing two on the road to the minor premiership.

Having just won our way through to the GF, we hope another Flag is on its way to Picko's bedside table as the one he has at the moment is upsetting the Feng Shui.

Kenrick Armitage (Kenny)

Another one bites the Dust. Sadly for the older guys who like to live vicariously through the 'younger' guys, the offseason saw "young" Kenny get hitched, and like clockwork automatically his appetite for a game of hockey on the weekend increased exponentially. Our favourite of Kenny's many attributes is his ability to run, as when Ken is playing it generally means less running for the rest of us. On top of that Kenny has even been able to slot a few this year and has only managed to injure himself 9 times (a PB!).

Todd Barrett (TB)

Not the team's heart or soul but more like the body. Todd often would use his Adonis like figure to push through a pack of hungry opponents or the occasional 15 year old. His temperament was quiet most of the time with the occasional burst of anger directed towards a shin or upper thigh. We lost him towards the end of the season with an old man injury (now he is 40) and was not required for the final few games. We ultimately finished on top without the pleasure of his company. Let's hope he can make it back for the finals so he can pose for the team photo with his favourite bunch of grapes and toga.

Douglas Brightwell (Dougie)

Dougie joined us mid-season having completed his 18 year pre-season working on his fitness levels via the triathlon scene to ensure he could match the intensity of playing Prov 2 Golds. Fitting right in, he was a handy acquisition slotting in at half back or at a pinch, hitting up forward.

Nathan Elliott (Dr Cannonball)

Nathan has re-written the book on work-life balance. If he's not working the emergency department of Fiona Stanley, Nathan is often found contributing to the issue of ambulance ramping. Nathan's had another great year, and as always, it's a pleasure having him around. It's promising for the club to finally have one of its past Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy winners reach the heights of Provisional 2s.

Adam Halliday (Adsy)

Adam has had quite a memorable year. Who could forget those wonderful runs across the field, beating the same opponent four (or sometimes even more!) times, then a 50/50 pass, hopefully to a teammate. While not getting on the scoreboard himself as frequently this year, Adsy could always be relied on to feed the ball to the other strikers - and then get back to cover in defence when they stuffed it up.

Mens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Brendan Joss (Bear)

Having had a year off following the demise of the Metro 1's, Bear was lured back by the glitz and glamour of Prov 2's. Not missing a beat, Bear slotted in seamlessly at Left Half following Scotty's departure, shutting down the winger most weeks. His only let down was the lack of injuries inflicted on his direct opponents which we had come to expect from a left half, nevertheless great to have you back in the fold.

Russell Lee

Questions were raised over Russ' commitment to the Prov 2's following his offseason appointment as head coach of the 1's. Our concerns were validated when Russ kept using the 'I'm coaching at the same time' excuse, thus rendering him unavailable for a lot of the season. Having played the bare minimum to qualify for finals, we are fortunate that he isn't a very good coach as it free's him up for another tilt at a flag.

James Pickering (Picko)

Every successful team needs a strong and inspiring leader. Melville prov 2s has Picko. Who would know where we would be without him. At best, we would be in the same place we are now as Minor Premiers, at worst, we would be in the same place we are now as Minor Premiers, but without the bag of warm up balls. His inability to win the toss and his pre-game briefings are not something that instill hope in our players, but he is an absolute rock in defence which allows the forwards the confidence to show no ability to work back to help out.

Matthew Read

Once again Matt formed an essential part of our strike forward line, generally playing centre forward. Poetry in motion, always positioning himself well to receive the ball, he has an ongoing ability to beat a player, identify the pass, ignore it then take and score even the most difficult shot. It's great to see the broad grin after he scores a goal and runs back to the halfway line ready to go again.

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Mens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Nathan Rowden (Rowds)

'Rowds' was Melville Prov 2's international signing for 2015, unless you count Weddikkara. Due to his commitments overseas, he was unfortunately limited to a handful of games throughout the season. Despite the lack of on field presence, Rowd's was a regular contributor to the weekly group email and was never shy in offering his pearls of wisdom. Surprisingly Rowds did show up to play in Rockingham on one of the worst days of weather all season and even slotted two important goals. Hopefully we can see more of this goal scoring prowess in 2016.

Ben Rushton (Angry)

Ben has once again cemented his position on top of the leader board as the angriest man on a hockey field. His anger towards an umpire who makes a bad decision or an opposition player who riles him up the wrong way is legendary and is often the highlight of our games. In fact many of his teammates have tried to emulate the great man with anger of their own only to be shouted at by an angry Ben for trying. Ben played Right half for the majority of the season and was one of the reasons we had such a successful year. His leadership shone through his anger and passion (either that or we were just scared he might shout at us, so we did whatever he said). Another solid year from the evergreen.

Ryan Rushton (Ryno)

Not to be confused with the "Angry" Rushton, Ryan spends a lot of his time advising his Brother to calm down and not worry about the umpires. Ryan has been a solid addition to our defensive line this season adding strength, voice and at times an imposing tackle. It was good to see some excellent grass skills used on turf.

Brad Wake

Brad's best game was the inspiration that drove our season. A mistake free keeping master class in our 13 nil victory over CTP dragged the team over the line and set up our season. Safe in the knowledge that we had Brad in goals our forwards were freed up to squander opportunities at the other end. Brad still refuses to wash his keeping gear. There is no humour in that last statement just an unfortunate irrefutable fact.

Grant Watton (Grunter/Watto Jnr)

Good skills for a tall bloke, Grant has a great ability to hold the ball inside the circle and is much more effective when he chooses to earn a short corner rather than attempt the tomma. Watto suffers from the same affliction as me in that respect.... Zero ability to execute it... Something to do with our height I am sure. Grunter has a passion for developing umpires and is often heard providing "feedback" in the event a close call goes the way of the opposition.

Mark Watton (Bluey/Watto Snr)

Watto Senior has ably filled in when required so long as it didn't compete with his long list of family sporting commitments. Never one to leave anything on the pitch, except possibly a couple of quarts of his blood, he is always welcome to have a run.

Mens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Roh Weddikkara (Roh)

Roh had a lack lustre start to the season. The cause unknown. Was it the easy life of a guy on long service leave creeping into his hockey, or something else. Rumour has it that he even failed to score in a game the team won 13 - nil (Even both fullbacks scored). However following a trip to China, Roh came back a different man, a real man some may say. The changes can all be described by the numerology. As a striker, Roh scored 10% of the teams goals, he missed 20% of the games played. He is 30% faster than the teams average running speed (thats still not that fast). He is 40% shorter than the average team height. He weighs 50% of the average team weight. He fails to convert 60% of his shots on goal. 70% of the effort is put into after-game banter. 80% of his time is then spent on pre-game email banter. 90% of his bodyweight is in his head. The most important performance factor for Roh, which he discovered on return from China (and associated long-service leave) was the fact that his new beard reached 100% of his total upper body height. It is yet to be proven, however it is suggested that the balancing effect of such a beard on a self proclaimed massive head has given Roh increased focus, speed and agility. Most importantly it has enabled Roh to finally roof a shot at goal from the top of the D. That beard should be investigated by WADA as a performance enhancing substance. Despite its not so distinguishing scatter of grey hairs, we hope to see it back again next season.

James Welten (Jimmy/Welts)

Having spurned our advances in the offseason, Jimmy changed his tune in the latter stages of the season when it was clear the 4's were going to struggle to make finals. A great addition for not only his run and tenacity, but his ability to man the Canteen and perform umpiring duties for us.

Richard Williams

Big Richard Williams struggled with form this year needing a whole team of Lilliputians to carry his giant frame around the field. That said, a formidable fee fi fo fum of a foe on the field, Richie would still routinely terrify opposition players when he would rush at them from half back like a giant chasing a golden goose down a beanstalk all the while swinging his club in that amusing big person kind of way. For the conspiracy theorists it is an interesting fact that Richie, Aaron Sandilands and Chewbacca have never been seen in the same room together.....

Thanks to Devo and anyone we forgot to mention above for filling in as required, and all involved for another successful season.

Womens Provisional 2 Black

This year was always going to be a big one for this group as the club had high expectations of us and we were keen for the challenge. With promotion into a higher grade the aim, we started the season with a bang and beat UWA 8-0 setting the tone for the rest of the season. We were just doing our thing each week and getting rewarded for our hard work but then with a few injuries we found ourselves scrambling for players but still kept our feet and stayed firmly on top of the ladder. It's now the end of the season and we will finish on top easily, where we deserve to be after everyone's hard work and desire to prove we are a solid team. It has been a great year of coaching these ladies and hopefully we walk away with the Grand Final flag!! Either way everyone should be happy with how they have performed this year.

We did have a fair few "fill in's" through out the year, mostly some talented juniors stepping up and helping us out, so thanks everyone who helped out.

Kathryn Atkinson (Kat - Full back)

Kat is always a pleasure to play with, but she also takes on a bit of a mentor role to our young juniors. You can always tell when Kat is on the field because you can hear her screaming from the back of the field. She was our enforcer in the backline, never letting a bit or argy bargy from the opposition phase her, she always had a cool head - well most of the time anyway. Unfortunately a bad wrench of her knee saw her in the back of an ambulance with some yummy looking ambos, and also cut her season short :(but we are sure she will be back next year as a friend, mentor, coach and player.

Mia Ballard (Half back)

One of our regular junior fill ins. Mia is a quiet little thing but she is a solid player on the field, holding her own as a half back against some much older, bigger and nastier women. I hope she enjoyed her games with our team, she kept coming back every time we asked her to play, so we couldn't have scared her too much. She was a pleasure to play with as she never got flustered and always kept her cool head by making smart ball decisions.

Larissa Blechynden (Rissa - Full back)

Larissa is a new girl to the club but she soon became one of the most reliable and versatile players in the team. She started the season playing for the 5's and filled in a few times for us but then took her chances and showed why she should be playing in the 4's. Her ability to make clean tackles and her decision making are second to none. Next year no Bali trip unless you invite the whole team!

Lauren Costa (Lozza - Full back/half back)

Lozza's season started with her being concerned that we would not need her and that there was not a position in the team for her, how wrong she was! Whilst surprised at being voted as captain there was no better person fit for the job, who else can talk as much and bring such energy and spirit to the team. Particularly unique to her captaining qualities were refusing to play in the rain, and her self-subbing at every opportunity (especially if it was getting cloudy) Spending the majority of the season as full back Loz has been rock solid as the last line of defence, but on many occasion she will stream through the midfield to have a run at centre forward to change things up a bit! Her versatility on the field and her ability to lift the team's morale has been remarkable throughout the entire season, making her an invaluable team member.

Womens Provisional 2 Black (contd)

Chloe Dawes (Stiker)

The youngest player in the team, Chloe spent most of the season running literal circles around her opposition. One of our key strikers, Chloe is never afraid to put her stick n and make the most of any opportunity to score. This has resulted in her being the top goal scorer in the league! She has got a hit that is just effortless. She will be missed next year when she goes off on her big adventure in America and starts her scholarship over there. Good luck and have a great time!!

Sarah Gallimore (GAMMY - Inner)

Our favourite crazy cat lady. She is a killer inner with great skills and an amazing natural aptitude for reading the game and knowing where to put the ball. We all love our Gams for all the laughs she brings to the team (not always with her, sometimes at her) and her positive, fun attitude. Gammy is an integral component of our kick ass 4s side and our team would not be the same without her.

Rachel Harries (Harries - Full back)

More commonly known as "Harries" on the field due to being one of the Rachel H duo. Rachel has gone from strength to strength in the back line as our solid full back (when her work doesn't steal her away from us). She is willing to listen and has a positive attitude. She has gained more confidence and a greater voice throughout the season despite being one of the younger players on the team. Rachel has been an integral part of our 4's team this year and hopefully she will return again next year - though maybe with a different job where she doesn't have to work on weekends ;)

Rachel Harrup (Harrup - Striker)

Well, she came in as Rachel Harrup, but unfortunately finished her season prematurely and became Rachel Harr-down. Eye witnesses to her injury describe it as her taking on a massive goalie (at least 10 foot tall) who came out of no where and made a beeline straight for our super striker - bloody goalie bullies!! This might be a slight exaggeration, but her absence left a massive hole in our front line, such was her potential and value to our team. A quiet achiever with colourful hair which changed each week, you were our leading goal scorer until your injury and hopefully you will bounce back next season with a much stronger collar bone. It has been a pleasure having her on the team.

Sarah Jarvis (Jarmo/Jarvis - Left Wing)

With a nice strong start to the season, which was interrupted by a saucy holiday (known as a honeymoon, Jarvis has proven to be both the voice of experience, and a player with great skill and tact, and many tumbles too. Throughout the season she became an essential stalwart in our attacking line. though was not beyond storming back into the defence herself to snatch a couple of balls from the lion's mouth. Narrowly avoiding injury and some dodgy umpiring, she made sure she was heard when it came to the moments of crisis; and alongside Lozza, always keeping us together as a team and strong in spirit ... and to remind us not to cuss too loudly during game and play.

Womens Provisional 2 Black (contd)

Nardia Klem (Nardia/Nards/Nads/Gonads - Midfield)

Our resident physio. Nads has been an awesome addition to the team this year for her strong skills, cardio for days, and versatility in different positions. She always seems to look cool and calm, especially when under pressure over the ball. All this, coupled with her wealth of physio knowledge, she's been a huge asset. She would always be the first to help out an injured player on the field, and first to offer advice off the field. Great attitude, great player and great friend!

Brittany Lawrence (Britt - Half back)

Britt has had a great year playing in the half line, the forward line, and occasionally as a full back when needed. One of our very versatile players, Britt is always reliable, always calm, and has a tackle that few can get past. As left and right half, Britt had the very important (but rather boring) job of following high forwards around. Your full backs were always grateful for the effort you always put in to getting back when all the excitement was happening in the forward line. Thanks as well for always keeping your cool in light of some very interesting umpiring. It's definitely not easy to do, but it did help keep the team from losing the plot. Thanks for a great season Britt.

Jenna Powell (Centre Forward)

You were the only one of us to get a hashtag this year, probably because there is only one person who can get #goalslikejenna. The First lady of the team, you didn't let this get in the way of your game. No-one wanted a goal more than you (every second you had the ball) but hey, that's what made you a great striker. To be honest, your attitude you brought to each game and each training session was worth more to our team than all your goals combined, and there sure were a lot of them!

Michelle Regan (Shell - Inner)

Shell was one of our energiser bunnies playing inner for the year and was a running machine (especially if it was her favourite ball relay game at training). She was always at training, pushing herself to get better and bringing a positive attitude to the team. A few off field dramas with a new house and a hot water bottle always kept us all on our toes but was a fun season all round. Looking forward to seeing you again next year Shell.

Kate Sparkes (Sparksy - Inner/centre half back)

Sparksy puts in 110% on and off the field. 110% of running on the field and 110% brain power off the field for choosing the right cheese for our occasion after game nibbies and drinksies. The team can always rely on Sparksy to get pumped up before the game because she has perfected the "1,2,3 MELVILLE" cheer to start the game (No-one will ever take that job off you Sparksy). She always pushes through the pain whether it's her shoulder that is causing her agony and needs urgent taping or getting smashed in the foot in warm up by a certain team mate, she's always there ready for the win. Just want to say thanks for being such a great team mate, friend, turophile (connoisseur of cheese) and giving the team a bit of spark.

Womens Provisional 2 Black (contd)

Ashleigh Sperinck (Ash - Goal Keeper)

Our spectacular goal keeper came back for another year despite her health issues, and she really didn't miss too many games. Unfortunately for her, our forward and midfield was rather good, and she never really got much of a workout, but when the ball did come down to her she was always on fire - pretty sure she only had 1 or 2 goals scored against her all season. There was a certain game against Aquinas however where she must have been starved for attention because she decided to give Morro and the team a heart attack and kick the ball outside the "D" resulting in a short corner against her - which she then promptly saved! Hope you can get some rest and recuperation in the off season and come back to us next year strong and healthy again.

Jade Vanderzwan (Striker)

Our other regular junior fill in. Jade brought even more youth, energy and legs to our forward line. Jade brought a breath of fresh air in after we just lost our super forward Harrup with a broken collar bone. She is great at carrying the ball and driving it into the "D" and having a crack at a goal. Watching her and Chloe run off together and through the ball to each other quickly and decisively was like poetry in motion sometimes. But unfortunately a bad ankle sprain took her away from us for the last 4 weeks of the season, but fingers crossed she will be mended for our finals to come and help us win the flag.

Morgan Woodforde (Morgs - Centre half back)

Using work as an excuse to get out of fitness and training we were lucky enough not to be put to shame by her incredible fitness. The lack of training had absolutely no effect come game day. Like all good centre halves Morgan has an incredible awareness of all players on the field making it look effortless as she links up with the rest of the team. It took us a while to discover her great steady hit and utilise it in our offensive short corners, but when we did she started scoring some goals for us, which was fantastic and just what our short corners needed - some fire in their belly. So thanks for bringing the heat Morgs.

Thanks **Morro** for putting up with us and teaching us all of your mad skills. You have had to put up with a lot, from some miserable turn outs at training and fitness, to injury after injury it seems, to irate children who both love and irritate you. All in all though we do appreciate everything you have done for us and the time and effort you put in, hopefully you will be enticed to return again next year to lead us to glory in the new higher grade that we richly deserve to be in.

Womens Provisional 2 Gold

What a year the Melville 5s girls have had!!

Many laughs and many improvements. This social yet still dedicated team towards hockey, has grown into a little close knit group, with the oldies embracing the newbies into the club like they were their own. I've taken great pride in coaching you ladies this year. And I wish you all the best of luck for all your future endeavors!

- **Cassie Nicol** (Coach)

Clara Bird (Halfback)

Clara joined Melville this year and slotted comfortably into the 5's half back line. She is quiet on the field but very determined to not let any attacker easily pass the half way line. She is quick to move into attack but then is able to track back in defence as soon as needed. Clara is a great addition to the club and we hope to see her back next year!

Larissa Blechynden (Centrehalf)

Larissa was our glorious centre half for the 2015 season (except when she was partying in Thailand!!). Aggressive in attack and resilient in defence, Larissa used her exceptional skills to thwart the opposition and get the play to our inners and attackers. A pleasure on and off the field, Larissa is awesome to play with!

Shannon De Melo (Halfback)

Came to the team late in the season but we quickly learned she's got that get up and go attitude - puts a hole through her lip and doesn't think twice about it! She's always a happy face to play with and a hard working soul. It been a pleasure playing together.

Camilla Elliott (Halfback)

Camilla is the firecracker of our team. She's always running hard for the ball and never shies away from a tackle. Camilla is always up for a laugh and keeps a light-hearted mood around the team. Great season, Cam!

Claire Hadley (Fullback (Manager))

Claire was like the mother hen of the team, making sure everyone knew where we were playing week to week and who's turn it was to umpire. Claire always had encouraging words from the back line and always worked hard throughout each game.

Jessica Holmes (Inner)

The ultimate team player! Always in the perfect spot for a pass or just to save you from the raging opposition. We can always count on her for encouragement, support and a good laugh.

Jessica Hood (Goalie)

Pocket rocket Jess, the junior GK who has stepped into the ranks of seniors, has been a god-send this season. Her ability to contort like an Olympic gymnast has saved our bacon on more than one occasion. She has a good instinct for reading the play and putting herself in positions that are sincerely frustrating to opposition forwards. A great season Jess - looking forward to seeing more of you next year.

Wendy Joyce (Fullback)

Wendy was the Irish force in our team this year. Wendy is our rock, she is our foundation in defence - always there to mop up any loose passes and shut down any wee, young things on a break-away. We missed her sorely when she injured her foot early in the season but fear not! She is back and better than ever. One of the more established players in the club, Wendy was an encyclopedic point of reference for our newer players with regards to the goings-on in the club, and the names of the boys who played after us.

Womens Provisional 2 Gold (contd)

Ella Joynes (Forward)

Ella - the Joan of all positions (i.e Jack of all trades!) She's tall and leggy and can run all day. Always willing to play any position she gets put in. Every week rocks up with a smile on her face. She's the back bone to our team.

Sarah King (Wing)

Sarah may have missed one or two of the early games but she fit right in. Always turned up with a positive attitude. A reliable winger who we asked to run, run, and run some more. Bagged a couple of goals for herself but assisted in many more.

Anna Mains (Inner)

Anna and her long legs covered a lot of ground this year as one of our inners and was a regular at training. Tragically, we lost her halfway through the season when she had to head back home to New Zealand. We hope to see her again next year!

Jolene Olde (Inner)

Jo is always pushing herself and trying hard to get the ball. She is fast and gets those 50/50 balls. She's got a wonderful poke tackle and didn't even let a dislocated shoulder slow her down (much).

Nia Stevens (Centre-forward (Team Captain))

Nia took on the role of our team captain this year and was perfect for the task - so bubbly, cheerful, kind, supportive and when the time comes she can get the job done. She lifted up the team's spirits and pushed us to do our best, thank you for all your efforts this season!

Kimberly Welten (Wing)

Kimmy is a strong reliable team player who certainly got her share of the action both up forward and in defence this year. Copped a corker ball in the leg mid-season which she kneed into the carpark. Stellar work, Ms Welten!

Rebecca Wood

Bec's calm off the field exterior is somewhat deceptive as she fired up the team on the field with her fight and determination. Aside from this, she is always at the ready with her medical expertise to lend a hand when anyone on the field came to grief.

Special thanks need to go to juniors **Jemma Thompson, Courtney Fullarton** and **Lisa Gleave** for helping us field a full team on multiple occasions - sometimes on very short notice. We hope you girls enjoyed playing with us as much as we enjoyed having you!

We also need to thank the army of subs that helped out during the year – **Kat Atkinson, Kate Sayers, Rachel Harries, Jade Vanderzwan, Chloe Dawes, Kate Sparkes, Chloe Corsini, Vanessa Carmody, Michelle Regan, Jenna Powell, Kayla Luk, Nadia Klem, Brittany Lawrence, Sue Clark, Sue Wilson** and **Gaye Glaskin**.

Mens Provisional 3 Black

2015 has been a stellar season for the mighty 6s, after some shifting around grades we found ourselves in a competition which well suited our newly formed playing group.

A steady cohort of stalwarts from previous years, and some new blood from juniors was joined this year by an amazing number of players returning to the game after years away. It is great to see so many guys coming back to hockey that haven't played since juniors and it is inspiring to be part of a club which welcomes them with open arms and brings everyone together so well.

On the field we have had a stand-out year, the variability in our weekly team did nothing to dampen on field performance with us going through the season all but undefeated. With the Minor Premiership locked up, Grand Final glory awaits and the team well deserves every success. Full acknowledgement and appreciation goes to Griff Thomas for consistently leading the team throughout the year.

It has been a very enjoyable season gentlemen, greatly looking forward to going around again next year.

Our playing group:

Evan Bowater

Andrew Metcalf

Jacob Campbell

Liam Metcalf

Johnathan Colgan

Ted Neesham

Harley Ellis

Jonathon Palmer

Andrew Fry

Ryan Swan

Jack Hallam

Jason Tate

Tyson Harvey

Griffin Thomas

Kieren Hill

Brad Wake

Ross Hopkins

Steven Walsh

Rodney Lorrimar

Alexander Wragg

Mackenzie Love

Darryl Young

Zach MacLachlan

Mens Provisional 3 Gold

Dave Aujla

With his bald head and tattooed skull, his mere presence struck fear into the opposition team. Luckily for us, they never found out he is the nicest man possible. Provided the team with a calm head and excellent skills through the midfield, and KFC vouchers off the field. Legend.

Daniel Corbin

Came into the team a few rounds in to add some much needed depth (and height) to our forward line. Suffered a season ending shoulder injury in the bye week somehow and has not been seen since.

Andrew Criddle

Most likely to argue with the umpire. Unfortunately was usually to convince them to give free hits against us. Was a big believer in the forward press and attacking from the back although it was probably just a ruse to try and sneak forward to stop Steve hogging all the goals.

Christopher Criddle

Never mistaken for any of his brothers. Went missing for a large portion of the season to travel. Solid defender who provided good ball use out of the back. Most significant contribution was when he had to fill in and umpire against his own team and refused to turn a blind eye to the poor tackles being thrown around.

Stephen Criddle

Seagull award. Top goal scorer for the season, though each goal seemed luckier than the last. Always a good attacking option, provided the ball wasn't passed slightly too far ahead of him.

Christian Gallagher

Let through 5 goals in his first game as the kicking full back. After that poor effort was relegated to fullback for the rest of the season. Could always be relied upon for a strong hit out of defence or to take out opposing forwards if they annoyed him. After playing for the scrubbers last season, metro 2's the season before and missing our triumph over Kalamunda, has not had a win in 3 years, so is assumed to be cursed. Will not be allowed back next year unless he consults a gypsy during the off-season.

Christopher Grierson

One season in at Melville and half the team has yet to hear him speak, though when he does is likely to be complaining about the weather. First season back in action after a lengthy absence, so spent a good portion of the season relearning which end of the stick to hold, and the benefits on showing up to the game on time.

Glenn Linstead

Getting married mid-season is inconvenient, taking a month-long honeymoon is unforgivable. Great player who accidentally turned up to a game 5 minutes early once. Not a great believer in a warmup or defence.

Zach MacLachlan

Added some much needed pace to the forward line, though was at his fastest 2 minutes after each game making one of his legendary sprints for the carpark to avoid whichever Cridds was collecting turf fees. Owes the team a carton for hitting the post with a stroke in the final game.

Mens Provisional 3 Gold (contd)

Brenton Malacari

Often mistaken for his brothers (and sometimes by his brothers) Brenton had a good season. Still not forgiven for skipping a game to hold his birthday party, 2 weeks after his actual birthday, and not inviting the team.

Jared Malacari

Easily the best looking and most talented of the Malacari Bunch, was still regularly mistaken for one of the other two. Consistently good, nothing else needs to be said. Usually seen sprinting up the wing or in the defensive half recovering from a sprint after severely over-estimating his fitness levels.

Nicholas Malacari

All three Malacari's spent the majority of the season in the halfback line mainly out of convenience. Despite pushing up into the forward line during the season, didn't score. Spent a month up north to work, so his commitment to the team needs to be questioned.

Daniel McMillan

Still riding high after his tomahawk goal from last year. Would run all day and provide a great contest on the field. Also most likely to do an air swing at a tomahawk trying to relive the glory years.

Liam Metcalf

Was a very reliable keeper for most of the season. Tried a revolutionary tactic where he did not wash his kit all season, so the opposition forwards did not want to stand within 10 metres of him. Very popular team member on the field, not so much in the close confines of the half-time huddle. Selfishly injured himself in the 11/12s and was out for last part of the season.

Ted Neesham

Got the first goal of the season for the team with his first touch and hasn't shut up about it since. Spent half the season off in Europe or injured.

Stephen Phillips

Stephen stepped into the breach when Liam went down, and played really well in goals for us for the last 4 games of the season. Big thanks from Christian who was able to stay out of kicking fullback.

Praful Vadolia

A new addition to the team this year. Practicer of the one-handed hockey skill, to varying success. Completed the trap of the century when he stopped a bullet from Gavin Scally that most likely broke the sound barrier. Unfortunately, it was on the goal line and was promptly cleared by the opposition defence.

Thanks to the guys who played a handful of games for us over the season:

Jon Colgan, Ev Bowater, Caleb Crumper, Ash and Casey Ellis, Fry, Kieren Hill, Gav Scally, Brad Wake and Steve Walsh.

Mens Provisional 4 Gold

Well it was definitely a better season for the Scrubbers as we managed to not only score a few goals, but to actually win a few. While there was some frustration through the season, we saw some really good hockey at times, with a really great game played in round 18 to wrap up the season. By far our best game in many years, we showed the potential we have when we commit and play as a team.

Tristan Andrews (The end of the Blockade)

Always Stalwart in defence, if you happened to try run the blockade and came up against his shoulder of steel, you would generally need a few moments (or days) to get over it as Tristan would heroically drop the shoulder and present no option to go through. A good listener and willing to share his thoughts on and off the field, a lover of scotch who often was the cause for some of the hangovers we had during the games - Tristan is a valuable member of the team and a good friend, who would willingly put his body on the line to stop the attack (and often did). Thanks for another great season Tristan!!!

Angus Ayres

This year Angus moved to Melville Hockey Club after having a year break. He played predominantly as an inner for the first time which was a position that he quickly fit into. He provided a lot of good passing and teamwork up the left side and setup a good many opportunities into the attacking D.

Aden Bocking

Since joining the team this season, Aden has blitzed the opposition on many an occasion, always giving 110% and following up on every play. A team player, Aden has frequently been a key piece in our offensive plays, providing many opportunities for our forward lines. Always one of the first players back in a defensive situation, Aden has become a strong, reliable half back and an important part of the team.

James Butcher (The Hulk)

Deep in the battlefield, south of the deep circle, James, aka the Butcher works tirelessly - dismembering and disembowelling those who enter his territory, without restraint or even a flicker of hesitation. Resistant to physical damage, it is rumoured that he grows stronger with each injury, which makes him a feared and reliable player in the arena. And while he always had a taste for the butchery, over the ages, he has softened off the field, being a proud father and husband. Despite this he continues to be a feared member of the scrubbers and continues to hold a solid line of defence.

Darren Kidd (Lofty)

The less said about Darren's hat trick against Rockingham this year, the better: we are doomed to hear the tale of that day for many years to come. Darren is the engine room of our team, usually sitting at centre halfback next to Matty Wake. He can run all day, place the perfect through ball to his wingers, keep the ball moving with a deft touch, and maintain our team structure with his incessant yelling. Yet Darren loves doing one thing more than anything else on the hockey field: overhead passes. The problem is that Darren is terrible at overhead passes - the majority either end up out of bounds or in the possession of our opponent. Darren knows that he is bad at them, yet he keeps attempting them. Stop it Daz. Please...

Mens Provisional 4 Gold (contd)

Timothy McEntee

The Scrubbers are lucky to have a teammate as old and experienced as Old Man McEntee. Time has not done any favours to Tim over the years: his once youthful complexion is now withered and saggy, and gout and a loss of hand-eye coordination has impacted upon his playing style (these ailments could help explain all the missed shots on goal this season).

On the plus side, Tim has gained plenty of experience over the years (many, many years) and is thankfully not too shy to impart some wisdom upon the youth of our team: his pre-game and half-time speeches are something to behold, and he is one of the best to have around you at training. Despite his frail state, nobody could criticise his determination and passion when out on the field: he's always the last person to give up when chasing an opponent, and his grimace when lunging after the ball is legendary. One can only hope that this old bull has a few more years left in him before he is sent out to pasture. Thanks for all your work this year Tim!

Lyle McMahon

From someone who only started with this club this season, Lyle has really adapted into the team with ease. Not only that, but he also improved vastly over the season showing great stick work and friendship. Hopefully we will see him in the coming seasons hungry for a flag.

Paul Morris (Wiry)

Pauly was an impressive wingman both on and off the field this year, always regaling us with epic stories from the night before. Although he was happy to play anywhere (where anywhere was either wing), he would on occasion sub in as a halfback. But not before firing a death glare to the poor knackered person that he was replacing. He has been living the good life with numerous trips; Melbourne, Las Vegas and now South America; which has left some of the team very jealous! Pauly you look too young for the men's team, the team votes you bring back the beard.

Stephen Phillips

Stephen was our goalie this season, which was also his first at Melville. Being new didn't hold him back though, as he vigorously commanded the backline throughout the season. Although we had plenty of goals scored against us, Stephen continued to remain positive by often reminding his teammates that he had still made more saves than had goals scored against him. Stephen's effort in every game was excellent, and his attitude matched it. With further practice and experience, Stephen will prove to be a valuable member of our team in years to come.

Mens Provisional 4 Gold (contd)

David Wake (The Wrecking Ball)

Not having had the benefit this year of skipping games for relaxing Lady Gaga concerts, David had no other outlet for his pent-up rage at the team's average (and, let's face it, considerable) lack of fashion sense both on-field and off and as a result through the season everyone at some point or other felt the burning wrath of his silent judgey glare. Even if nobody noticed it at the time, trust me, it was there. Sort of like how he plays, really. Opposition players think they're clear, get the ball, turn around and bam! There he is, all a terrifying whirling blur of sharp teeth and frantic clawing and poking, stealing the ball, getting through two more players before passing it off, and then presumably making some snide comment to them about how it was mostly that easy because their shoes are so last season's fashion and he hates that, followed by finger snaps and walking away from an explosion without looking back. Oh, he may have not said or done that last part, but he was definitely thinking about it.

Justin Wake (Pony boy)

Discontented with the thought of cultivating some mundane shrubbery, Justin set it upon himself to spend 2015 growing an array of shrivelled chillies which burn with the fire of a thousand suns. Nobody knows why. He also played hockey. Showing his dedication to our team, he continued to play with us despite having to travel for hours to get to and from each game, with crushing defeats being a more common outcome of ours. Justin has been a reliable asset to our defensive line once again this year, but he was always trying to sneak back into a position up front. His dreams of becoming a cyborg also came a step closer to fruition, as a glowing screen could often be seen protruding from his wrist. Who knows what we'll see from him next year.

Matthew Wake ("W" or "the other Matt")

A lot can be said on how Matt has improved his game over the seasons, most notably this year by dropping the old Windy swing he would make while running with the ball. A keen eye for how the game runs, Matt was often able to share (in his proper Teacher's voice) what our opportunities were. As he has aged we are definitely seeing signs that living and teaching in Rocko are having an effect on him with some choice stories and comments (very bogan I can assure you) coming from him, none of which I can share here but feel free to buy him a drink and he can tell you all about it:P

Mark Western

Mark was a new addition to our team this year, after having defected from Fremantle, in a scheme reminiscent of a Cold War thriller. He was a valuable source of information, some of which was useful. Mark played in a number of roles, including Half-back and Inner, but it was on the Wing that he held his own. Always consistent, and goal hungry, he made a strong partnership with our illustrious forward line. After reaching the heady heights of equal top goal scorer, we have great expectations of Mark next season.

Mens Provisional 4 Gold (contd)

Matthew Willis

As always, Matt has been one of the hardest runners in our team, often streaking back on long leads, taking the ball, and creating plays. Although his legs are not as fast as they used to be, his hard work as winger/inner/striker has been appreciated by the whole team. He didn't receive a card this year (a bit disappointing...), but there were many occasions when his quiet temper flared – at one point insulting a referee under his breath by insinuating that his umpiring was “from Kwinana”. Fortunately, this went unnoticed and unpunished. He well and truly made up for this by getting engaged – congratulations Matt & Bec

Notable Mentions:

Christian Gallagher

While he started strong at the beginning of the year, he felt compelled to step into the higher grades and left our team – though he was often heard in the stands, drink in hand shouting encouragement in a pink tutu (very flattering ;p) or filling in after his game to help us out. Thanks Christian!

Dan McMillan

Also stepping up a grade to play in the 7's, Dan has a keen insight into how the sport (or any sport) is played and was a valuable member for the short time he played with us. Dan was also more than willing to put his body on the line and after leaving, often filled in to help us out, straight after his own game. Thanks Dan and congratulations on your new son Sebastian!



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Womens Provisional 4 Gold

This year I got a last-minute phone call asking if I could help out and coach the senior women's 6s. I had coached the under 17 girls for the past couple of seasons, so I knew I was up for any new challenge! I was lucky enough to be introduced to Christian who was asked to join us as assistant coach. We made a great combo at training and games, helping the girls work on their skills and offering advice wherever we could. Having the two of us benefited the girls because we were able to pay closer attention to them and offer individual assistance. Our yin/yang coaching style worked really well. I was loud, crazy and intense at times, and Christian was cool, calm and collected!

Emma Bradley

Em has been a great player to have around the ball this year. She is constantly keeping the other team on their toes with her tackles, always in the right spot at the right time! You've got great reach, so continue to work on getting low and agile and you're only going to get stronger. Thanks for your versatility in positions this year Em, and I really hope to see you back at the club next year!

Ashleigh Chauvin

Ash has such a quirky and loveable personality and it reflects in her hockey! One of our quickest speed-demons in the team, she would constantly run herself ragged playing inner, where she was an invaluable participant. We lost her to travel for a while there, but it was great having her back at the end. Ash, we've watched your skills grow over the year and I am really confident that you're going to keep improving as you get stronger!

Georgia Collins

Georg has been a great team member this year, I don't think I've seen her without a smile on her face! One of our dedicated wingers - always running, leading and presenting - making the opposition defenders work hard to get it out of defence. Georg, I've noticed your skills have improved over the season, especially when you concentrate on the process to master the moves. I hope you stick around next season, I can only see your game getting better and better!

Chloe Corsini

Chloe has been one of our stronger defenders this season. Our little social director uses her communication skills well on the field, always offering constructive support and positional instructions for the trusting team members in front of her. Chloe has clear confidence over the ball and is strong at making tackles. Her hits were always cracking, but it's her dynamic use of pushes and sweeps that's really impressed me this year. Great work mixing it up out of defence Chloe. Keep working on your speed and agility and you're only going to get stronger!

Shannon De Melo

Shan has been a great asset to the team this year. She has been a fantastic force at halfback, showing skills and confidence when carrying the ball. Continue to work on your strength and creativity, because your skills are already fantastic, which has shown with your transfer to the 5s team! Congratulations on your achievements this year, you've been a pleasure to coach and I hope I get the opportunity to do so again!

Womens Provisional 4 Gold (contd)

Melanie Hobday

Hobday (aka “knees” – thanks to “legs!”) has been one of our other key wingers. She has found herself in the right spot at the right time, on a number of occasions, paying off with some well-deserved goals! Mel has always shown focus when receiving instructions and responds well when offered new challenges. I’ve seen your skills improve this year, with the only thing hindering you being your knee. I hope everything heals up nicely soon and you should definitely play summer 7s to maintain your new-found skills and strength that you’ve grown.

Melissa Hoskin

“Legs” as she has affectionately become known, has been a really strong member of our team and it’s been a pleasure having her run around at inner every game for us. Legs has always shown willingness to learn and we’ve watched her grow stronger and more skillful as she continues to challenge herself. Another speedy player with good pace and endless cardio, her work on and off the ball is highly respectable. She always deserves her time on the bench, often pulling herself from the field, gasping for air from all the hard work she’s put into the game! Hope to see you next year Legs!

Paige Hudson

Paige has been a strong and confident goalkeeper for us all year. She has a good heart and social personality, making her a popular figure amongst our team and the hockey club. She’s great at governing the game from the back, offering instructional support to her defenders, which builds and carries on throughout the team. Paige if you continue to work on your fitness and agility, you’re going to make an even stronger goalkeeper and continually valued team member.

Felicity Packer

You can always count on Flick for a witty joke, friendly attitude and willingness to learn. She has found herself in some strong positions close to goal this year, paying off with some great goals. It was a proud moment for me watching you handle that bullet of a hit from Laura, deflecting it right into the goals, after I was screaming for it. You’ve shown improvement as the season has progressed, and it’s a testament to your proactive attitude at training, showing willingness to take instructions and learn more each week to better your game. I really hope you continue your hockey with us over the summer and into next season, because I know you’re only going to get better and stronger!

Nicole Parrotte

Nikki has been one of our strongest players this year, showing great strength, persistence, skills and endurance. She’s the perfect hockey package! We lost her to travel for a while there as well. We missed her when she was gone! Nikki has always shown great versatility, jumping into different positions on the field when needed. Continue to work on your strength on the ball and confidence on the field and you will remain a highly valued member of any team! Hope to see you over the summer in 7s!

Kate Sayer

Kate has been such an integral asset to the team this year. She has shown great skills and confidence on the ball, especially at training where we have seen her blossom and expand her skillset. Kate, continue to work on your strength and hockey-smarts, because I can see great potential in you to take your hockey even further! You have always been a positive and bubbly team member and a pleasure to coach!

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Monique Smith

Mon has been such a fantastic defender this year. I really enjoyed the comfort of knowing she was down there helping our other defenders hold the opposition back on so many occasions. I was very impressed with her strength in tackles and ability to clear and distribute the ball well. Mon, continue to work on the movements we've shown you in recent weeks, because I know that you have great potential to be an even stronger player than you already are! I really hope to see you again next season! Remember, take an extra second to process the movements at training, and soon your skills will be flowing even more!

Jasmine Vico

Jazzy has made important contributions to our team this year in a number of ways. Stepping up as manager has been a big responsibility that she seems to have taken on with ease (especially keeping her cool with a couple of crazies after one of our games – you know what I'm talking about!). Jazzy you're a strong defender with skills and a hit that's really improved during the season! Stay strong and confident in yourself and your hockey will continue to improve, as I've already seen first hand!

Laura Walkemeyer

Laura brings a special kind of energy to our team. Her loud, quirky personality translates into her hockey as a strong, skillful force in the midfield. Another versatile player that's transferred from fullback to halfback, finding a niche at centre half, working well with Kat interchanging positions. Laura has a very strong hit and confident control of the ball, and her reach is a great asset to her repertoire. Laura, we can always count on you for a laugh off the field, just as much as we value your booming voice ON the field. Just keep doing what you're doing girl! You've had a great season and I know you'll continue to smash it.

Katherine Williams

Kat has been one of our strongest players this year. She has shown great versatility by slotting into a number of positions when required. Kat has strong skills and shows great hockey-smarts, which has come from years in the game. Even with a couple of years off there, you have still maintained a strong game and I really hope you continue with your hockey, especially since your return came so soon after your beautiful bubs! I can only imagine the improvement in agility and fitness if you continue to work hard at training and consider playing over the summer to maintain the great level of hockey that you've achieved this year! Well done Kat. Thanks for your massive contribution to the team!

I've really enjoyed coaching the girls this year and I hope that they all learned a thing or two. No matter where you all go next year, you can always come to us for advice on hockey and life! Hope to see you all next year...

(A big thank you to **Nia, Camilla, Claire, Jolene, Kim** and juniors **Mel B** and **Bailey** for filling in for us over the season!)

Womens Metro 1

Melville Ladies Metro are like the ever ready, we just keep on, keeping on. Year after year we gather some friends together and jog our way through the season, running as fast to the bar after as we do during the game. The game to us is about the winning but also about the friendship that a team builds. The fun and the laughs along the way is what keep us coming back. Together we seem to be able to conquer most and would be surprised if we did not make the finals, it's expected. True to form we have again pulled together a great team of new and old friends, had a good year on and off the field as we head into the first semi next week. Good luck girls, thanks for the year.

Jenny Coad

Always has a holiday early in the season and also enjoys a round of golf. She celebrates a goal like a hole in one, but thankfully our goals are not that few and far between.

Corelle Coleman

Ferocious on the field and those injuries are not a curse, they are a result of grit determination. Goes where angels fear to tread.

Lindy Coss

She's not fast but she is effective. A fullback who is very hard to get past, ask Corelle. She still uses her old wooden stick from way back when.

Marie Farrow

Calm, strong, steady, reliable, and ever efficient. Corelle's stand in punching bag on shorts.

Gillian Forbes

You may not believe this, but she is our diffuser on the field, must have something to do with her occupation. We love her because she is strong in the circle and she says she needs us because we are her normal. Yeah, I know!!

Karen Green

Strong and effective and moving like the knee operation never happened.

Maris Margetts

The veteran with 850 games under her belt. Still showing the way on the field but priorities have changed over the years and this year she has chosen to miss a couple of games for an overseas trip.

Kylie Mishra

We always reckon she is the best goalie in town and after her double whammy against Westside Wolves, she has well and truly secured that title.

Dee Murphy

She is our constant sub as family keep her always running late for game time but she shows up in time for first substitution and then gets rid of the week's frustration on the field and is ready to party after. Fits in perfectly actually.

Rachel Roberts

New to the team but has fitted in so well it feels like she has been with us forever. Has become better with every game, but the big disappointment is that her kids did not pay up on her scoring the goal.

Annette Scholten

Creator of Caitlin. Her eye/ball co-ordination is fantastic and what she lacks in speed she makes up for in stoppages.

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Caitlyn Toogood

Annette's creation, who has saved our bacon on more than one occasion and who is our constant fill in. She has become our most valuable and the goal scoring competition between mother and daughter is ongoing.

Sue Totterdell

The left handed expert who can run all day but she found a stick to the head will have the cute ambulance drivers running to take her away.

Sue Wilson

We asked her to fill in one week and never let her leave. Suzie loves everybody and is our Miss Positive who only has nice things to say but give her the ball and all that changes.

Carolyn Caydamar

Handy when she is here. Needs to holiday in the summer – all summer somewhere else, but is usually home for finals.

Marloes Guerin

Our international – but it seems our Aussie flu took a hold which kept her and her family down and out for quite some time. Hopefully back for the finals.

Athlene Marshall

She came, she directed, she demonstrated and she left. Athlene came to relive a dream but the dodgy knees and butt put an end to that.

Deliah, Grace, Lisa, Lauren, Vanessa, Helen, Mel and Gaye

Thank you all for answering the call when the troops were falling, you helped us stand to fight another battle, some we lost, some we won but we won enough to make the finals which would not have happened without you there to strengthen our team.

A huge thank you to **Jan**. She has been the glue to hold this mix of gals together and has, once again, done an amazing job as our Coach, Manager, Nurse and Social Director and somehow scraped together 25 players throughout the season. Jan has decided to hand the reins on next season it won't be the same without you and despite what you think, we really do listen... well some of us and just a bit!!

Mens 040 Midweek & 040 Division 1

A great year once again. Despite working hard to not make the finals we have again capitulated and have to play hockey in September. The biggest winners being local physios and rock tape suppliers.

Like Gav, I blame Scanners.

Cam Robinson

“Timbeeeerrrrr” he cried as like a grand old oak he fell to the ground and subsequently broke his arm. He tried to say his stick got caught in the turf. I reckon osteoporosis was the root cause.

Simon Klass

A paramedic by trade, Simon creates his own client base on the field. Just ask Armo. He may have scored the goal but Simon was all about job creation for the medical profession. Always thinking of the greater good is our Simon.

Craig Head

Younger than timber which means not as susceptible to breaking bones or injury. Usually plays for Edith Cowan to make people think he went to University. But we know he’s a goal keeper so he can’t be that smart.

Matthew Scanlon

At last, a game with a Scanlon that can actually play the game.

Gavin Scally

The only guy in the team to have a movie made that’s based on his life. It’s the curious case of Benjamin Button. In 2 years time he’ll be 45kg, 4ft tall and he’ll more than likely look like a very old shrivelled up sultana.

Aki Etalaho

“The red mist” or “the pendulum”. Aki’s two main moves are 1) swinging his stick in a very pendulum like fashion – yes he still really loves to hit the ball and 2) A slow walk off the ground as the red mist descends while muttering incomprehensibly except for the words “this umpire is definitely interpreting the rules in a different manner than I would usually expect” only using less words.

Bruce Hancock

A timid man in general. He didn’t really say those bad things to the opposition. You must have been hearing things. He’s such a gentle soul, unless Gav is imparting some words of advice. Then anyone within 100 yards needs to make a run for it.

David Ross

Like the business he runs, Dave suffered from a major impairment charge to his hockey playing ability. The goodwill value of his hamstring is now very limited. Like his business he’s been completely written off.

Todd Barrett

Known as the T train due to having a turning circle like the Kalgoorlie Prospector. Has whole heartedly embraced veterans. In a desperate effort to fit in and be like the rest of us he tore a calf muscle. It looked liked he’d been shot with an elephant gun from close range. Gav even bought the white curtain onto the field as we feared the worst. Welcome to your future T Train.

Mens 040 Midweek & 040 Division 1 (contd)

Andrew Scanlon

Mr consistent. Well he is a statue. Not much changes with a statue. He stood still in the back line. He stood still in the midfield and finally stood still in the forward line. While the rest of us are losing our hair or getting grey he is actually getting hairier. Very odd.

Andrew Criddle

Criddle me this, Criddle me that, Mr Cridds stops another attack. Impassable at left half using his deceptive lack of pace to lull the opposition into a false sense of security.

Stefan Willett

If wasn't for two key things he would be unbeatable. Unfortunately those two things are talent and ability. Oh well. At least he's got something to work on. Also had a knack of making the opposition think he was a goalkeeper and taking great delight at smashing the ball at waist height in his general direction. Like timber suffers badly from osteoporosis.

Mark Lyons

Had more injuries than Stef. This was very concerning to all as on face value this appears to be an impossible task. Has recently moved out of intensive care in a bid to play finals. Despite his injury ravaged state he is still quicker and faster than most and therefore is not well liked.

John Cooke

While the rest of us are held together by a combination of skins, compression bandages and rock tape Cookie, being a pharmacist, survives by consuming large quantities of Swisse multi vitamins on a daily basis. There's Wild Neptune Krill Oil, High Strength Wild Fish Oil, High Strength Vitamin B12, Ulti-boost Co-Enzyme Q10, Inner Balance Probiotic and most importantly 3 jars of Ultiboost Liver Detox.

Michael Starling

The man who runs like a giraffe that's had too much to drink. Or it could be that being Scottish he has actually had too much to drink. Therefore could probably do with a jar of Cookie's Ultiboost Liver Detox tablets.

Simon Matthew

The man with no surname plays like a mystery wrapped in a riddle. Nobody is really sure what he's doing but, like a youtube video of cats doing dumb things, you can't stop watching. Plagued by the dreaded curse we call ability. Hopefully he can overcome this terrible affliction sometime soon.

Darren Wilson

Wildy is a bit like Mork from Mork and Mindy in that he is ageing backwards. In a few years time he'll be getting asked for ID at nightclubs and bottle shops. He is actually 65 years old.

Mike Fardon

A new recruit to the team. Great running ability, a good distributor, defends well, scores the odd goal. Therefore sadly very much out of place. Needs to improve on being very ordinary like the rest of us. We all work hard at being very ordinary and quite frankly this attitude of playing well has not been received well amongst his teammates.

Brad Potter

Chippie used to be called chippie due to his knack of sea gulling goals 1ft from the goal line. Now he's called chippie because of the carpentry skills that he's developed while tackling. I think it's from playing alongside Cookie for so long.

Mens 040 Midweek & 040 Division 1 (contd)

Mark Watton

Watto's hair is now so silver its gleam can be detected from the international space station. Like Clary, runs at pace all day and therefore he too doesn't fit the team ethos. Pretended to strain a quad muscle at the end of the year in a desperate attempt to fit in. We all know that he is merely a skeleton covered in skin. Quad muscle. As if he has quad muscles. What does he take us for, idiots? Hmm. I guess it was worth a try.

Michael Watson

Apples. One of the brighter players in the team. Not that he's smarter it's just his shoes. Geez man. I know you're aiming for some best on ground votes but they could light up a regional town.

Russell Lee

Unlike Mike Fardon, Russell has embraced the concept of being very ordinary at an alarming rate. Therefore fitting the team culture very well. With a bit more time in the team he could quickly become the most ordinary player we have. Obviously a man with ambition.

Ben Rushton

A bit like Mark Waugh in cricket. That is to say he's not the best hockey player in his family. Although he would probably argue the point. Arguing – now that is something he's good at. Top shelf as they say. Although he'd probably argue against that as well – thus proving my point.

Ted Neesham

Sadly missing an arm. As a result can only play with one hand. Makes trapping difficult but the one armed swinging tackle is top drawer.

Martin O'Sullivan

A patent attorney who has patented his way of playing hockey. Run down the left side line, cut in, stand at the left post, knock the ball in the net. He doesn't understand why the rest of us have to make it so complicated. Like Watto he must think we're idiots. As if.

Grant Watton

Like all good umpires, Grunter is very good at arguing with umpires. Having two people arguing who are always right is a difficult proposition at the best of times. Watching two umpires arguing is like watching Bill Shorten and Tony Abbott argue the fiscal implications of restructuring Australia's taxation system. The only person he argues more with is his brother. Now that's entertaining.

Richie Williams

I can only think of positive things to say. Therefore for the sake of the team I'll keep quiet.

Matt Read

To bamboozle opponents he drags left, then he drags right, then he drags left and then he drags right, then he drags left and again he drags right. Actually he only drags left. I lied about the dragging right bit.

A big thanks also to **Stephen Criddle, CJ** and **Beckie** (who won't turn up to watch the fifties ever again).

Womens O35 Division 2

A mixed year of hockey for our team particularly coming off the highs of the 2014 season where we made the Grand Final. As this goes to press it is not certain that we have made finals, but we have given our all each week. It has been a year where we have welcomed back some old faces in Vanessa and Allison and we have welcomed a new player to the club, Christina. Not once during the season did we field an undermanned team which is quite an achievement in Ladies Masters hockey and shows how committed and reliable the ladies are. Thanks for another great season of hockey ladies.

Lisa Anderson (Forward/Midfield)

A very valuable team member with a tenacious attitude and playing in every position this season. Alias' texting queen' organising the players, coach and umpires each week. Sincere thanks and appreciation for coordinating the team. We will miss our weekly text messages during summer!

Ann Armstrong-Boase (Full Back)

There once was a fullback called Ann Who when we found ourselves in a jam Would jab, poke and shake em And then save our bacon Like a kamikaze pilot from Japan!!

Vanessa Carmody (Forward/Midfield)

There once was a teammate called Nessa Who we knew as a classy dresser, But once on the field Opposition would yield To her speed, she would all round impress ya!

Susan Clark (Everywhere!)

Reliable and consistent, Sue is always where she is needed. One second she is at the back, stopping the opposition in their tracks, the next she appears up forward, driving the team toward goal. How she gets from one place to the next is somewhat of a mystery, as you never see the transition. She just appears effortlessly, and is cool and composed, not a hair out of place.

Marie Farrow (Forward/Midfield)

Fire in her belly, first to the ball and legs that don't stop running defines young Marie. She's had a cracking season at inner!! What a fabulous team mate - us old duckies are lucky to have you!

Gaye Glaskin (Midfield)

Cool calm and collected is what Gaye is to our team! A hammy injury had us worried early on, but like the true trouper she is, she only took a week off and then came back to do damage to every left winger our opposition could throw at her. Great season Gaye!

Dehlia Goundrey (Striker)

Dehlia is one of our team's prolific goal scorers. She is one of those players who you want on your team but wouldn't want to play against! She could be described as our Hayden Ballantyne! She is quick, fiery and skilful. Thank you for another great season of hockey Dehlia.

Allison Hall (Full Back)

Allison you have had a wonderful season at full back. I know it's not your preferred right half position, but you have been a natural. You have showed strength over the ball and dare I say it when talking of masters hockey, a turn of speed, although not enough to get you sent back to halfway line on short corners as in previous seasons, but maybe that was to do with Ross umpiring you! It has been great to have you back (in more ways than one)!

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Raelene Hetherington (Striker)

One of those players that can convince even the most sceptical of observers that there must be some sort of supernatural forces, willing the ball to her stick. you can find yourself spectating in the middle of your own game as you ponder the invisible “Raes” that must be at work making that ball dance around defender after defender. A joy to watch!

Christina Klomp (Forward/Midfield)

Chris is new to our club this year and we have welcomed her very young set of legs on the team. She is a versatile player who has played every position she has been given (and there have been a lot) with enthusiasm. She is fast (due to having legs that are only 33 years old) and has skills to get round defenders . She could be described as being quiet, but as yet we haven't seen her at a boozy hockey do! Her commitment is not in question, even diverting her calls during a hockey match when she was on call for work! Thank you for coming to play for us. Looking forward to seeing you next season.

Kylie Mishra (Goal Keeper)

Kylie, our goal keeper supremo, has had another stellar season. Always in control and never loses her cool even when it's three on one. She masters the troops and lets us know who's marking who and what's what. We love you Kylie!!

Fiona Power (Forward/Midfield)

Fiona! Fiona! Fiona! Fiona! Miss perfection. Keeps her mouth closed, follows the coaches instructions and that of every other player and balances great passes with skilful run ons! You are a super star with superstar powers (no pun intended) and shined as a core member of the old girls team!

Susan Wilson (Winger)

Sue has had another great season on the left wing and has bagged some great goals. She's easy to spot with her blonde locks and for someone so small, her bellowing voice. We love having you in the team and look forward to many more seasons.

In addition to the lovely ladies mentioned above we have to thank a handful of players who stepped up for us in our moments of need. A big thank you goes to (in no particular order) **Theresa Rayfield, Susanna Snyman, Kate Sparkes, Lindy Coss, Helen Doyle, Gillian Forbes and Melanie Leighton.**

To **Greg Hunt**, our ever present umpire, thank you for being so reliable. You even managed to injure yourself so you could umpire our match instead of playing your own! That's what I call real commitment.

Lastly a big thank you to **Dee Plaister** who has stepped in to be our coach this year. Your energy and enthusiasm really boosts our team and your words of wisdom do not fall on deaf ears, you just may have to tell us the same thing a few times until we get it!

Womens O35 Division 4

The Vets girls are a unique breed, why else would they turn up week in week out on cold rainy winters' nights. A force to be reckoned with as another finals campaign is pending. We secured top draft pick for the umpiring services of **Tilly** (Matilda Carmichael) we sure taught the up and coming Aussie star how to do it Vets style. We have yet to induct her into the elbow bending tradition but she has a place if she ever wishes to join our elite group. We hope you enjoyed your stint with the whistle as much as we did having you each week. **Jan**, "The Voice" our fearless leader braved the elements each week, always ready to give advice to those that choose to listen and ever ready for the debrief at the end of each game.

Peta Anderson

This girl can seriously whack a ball and was our ever reliable sandwich queen.

Carolyn Caydamar

One game and then fled overseas.

Jenny Coad

Cool and calm but deadly accurate on the swing.

Corelle Coleman

Initiated the family stick injury curse, ended up with only half a season but just as many bruises.

Lindy Coss

Plays in disguise in the back but we certainly hear she's there.

Helen Doyle

So solid in our backline but has a tendency to take the long way to home games.

Marleen Dry

Runs forever and given the exclusively important job of being in charge of the kitty.

Lizzie Fairall

Our quietly spoken bkie, you have to watch the quiet ones. She gets the job done on the field but still working on that drag.

Gillian Forbes

Our peacemaker, who'd have thought. No one can stop her when she's on a mission to goal.

Karen Green

On the last line of defence, a strong voice, dare to take her on.

Wendy Joyce

Does the drop, cover and roll effectively.

Maris Margetts

Our most decorated elder stateswoman, nearly made the season injury free but steri strips in the overseas wedding photos will be a lasting memory.

Dee Murphy

Always last to the game but she sure makes an impact on arrival.

Leeanne O'Sullivan

She may look dainty but she can give as good as she gets.

Rachel Roberts

Our newcomer, fits into the Vets style with ease and not too shabby on the field either.

Jo Rosso

The hockey player who is also The Lacross Queen, quite handy at both ends.

Annette Scholten

Always wanted to play forward and when given the chance scores!!! Straight back to the backline for her.

Kate Sparkes

With speed and youth on her side, no one can stop her run, she even gets to the bar before us.

Sue Totterdell

Runs all night that is until she caught the family curse of being stopped in her tracks by a stick.

Mens 040 Division 2

Take me down to Melville City where the grass is green and the girls are pretty. Andrew Shorter rounded up a bunch of desperate has beens and wannabes forming the Melville 40's Division 2 mens grade. The team had some fantastic moments winning 7 losing 6 and drawing to the undefeated top side finishing 5th overall.

Simon Chapman (Chappo)

Chappo drives the team with his enthusiasm and his will to dominate the opposition with the ball. He is a can do guy. every time he is asked to do something on the field he replies with "I can do that." Tried to influence the votes this year by bringing oranges to half time breaks. Played mostly at right inner and provided a lot of energy in attack.

Darren Collins (DC)

The enforcer on legs. DC was at times like Gandalf, not allowing opposition players to pass him by implementing last minute tackles. The right fullback was wrongly persecuted by the umpires on several occasions for his enthusiasm in defence.

Andrew Criddle (Cridder)

Super bloke who is more skillful than he looks. Filled in for a couple of games at short notice and was instrumental in helping the side come together at the start of the season.

Ian Darby (Darbs, Olaf)

Seen building snowmen with Shorter on the sidelines when the weather was right. Darbs was keen to give everyone warm hugs and spread the good vibes. Provided some memorable shots at goal all of which damaged the turf and wind around the ball. A keen tactician who could be relied upon to come up with cunning plans to thwart the opposition.

John Delaney (JD)

Played the infamous Hale game and was like a terrier in the goal mouth. JD made some great saves in his half of hockey. At the end of the first half, JD blew his calf muscle and had to be escorted from the field.

Derek Doak (Doakie)

With his trademark hat and no nonsense approach, Doakie provided the Yin to Chappo's Yang. Our specialist left inner bedazzled opposition with his skillful moves and excellent positioning. A voice of reason when the boys were getting hot under the collar, Doakie is a potent weapon on the field.

Alan Eager (Al, Keen as, Beaver)

Al formed part of our strike force in attack. Playing mostly right wing or center forward, Al was good at putting the thing in the thing on more than one occasion.

Michael Fardon

Played the infamous Hale game and was instrumental in helping us to dominate them. Scored the goal.

Michael Girdlestone (Girdy)

Part of our Heady Girdy combo, Girdy played left wing. His legs pump up and down like a cartoon character but he doesn't travel as fast as he looks.

Wayne Harries (Wayno, Harry's)

Right half specialist. Wayne had two speeds, mellow or manic. Cool and calm for the most part, Wayne provided some of the best constructive criticism towards the umpires of the season. Highlight of the season was finishing as kicking fullback against Hale and hitting the ball into our goal in frustration when he thought the whistle had blown.

Timothy Heard (Heardy)

Center half for most of the year, Hardy used his superb passing skills to bamboozle opposition players. Provided a great link from defence to attack. Loves a beer after the game and one of the first to call for the song when we win.

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Justin Holt (Holty)

What a great bloke. Part of the full back combo with DC. Holty is like John Farnham as he provides "the voice" that all the players are supposed to listen to. Part of the ring shorter brigade to help talk tactics and organise the team.

Christopher James (CJ)

Played a couple of games for the boys this year. CJ is like a whirling dervish when he gets the ball. He only know one way and that's to score goals.

Brad Lynn (Lynny)

Brad played center half and center forward. He has super skills and a great overhead. Promised to have his groin looked at by a specialist so he can be a true force next year.

Ted Neesham (Tedwood)

Played a couple of games with the boys. Ted loves a beer or two.

Ian Neill (Chooka)

Chooka played in the forward line either at wing or inner. Good at putting the thing in the thing and assisting attack moves with Al and Chappo. Mrs Chooka was our best supporter for the year.

Brett Pickering (Monassa)

Played one game at the start of the year and then decided FIFO life was more important.

Brad Potter (Harry)

Filled in for a couple of matches and made the difference when he came on. Good at scoring and distributing the ball.

Mark Rayfield (Stinga, Razor)

Played all over the field including several games in goals. Managed to score a few himself. Knows all the important people from the other teams and is a good source of information when planning tactics.

Cam Robinson (Camo, Timber)

Filled in for the boys as goalie until he injured himself in a wood chopping incident and missed the rest of the season.

Andrew Shearing (Shearer)

FIFO bloke who managed a few games for the boys. A force in attack, Shearer blasted through opposition defences and managed to score a few goals too. Hopefully we can get him back next year.

Andrew Shorter (Shorter, Dave's cool brother)

The bloke who made it all happen. Shorter got all the boys together and provided the spark of inspiration at half time and with his endless inciteful text messages. Played all over the field from attack to goalie. Loves a beer and singing the song.

Rod West (Fairweather)

Rod joined the team late as he doesn't like rain and was waiting for winter to be over before playing. Played a few games but only when the forecast was sunny. Looking forward to having him in the team next year weather permitting.

Kelwyn Yeo (Roodog)

Super speedy utility player and our secret weapon. Give him a job and he does it. He is super fit and like his nickname he chases down the ball and opposition players with ease. Other teams complain that it's not fair as they don't have a roodog of their own.

It was a great season in the Divi 2's this year. The recruitment of **John Burrows** as tactical advisor and coach will pay dividends next year. Up the Unsociable Gryphons!

Mens O40 Division 4

We didn't start the season in convincing form and had many players in and out of the playing list with injuries. Many of the core week to week players had to take different positions and roles and we did very well with some late inclusions to the team making valuable contributions to our finals hopes. It was only towards the end of the season that we were able to start to get a better idea of players playing set positions. Special thanks to the support we have had from Andrew Criddle the 40's co-ordinator and the other 40's, 50's and 60's team players.

Besides the consistent week to week performances of our core group of players, it has been a pleasure to watch some of our newer and emerging players in just their first or second season in the 40's building confidence, developing skills and winning the ball with every game. Especially with the support and encouragement from the more experienced players.

Players positions this season:

Goalie	Brett Gibbins
Backs	Ian Munns, Carlo Bontempo, David Joseph, Andrew Toogood, Carlos Alvarez. Greg Gelfi
Midfield	Bryan Kennington, David Wauhop, Paul Paino, Adam Steel, Paul Brenan, Peter Wilkins
Forwards	Michael Lawrence, Sean Pszczola, Peter Willis

Mens 050 Division 1

This was the first year together as a team, for a number of us. We were oh so near, and then oh so far. For most of the season it was oh so near success, but generally a goal or so short, which resulted in the team being oh so near the bottom of the ladder. However we had some memorable wins against a number of the teams in the four and finished the season with a win and two draws in the last three games. The experience from this season will oh so provide for next season!!

Ray Achemedei (Inside forward)

Provides great drive in the forward structure or at centre half (when Ramma was away, but still did not get the Teamer votes!!). Received a nasty knee injury from a raised ball in the last game.

Lewis Bint (inside forward)

Tenacious in the field of battle and a gentleman outside the white line. One of a number of brothers that combined to play this grade. However the family also achieved the most cards for the team.

Alan Chellew (Forward)

Chewie only played every second week due to work [or fishing] commitments, but when he did, he provided further run in the forward structure.

Geoff Currie (Fullback)

Solid and reliable in defence each week. Was the third runner up in the team F & B.

Peter Dawkins (Half back and Wing)

Was the highest goal scorer, unfortunately for the team, for too many weeks of the season.

Kevin Dempster (Half back and Wing)

Excelled in the half line as acknowledged by votes from his team mates.

Wayne Hudson (Goalkeeper)

The MCHC goal keeper who was called on to play two games many Saturday afternoons and even once for the opposition!!

Michael Jensen (Fullback)

Steadfast and reliable, repelling the opposition plays each week, while also providing the team with guidance and structure each week.

Dennis Loffell (Inside Forward)

Ever resolute and provided great run and drive in the forward structure. Runner up for the team fairest and best award for the season.

Geoffrey Ranford (Centre Half)

Rama was Teamers best player without failure each week with 100% of the [single] vote, even during his mid season holiday !! Well done, a most reliable and consistent season.

Greg Ross (Fullback)

Solid and reliable at the back repelling the opposition plays each week.

Russell Scanlon (Right Halfback)

Ever reliable at RH repelling the opposition and then setting the next forward move.

Cameron Simpson-Bint (Wing)

Solid each week in the forwards. One of the brothers that combined to play this grade. However the brothers also combined to accumulate the most cards for the team.

Robert Thorn (Wing)

Heal injury curtailed the season. Provided great team support from the sidelines and played when the team was short of numbers.

Mens O50 Division 1 (contd)

Michael Watson (Centre forward)

Apples was the engine room of the team relentlessly covering the field tirelessly each week to earn the teams' accolades of best player for the season.

Thanks also to those players that filled in during the season when short on player numbers - **Greg Hunt, Andy Reynolds, Dave Ross, Darren Wilson** and **Keith Harper**.



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Mens O50 Division 2 Gold

Our annual preseason training was held in Yallingup once again. This time we took to Indjidup sand hills for a workout, before scaring people away from breweries and wineries.

With the injection of some very old players our combined game tally for the team was well over 5000 games. 18 players assembled for the season start, but only 14 managed to finish. Extraordinarily, at season end, we had an 18 way tie for fairest and best votes, which shows you how closely matched the talent in this team is.

Chris Avent (Grandpa)

Clocked up 500 games during the season although the time spent on the field is reducing over the years. He has traded skill for daring and propensity to apply carbon fibre to any exposed fleshy parts of attackers. His amateur efforts at muscle regeneration have once again failed to bulk up his calf muscles but perhaps next season there will be a breakthrough in home gene therapy and he will be looking at the next 500 games with renewed vigour.

Trevor Brockman

Trev lays a mean tackle and can certainly give the ball a fair wack from fullback. Unfortunately, his hammys, knees, glutes, hips, calves (well the whole body really) aren't what they used to be and he has spent much of the season with Amy in rehab.

Terrence Brooks (Brooksie)

Mr Frontal Pressure seemed much more relaxed this year when fully padded up as goalie. Of serious note was an effort to clear a shot on goal that rebounded to the attackers at least four times before our defenders left Brooksie to it and looked on from the sidelines to see how long it would go on for. He didn't score any goals himself this year but it wasn't for a lack of trying. They say to be a great fearless goalie you need to either be a Collingwood supporter or madsay no more!

Graeme Coleman (Leo)

A significant milestone player also this year with 500 games to his credit ... even if he struggled to break through the banner and Grandpa had to assist. With a few more friends in the forward line and higher quality deliver than he is used to Graeme has had a great year. Scoring one goal for every two outings is not a bad result for our team Silver Back. His greatest achievement though for the season will only be revealed on trophy night! When you get really old you start to shrink, Graeme is before his time with shrinking measuring in at 3 ft eleventeen.

Keith Harper (Harps)

Harps is part of the new and rejuvenated 50s squad, even though it has been said he could walk into any over 70s squad based on appearances. But what a joy it is to have someone that can run, lead, dribble, pass, score and defend (all in the one person) and all without abusing the umpire or the opposition. Too good to be true so we suspect some serious character flaws will emerge. Taking himself off halfway through the last half of a game for a sauna and massage shows his confidence in his fellow players especially in the knowledge he has scored more than the Silver Back.

Wayne Hudson

He saves both goals and the emotional state of his team mates. Wayno has donned the pads a few times in answer to the call and has made some remarkable saves despite his defenders clearing the way for attackers to have a go and test his reflexes.

Mens 050 Division 2 Gold (contd)

Greg Hunt (Egg)

A good Egg indeed. Taking on the role of Sage and Emotional support guru for the team, his partnership with Whip and gentle encouragement has changed the way we play. No longer is it hit and hope but push and deliver. Rommel would be proud of the team strategy of pushing forward and providing support to ensure options for engagement are on our terms. Probably one of the reasons we are playing finals hockey (not our usual strategy of course where the aim is to finish 5th).

Stephen Llanwarne

There have been moments where Steve looked like a professional hockey player before he remembered he isn't. Some great runs, leads and even shots (mostly unsuccessful) on goal might have earned him "Most improved" if it weren't for his sharp wit and impressive pregame sledging. Mind you he might get a call up for the Australian Cricket Team as a result because you don't have to be good at cricket it would seem.

Alan Marshall

Al "Oh What a Feeling" Marshal for the first time in forever wasn't the leading goal scorer and is on a par with the Silverback. His running back in defence and fearless wrong-side tackling warmed the hearts of Melville defenders and surprised the heck out of the opposition who simply weren't expecting forwards to back tackle with such intensity. He's still got some fire and the ability to swoop onto the opportune goal like a seagull onto a chip.

Paul Meacock (Whip)

Whip it! Whip it good. Apart from running around with a red plastic lamp shade on his head which looks a little out of place on a hockey field, Whip has been part of the awesome foursome that dropped back from the 50 1s this year and who actually know how to play hockey. Has been rock solid in defence when the old war wounds have allowed him to have a run. We were having a beer after the game a few weeks ago and Egg was telling how he has lived in Whip's shadow because Whip was fast, skilful and rose to senior ranks early. Pitch asked Egg – well what happened? Egg explained that many years ago Whip swallowed a beanbag and hasn't been able to digest it.

Bill Morrison (Billy)

Billy knew he would be out of touch this year so he decided to fake a knee operation. After a few weeks, of missing us so much, he decided to come along and umpire. Pitch was able to offer a considerable amount of advice to improve Bill's umpiring skills.

Eric Nell

Apart from causing an international incident that nearly had Julie Bishop calling in from the UN to sort out, Eric has clearly enjoyed having a few more chaps around that can and will even pass the ball to him. While he has been on the verge of scoring goals he has stopped many forward thrusts from foolish forwards. His cut offs and traps seem to have gone to a new level this year and rarely has the opposition got past him. That is not to say they didn't go around him of course but you can't be perfect.

Mens 050 Division 2 Gold (contd)

Roger Nottage

Release Roger on unsuspecting forwards is what the full backs say when talking amongst themselves. His speed and tenacity certainly added some fire to the defence (but really it is attack). Roger also knows when to have a breather to recover and may on the odd occasion have been asked by those nice umpire chappies to have one as well.

Mike Pitcher (Pitch)

Which of the following best describes Pitch on a hockey field?

- a) He calls for the ball even when surrounded by four opposition players
- b) His legs move but he doesn't seem to go anywhere
- c) He regularly claims goals that were going in anyhow
- d) You can determine his location by the overbearing smell of Dencorub
- e) He tells everyone to pass the ball – a skill he hasn't learned
- f) All of the above

Andrew Reynolds

When at the game and on the field, Andy Mk III is a very attacking halfback who set up some great forward thrusts. Unfortunately, his body does tend to let him down a tad so he has missed some games although his physio is most grateful for Andy's financial contributions towards his new Beamer.

Stephen Silvey

Steve has waited all his life to get into this elite team. His dreams have come true this year and that is why he is always happy even though he is hanging around a bunch of grumpy old men. There are moments where he shows some elite ball skills but because of his old age he forgets them very quickly and plays like the rest of the team - hit and hope. With his blonde hair and rugged good looks he creates a striking figure that creates fear in our enemies eyes. Great season Stevo.

Colin Slattery (Slats)

The silver fox has taken his sly runs at attacking forwards to a new level with his chop them off at the legs approach. Rumour has it that this metro has greater movement ability because of his waxing, yoga classes, herbal tea remedies, manicures, pedicures, meditation and full body bleaching. He is the most intelligent back man by a very large margin so when he gets a rush of blood and does a run forward the average IQ of the back line is halved. Another good season old timer.

Andrew Spear

The angry young man of the team (after Rodger). Andy Mk II showed some real dash through the midfield and delivered some great crosses into the circle - unfortunately they mostly passed harmlessly over the backline, resulting in more grumbling and mumbling under his breath. Can hit the ball very very hard!

Geoff Widdicombe

Defence is his business both on and off the field. He has been the one constant as other fullbacks have burnt out trying to maintain his standards. While it can be said they are not that high anyhow, at least he has some. As any good fullback knows half the fun is deciding which attackers to let through to have a crack at our selection of goalies. The general result was forwards being so excited to have a clean run they would trip over their own feet without even a helping hand in their back.

Andrew Wood (Chips)

Andy adds some much needed pace and flair to the midfield and has set up many scoring opportunities this season. Unfortunately they mostly remain just opportunities. Always ready with a sledge or two, especially when it relates to Pitch and his efforts to get on the end of a pass. The secret is out ... Andy's alter ego is Johnny Docker. With his beard Andy looks like someone from Australia's Most Wanted (AMW). I checked the AMW site and I am sure he is there.

Mens 050 Division 3

The Melville over 50 Div 3's had a great season. We have been competitive all year even in matches that we lost. Again we qualified for Finals. It was great to see the even spread of contributors. For once we made the most of our opportunities finishing leading goal scorers for the season.

What could be better - good sport, good results, and great camaraderie. These are the things that make Melville Hockey Club special.

Lorne Alder (Snickers)

Lorne is naturally competitive and only has one speed. Although he missed a few weeks through injury, he returned to compete with the same determination. Has been known to tackle the opposition in a fairly forceful way and spend a little time on the side line, but you have to admire his determination and spirit.

Gary Bowater

Gary was available for much more of the season this year. Always looking dangerous as a forward and teaming up well with the inners. Regular goal scorer and willing to take on the defenders. Always a great ambassador for the club and always puts the club first.

John Christie

What can you say when you have someone of the calibre of John in your team. Great stick skills, ball distribution and generally marshalled the troops. We were always a far better team when John played and certainly our short corner conversion rate improved. Great team player, motivator and competitor.

Michael Coles

Mike has built on his last couple of seasons and has cemented his place as left half. Always listening to the other defenders and regularly was the key to stopping the opposition attack.

John Delaney

First year playing for Melville. John has not played for some years. Someone forgot to tell him that he is not a teenager and this is over 50 div3's. Regularly filled in for other teams and played more than one game. Missed a few games with injuries but fitted in well in the defensive unit. Calls the play and the defenders always know what's happening.

Matthew Hudson

Matt regularly provided the run and attack as an inner but also had the versatility to play in a number of positions. Regularly on the score card. Still has plenty of pace but I believe he is mellowing with age as he has only been sent off three times this year!! But he still remains as competitive as ever.

Robert Knyn

Last year Rob was shared between two teams and this year he played the full season for us, generally as an inner or wing. Great stick skills, good pace and always looking to take on the opposition or lay off a pass to his team mates. Scored a number of goals throughout the season.

Duncan MacPhail

Duncan generally played at left wing and constantly pressured the opposition. Has the versatility to fill in as Goalie and in one match played out of his skin where he made four saves including a penalty flick and a stick save!!

Mens O50 Division 3 (contd)

Tony Patton

Tony and Bob are the two old boys at the back. Always happy to tackle the forwards and greatly supported by our half backs. Managed to get through the season without getting injured. Was seen attempting to go past the centreline on occasions but was quickly called back and reminded of his place.

Bruce Porter

Great skills and great competitor. Always gives 100% and can play anywhere on the field. As a team we are always competitive but Bruce takes this to another level. Such a good guy to have in your team.

David Porter

Dave Porter is Melville Hockey Club. He is the ultimate team player and a great contributor on so many levels. Regular goalscorer and no signs of slowing down. Teamed up really well with John Christie in attack.

Robert Preedy

Bob teams up well with Tony and never panics and just is 100% consistent. Marshalls the defensive troops. Has a great natural eye and many times has stopped the opposition goal on the goal line.

Mark Ryan

First year for Martin with Melville. Excellent ball skills and pace. Always happy to take on the opposition and a great player to have in your team. Helps set up the forwards.

Martin Whitley

Martin upgraded from the 40 Div 4's flexible player who has the ability to play anywhere on the field. Missed a few games through injury but a solid contributor.

Many people filled in at various times and we would like to acknowledge their contribution.

Leo Welton, Johnno Orr, Andy Toogood, Greg Hunt, Andrew Shorter and Frank Williams.



Mens 060 Division

The team has found 2015 to be our toughest year since joining this grade. We have had a different team every week and coped with injuries, illness and holidays to most likely finish at the bottom of the ladder, our lowest position since joining the Sixties. With the withdrawal of Raiders we have had to play the unbeaten top team 4 times which has not been good for either club. However I think we have enjoyed playing together and have had a few social outings with our partners which makes playing all worthwhile. We are hoping to win a couple more games before the end of the season. We have welcomed back to the club Graham Wood after an absence of 20 years and he has had an immediate impact on our playing style. Our goalie Geoff who has been thrust into the position has improved greatly this year and certainly gets plenty of action each game against opposing teams that include many past and current State and Australian Representatives. When opposing sides question his age you know he is doing something right! Our team Captain this year was Leo Welten who gives his utmost effort to lift the team every week and often scores a great goal for us.

Robin Bailey

What can we say about Robin Bailey, the supreme athlete who has the ability to play anywhere on the field, this gentle old fellow is a delight to be on the field with. Like most of us old boys, he enjoys the mateship with his team mates, after all that's what it's all about in the Over 60's. Over 50 years ago we probably wouldn't be alive!! Let alone be playing hockey, thank God for drugs. I would like to list the medication that Robin takes daily, but there are a lot of different drugs involved and not enough room in the Yearbook to list them. His main pill is blue! Stops him falling out of bed at night.

Bruce Cadd (Caddy)

Bruce is a very important member of the 60s team playing mostly in the forward line and occasionally in defence, but no matter where he plays he always gives of his best. He also fills in for other grades to help make up numbers which just backs up the well known fact that he is a great clubman first. Always a pleasure to be playing in the same team as Bruce because you don't know what is going to happen next.

Ray Domingo

Ray is one of our best forwards and tries his hardest to score goals. He is a very effective dribbler of the ball and takes on the opposition very well. Ray often calls for the ball with his distinctive cry of "Come on" but we are never quite sure if he is calling for the ball or encouraging the forwards. He takes his game very seriously and has represented WA Country in State Competitions. Ray has retired from work and decided to move to Melbourne at the end of the season to be close to family. We understand he is going to buy a place close to a hockey ground so he can keep playing. We will miss Ray and wish him all the very best for the future.

Mens O60 Division (contd)

Pat Hall

Admiral Pat Hall. One of our overworked skilled back men and a major contributor to strategies of the team's play. This year, Pat has played in the full back and half back line and occasionally (with a rush of blood) you will see him pushing into the forward line setting up a potential goal. Invariably in most games this year, you will see Pat defending off a couple of opposition players, putting them to route and then sending the ball forward. With his naval background, Pat directs the forward players with full command on the field, and then analyses strategies and occasionally the umpires decision at half time. Pat is always a team player, encouraging all players, and a valuable member of the team. His contributions to the Club are all on record, but as one of our valued back men, Admiral Hall stands tall. Well done Pat on your year's effort. We only wish we all could have collected a few more goals to balance the efforts of the team's back men. We all look forward to again playing with you in next year's team.

Tony Illman (Zim)

The "Zim" was not going to play in 2015, but such was his desire to play with other skilled Colonials, he came back again! In between time, what? Tony continues to be a great club member, so has provided significant support as the "red Tony Team" to the Melville Turf. Well his fire engine red Hi-Lux is often parked ready to go near MCHC clubhouse, so often he is doing great with the likes of Barry Hancock and keeping the Melville Turf in tiptop shape. Back to the game and Tony continues to upset the opposition with the infamous "Zim" "I don't understand what I did wrong". There is nothing wrong with that disarming look or disarming protest, well

Steve McEntee (Maca)

Steve only played a handful of games for us early in 2015 as he and Linda embarked on a holiday into Australia's great Northern regions. Steve came back a little earlier than expected and that has been a bonus for the team as he is very adept at slowing the game and directing traffic until a forward moves for him. Steve has been playing as a second centre half and it is working very well. Great to have you back Steve.

Johnson Orr (Jonno)

Jonno as he is affectionately called is a well liked, well respected and hard working member of our club. He has dedicated himself to the management of our 1's side. He is also a very solid player in our 60's side and always gives his best in our games.

Peter Oudejans

I can remember not so long ago when Peter joined us and was battling to finish a game due to sore legs. Wow! What a change, he is now a steady, competent and hard working right half who has an excellent eye for the ball. He is calm and steady when under pressure and is not afraid to take on the opposition. Well done Peter, you have had a great season.

Terry Parker (Boris)

A player of high skill, poise and fitness, who regularly surprises our opposition with out-of-the-box reverse stick interceptions. Terry contributes forward and midfield strength to our team whenever he plays. Combined with his great team spirit, on the field, or socialising over a post-game drink or team meal, this has made Terry one of our most valued team members again this year. Terry also deserves special mention for being selected, once again in the State O65's team. Congratulations Terry. Hope to see you back, fit and firing, again next year.

Mens 060 Division (contd)

Keith Platel (Road Runner)

Keith is one of our speedy forwards and this year seems to have gained some speed. This could be due to his promotion to right inner from right wing. Keith is a determined competitor and always tries hard to ensure the team's success. He is a team player and tries to use the other members of the team to obtain the best result for the team. The only concern we have is that his trips to Brazil and other places result in unavailability for some games and when he is away we miss his contribution. He also supports the after game socialisation with the rest of the team and the opposition of the day.

Geoffrey Riley

What can you say about a person that takes on several roles in a team. During the year he played many great games and made many spectacular saves. He was desperately trying to have some time in the field but was out voted and remained in goals. Thanks for your efforts during the year and his ever reliable backstop Mary (money collector, ball person, committed Dockers supporter and general team organiser). They make an unbeatable team. During the season Geoff was talked into taking on the role of Masters Coordinator for the balance of the season and has taken on the role in his normal organised way. He handed over to John Smith the team manager roles but is still helping out. To Mary and Geoff, thanks for all your efforts for the year from all our team.

Tom Rushton (Tommie)

Tom is a real gentleman in the team. He is always there for the team, accepting his role without question. Tom usually plays half back and never gives in, always chasing a tackle and pestering his opposing player. Occasionally he has a run on the wing as an interchange and has been successful in scoring the odd goal through good positioning. On other occasions he has volunteered for a special role, e.g. shutting down an opposing player who has been running rampant in the first half, and carries out these roles very effectively. Tom enjoys his hockey and avoids any sledging of the opposition or whinging about an umpire's questionable decision - the only occasional reaction will be a quizzical look at the umpire and a shrug of the shoulders! Tom is pleasure to play alongside and we hope his hockey career continues for many more seasons.

John Smith

John is the anchor of the team at Centre Half. He consistently puts in an excellent performance assisting the forwards in attack and the backs in defence. This year he has taken on the role of team manager and as always is efficient, patient and helpful. Thanks for your efforts, support and a season well played.

Leo Welten (Captain)

Leo has been an inspirational Captain this year and his great skills have made it very difficult for opposing teams to control. While the team has had limited goal scoring this year, Leo manages to bob up and score a great goal on a regular basis. Thanks for your efforts and leadership this year Leo, the team is always stronger when you are available.

Mens O60 Division (contd)

Graham Wood (Woody)

Woody returned to the club after a 20 year absence and although not available for many games had a large impact when available. He is able to control the ball very well and always holds the ball until he can transfer it to a team mate. His mobility is a restraint these days but it does not seem to matter as he is always in a position to receive and distribute the ball. His flick from the top of the circle that hit the cross bar from a short corner against the top side was a marvel and caught everyone by surprise. We hope you can play a few more games next year Woody.

Kelvin Woodward

Kelvin has been a good player for Melville, mainly playing full back. He has occasionally played half back, and even on the wing at times. He is a hard hitter, and the ball would travel to a player or even traverse the other side of the field, as his "rocket" is fired. He is a cool and calm player with the ability to keep possession, and then fob the ball off to a Melville player. Unfortunately for Melville, it has not been a successful year for us, as the opposition teams have grown stronger, with no new Melville players coming in, so that we are more competitive. Kelvin has personally had a good year in hockey, and hope he is back, strong and healthy for 2016. All the best and good luck for next year.

We have had a number of players help us out this year including **Kingsley McGuire, Peter Dawkins, Frank Williams, Gary Bowater, Rob Knyn, Tony Patton, Matt Hudson** and **Bruce Porter** but generally we have been able to field a full team every game from our own playing list.

Neil Ashley very kindly umpired us for the first half of the year until he went on his overseas trip and subsequent eye surgery. Geoff Riley has used Facebook to keep us supplied with umpires after that point, thanks Geoff. We opened the season with a BBQ at Mary and Geoff Riley's place and had a Mid year dinner out with partners at Gerrards, Winthrop Singaporean restaurant.

I think we also have to thank our main (and often only) supporter **Mary** who every week attends our games and ends up chasing balls after wild shots at goals. We often wish Mary would not run so fast after the ball as it gives a breather. She is also a great help to the Managers collecting umpiring fees and distributing best player slips. Many thanks Mary!

Girls 11/12 A Promotional

2015 is a great (if not spectacular) year for the team, coaches, families and/or spectators. The team's performance has been very impressive, in fact awesome!

The successful path was first set by Kirst and Megs (our wonderful coaches) when they called a team meeting prior to season commencement. The meeting was to establish the team's and individual's goals for the season.

These included:-

- o further develop personal hockey and team hockey skills;
- o tackling & attacking skills (taking on an opponent – one on one);
- o goal defence;
- o understanding and using team dynamics (move as one);
- o personal fitness and confidence building;
- o aim to finish in the season finals play-off (top 2) preferably;
- o when at training – train as you play (seriously and with effort);
- o The team to be a cohesive unit (communicate, help and encourage each other – get to know your team members);
- o Play and aim for the finals (but have fun doing it !).

Our group of young ladies worked to those goals and by attaining the minor premiership and finishing top of the ladder (clear of all other teams) currently with an 11 win – 1 loss game record, successfully progressed to their ultimate goal (the 2015 'A' Promotional - Grand Final).

This was attained through the team's professional and mature approach to the game supported with great advice, development and coaching by Megs and Kirst. The team's behaviour towards each other and control on the field, made us extremely proud. The girls were very supportive and respectful of each other (gelling really well), were serious about their hockey, attained personal and team expectations, developed a cohesive unit and most importantly enjoyed their hockey. Congratulations young ladies!

A lot of support goes into a season and we must thank many others like parents Gareth, Fiona and Patrick for helping out with the umpiring duties. Thank you to Annette for preparing our supplements program of 'power' oranges and 'magic' snakes (they worked a treat). We really appreciate the help provided by our double-ups (Aimee-Lee, Ash, Eva, Jade, Jemma, Lisa and Sarah) as they all effectively contributed to many a win. Thank you to the parents/guardians who helped with the difficult task of lodging votes at each game and to the spectators and supporters that made it all that much more worthwhile. Thank you to all club officials and coordinators. Most importantly, thank you to our players for the great spectacle put on (week in, week out) and for meeting our expectations and making us so proud. What A Team We Have!

Mia Ballard (Half back)

Although a newbie to the club and team, you have stepped up and really gelled with the group this year to become a great defensive player. You are very reliable in defence and are rarely beaten by your opponents. You form part of a very successful defensive structure that only 'once in a blue moon' conceded goals. Your determination to improve in the game you love, has really impressed us coaches and that makes you such a delight to train and watch develop. A greater knowledge of positioning on

the field will help you become an even more valued player into the future.

Ciara Browne (X-country Champ)

Two hands 'please' no need to explain any further. You have come a long way this year and possibly the most improved player for the season. You have a unique playing style and both of us coaches are sometimes baffled how you can play so well without the hockey hunchback. You need to work on developing a hockey posture and not the eloquent cross

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country 'champion' posture that you strut so well. Please learn to bend those knees and hips and by getting lower to the ball will really help your stability, strength, tackling and passing.

Kate Davoren (Kat)

KATE – Sooo how many times have you touched the ball this year? Our goal keeper of the year who stands in the goal come rain, hail, shine...Oh! and with a broken arm and all. All alone rarely being able to converse with your team mates as the ball is usually up the other end of the field. Yes the team has had great success this year and this has left you with an average of about one touch of the ball per game.....perhaps. Thank you for your commitment to your role and the team and this is in addition to your numerous school commitments this year. With some extra training in mobility around the goal we are sure your goal keeping will benefit and provide you with additional confidence in the goals.

Chloe Dawes (Legs)

With boyfriend ever present and bringing the coaches a sausage roll (when hungry) is a real positive. It has been great to see you up front using your pace to burn off the opposition. You have speed and legs for days and a reach to get any ball and you use this very much to your favour. It is no wonder that you can just about get to anything in the 'D'. Moving forward, to further develop your game, it is suggested you work on that final part of your play by making percentage decisions in high-pressure situations. Having taken some great steps forward, it has been a great year for you Chloe. You have been one of our prime movers and multiple goal scorers.

Molly Foss (Mol)

Started the season off with a bang – with a hamstring injury we didn't get to see you at work until round 3 in the season. You have continued to develop your hockey this year by slotting a few from the top of the "D" and as one of our short corner go-tos. You create a bit of

havoc for the opposition with your skills around the ground both in defence and attack. Molly you bring great quality to the team with your contagious laugh, light heartedness and never give up attitude. It has been a great year Mol.

Courtney Fullarton (Court)

At the time of writing this report we have only lost one game for the season so we have not been able to put our reliable last line defensive player to any great test. Never the less, Courtney you have always, when required, been there making those (hold your breath) tackles in defence and restricting the opposition from taking shots on goal, let alone pass the half way line. Court as a player this season, you have really developed and it is encouraging to see the obvious improvements in your hockey basics and skills. These improvements have seen an equal gain in your game and personal self-confidence. Court as your fitness levels improve, so will your value as a solid defender. We look forward to seeing you develop even further and being part of the Melville City Hockey Club for a long time to come.

Isabelle Gurbiel (Izzy)

As coaches we have had the pleasure to coach you for the past two years. It has also been rewarding to us (and hopefully helpful to you) to provide that female emotional support that is sometimes required during the season. It is hoped that single life is treating you well... (oh young love). You are also one of the team that helps put a smile on all our faces and we can say that it is one of the things that helps us look forward to coming to hockey each week. Izzy you have really developed into a great defensive player, being a solid and reliable half back in our defensive structure. Improving your strength over the ball will help to increase your game impact overall.

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Saffron Jackson (Saff)

Another newbie to the club that has slotted in like you have been a part of Melville City Hockey Club for years. Transitioning into a goal scorer you have gained confidence and improved immensely throughout the season. Having demonstrated some great skills, it has resulted in you getting past the opposition and slipping in some sneaky goals successfully adding to the scorecard and contributing to our many wins. Improving your defensive play and staying in the game (by making double leads) will lift your game to an even higher standard.

Natalie Matthews (Nat)

You contribute to the team not only through your play but also your demonstrated resolve. Your determination and enthusiasm towards the team this year has been admirable and greatly appreciated. You apply yourself to performing at your very best week in, week out. You are inspiring as a player and a great team member and a pleasure to watch and coach. Your ability to take direction to improve your game is fantastic and we regularly see you then implement it into each game night. Great work this year Nat, congratulations.

Monique Miller (Mon)

It has been a great season for you this year. Being a senior player in the group, you have really stepped up and effectively and effortlessly slotted into a team leadership role. Your positive approach and smiling face is pleasant to witness and no doubt has a positive impact on all those around you. It may be that 'motivational' music but most think not. Your fitness level has really helped develop your hockey even further. It has increased your stamina and ability to maintain speed for longer. Controlling the centre of the field is now your forte. You have become a strong key player in more than one grade and we hope to see this continue!

Taleisha Power (Tal)

Well, well, well, a 100% improvement from last year. Your ability to control your emotions (when you consider you haven't performed at your best) has really improved and has resulted in you being a better hockey player. Your drive and dedication is obvious and pleasingly you give 100% all the time. Your close in stick skills have been in fine form this year with you being able (in either defence or attack) to eliminate many an opposition player. You have been one of our most effective scoring machines this season. To continue to gain confidence in your ability in higher grades should be your aim for the coming years.

Victoria Wade (Tori)

The work horse of the team (we said the same thing last year but it's still appropriate) Tori your positive attitude, hard work and will to achieve and want for team success, has really rubbed off with all your fellow players. You are also one of those players that has significant impact around the ground inflicting lots of pain on the opposition. Tori as you (throughout the season) continued to develop your hockey knowledge, it helped to improve your positioning on the field and to continually raise your impact on the game each week.

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Trilby Widger (Tril)

We have shoe envy, those classic Umbro shoes your much-appreciated dad wears every week when umpiring, has made our year. You surprisingly have been the dark horse of the team this year. It may be the number of 'magic' snakes that you consume each game or it could be an increase in confidence that sees you joke around but ultimately focus on your role. Either way you have moved out of your comfort zone and become a consistent striker for the team. Your ability to be able to read the game has added that extra dimension to your skill set that many players strive to acquire. We are still waiting for that diving 'mushed' face goal! But not too 'mushed' say all the boys.

KIRSTEN (Coach) – You are a gifted and dedicated hockey player who has willingly shared your vast knowledge and experience to enhance your players' skills and game sense. Your no nonsense (Madam Lash) approach, combined with your purple streaks, jack boots and training apparel scared the living daylights out of the team. They knew training and game day was serious stuff and this instilled a high level of dedication into the team. It was a little unsettling at times though when you would arrive at training or game day (direct from work) dressed to the nines, strutting your stuff like 'Elle' MacSilvey. Such harsh talk emanating from a model look alike was very confusing, but then this great smile would emanate to relax the group. But seriously, thank you for your great contribution and sacrifices made to lead our girls to success. The 'Dominators' team members and community thank you.

MEGAN (Coach) – You are also a gifted and dedicated hockey player who has gladly passed on your knowledge, experience and encouragement to our girls. Your caring motherly (good cop) approach was an effective balance, so that the girls not only knew hockey is serious, but that the players' wellbeing and feelings are also important (maybe that comes from being a great nurse). Your training apparel was at times confusing when you showed up wearing tracky dacks with accompanying ankle high leather boots (very nice). The girls could also associate directly with you particularly when you discussed your \$400 shoe purchase (somehow - all understood the real need?). However, the girls are concerned about your wellbeing, given you regularly present with injuries including broken fingers, black eyes and stitched-up face (No Mother Teresa here - apparently). Seriously though, thank you for your dedication, warm heart, sacrifices made and great contribution to the team's success. The 'Dominators' team members and community thank you.

Girls 11/12 B

This year was a bit of a challenge for the girls to start with as we had minimal numbers and then lost two at the get go, but it didn't deter the girls from the challenge. Sometimes it seemed they played even better when they had absolutely no reserves, in fact we played a game with only 10 players and took it to them in the pouring rain and got the win (Thanks again for the umbrella Bruce, but shouldn't you have held it to keep yourself dry?).

On behalf of the girls, Lauren and I, a huge thanks goes out to Bruce Vanderzwan for umpiring and his valued input with coaching and advice. Thanks to Phillip Brown also for your help with umpiring. Also huge thanks to Brianna Martin and Brodie Hood for helping the girls out in goals. Thanks to Lauren for all your time and effort you have put into coaching and mentoring the girls during the season. It wasn't a high scoring season but the girls moulded into the team well and have pulled off some amazing games against the odds.

Lastly thanks to all the parents for your support, help and encouragement with the girls hopefully you all encourage them to play next year. It's been a pleasure managing and sharing this season with you all. Hope to see you in the future, good luck for next year.

Melanie Brown

'Crackers!!' This is your last year before seniors and I will never forget your smiling face walking up at training or games, red hair blazing ready to go. Obviously I think you're a great half back, but I think you have a forward tendency as well so don't forget to try different positions next year. Obviously you killed it as a goalie as well, so you have so many options in your hockey career. Going into seniors, hockey is all about having somewhere to escape and enjoy yourself away from study. It will be great to see you there next year!

Kya Cromb

'Loverrly Hit!' You always took pride in your hits, even though you have to bend over a little more than the average hockey player to get down there. Your forward pass is also very good which is why I felt you would do well in the forward line. You took your whole body into tackles which would always keep the opposition at distance, another tactical play right there (wink). Keep smiling and keep playing hockey, I'm so glad I had you on my team this year.

Rebecca Dymond

'Too cool for school Bec', I know this is what I called you but your attitude was certainly not this way. Always ready to have a laugh and a joke in training and games, your personality was a real addition to our team. Always playing in the midfield, never getting much of a rest; I sometimes expected a growl after I yelled at you to 'get back and defend', which never came! You have an undoubtable natural skill that I am profoundly jealous of, and it will serve you well in seniors, I'll be chasing you up for preseason next feb, don't hide, I will find you Dymond.

Kirra Gauci

'I coach you hockey, you coach me life' – I feel like we have grown to be friends over the last couple of seasons, mainly because I pick on you the most because you infuriate me with your amazing skills you keep hidden away. I heard you tell someone once 'You've got to make the most of it', I think this is what you do best on the field. You really do try to make something out of nothing and shock yourself after you beat five players. You have become quite the senior over the last year so I will see you next year in the big leagues, you would also make a great coach so consider that as well, bye for now Gaucci.

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Felicity Geers

'Geeeeeerie! Get in there!' – Honestly you could make some hockey players, cry. You haven't even played 2 full seasons of the sport yet and you are absolutely killing it. I'm so glad I talked you into playing this year as we needed someone like, with a bit of grunt, in the mid field. I'll never forget you going in for a biff against a girl twice your size, it was almost the highlight of my season. Please don't stop playing hockey, it would be a crime against humanity, well, maybe just our club. It's not just your Geer's blood we are after, but also your Geer's attitude to a partay. See you in seniors Flick.

Alice Graham

'Get back Alyce, go forward Alyce, get back Alyce' – You were such a work horse for me this year, thank you so much for taking it on your shoulders and just getting in there. I can't believe how well you play half back, such a natural, kicking myself I didn't have you there for the whole season! You have the perfect attitude to this sport, always listening, always taking on advice and always smiling. I still don't think you give yourself enough credit and I do think you'll blossom into seniors well. Please make sure you give it a go, I'll get so excited if I see your name registered!

Sophie Hamdorf

'Cleaning it up Soph' – You were like my little janitor down in defence this year, always coming out of the scrum with the ball, lovely skills followed by a lovely pass. I thought you were quite shy so I enjoyed watching you play this year, because you seem to come out of your shell slightly when you have a stick in your hand. I know you love playing as I do, the pride in your face when a play goes well, so make sure you remember this when you choose to play your final junior year next year. You were a real asset to this team and I hope you believe that as much as we all do.

Bailey Irvine

'The Book of Bailey'- Where would this team have been without you this year? Quiet would be one of them but less laughter would be the next. Always keen to go to the toilet, or the bathroom, or anywhere, to be honest, you really were a classic centre forward. Sit up there, not doing a lot but if the ball came, it was on for sheep stations and you were in there trying to get us a goal. There was that one time the football team ran past and you missed from 2 metres out, but hey, Book of Bailey. I'm not sure what I am going to do without the Irvine's on a Sunday morning, I feel like I am one of you now! Just make sure you add me on Snapchat and we should be ok.

Hattie Steele

'Get in there Hatts', this is the second year of me getting excited when you had the ball. I think I honestly played you in every position this year, and you were never jaded, neither did you need to ask what the position did. You are always helping me out with balls and cones and training and it doesn't go unnoticed. I feel like half-back is where you play best, so wherever you end up in the country next year I hope you keep playing hockey as you have so much to offer a hockey team.

Jemma Thompson

Nothing 'Jade's Jem'. Consistent should be your middle name mate, no matter what the game presented you with, you were always reliable in any position. It was really lovely to watch you come out of your shell and be confident in the midfield, you did well there because you never gave up in a tackle and never let your opponent have a minutes rest. You would always look to pass the ball as well, which is what made you such a team player. Can't wait to see you in seniors in a few years!

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Rebecca Lee Vanderzwan

'Beautiful skills Bec!' Such a refined and stable player you were my little 'can play anywhere' this year. I know you loved to be up forward, but you just did so well in defence I had to put you there sometimes too. You always knew where the play was going and where to be at the right time. So easy going and willing to do anything I can't say a bad word about you. I know you will transition into seniors well as you are great club person as well, see you then girl.

Gillian Walker

'Beautiful tackle Gill', another year of me on the sidelines screaming this! It is not a joke, you were such a great fullback for me again this year you should be so proud of yourself. I'm so glad you decided to play your last year of juniors, you really did shine in our team this year. You have such a great attitude at training and games, (except for when we go for a run), you are an asset to any team. Senior teams are looking for level headed players just like you, so I hope to see you there next year.



Boys 11/12A

At the point of submitting the write up for this season we have a couple of rounds to go but are currently and should be in the finals. The team is one of the biggest 17's teams I've seen in a while with a solid and tall back line, albeit a group of gentle giants. The last time I coached this age group the personalities were extreme extraverts including Bowater, Timmel, Tulloch, Geers etc. so I'm naturally comparing this group and collectively they are a much more reserved bunch. The similarity between the groups is the potential and expectation to make the finals and win. As a group we have struggled to consistently play at our best but there is an excellent group of players who have outstanding potential. Hopefully the motivation of finals Hockey will be enough to raise the intensity of the group and win another junior premiership.

Our forwards learnt the value of unrewarded running in both attacking and more importantly defensive pressure. We are still too focused on generic positions and need to adapt to a front 3 formation.

Midfield had a dominant season and had the opportunity to rotate with the bench to make sure maximum effort was put in. The ability to midfield transfer play and break lines with several players will be exciting to see how they go in the senior ranks over the next few years.

Defenders learnt the value of hard and accurate passing when transferring the ball. This pattern turned into good habits for the season. The group needs to be more vocal and demanding of each other to improve more but overall a good season.

Hopefully most of you got something out of the season and most importantly had an opportunity to enjoy your Hockey. I got the impression that story of the week was something of a highlight as you all paid more attention to that than the team talk. I only had to really question your integrity once so pretty good going lads compared to the other bunch who I had to yell at every week. All the best from here on in and apologies if some of the profiles sound like reports. Also thanks a bunch Colleen for managing! I really do appreciate it.

Cactus

Sean Bentley (Seany B)

Sean has managed to develop into a solid midfield player. It's evident Sean has a good Hockey brain on him and has been able to replicate his dominance in the men's 3rd team on several occasions. Continue to back yourself and build some vocal dominance and you will have a great playing future ahead.

Henry Edwards (Striker)

Henry the pocket forward was starting to realise the effect of a solid work rate towards the end of the season. It is generally an expected and unrewarded effort that forwards have to put in week after week. Keep working hard and results will come. Probably the most regal of names in the entire team.

Sean Hird (Midfield)

These boys came to us around half way through the season which wouldn't have been easy on them. Tilly had no hesitation in recommending them both to play with us when extra numbers were needed due to one of the teams disbanding. Ever since that first game with us both Nic and Sean (two good characters in Fired Up) made a great first impression and always put in 100% effort. Nic and Sean I expect both of you to push yourselves and play to your potential next year too.

Andrew Howells (Striker)

Another forward who started to see the rewards of unrelenting pressure towards the end of the season. Andrew needs to work on composing himself when he has the ball which is easier said than done. Also has a Bieber fringe.

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Jamie Howells (Striker)

Unfortunately Jamie missed a fair few games due to illness and as such I don't have much to wind him up about. Jamie's return did add to my confusion obviously by being a twin but also by adding another Jamie into the team that already had two Sean's and two Jonathon's. Cheers for that mate.

Hayden Lock (Defender - Part time striker (Screech))

A solid and slightly physical defender for our entire season, Hayden has been consistent in the back line and even showed some potential in the forward line. Hayden's ability to release pressure and create opportunities quickly through his overhead pass is a valuable asset to our team.

Jackson McReady (Striker)

Jackson has the speed and intensity to put fear and doubt into any defender he presses. The challenge is getting Jackson to realise the effect of this pressure and getting him to apply it consistently. If he continues to be adaptable to various coaching styles and puts the pressure on himself to have a high work rate on the field then the rewards will come.

Nicholas Page (Striker)

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Alex Rayfield (Ray Ray)

Alex displays excellent Hockey knowledge and skills which is a great asset in the junior team. Alex has consistently played with the men's 3rd team this season in order to push himself to become more physical and increase his strength on the ball. You're on the right track Alex, just start to hit the gym a bit and you will get there. I've had the privilege of playing in the same team as Alex the second part of the season and he has displayed an ability to constantly adapt, even if I do force him to on the field sometimes.

Jonathan Rayfield (GK)

Jono has had a great season in the net for us in the Junior and Senior ranks. Specifically though with the 17's he has been called upon to make several outstanding saves and has been a highly valuable asset to the team as well as increasing his aggression and presence on the field. The vocal dominance and intimidation factors will need to increase to match the batman attire. I'm used to being scared of my own keepers, that's what you need to aspire to.

James Ross (Jamie)

Umm your name is James? If not I blame Colleen because I pulled the names straight off the sporting pulse website to make sure I got everyone. Jamie shows great potential to be an outstanding player for the club and beyond. His dad also makes a good stand in coach if required. I expect to see you pushing your way into the top squad next year James.

Jordan Rutigliano (Half back - Inner)

Jordi has been a standout from my point of view. I'm probably biased being a halfback most of my playing career but Jordi uses his physical presence and speed well. An example of his speed is the way he ran down most of the short corner shots throughout the season. A late season promotion to the inside forward position has potential to be a very interesting progression.

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Matthew Tate (Striker (you're not a defender))

Second player I almost refused to write a profile for due to not being able to play because he had to umpire.... Never heard that one before Tatey. Matt did add an extra bit of fire power up front, he assures me he was a midfielder or defender but he does have an ability to just pull the trigger and score a goal when you should not be able to. Lucky he does score with some of the angles he shoots from.

Conor Thompson (Defender that scores goals)

I contemplated not writing a profile for Spider Everet simply because he played most of the season with a top knot. Despite this he did play a solid role at the back and is very composed under pressure. Did score the odd goal and tried to convince me he was scoring more goals than most of the forwards. You still have a top knot...

Jonathon Thorn (Defender - Half back (A.J. from Empire Records))

Sorry Jono but I see you as a direct comparison to a Justin Bieber if he went through puberty and played Hockey. The fringe, smirk and the BMW just can't be ignored. It's a wonder you don't turn up to games with an entourage. On the Hockey field, Big Bieber uses his size and strength to his advantage by muscling around younger prepubescent teeny boppers.

Tony Ziegelaar (Striker - Rover)

Tony is a player who almost went under the radar early on in the process. It wasn't until second glance that the kid demonstrated sound basics and applied everything the coaches and selectors were asking of him. Tony my advice is come to some seniors training and up the intensity. You have a good Hockey brain and demonstrate similarities to Ross Hall (compliment). The future is looking good if you're willing to put in the work.

Timothy Dickson, Mitchell Tate and Kyle Potter, all played games for us throughout the season mainly earlier on before the extra team disbanding gave us a full card. These boys most certainly did not look out of place and proved to be great prospects for the future of our club. Great love and enthusiasm for the game, taking any opportunity to play Hockey and without any fear. Thanks for your help boys.

Boys 11/12A Reserve

I told myself 2015 would be the year that I took a step back and let someone else be Team Manager for a change, but no, I couldn't help myself and I am so glad that I put my hand up. Because what a wonderful group of boys we have and it was always a pleasure to watch them train and play together; and when you're lucky enough to score Mathilda Carmichael as a Coach, you'd be silly not to get involved!

Our 11/12 A Res boys clicked from the minute they touched the hockey field and this team work was proven again when it was decided that the B grade would fold and join us in the A Res. This amalgamation saw our numbers grow to 16 and the extra players were immediately put to good use and showed that they were comfortable playing within the team.

We won as many games as we lost and the boys never gave up, showing that they were willing to keep up the hard work until the final whistle.

Thank you to all the parents who were always willing to help out when needed, braved bad weather and traffic and provided oranges or lollie snakes for the boys. Special thanks must go to Rohan Swan for stepping in as an umpire when the need arose. Thanks also to Mitchell Widger and Wes Stewart who stepped in when holidays left us a little short and played like they belonged there.

Thank you everyone for what has been a very enjoyable season. I hope the boys enjoyed playing as much we all enjoyed watching and cheering them on. They did a fabulous job and should be very proud of themselves.

Best of luck to all who continue on next season!

Cassie Hughes

Cameron Addison (Defender)

One of the 6 boys to join us mid way through the year, Cameron joined our defensive group, and made an impact immediately. His endeavour on the pitch was unquestionable, and his marking/defensive roles were carried out well. Cameron helped balance out our other defenders who loved hitting the ball up the pitch, by using a strong push pass, which I would encourage others to use also! However, adding a consistent hit into your game would be beneficial!

Ben Belke (Midfield)

Ben added to our midfield from the first game he played with us. The team benefited from his high work rate, as he often made critical intercepts in our defensive 25. His strength in contests meant he won many 1v1 battles, and more often than not, he then turned this into a good attacking opportunity by making a good decision with where he passed the ball. To ensure you get as many possessions as possible each game, keep thinking about your positioning in relationship to the players around you.

Gregory Bloem (Defender / Striker)

Beginning the season as a striker, Greg was happy to play anywhere, and I believe did his best work as a defender. Never one to shy away from a contest, he threw his body around and ran tirelessly to ensure his opposing player would not get the better of him. His attitude and enthusiasm towards the team was fantastic and appreciated by all his teammates. I would encourage you to use your speed when carrying the ball, and keep your head up to look for that next pass.

Ryan Breuer (Striker)

Ryan was a welcome addition to our striker line, who assisted our midfield with his defensive efforts. Combining well with our other strikers, he always found himself in a position to get the ball, or drag a defender away to create a good attacking opportunity for one of his teammates. Keep working on your elimination skills, as this will make you an even more dangerous player.

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Bailey Brown (Striker)

Bailey's pressing ability is fantastic. His awareness of which line he should approach on is quite impressive for someone his age. He was also a very influential striker with the ball, setting up many scoring opportunities by eliminating a defender and then making the most of a 2 v 1 situation. To continue frustrating defenders, the development of some 3D skills, such a jinking, would be beneficial.

Brysen Cadle (Defender)

Brysen was an integral part of this team. Although a 1st runner in PC defence doesn't have the same glamour as a PC hitter or flicker, Brysen did this job brilliantly. On many occasions he ran down opposition hits, with his good tight line. His passing over distance is also one of his strengths, and he regularly found our high strikers with a direct pass from a 16. Keep working on your shorter passing as well, as there won't always be a 60 metre pass!

Connor Deaville (Striker / Midfield)

Started the season as a striker and as a striker should, scored a few goals. Playing in the midfield allowed him to use his speed and fitness to great effect. In the second half of the season Connor became a dominant player in our team, assisting in many goals and eliminating opposition defenders regularly with a drag and then using his speed. He also managed to keep the opposition guessing with a few overheads! Some more patience when going in to tackle will allow you to create even more turnovers.

Mathew Dixon (Defender)

Our self-appointed captain used his strength and size to good effect throughout the season. He was rarely beaten in a physical contest, and had great determination to recover from any error he made. It was great to see improvement in his tackling technique throughout the year, which was evident in the last few rounds, where he made multiple clean tackles each game. It would be great to see you add to your out-letting skill set with the development of an overhead.

Alec Dorrington (Defender)

Alec joined our defensive group, and along with Cameron, helped balance out our big hitters from the back. As well as making precise passes into our midfield, he always made sure he fulfilled his defensive role correctly, which gave our midfielders time to get back and pressure the opposition ball carrier. I'd encourage you to be a bit more confident in your own ability, and really want to have an impact on the game.

Atle Edgar (Defender)

Atle's tackling ability was seen in every game, as he stole the ball from his opposing striker multiple times each week. Having joined us from the B's, he adapted quickly to our different style of out letting, and helped build up many passages of play with his midfielders and strikers. Your push passing is good, but keep working on your hitting consistency to make you an all-round player.

Andrew McCartney (Goalkeeper)

Asking for communication from our GK was never a problem with Andrew, as constant talk helped make our defenders jobs much easier. His shot stopping ability was never questioned, and was critical to the team's success this year. On numerous occasions he made many fine saves to keep us in games. To take your game to the next level, more control over your clearances will be needed.

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Jackson Parker (Midfield)

Despite being one of the smaller members of our team, Jackson got stuck in to every game. As he ran up and down the pitch like all midfielders should do, he was present in both attack and defence. His use of one time passes often caught his opposing defenders off guard, which enabled our strikers some more space. Keep using those one time passes, but also trust yourself to eliminate a defender with your own skill on some occasions!

Will Reynolds (Midfield)

Although when initially put into centre half, Will's comment was "someone else is probably more qualified to play there than me", he did a fantastic job in controlling the midfield. Will was able to assess the situation in front of him well, and mostly made the correct decision in whether to carry the ball or pass. A bit of growth and strength will help you become more dominant around the pitch, however, I think you can still utilise your smaller body to greater effect.

Liam Sinnott (Striker)

A handy pick up from the 11/12 B's, Liam was always threatening opposition defence with his smart positioning. He often found himself receiving balls in behind the opposition defence, creating all sorts of problems for them. Although we love team players who pass the ball, you also have some good individual skills, which we saw at times. I'd encourage you to be more confident in using these elimination skills to continue being a handful for defenders.

Eddie Swan (Striker)

Always full of ideas to help the team improve, Eddie enjoyed scoring goals, and he did this regularly! Seeing him become a 'smarter' striker as the season progressed was encouraging, as he made many good decisions, both in general play and with his choice of shot when shooting for goal. Some more awareness of where you are positioned, in relation to your teammates will help you increase your impact on the game.

Eugene Tang (Defender)

Eugene had a successful year playing as both an outside half and as a central defender. It was fantastic to see the improvement you made in 1v1 tackling, as you were winning many more than you were losing by the end of the season. We saw a few overheads throughout the year, which had good distance on them. I'd encourage you to keep practicing these to gain more control, as it is a handy skill to have for all defenders.

Girls 9/10A

This year has been an interesting one. The players have huge potential not only to play A's in the next age group, but Top Squad in the coming years. Yet injuries to a number of players early on have meant that we see ourselves just scraping in to finals. Not that this year has been a failure – far from it in fact. I wanted to coach this group of girls in particular not only because of their potential and previous experiences with a lot of the team, but for what I believe I could add to their development as both individuals and as a team. The team was built around each player fulfilling their role within the team, whether it was defensively in the press or providing opportunities for attack. Each player has done this to the best of their ability and that is all that a coach can ask for. I am very proud of each player's improvement, and look forward to keeping an eye on their development in the future.

Thank you to all the parents for all your support during the year. Also thank you to Jenny and Dennis Loffell for being great managers throughout the year and keeping everyone organised and ready for games. Thank you also to the fill-in players we've had for your support when we've needed it most (Sarah Hasselerharm, Ivy Filmer and Neasa Flynn).

Lauren Anderson

Lauren has been asked to play a number of roles in the team this year and has never fallen short. When we needed control at the back with a depleted back line, she gave a strong voice to call our lines in the press. When we were short on players through the midfield and striker lines, she would always be able to slot in and provide strength on the ball and a number of attacking opportunities. Lauren, your versatility and willingness to adapt to situations is a coach's dream. Great work!

Abigail Bell

Abi is one of many of our players who have had an injury interrupted year. Given the opportunity to play the season injury free, we would have expected her to achieve great things, in both juniors and seniors. However, her injuries have meant limited time training and playing to her full potential. Regardless, Abi has been able to have a consistent year with us, whether it being the constant laughter in the change rooms or providing plenty of attacking opportunities on the field.

Eva Cocks

Eva has been thrown all over the field, starting out the year as a defender, spending time through the midfield when others were injured, and now finding herself as a striker. Her biggest asset is her running ability and strength, saving our behinds on defensive penalty corners more times than I can remember being our first runner. Eva, a little more confidence in your own ability would go a long way; you have the potential to be an awesome player, you just have to back yourself in the contest!

Annabel Drane

Annie is a feisty, cheeky little ratbag (just ask Ruby Rankin in our first game against Wolves!). Always giving her all on the field, it's not uncommon to see Annie in and under, fighting to get the ball out. Her ability to run and be dangerous in attack is why we stayed in a lot of games. She became a serious threat to opposition defenders who were to slow to move the ball. Annie, you have improved a lot this year and should be proud of what you have achieved.

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Eliane Gebauer

Eliane has been another player with a season shortened by injury; but she doesn't need to play many games to see how important an asset she is to the team. Always reliable at the back, Eliane has already shown great strength in her leadership abilities. She distributes the ball well, marshals the team from the back, and has been a key player in every game she has played. Another preseason with seniors and you will see this girl become a key part of Melville Top Squad's future.

Lisa Gleave

Who ever heard of a quiet goalkeeper? Well Lisa is one of them, that is until you ask about her many number of various 'fake wounds' from her drama classes. Lisa has again improved this year, becoming quicker and lighter on her feet. She trained an extra couple of days a week with various goal keeping coaches, showing her dedication to her development and it has definitely shown this year. A little more talk on the pitch and you'll be a great keeper in no time.

Molly Hagen

Molly is an awesome player to watch. Starting the year as a striker, she excelled at providing drive and strength on the ball in the press. Then I decided she should play centre-half. It took a few weeks to get used to, but now she has become a key distributor in our team. Her ability to move the ball across the field, as well as take on a few defenders, has been a key to the whole team's improvement this year. Molly will definitely be one to watch in the Melville Top Squad for the future.

Crystal Hobbs

Crystal has been a standout this year. Always reliable at the back, Crystal is often the last line of defence before the keeper. She always has that perfectly timed tackle at the last second, and has the ability to break lines with her powerful hit (even scoring a goal against Wolves on a PC!). A consistent performer this year, Crystal I have been stoked about your improvement this year and will be keeping a close eye on you to see how you develop in the coming years.

Kirsten Loffell

Kirst has been a solid improver at the back this year. Yet another to start the year with injury, she quickly adapted to her role at the back. Always willing to give her all on the pitch, including copping a hit to the head and pulling a muscle in her jaw. She managed to still play through in the coming weeks. You can't buy that kind of dedication to the team. Kirst, you should be very happy with the way you have developed this year. Keep it up!

Kayla O'Sullivan

Kayla has been a key part of our forward line this year. Another to provide a constant attacking threat, Kayla would often pick up the ball near the half line, beat a few players then run into the attacking circle... and have a shot on goal from a metre in front of the keeper. This may seem somewhat of a bad thing, but try and tell that to the first 9/10 girl that I have seen score a hat-trick in a game! A bit more work on your defensive work rate and you'll go a long way in the future.

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Ashleigh Power

Bulldozer! Ash has such strength over the ball; she was often seen cutting through defenders with strong drags and her ability to protect the ball. Her ability to create attacking drive was second only to her defensive work rate, often being one of the first midfielders to get back and help out the defence. Another who could do with a bit more confidence in her own ability, Ash started playing and training with seniors a bit towards the end of the year. Continue improving in the way you are and you'll be playing MTL in no time!

Jo Snyman

Jo is another big player in our team. Not necessarily a leader by voice, Jo leads by her actions on the field. She is very reliable at the back, and very effective at creating counter-attacks. Jo's skill, whether it be in the middle or as my preferred right half, has been a key component of our success this year. Having been rewarded with a spot in the MTL team this year, Jo has already proved herself a key asset to Melville's future. Keep up the good work!

Jade Vanderzwan

Jade is one of the young leaders of the team. She regularly provides positive input into how we could be performing better in games, and it is pleasing to see this in such a young player. Whether it is as a striker or midfielder, Jade always plays her role in the team. She is a good distributor of the ball, and is strong over the ball in a dangerous situation. Jade has been known to score a goal or two, even scoring a couple in seniors. Watch her take her game to the next level in the coming years.

Sarah Wignell

Sarah has been determined to improve all year. She always takes on any advice given on how to improve, and implements it straight away. Sarah has even become a key component of our back line, regularly clearing the ball out of defence when we are under a lot of pressure. She has also become a very strong marker at the back, often winning her one-on-one contests with her opponents. Sarah, it has been a pleasure to watch the way that you have improved this year and I hope you continue on this path in the future.

A special huge thanks to Oggy from the girls and the parents for all his efforts this year. His banter has kept the girls spirits up and his insistence in refusing to stop training, despite his hip surgery, has shown them what true dedication looks like. Thanks too to Craig Tate for stepping in and being Oggy's legs when needed and your phenomenal ability to keep count of a million things at once. Lastly a big thanks to the girls for providing such great watching entertainment for us each week and to all the parents for their support of the club and the team!

Girls 9/10A Reserve

What a great experience it has been coaching this group of girls. Not only did they show they were the masters of multi-tasking (drills, talking, and arguing about the fact they “weren’t talking” during drills), they also showed that they could play hockey. With some fantastic wins against top ranking teams through the season, this group of girls, if measured by team spirit, were second to none. A spread of best player votes across most of the playing group, shows the effort put in by every player. The lack of any definitive egos on the team, meant that finding a weekly captain became the coach’s chore but also meant that Melville dominated the pre-game and half time chants in this grade.

Alana Baskerville

Alana has had a steady season at wing. She is quick and skilful and has put most opponent half backs under pressure. It would be great to see Alana understand and play other positions on the field, to give her more opportunity to utilise her speed and skill and have a greater influence on the game.

Jaida Christie

Jaida has had a great season playing in a half back and inner role. Her determination along with her willingness to run, meant that Jaida had a significant impact on the game, despite the position she was playing. She quickly became one of our core players and often featured on the best players list. HOWEVER.....watching Jaida at training reveals her to be a nonchalant character. Should Jaida start training like she plays, she will no doubt improve beyond measure.

Grace Clavey

Grace has been a bit of a part-time player with us this year; however this is not to diminish her contribution to the team. Grace has a natural ability and has been able to slip seamlessly into our team when she is available. Hopefully her horse runs away in the future and she becomes a full time Melville player.

Alice Haigh

Alice is one of those players you love to coach! She listens to what you say, she does what you ask and goes at it until she is spent; then she asks to come off for a rest, only to ask to go back on. Alice went to every position that was asked of her, and went without question. Her skills have improved due to her efforts at training and her ability to read the play has improved remarkably.

Jessica Hood

I gather that Jess is rather busy outside of our fine hockey club. When she has played with us she has made a solid contribution. She has filled in for Chloe on a couple of occasions in goals and demonstrated why she once wore black and gold! She improved her hitting through the season and played the role of rotating full back. Great stuff Jess.

Luka Mellor

Luka pretty much played every game against a girl that was at least 150% of her size. Don’t let this fool you though. Calm under pressure, dogged in her efforts to win the hard ball, and cunning in her second efforts, Luka was a regular in the best players list and not just because her dad was the coach.

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Bryanna Miller

Bryanna was very reliable and consistent throughout the season in any position she was asked to play. Her understanding of the role of each position from full back to forward, along with her ability to read the play, meant that Bryanna was one of the team's most versatile players.

Cailey Pickard

Cailey had a great start to the season. She was probably a little like me and taken back by the intensity of training natter, but she pulled through and put in some solid performances. Her role as predominantly half back, has seen her take on the inglorious role as tagger on a number of occasions, which she has done well. Her work ethic continued though the season, making her one of the teams regularly reliable half backs and inners that were prepared to put in the effort.

Isobel Piggford

Again, another one of those players a coach loves to coach. A combination of athleticism, composure and competitiveness meant that Isobel was a regular in the best players list. She was willing and able to either play forward or back, as she has a great command of the different positions, and regularly swapped between all the forward and half back positions. She instilled a sense of confidence in the team when she was on the ball. Good work Isobel.

Chloe Power

Anyone that has seen Chloe 'keep' in our team will realise that she is great at her job. Some that have seen Chloe 'keep' will be surprised to learn that she is still in year 7. Most that have seen Chloe stand against some of our large year 10 opponents, will acknowledge her courage. With this context, it's hard to ignore the fantastic job she has done this season for our team. Chloe is definitely one to watch in the future.

Eilidh Rayfield

Eilidh had a great season playing mostly full back. Her comprehension of the game and her willingness to share her thoughts in a positive way, meant that Eilidh made a significant contribution to the structure of this team, both on and off the field.

Ellen Rolls

Ellen missed training 'once' during the season...guess what?...there was nothing to chat about. There was silence, concentration and focus (we didn't win the next game however). For Ellen, training is a forum for gum bumping and laughing at fundamental mistakes! Game day is a different story. Put Ellen up forward (she refuses to play elsewhere) and a competitive beast is released. No chatter, no laughing (actually there is chatter and laughing) and her 'play to win' ethos stands out, resulting in her being on the best players list on numerous occasions.

Amy Ross

Amy was our centre half for most of the year, despite her constant nagging to get me to play her as a forward. While Amy is more than capable of playing forward, as proven on a number of occasions this year, her quick transitions meant that we often would catch teams out on a counter attack, which is when we looked most dangerous. Amy thought she needed a break towards the end of the season, so having formulated an extravagant plan, she threw herself under an oncoming Raider in order to feign an injury to get the holiday pass – well done Amy.

Girls 9/10A Reserve (contd)

Amelia Swan

Over a five metre sprint, no one we played against could match her. Over 40 metres, there were few. Amelia's speed was a boost to our forward line when she was playing wing, however her skills and her willingness and capacity to run in both directions the whole game, meant that she usually got an inners job, which she did extremely well. She was focussed 100% at every training session and then, after the chatter, she also got some hockey in! Well done Amelia.

Ciara Thompson

Ciara is another versatile player playing both full back and half back roles. She is our most reliable short corner injector. Ciara's efforts at training translated into a very strong second half of the season, playing with confidence and ability. Ciara was reluctant to play forward, however her competitiveness and attack with the ball is well measured and would benefit any forward line. I urge Ciara to take on the challenge next season.

Clearly our most organised and dedicated player, Siti. Unfortunately for Siti, the role of manager is not shrouded in glory, or acknowledgement. Siti has made the job of coaching very easy, as she has managed this team with seamless precision.

A big thanks to all the girls and their families for making this an enjoyable season. I have heard nothing but positive and constructive talk from both the sideline and the players, in the spirit of the game, and this club. Well done to all!

Girls 9/10B Gold

We have had a really exciting season despite what the score board says. I have been so proud of how all the girls have improved since the beginning of the season. It is a real credit to you the way you kept fronting up to the games with the same exciting attitude. There are two aspects of the girls game that I am so pleased to see develop throughout the season. Firstly, hardly any of the girls were hitting the ball at the start of the season but now they are not afraid to hit and often surprise themselves with what they are able to achieve. Secondly, the way the girls connect their passes moving into attack, it is a real credit to you. As a spectator it is very exciting to watch and you look like pros. We had a number of exciting games. Thanks girls for making the season so much fun for me and I hope you had some fun along the way.

Thank you to the girls from other teams that filled in for us on occasions. Thank you to Bruce Read and Jim Moncrieff for coaching the girls when I couldn't make it – your support and coaching opinions were appreciated. Thank you to Mike Jolliffe for managing the team this year - your little lyrical quips were entertaining.

Amy Belke

Amy and Emma are by far the 2 that talk the most at training - just as well we have a game on the weekend because that is when I get a chance to say something. Amy has been great fun to coach and improved significantly throughout the year. She has made a real impact as right wing scoring the majority of our goals. There is a dark side to Amy, secretly she loves playing goalie and filled in on a couple of occasions. Great season Amy.

Tara Godin

Tara has been playing on the wing most of the season with a few star appearances as full back. She works hard and gets on with the job, always looking for ways to improve her game. Tara has been part of an exciting forward line that, when they get going can make it difficult for the opposition's defence.

Josie Green

I really like how Josie will play whatever position I ask her without complaining. Josie also really likes talking and I am not talking about calling for the ball when on a cracking lead. She has really worked hard this year and worked well in the forward line.

Lily Green

Lily has had a terrific season as centre forward. Lily has an awesome hit when she uses it - she just needs to use it more. At training she will often find the corner of goals with a powerful shot - I am sure it wont be long and she will be using that shot in the game. Lily works well in the forward, leading and supporting the other girls in the forward line.

Dana Jolliffe

Dana is a really exciting player to watch. When she is on her game she is really dynamic at centre half. She has strong ball control, good vision and can release a solid hit. Dana has been a pivotal member of the team feeding the forwards through the centre of the field. When we are playing our more open running game she is unstoppable.

Hannah Jones

Hannah started off the season sharing the central half role with Dana and made a significant contribution in the middle of the field. The second half of the season she moved to the back line and really stamped her mark on the game. Hannah's hitting has really improved throughout the year. As a result she is able to generate a lot of attacking plays with the ability to penetrate the opposition defenders and send the forward line off into attack. Awesome!

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Cydney Marrington

The quiet achiever, Cydney was often to be seen lurking around the full back line waiting to pounce on the unsuspecting forwards venturing forward and lured into a false sense of security by her apparently quiet demeanour. I am so impressed with Cydney's courage, she is never one to back down from even the most aggressive opponent and usually comes out with the ball.

Charlotte Marshall

Charlotte proved to be capable of quite a turn of speed and as such had the ability to get to balls that seemed certain to go over the sideline, or to get out from the defensive line and make a great 1st defensive tackle on short corners. Charlotte works really hard throughout the game and is a critical member of the middle field.

Bryanna Martin

AKA "B" Our ever reliable goalie saved us a number of times from what could have been punishing results. B has a great ability to know where to be at the right time. B also has been known to have the odd run on the field but we have really appreciated the sensational effort she has put in as goalie this year. Thanks B.

Phoebe McWhae

We missed Phoebe at training but never the less she was able to incorporate into the team on the weekends. Phoebe was usually to be found playing in the forward line with great effect and often linking up with Izzie, Lily or Amy to generate some exciting attacking moves. The second half of the season Phoebe become more determined and as a result had a more significant impact on the games.

Isabella Moncrieff

Bella was a dominant member of the team this season. I like how Bella has a very clear view on what she wants to do with ball and who she wants to pass it to. Often this meant completely ignoring the advice from the coach. Bella is very determined and rarely gives up on a tackle. She also likes to let you know what she is thinking at the time she is thinking. She has been great fun to coach, thanks for all your hard work this year.

Emma Robinson

In her first year of hockey and arguably not the biggest player on the team, Emma was not daunted and her "can do" attitude and gritty determination quickly made her a valuable asset. Never one to give up on the first tackle, Emma more often than not came up with the ball in the latter half of the season and was a tenacious player in defence and attack.

Isabel Vieira

In only her second year of hockey, Izzie's skills improved by the game. With her amazing ability to outrun most things on or off the field, Izzie was usually spotted tearing up and down the field either on a break or in hot pursuit. I really like the way Izzie worked with the other forwards and her ability to pass the ball to a leading forward was exceptional. One of the most improved this season.

Boys 9/10A

2015 shaped up to be a really exciting year for the 9/10A boys and the team selected was the strongest we have had in this age group for the last 4 years. A number of boys in the team completed the preseason running with the Top Squad Men over the summer and that gave us a really strong foundation to work with heading into the start of our season.

Unfortunately we had a setback before the season even begun with the team's captain Dylan Forbes breaking his foot at the Under 15 National Championships, which would prove to be a recurring theme within the team as the year progressed. The week after Dylan finally returned to the field we had two key defenders in Cameron Surtees and Daniel Paino each break their ankles, ruling them out for the remainder of the season.

At times throughout the season we have shown that we are right up there with the best teams in the league, but our problem all year has been consistency in our performances. Our performance against Wolves in Round 5 and UWA in Round 12 were particularly impressive, but our inability to repeat those kinds of performances against the lower teams has meant it is a bit tighter in the race for finals than we would have liked.

Regan Bright (Striker)

Regan offers us a bit of zip up front with his ability to jink past players and eliminate them before penetrating the attacking circle. We've worked really hard this year to develop Regan's positional play as well as his body position in the attacking circle, particularly at the back post. Regan is one of the better goal shooters in the team with a consistent ability to strike the ball cleanly from the top of the D. With physical growth over the next year or so Regan should develop into a fine striker as he has several of the required skills to be a dangerous attacker at this level. Well done Regan.

Nicholas Deluca (Half Back)

Nic appointed himself as the spiritual captain of the team before the season had even begun, and does his best to keep spirits high among the team with his ridiculous jokes or questions. Nic was selected in the A team this year and was given a few specific things to work on – namely his body position and centre of gravity when tackling. It was fantastic to see the effort Nic put in to working on this area of his game and it was evident in the way he played that he had improved significantly. Although he's had a few average haircuts, Nic is always willing to learn, improve and have a good laugh whilst doing so. Well done skipper.

Timothy Dickson (Midfield)

Tim is undoubtedly our most improved player from last season to this season and has flourished into the player we have been hoping he would become for the last 4 years. Tim has some things that you can't really teach – soft hands and silky ball carrying skills. His problems in the past have been confidence and fitness, but with a very good preseason under his belt with the Top Squad, Tim has taken his game to a new level. Some of our most dangerous attacks have come from Tim eliminating a player in midfield and carrying the ball in space towards the goal. His ability to pass the ball to the strikers and get forward to receive it again is one area of his game that has significantly improved, and this year he has added plenty of goals to his game. With continued development Tim will be another to keep your eye on in future years.

Jesse Floyd (Midfield)

Jesse has been with us now for 4 years and over that period of time his attitude has been the main work in progress. This year Jesse seems to have overcome his past problems in that area, and has really grown into a player that is prepared to put the work in. Although he has struggled with foot injuries all year, Jesse has continued to give his best efforts

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for the team. Jesse has the ability to eliminate players and keep composure on the ball under pressure, and with a bit more work on his change of speed, strength on the ball and pace of his passing, he can continue to develop as a midfielder going forward. Well done Jesse.

Dylan Forbes (Midfield)

Dylan was selected to represent the WA U15 boys prior to the start of the season, and was having a fantastic tournament before he broke his foot courtesy of an average tackle. This meant that Dyl had to miss $\frac{3}{4}$ of the season through injury, but we elected him as captain of the team anyway, knowing that he would return in time for the most important part of the season. Dylan adds drive, strength and a high quality level of basics that lifts the level of those playing around him. Additionally, his versatility is exceptional, with the ability to play as a striker, as a midfielder or as a fullback (even all three in the space of 70 minutes). This is an important quality for a player like Dylan who has the ambition to play hockey at the next level. Dyl was impressive when training with the Top Squad during preseason and we look forward to seeing more of him at that level in the coming years.

Mackenzie Love (Goalkeeper)

Macca has repaid our faith in him after we made the decision to select him as the A team keeper once again this season. His decision making has been considerably better this year, particularly when shutting down players in a 1v1 situation. On several occasions Macca has been the reason we have stayed in the contest, and he is also to be commended on making the final 3 keepers in the State U16 Schoolboys team. Well done.

Daniel Paino (Full Back)

Daniel has a tackling technique that is at a level well above most other kids his age, and more often than not will come out with the ball in a 1v1 situation. He has a natural ability to read the play and regularly mops up at the back

when we are vulnerable. Although fairly casual on the ball, Daniel displays some phenomenal skill when in tight situations in defence, and we look forward to his growth in the next few years. You have a bright future if you are prepared to work for it, Daniel!

Kyle Potter (Full Back)

It is easy to forget that Kyle is the youngest player in the team given the amount of strength he possesses and his ability to dominate a game. Kyle's physical presence is one trait that makes him such a dominant figure in this grade, but along with brute force he also has excellent ball handling skills and a very diverse range of passing. The team's game plan basically allows Kyle to pick up plenty of ball as the free defender and be the main generator of our attack, but that hasn't stopped him scoring some outrageously good goals. We look forward to your progression in the coming years, and it won't be long before you will see Kyle representing our Men's Premier League team.

Henry Rogerson (Half Back/Full Back)

Henry struggled to adapt to half back in the early stages of the season but soon began to string a number of impressive performances together. Since then he has been one of our most consistent players and his increased confidence has been very noticeable. Henry's improvement has mainly come in his composure on the ball when under pressure in defence, and when he was required to slot in at full back due to injuries he has done particularly well. Henry has also battled through a number of hip flexor injuries all year, but even in discomfort has never shied away from giving 100% for the team. Well done on another fantastic season Henry.

Mitch Scally (Striker/Half Back)

Moof is the workhorse of the team and although he will happily admit he is not the most gifted player on the ball, he has worked tirelessly to improve his ball control and

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distribution over the course of this season. Mitch's improvement in the last two to three years has been phenomenal, and he is the benchmark in the team in terms of attitude and work rate. Mitch's willingness to do the hard running off the ball in order to win the ball back is admirable, and he has often been the key component in our press through the pressure he puts opposition defenders under. When he is not playing as a striker Mitch is often covering for us in the half back line, with the ability to do an outstanding defensive job as well as offer us a lot of drive going forward. Well done on another fantastic year Mitch, your development over the last two years has been a real highlight.

Wesley Stewart (Striker)

Wes made the step up to 9/10A's this year and his performances throughout the season have been consistently outstanding. Wes has a very high level of basic skills and fantastic control when carrying the ball. Wes has spent the year playing predominantly as a right striker which allows him to drive forward with the ball in a strong position and attack the base line. Although I am sure Wes hasn't scored as many goals as he would have liked to this year, he has been directly involved in the majority of goals we have scored as a team. Wes has a fantastic work ethic and his leading has been an area of significant improvement this year, particularly leading off the ball in order to create space for others. We are really excited to see the contribution Wes has on this team again next year.

Cameron Surtees (Half Back)

Cam has been a player we have been monitoring for the past two or three years, and our decision to select him in the A team this year has been undoubtedly justified. When Cam was selected we originally thought it would

take the length of the season to develop his positional awareness, but the improvement in this area of his game has come significantly quicker. Cam has particularly good ball control when on the move and often generates some of our best attacking movements from right half. Well done on a fantastic year Cam.

Mitchell Tate (Midfield)

Spud has played centre half for the entire year, which says a lot about his form over the course of the season. The biggest improvement in Mitch's game has been his increased mobility and willingness to work hard, with or without the ball. Mitch has had an important role of being the glue that holds the structure of our team together, and is the link between our defenders and attackers. Mitch has a great balance in his game, with the ability to get out of tight situations with his stick skills complemented well by his ability to pick a pass. The benefit of a solid preseason with the senior men has been very evident in Spud's game and undoubtedly the main reason for his development, and there is plenty to come from him in future years.

Daniel Whibley (Striker)

It's hard to believe Dan is only 15 years old given he stands at about 7 feet tall. Dan is deployed primarily as a centre forward and offers us a great target up front with his ability to post up and receive the ball from the defence. This gives us a fantastic outlet and allows our attacking midfield to overlap and receive the ball running at pace into dangerous areas. Dan is also exceptional in the attacking D, with a natural ability to score goals when chances arise. Add to this his lethal short corner hitting and Dan has many qualities needed to be a striker at the next level.

Boys 9/10A (contd)

I have been with this group of players for 4 years now and the development of some of the boys in this team has been a real highlight of coaching. I really look forward to seeing all of you at the first preseason session of 2016, and can't wait to see some of you make the step up to the Top Squad in years to come.

I'd like to thank Gavin Scally for the tireless work he puts into the development of these young men and for his commitment as an Assistant Coach for the last 4 years. Gavin has put a tremendous amount of effort into making this team better, and has been by my side for every step of the journey so far. Gavin's passion is unparalleled, but his calmness in tense situations and overall knowledge of hockey is something that has been crucial to assisting me as a coach. Thank you once again for your phenomenal efforts this season Gav.

Thanks must also go to Ronnie Surtees who took on the role of manager at the beginning of the season. A lot of work comes with this role and I've lost count of the amount of times Ronnie has had to chase me up for a game report and player votes! Having a committed manager makes our lives as coaches significantly easier, so thank you for taking on the role and doing an outstanding job of it Ronnie.

As we have had a significant amount of injuries throughout the year, we have called upon players from different teams to make the step up to the 9/10A's and help us out. Jay Grimston, Patrick Lorraine and Harrison Parkes have all filled in for us this year and done a great job when they've been called upon. Thanks for your help boys, we hope you enjoyed the experience and learnt something extra when playing for us.

Finally to the parents of all the players, thank you for your support all year long. Although I am sure the boys have taken your support for granted at times, it really does make a big difference having you there at the games. I would also like to thank you for the support you have offered me and Gavin off the field, as well as your efforts of getting the boys to training and games at the times we requested.

Boys, thank you for your efforts this year – I know we ask a lot of you as players and this season has certainly had some tough moments. I look forward to playing alongside some of you in the next few years!

Tim Geers – Coach

Boys 9/10A Reserve

After coaching girls for a couple of seasons I thought it was time to take on the boys and what an experience it has been. Having a 14 year old of my own I was well aware of the challenges of getting him moving early on a cold and wet Sunday morning, but fifteen 14/15 year old boys motivated to play hockey, well you can only imagine! Mind you, if they were playing computer games it would have been a completely different story.

We started the season with a very even game and I was really buoyed by what I saw with this group. When we got it right it was great to watch, we moved the ball well through our midfield, connected with our forwards and were rewarded with outcomes in our attacking circle. Unfortunately we lacked consistency and this proved the difference between the teams who will ultimately finish in finals contention and ourselves.

My personal highlight of the season was our Round 4 victory against YM, who will probably finish second on the ladder. That game really highlighted what this group are capable of when they are motivated and work together as a team.

My message to the group as a whole, as has been all year, is to work hard on improving the basics of the game. The better you get at these, the easier the other elements become.

I hope as a coaching group that we were able to give the boys something to move forward with in their hockey and most importantly that they enjoyed their hockey this year. It was a privilege to coach such a great group and I hope you all continue to play the game.

I'd like to thank **Vanya** for all her efforts as team manager, ensuring everyone knew what was happening each week, who was bringing the fruit and snakes each game and particularly making sure I had the weekly reports in on time! Your help and support has been greatly appreciated. Thanks also to **Andrew Scanlon** and **Mark Downey** for their assistance and advice throughout the season. It's such a luxury to be able to call on someone of Scanna's experience for input at training and during games. Having information come from another voice, and a calm one at that, can make such a difference.

Most of all thanks to all of the Parents who get the boys to training, games and provide such great support each Sunday.

Bailey Cole (Inside Forward/Halfback)

The fact that Bailey played across all lines highlighted his ability and I think we saw his best when he had a stint at fullback in the last couple of games. He doesn't panic, doesn't rush himself and generally makes good decisions on the ball, which is a great attribute to have. It can also get you into trouble when you are too relaxed and the opposition is more intent on getting the ball off you. You have great skills but it is knowing when to stick to basics and be solid that will really make you as a player.

Brendan Delaney (Striker/Halfback)

He started out as halfback but after a couple of weeks at training I quickly realised that we needed his strength and ball carrying ability on the forward line. Brendan held his width very well and always got to good positions in the D. I think he will be the first to acknowledge that as a striker sometimes you don't get too many bites, so when the opportunity presents you have to make the most of it.

Boys 9/10A Reserve (contd)

Lochlann Downey (Centre Half)

Lochy has a great ability to find the right space to be in and provide an option for his teammates. He has good skills and often made opponents look silly when he dribbled around them. Demand the ball when you are in a good position to receive and dribble with your stick on the ball, use your speed to break away from the contest and you will find that you are very difficult to tackle.

Jayde Elliott (Striker)

With pace and energy to burn Jayde provided a great option on the forward line. On the occasions he was able to get outside his defender he made decisive drives into our attacking D forcing many a short corner. Work on manipulating your direct opponent to gain an advantage which sometimes means slowing things down and creating one-two's with a teammate.

Jay Grimston (Inside Forward/Halfback)

The best words to describe Jay would be solid and reliable. He started off as an inside forward but when we most needed it he went to half back and filled the role extremely well. Jay tackles well but it was his creativity and vision when coming out of defence that was most impressive, more often than not finding a midfielder or forward with a good pass which lead to an attacking move.

Joshua Lawrence (Fullback)

Josh was pivotal in our defence and showed great leadership right from the beginning and this ultimately led to him being given the captaincy role. He has great anticipation and his ability to make strong tackles and turn defence into attack was a highlight. Work on your calling of the teammates in front of you so that you can position them in the right areas which will reduce the amount of scrambling you have to do in defence.

Ryan Lawrence (Inside Forward)

A bit of a Jekyll and Hyde, when he was on he was great, and when he wasn't, well... he wasn't. Ryan often showed great tenacity and skill with an ability to eliminate an opponent, he could be very dangerous on the rebound. Remember your job isn't finished once the ball has gone past you into defence, reverse press and help your teammates.

Jordan Lukan (Forward /Fullback)

Jordan has the amazing ability to look relaxed no matter what he is doing. He was always keen to inject himself into whatever area of the field he felt needed him there and at times probably tried to do a bit too much. Have faith in your teammates' ability to do their job which in turn will help you focus on yours.

Liam Metcalf (Goalkeeper)

On many occasions this season Liam saved our backsides. His ability to not only save the first shot but the second and third as well was outstanding. Show more authority within your D and work on using your voice to organise your defence so that you don't have to save so many shots. You have a great base to work from and I'm sure if you continue to work at it you'll achieve great things with your hockey. Well done.

Harrison Parkes (Striker)

There were times when he made me dizzy with his stick work and often did the same to opposition defences. Harrison is very good at breaking the line and then drawing multiple defenders to him and when he was given the chance he scored many great goals. Work on knowing where your teammates are and where the space is, because if you are drawing multiple opponents to you, your teammates must be free.

Boys 9/10A Reserve (contd)

Oscar Sanchez (Fullback)

Oscar had some major issues with his hitting at the beginning of the season and on closer examination of his action we realised his stick was more suited to be used by someone half his size. Amazingly, once he began using a correctly sized stick, Oscar started hitting cleanly and with that his confidence increased dramatically. Decide what you are going to do before stepping up to take a free hit and be confident in executing your decision.

Joshua Scanlon (Inside Forward)

Eager to learn and another one who was particularly hard on himself when he felt he had made a mistake, Josh has been one who has taken a little while to find his feet. As he has gained confidence through the season he has begun to impose himself and take more control in the midfield, presenting well, creating space to move into and taking advantage when the opportunity presents. Continue to build on this and work on understanding when you should run at a defence and when you need to slow things down.

Ross Stewart (Halfback)

One of the most enthusiastic of the group, Ross was eager to learn as much as possible and was particularly hard on himself when he didn't get it right. Very good at playing a marking role and following instructions Ross often didn't realise he could be involved from an attacking perspective as well. Work on having a plan of what to do next once you have dispossessed or eliminated another player.

Harry Sutcliffe (Striker)

Our leading goal scorer, Harry seemed to always be in the right place at the right time. Whether it was by design or by accident he was very good at getting free in the attacking D and making the most of it and it was no coincidence that our goals dried up a bit when Harry unfortunately broke his foot.

Zakary Watton (Fullback / Forward)

In just his second year playing hockey it was pleasing to see Zak gain more confidence in his ability. As a fullback he tackled well but I think he showed his real potential when he went into the forward line, carrying the ball with strength and finding his teammates with good passes. Work on following through with your tackles and taking advantage of your opponent when you have them at a disadvantage.

Finally, a thank you to **Joel Walkemeyer** for filling in as Goalkeeper whilst Liam was injured, it was greatly appreciated.

Boys 9/10B Black

This year we saw a number of young players from a range of backgrounds and experience, come together to form the B Black side. From our first game, the improvement has been incredible, not only with skills and fitness, but also how the players work with each other as developing young men. Our side has also welcomed some players facing significant challenges in life - hockey has proved to be a great place for them to feel welcomed and loved for what they bring, with a great feature of our club being inclusion of people from all walks of life. This is a fine group of young men the club can be proud to have in its membership, hopefully for many years to come.

Taj Alder (midfield)

A young man with great artistic talent (take note club for future art designs!), Taj brings pace, enthusiasm and passion to every game. He has made huge leaps in terms of his game this year and it is great to see just how much it means to him each week, as he throws everything he has into each contest. We are blessed to have you in our club Taj, keep going and you will be amazed at what hockey can do for you.

Eligh Blechynden (defender/midfield/attack)

Eligh is another of our new players 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, one of which was the surprising 13.6 beep test in pre-season where he stopped because no-one was keeping up, not because he was tired! Eligh always gives his best and respects others around him, making him a valued addition to the side. Keep enjoying hockey with us Eligh.

Nathaniel Bufton (utility)

Nathaniel is the Super Nova/Comic Con man about town in our side (note he totally does not like the Green Lantern!). He does everything asked of him by the coach and never shirks taking on the best forwards or looking for that goal in attack. He is also a quiet, well-mannered young man who will always be welcomed into any side, thank you for giving your best efforts to the team Nathaniel.

Lachlan Farrow (attack)

Lachie is a talented sports player across several sports who can play anywhere on the field and still end up at the front of the attack scoring goals, he has worked hard at training and made big improvements to his hockey over the course of the season. Lachie is super competitive and that helps his teammates to see the standard of effort required regardless of grade. It has been fantastic to see you grow this year Lachie, hopefully we see you for a long time to come at Melville, once you realise it is time to give up footy given hockey and cricket are perfect matches!

Tom Featherstone (utility)

Tom is new to our sport and has grown immensely over the course of the season with total commitment at training and in games. His defensive work has been improving and on his few forays forward has come close to snatching the elusive first goal. Tom, we hope that you continue to play hockey and add to our family at Melville HC as you are very much a part of our future success.

Maxwell Gillard (midfield/attack)

We are grateful to dad Cam for convincing his son to take up hockey this year. Max has added an athletic dimension rarely seen at this level and his improvement has been remarkable over the course of the year. Quiet as a church mouse, he lets his endeavour do the talking and I am sure we will see him in higher grades at this club in years to come. Max – great decision to start hockey and thanks for joining our club.

Boys 9/10B Black (contd)

Matthew Harrup (midfield/defender)

Matt hardly says a word in anger, but once he crosses the white line he shows a level of determination that belies his quiet nature. Matt has taken his tackling and attack of the opposition to a level well above his grade and he continues to improve his positioning and passing play. Matt has taken on leadership of the team and each week sets the tone for his fellow players. Awesome work Matt in a fabulous season.

Gregory Hyde (midfield/attack)

Greg has been one of the big improvers this year taking his game to a new level alongside his team mates. Playing the pivotal centre attacking midfield position he has set up a number of attacks for his team in addition to solid defence. His attack on the ball and willingness to run and chase the turnover make him a very dangerous player. Keep going Greg, you have a great future at our club.

Samuel McKinnon (attack)

Sam has been the bedrock of attack this season in the striker position, providing strong leading and a willingness to mix it with the defenders in order to win the ball. He has developed slick skills, a great pass and an ability to control the ball so the attack is beautifully timed. Sam also is a young man with tremendous character and a great sporting sense who, like his brother Zac, is far better suited to hockey than football.....hint hint Sam!

Ben Munnings (forward/defender)

Reversing his positional switch of last year, Ben started in deep defence and had worked his way forward by showing significant application at training and in games. Ben is also a nice young man with a wicked sense of humour and adds a lot to the flavour of the team. Keep up the good work Ben.

Riley Needham (attack)

Riley has been a great improver in attack this year and continues to do the amazing "Riley" moves that defy any known logic (such as the reverse double nutmeg!), yet consistently come off to the team's advantage. His efforts have seen him become a key supplier of assists in the team and an important part of our attack. We look forward to you teaching those special moves to others and continuing with hockey at Melville.

Mark Ogden (defender/midfield)

Mark has been a leader this year in defence and through the midfield. As a result of his hard work and commitment, many of our best plays are created from his central defensive midfield role. Unfortunately Mark has suffered some illness in the mid-season and missed several games, but we look forward to him strengthening the team for finals and being a part of our club in the years to come.

Kelvin Vester (midfield)

Kelvin has continually improved this year and after we discovered he was playing with a balsa wood matchstick disguised as a hockey stick has been able to show his improvement in all facets of the game. Kelvin is a terrific young man, who always gives his best at training and in games. He does the most remarkable journey just to get to training each week and that effort will see him be a valued and integral part of our club for many years.

Boys 9/10B Black (contd)

Joel Walkemeyer (goalkeeper)

Joel is a future goalkeeping talent who has made a number of crucial saves this year to keep us in winning form. He is also the team jokester, always quick to be at the core of any funny moments, particularly those that drive his poor parents to despair! This club can look forward to many more wonderful hockey and comedy moments with Joel involved. The highlight is before every training session, watching him gather balls on the baseline, hitting tomahawk after tomahawk at the goal and spitting the dummy if he misses – priceless viewing from a goalie.

Thank you

Junior sports is about volunteering, supporting and managing expectations of our young people as we grow them into young men as well as long term members of our club and sport. We have been blessed this year with tremendous parents, an amazing manager in Natalie and year 7/8 players who have stepped up in support when needed. Our thanks to the committee members who run the club, it is a thankless task, but critical to making sure that every child has a team in a level where they are competitive. We often ask too much of these people and fail to recognise the tremendous work done by them to make Melville one of the best and most successful clubs in WA.

We also would like to thank our year coordinator Mark who has always supported our side and treated us as equals within the club; it has made the task of those involved in the team a lot easier.

And to our coach Bruce - how is he described by "his 14 boys"

Passionate	Brilliant	Encouraging you to your limit	Dedicated	Organised	Inspiring
Knowledgeable	Inspirational	Superb	"Go right"	Believing in yourself	Dedicated
Very passionate and enthusiastic about all things hockey			Inspiring		

Thank you Bruce from your team and their parents. Your personal time, passion and encouragement is truly appreciated by us all and you are a great mentor to the boys at such an impressionable stage of their teenage years. Melville hockey club and our boys are very fortunate to have Bruce's commitment to the club and junior hockey.

Girls 7/8A

The parents, club, coach, manager and friends could not be prouder of this fabulous group of girls. Game day, training and off-field activities were always an absolute pleasure to be involved in. The reward for a coach is to see improvement. That being the case - I am a very happy chappy this year. The team was highly competitive in all games over the course of the season. For so many of the girls to also play for Western Australia was the icing on the cake. Congratulations to Jayde Jackson, Georgia Needham, Chloe Forbes and Sarah Hasselerharm for achieving this goal. This was no fluke. The girls' attitude towards training was amongst the best I've seen in all the years that I have been involved in coaching. Their willingness to learn and have a go at everything asked of them was fantastic. Thank you to all the parents for your constant support and a massive thank-you to Gemma Cowan for her managerial skills and priceless contribution as a supporting coach. To Ashleigh Power, who was our umpire for the year, a huge thank-you as well.

Keith Harper: coach

Lana Christie

What a terrific team player Lana developed into. Her wonderful application and discipline saw her hold down the critical left half position with great success. No matter how fast the opposing right winger might have been, Lana's marking and interception skills saw her come out a winner. She listened to advice and followed team rules to the letter and that's 'gold' in the eyes of any coach. I hope to see Lana back next year with more strength in her hitting and pushing. I know that she will slot into any defensive role and prove to be a valuable team member.

Lucy Cocks

The 'dash' that got Lucy into the team ensured that we had at least one forward who could keep up with the lightning speed of Neasa and get into our goal scoring zones. On either wing, Lucy gave us constant, strong drive into attack. She developed the skill of stealing the ball off her opponents around our attacking 23 which led to many opportunistic shots on goal. Lucy is quick enough to run the ball into space. Once in this space she needs to look up and see where her team-mates have led and then make the pass to set them up for a shot on goal. Lucy is one of our future star strikers.

Kate Cowan

The team's "Miss Versatile", Kate managed to play just about every position bar goal keeper. An extremely hard worker and tenacious tackler, she always placed enormous pressure on the opposition and created many turnovers. Kate has a thirst for hockey knowledge and has a strong desire to become a top notch player. With her current attitude this will become a reality. Kate is yet another player to keep an eye on in the years to come.

Kate Edwards (Mini)

If wishes could be granted, both Gemma and I would plonk 50cm or more onto Mini's frame. In the real world, though, being only half the height of an opponent meant nothing to Mini except to say that it felt twice as good when she took the ball off them or befuddled them with her deft stick-work. Kate reads the play extremely well, particularly as a full back, and is always in the right place at the right time. Like Lana, I hope to see her back next year with more strength in her hitting and pushing. The next step for Kate is to be the initiator of our attacks by making astute passes from deep defence. I know that she has the hockey brain to do this. Mini is capable of BIG things in the future.

Girls 7/8A (contd)

Georgia Farrow

Georgia has proven to be a player who can step into almost any forward or midfield position. Her work ethic is first class and her harassment of her opponents must drive them to distraction. Georgia is a harsh self-critic and can get down on herself. Everyone makes mistakes. What I love seeing in any player is the effort made to recover from an error. Georgia does this very well. Like many of the other girls, I am keen to see Georgia return next year with greater strength in her hitting and pushing. Georgia has a massive upside and watch out when she starts to hit her straps.

Ivy Filmer

Ivy was part of our fabulous 'back four' structures that did so well at repelling opposition attacks. Ivy's tackling was the standout feature of her game and, as either the high or sweeping full-back, she ensured that breakaway attacks were always snuffed out. Ivy also carried the ball well and her strong push passes regularly led to forward thrusts through the midfield or wings. It is obvious that Ivy has a good hockey brain. It would be fabulous to see Ivy work on her hitting in the off season because we would then be able to see her set up attacks from deep within our back half.

Neasa Flynn

Wow! What a season Neasa's had. No other team had a better striker. When Neasa made a break-away we battled to keep up ("Go Lucy!" was our best bet), and the number of goal scoring chances that she created either for herself or her team-mates was truly phenomenal. Her defensive pressure, too, was second to none and she truly terrorised opponents when they were trying to get the ball out of our attacking 23. Neasa won our "Fairest and Best" award at a canter (the slowest she moved all year). Additionally, she had an exception tournament with the state

15s. All in all, a magnificent season has been had by Neasa, and Melville looks forward to her attacking prowess in the future.

Chloe Forbes

Chloe has proven her worth, again, as a half-back and midfielder. In her dreams, though, I'm sure that she sees herself as a striker who scores brilliant goals at will. She has a wonderful eye and traps anything in reach. This, along with her bright hockey brain, has seen her turn defence into attack on numerous occasions in every game. Chloe has a strong tackle, high quality stick-work and a growing knowledge bank about how 'quality' hockey should be played. When she returns to us next year with a greater aerobic capacity we are going to see a dominant player in action.

Saoirse Hanavan

Saoirse was our 'insurance' player. Playing mostly as our sweeping full back, we could rely on Saoirse's deceptive speed to channel opposing forwards into the corners or deftly getting in a poke or block tackle to defy any attacking sortie. Saoirse has the ability to become an imposing defender. Part of her growth, however, will be to become more demanding of her team-mates: telling them where to position themselves or calling for the ball in order to switch play. Saoirse will be a wonderful addition to any team that she plays in in the future.

Girls 7/8A (contd)

Sarah Hasselerharm

Sarah played some stunning games at centre-half this season. The way she could read the play, tackle and pass reminded me of Aimee Clark, which is very high praise indeed. Like Aimee, though, she expects to perform to perfection and lets mistakes eat into her confidence. Trust me, Sarah, you are human and prone to errors just like the rest of us. If anything, Sarah could 'demand' the ball more from her halves and backs as her decision making when in possession of the ball is first class. She has had an excellent season this year and I am confident that she will continue this form when she progresses to 9/10s next year.

Jayde Jackson

New to the club this year and what a great first season she's had. Initially a striker Jayde's tenacity, tackling, skill and decision making saw her play in the midfield as well. I was fortunate to also coach Jayde in the SSWA state 12s this year and saw a quality in her that is quite rare in athletes who are of such a young age. That is: the ability to lift within a game when things are not going to plan. Jayde will play at a 100% plus for the team and put repeat efforts to the point of exhaustion – I can't coach that. I'd love to be able to bottle that attitude to drop a touch of it into players who have fallen into defeatism or complacency. When Jayde controls that smashing hit of hers she will become an even more impressive hockey player.

Gabrielle John

Gabby missed a sizable portion of the season due to injury. To her credit she came back full of run and vigour and our forward line certainly looked the better for her being there. Gabby is deceptively fast and always gets to the contest. With growth comes strength and that's what we will be looking for next year: strength to ride a rough tackle or to use stick-work to eliminate

an opponent and then burst past them. It will be interesting to see if Gabby can play more in the midfield next year. Yet another player full of promise.

Georgia Needham (Needy)

Georgia is arguably our most improved player. From initially not making the 7/8 A team to becoming a quality right half for Melville and the state SSWA 12s team, Needy should be rightly proud of her achievements. Needy is still adapting to her growing body and when she matures and gains further strength she is going to be an asset to any team that she plays in. She already has the self-confidence and poise of a quality player and, in addition, the willingness to learn. As her coach, I have been thrilled to see the progress that she has made. I look forward to seeing her in Melville colours next year.

Chloe Power (Coco)

Coco got better and better as the season progressed especially in her decision making as to when to come off her goal line and attack a breakaway forward. Her saves by hand were equal to any seen during the season. I take my hat off to goal keepers as I just don't have the courage to stand in the way of all those shots on goals and I don't care how much padding you put on me. For your unflinching courage, Chloe, a big thank you on behalf of the whole team.

Congratulations to Sarah Hasselerharm and Chloe Forbes on their selection into the State 13s squad.

Girls 7/8A Reserve

It was clear from the outset that this team would have to put in a lot of hard work in this grade to achieve success. This team has indeed risen to the challenge and it was pleasing to note that as the season has progressed, improvement has been seen in each game.

Although success in the games was not realised until late in the season the team had many near misses where the score did not reflect the effort. Our defining moment in round 12 was indeed a highlight and showcased exactly how far the girls have progressed with their hockey. I wish all the girls the very best in their future hockey endeavours, I will watch with interest how they progress.

Eveleigh Arthur (GK)

If you talked to Eve you would not think she was a keeper. Quiet, shy and unassuming, not normally the traits you would see in this position. On field Eve displays remarkable commitment and brings to the team a reliable and skilled last line of defence. I hope Eve continues to develop and play in this position as the club definitely needs good keepers.

Caitlin Bentley (right wing)

I was pleased when I received the team list and saw Caitlin's name. I had seen her for the first time during the trials and knew straight away that I could work with her. One of the traits that Caitlin has that I like is that she is not shy to question anything that is being taught to her, and this has allowed her to understand her position in the team better. Caitlin possesses the best running skills of any of our players and her ability to eliminate defenders has become almost second nature. I know Caitlin will do very well with this club.

India Bilclough (Striker)

India has progressed well with her hockey this year. She plays well as a striker and always positions herself to be in the right place to score goals. Her skills are getting better and with some hard work and commitment in this area could improve greatly. India will continue to develop her hockey and I wish her all the very best for the future.

Tannah Growdon (Midfield)

First game I saw Tannah play I was impressed with her level of individual skill. Tannah has good strength over the ball and this serves her well in the midfield. Her ability to find space in the game is good and her decision making with regards to passing has improved as well. Tannah will do well to really concentrate on developing her running game more as this will help her become stronger overall.

Madison Jade Hollander (Half back)

Madison came to this team with a great deal to learn. I find when Madison is focused on her training exercises she learns very well. I also like that Madison is prepared to give those skills a go in the games and she has achieved good results by doing that. If Madison is prepared to work hard from now, and really focus on her own individual development, she will have a bright future.

Marta McMeekin (Half back)

Marta is a player that goes about her business without much fanfare, but her contributions to the team have been good. Marta plays well in any defensive role and this trait is good to have as it gives coaches more flexibility. She has a very good feed pass and has a good tackle as well. Where she excels though is being able to mark and effectively eliminate her forward out of the game.

Girls 7/8A Reserve (contd)

Sophia Moncrieff (Half back)

Fifi as she is affectionately known certainly lives up to the name. One of those personalities that certainly makes a coach's job that much more interesting. I am certain though that her commitment to the team is unwavering. I asked Sophia to play a number of positions this year and she did so without question or fuss. One of the most vocal players on the field and another player who is certainly not afraid to put into practice what she has learnt. Sophia certainly enjoys her hockey and she has been a pleasure to coach this year.

Georgia Munnings (Half back)

Another player who I looked forward to coaching. Her concentration and commitment at training was commendable. Georgia played a key position midfield this year and was outstanding in that role. She was always prepared to run hard all game and linked up with the defence brilliantly to provide an outlet passing opportunity. Georgia understood our game plan fully and that showed in her ability to support across the ground and have many effective possessions. I will look forward to her continued development with interest.

Olivia Patton (Mid field)

Olivia certainly doesn't hold back in the contest. She runs extremely hard and that's what makes her such a good midfielder. Part of our game was to pressure the ball carrier and Olivia created many turnovers by doing just that. Her support of the defence was always good and she supported the strikers very well. Always early at training, Olivia is a valued team member.

Shaya Pillay (Defence)

Shaya unfortunately missed a lot of games due to injury, but to her credit still attended many training sessions and games. This commitment allowed her to slot in very well once cleared to play and her game has gone from strength to strength. Shaya concentrates on her training very well and is always willing to learn and develop. Her understanding of our game structure went a long way into helping us achieve our first win of the season. I am sure Shaya will go a long way with her hockey.

Zoe Polglase (Full back)

Having coached Zoe before I had a very good understanding of what she brought to the team. Rock solid defensive abilities in both clearances and the best flatstick tackle of anyone on the team. As a high fullback Zoe reads the play extremely well and her ability to stop the forwards' momentum is a great skill. Zoe has some really good stick skills that are just starting to be shown. As her confidence in this area grows she would make an excellent midfield player who would have a really strong impact on any game. Zoe leads by example on the field and off, she has been a real pleasure to coach.

Amy Riordan (Full back)

A lot of people don't realise the importance of the sweeping back's position. You need to be able to read and determine when you need to be involved with the play, but it was Amy's ability to attack a contest at pace, win the contest and clear the ball which gave me confidence. Amy developed her skills very well and her bright and bubbly personality and big smile made coaching her a delight.

Girls 7/8A Reserve (contd)

Mikaela Spires (Half back)

The hardest person to read on the whole team. Never heard a peep out of her at training, and if it wasn't for her brilliant work on field, you would not even know she was there. Mikaela occupied one of the most important positions on the field, and possesses one of the biggest running engines I have seen in a player. Even after a full on game running she barely looks puffed. Always just gives a thumbs up. Extremely reliable in defence, I never had to do much with her game just give a few tips. One of those players any coach would love to have in their team.

Mathilda Swan (Centre forward)

Tilly well what can I say? Always ready to put in her 2 cents in any situation, outspoken and loud but every team needs one. Makes a coach's job a lot more interesting having a big personality on the team. Tilly on field however was a great team player who when running the hotlines and being mobile in attack showed how good and valuable she can be. Tilly is one of those typical upright players who when they click about being low, will then realise what those pesky coaches were on about. I am sure however that I will see Tilly for many years to come, but don't change who you are.



Girls 7/8B Gold

It has been a pleasure to be the manager for this beautiful team of very lovely girls. They have bonded together both on and off the field throughout the season and have developed lasting friendships that will carry them through future years. These are the girls that will keep playing hockey no matter what because they love the game. We need to continue to nurture them. We have had a very even playing field amongst the teams in this grade. Despite not winning a game yet, with one to go, they have been hard fought and the scores have not always reflected the team effort.

Andy Bull put his hand up to coach the team at last minute notice. Andy was a gift. His optimistic attitude never faltered and his gentle manner and quiet confidence was an inspiration for the girls. He moved the team around, sub on/sub off, throughout the game each week and many of the girls found they could play in positions outside their comfort zone extremely well. We wish Andy well with his new team in Amsterdam and we are very happy and grateful to him for stepping up. To John Skipsey we thank you for taking on the role for the last three games, much appreciated. Lisa Gleave has been our umpire extraordinaire this season. Can we book you in for next year please?

In the absence of coach Andy and to make this a team effort, the parents and/or the player have written their own rap as follows;

Cassidy Batten

I am 14 and play as fullback and have been playing hockey for almost five years. I feel as though the coaching this year has given me lots of room to improve my skills. I feel as though I have come a long way since last year. I hope to continue playing hockey for a few more seasons so that I can have a sense of achievement and to continue to make many more friends.

Elena Bodt

Elena has worked hard on developing strong hitting and tackling and improved considerably throughout the season. She has applied these skills in defence showing good positional play as fullback or halfback. Elena always gives her best and continues to grow in confidence and determination with every game.

Mia Borinelli

Mia was one of the players pushed out of her comfort zone and rose to the challenge well. Her runs down the field with the ball in tow and some strong hits made exciting watching. Good team work by all the girls was evident in each and every game.

Charlotte Bunn

Charlie has worked hard on her confidence this

season in taking the ball forward and being more competitive. Her skills are very solid and she is a great little tackler and technician of the game. She has enjoyed the season.

Nikkola Champion

Nikkola has showed some signs of brilliance playing inner with many solid runs forward into attack scoring a goal this season. Her tackling and determination to win the ball has improved. She has been consistent and more confident in her game.

Olivia Farrell

Olivia is a versatile player who can play just about any position on the field. She has come a long way with her skills and tackling during the season and gets better with each game. Keep it up Olivia.

Morgan Paige Frossos

A very quiet team member who has really enjoyed honing her skills in the position of full back. Morgan gives 100% to the play each week and loves the challenge of stopping the ball, with a never give up attitude when on the ball. Her ball skills are really solid and her hard hitting has steadily improved throughout the season. A great season well done Morgan.

Girls 7/8B Gold (contd)

Alexandra Grant

This is Alexandra's first year playing hockey and as her knowledge and understanding of the game has increased, her tackling and passing skills have developed with each game played. She has quietly grown in confidence and is a reliable and consistent player in the team.

Samantha King

Sam has been a solid defender this season and hasn't let many balls past her. Since getting her new stick she has developed a strong hit sending the ball out of the D. Thanks to Andy's coaching Sam has enjoyed her hockey and has become a stronger player on the field.

Georgia Lawrence

This year Georgia has shown great dedication to her hockey. Always there with a smile and eager to learn more, develop her skills and commitment to her team. Georgia plays the wing and holds her position well with always running wide to put pressure on the opposition and give her team mates an option. There were some fantastic runs along the side to the forward line.. Georgia has also developed her hitting and stick work with the help of the expert coaching the team has had this season. Well done on a great season Georgia. Its great to watch you gain confidence and develop into a great hockey player and much valued member of the team.

Ruby Quartermaine

This year hockey for me has been great even though we haven't won any games. Oh wait, yes, there was the forfeit by Hale. I was very grateful to have such a fantastic coach that taught me so much. This season I developed a lot on my hitting and playing short corners. I am really thankful to have had a great team that I got along with really well and I hope some of us will be in the same team next year.

Mary Raja

Mary has been playing as a left wing for most of the games this season. Her understanding on game plan and stick work has improved. Most of all she enjoys the company of the J7/8 team mates.

Sasha Richards

Sasha has played hockey for Melville for six years and continues to improve her game each season. She normally plays in a forward position and is good at penetrating deep into the opposition's half. She loves being part of the team and is looking forward to playing with some of her teammates again next year. Well done Sasha!

Lily Skipsey

Lily has developed in her skills this year and has grown into the halfback role. Her confidence has grown significantly, along with her fitness and if she keeps it up she will become a very strong and versatile player. Always positive and calling out to others well. Good luck next season Lily.

Jordan West

Jordan has had a fantastic year of learning under coach Andy Bull and always appreciated the encouragement from the coach and her teammates when the going was tough. Jordan has improved her consistency and second efforts this season along with developing a new found appreciation for the difficult job of goalie. Getting an opportunity to stand on the goal line brought into focus the need for teams to defend hard and be fitter than the opposition.

Well done girls!

Thank you to all the parents/care givers for all the help and support throughout the season. Hope to see you all back next year in the maroon and white. Until then wishing you life's best always.

Boys 7/8A

This is my first year coaching at Melville after being at the club since 2011, taking on the role as the coach for the boys was initially about making sure that they were able to learn the basics of hockey really well, something that hopefully will hold them in good stead as they progress with their hockey careers.

Special thanks to Peter Lorraine who did an excellent job managing the team throughout the season. Also thanks to Phil Parkes and Bruce Needham for stepping in to take sessions and coach a few games when I have been away. We also had a very capable umpire in Nick Page so thank you Nick.

The boys have also learnt a great deal during their ball boy duties for the MTL games. This means they are always quick to remind the coach at training on Mondays how 'naughty' he was during the game on the weekend. Definitely a case of do as I say not as I do.

Coach- Matt Willis

Callum Brown (Inside Forward)

Another of our creative players in the midfield. Has a wide range of skills which suit playing in the midfield but needs to keep consolidating his basic skills which will lead to more consistent performances. It has been very pleasing to see Callum responding to the challenges set to him this year.

Bradley Dowie (Inside Forward)

Great guy to have around the team. Sets the tone at training and his skills have improved as a result. It is pleasing to see Brad start breaking lines and going forward in the midfield. I look forward to seeing your progress in years to come.

Ben Harel (Striker)

The tomm king. Scored a hat trick early in the season making great use of this skill. Worked really hard on the defensive side of his game throughout the year and started making many more tackles. Scored some of the most memorable goals of the season, which is a good trait to have as a striker.

Jacob John (Fullback turned Centre Forward)

This season I'm sure has been a turning point for Jacob. Starting the year at fullback and playing well in the second half of the season at centre forward. His major strength is his athletic ability, having excellent speed and endurance provided a great asset to the team. I am looking forward to seeing Jacob develop in the years to come, the hockey world will be at his feet if he can put his mind to it.

Patrick Lorraine (Centre Half)

Controlled the centre of the field for us this year and often playing big minutes. Always reliable and with very good tackling skills. Moving from playing fullback into the midfield this year has challenged Paddo, he has developed some new skills which enable him to go forward which is a credit to his work ethic at training.

Oben McHoull (Striker/Inside Forward)

Those flowing locks are hard to miss. Another great team player, always willing to help out and do whatever the team needs. Very good left to right drag but it has been his improvement in his passing game that has enabled him to play more in the midfield as the season went on. Keep working on that tackling and staying involved in the game.

Boys 7/8A (contd)

Zachary McKinnon (Goal Keeper)

One of our most consistent and outstanding performers throughout the season. Zac made a number of crucial saves and kept us in contention in many games this season. Zac shows enormous potential and if he continues to work hard, one day he may be pushing the MCHC legend Clemo for a spot in the 1's.

Daniel Moulin (Striker)

Excellent hands and some sharp elimination skills. Dan has a huge appetite for learning new skills and frequently spent extra time after training working on them which showed in his performance throughout the season. Needs to keep working on his fitness and speed to make the most of his silky skills.

Jaymon Needham (Fullback)

Jaymon was one of our most consistent performers this year, which is a credit to him despite managing his knee injuries. He has a very good eye which enables him to make some good tackles. His appetite for and knowledge of the game is excellent. Keep working on that footwork and your distribution skills.

Daniel Page (Fullback/Halfback)

Daniel has improved throughout the season. His tackling and tenacious attitude in defence has meant he has played big minutes for us at fullback this season. Going forward Dan needs to work on his distribution skills which will ensure he remains a valuable team member in the future.

Liam Page (Halfback)

Liam has held his own playing in the top grade this year. Having many solid performances at left and right half. His basics have improved massively due to the effort he puts in at training. Keep working on your positional play and marking.

Declan Parkes (Halfback)

Declan is never short of a word which is something that makes him a valuable team member, even if treading a very thin line with umpires on occasion. His improvement in the right and left half positions this year has been pleasing, especially his ability to take quick free hits and get the play going again.

Christopher Soraine (Striker/Inside Forward)

Chris played in the striker line and filled in in the midfield this season. He has solid basics but needs to work on his positioning and staying involved in the game. Chris is a pleasure to watch when he is breaking through the forward line using his speed.

Boys 7/8B Black

It has been a great year for the boys, having only lost one game so far for the season. This is a group of talented players who gelled as a team early on despite half the team wanting to play full back. It has been great to see the boys develop their individual and team performance over the season as their passing and use of the full width of the ground has improved. The boys have played some exciting and impressive hockey over the season and the challenge has been to make the most of scoring opportunities on game day. It has been a real joy to be involved with this group of boys. They have been an enthusiastic and sometimes challenging group to coach and a determined, willing and talented group to watch on game day.

Brendan Abbott

Brendan is a natural forward with excellent skills. Brendon's play has improved significantly over the year as he has used his skills to bring his team mates into the game. Brendon is another player who often has more time than he thinks and he will continue to improve as he learns to use the ball even more effectively. Brendan is a natural leader who will become an even better player once he learns to use that leadership to drive the play and the team.

Joe Birmingham

Joe has played mostly at full back with a few runs at half back. Joe is a reliable player who has a strong hit, good skills and a calm personality which is useful in defence. At half back, Joe has been effective at shutting down opposition players. Joe will become an even more effective defender as he continues to develop his defensive skills and becomes more creative in defence.

Ben Deacon

Ben has played as a forward all year, playing inner and now settling at centre forward. Ben is a talented and reliable player who always brings his team mates into the game with effective and creative passing. Ben is always present in the D when the team is attacking and if he can get his shots on goal away a little bit quicker, he will be an even more effective forward.

Blake Gillett

Blake has been a reliable and gutsy full back, setting a high standard in defence all year. He has worked hard on certain aspects of his game and showed great improvement. Blake leads by example on the field and has strong leadership qualities. I see a future captain in Blake if he keeps improving at this rate.

Joseph Hart

Joseph has played forward most of the year as a winger and inner and seems settled at left or right inner. He is a fast running player who loves to take on and beat opposition players which he has done consistently throughout the season. Joseph has improved over the course of the year by bringing his team mates into the game with effective passing after one of his fast running breaks. He will be an even better player once he consistently holds his position on the field.

Kayne Holyoake

Kayne has played forward all year as an inner and on the wing. He has good skills and loves to take on opposition players. It has been great to see Kayne improve over the year by taking on board the team ethos of using a pass to beat opposition players. Continue to bring your team mates into the game Kayne and you will become a very effective forward.

Boys 7/8B Black (contd)

Brodie Hood

Brodie has had a great year as our ever reliable goalie, keeping us in games that would have been closer if not for his strong footwork and attack on the ball. Brodie's aggressive attack on the ball has sometimes seen him running around the D clearing the ball while leaving our full backs in the goal! Brodie has also developed his voice this year and needs to ensure he continues to marshal his troops in defence.

Brandon Lawrence

Brandon has played at half back most of the season with a few runs on the wing. Brandon is one of the team's quiet achievers who doesn't panic under pressure and always tries to play to the team rules. Keep up the good work Brandon and remember you don't have to be big to get in the opposition's way.

Aden Lukan

Aden has played on the wing all year. His ability to read the play going forward and his speed has seen him in the right place to score the most goals for our team this year. Despite his happy go lucky appearance, Aden is a dedicated player who listens to his coach and takes on board any advice to improve his game. Continue to work on your skills Aden so that you get the most out of your ability to run and be in the right place at the right time.

Luke Scatchard

Luke has played at centre half all season and has been reliable and energetic in that position. An attacking half back who reads the play well and is prepared to run hard all day, the perfect pre-requisites for a centre half. Luke has improved over the season as he learnt to vary his play by playing on from free hits as well as using his hitting skills. Luke often has more time than he thinks and will become an even better player as he learns to use the ball even more effectively.

Cassidy Steel

Cassidy is another natural forward who has played most of the year as an inner and at times on the wing. Cassidy is an energetic and competitive first year player whose lack of polish at times with his skills was more than made up for with his determination and effort. Cassidy is a thoughtful player who listens to his coach and puts the team first. Keep playing hockey Cassidy and you will become a very effective and valuable member of any team you play in.

Zachary Swinton

Zach has played forward as an inner and winger this year. He is a natural forward who reads the play well and is prepared to run hard to get into the right position. Zach is a skilful player who doesn't panic under pressure and is always prepared to play his role for the team. Remember not to worry about making mistakes Zach, just get in and have another go.

Boys 7/8B Black (contd)

Nathan Thompson

Nathan has played at full back with Blake and Joe most of the year forming a tight and reliable defensive unit. Nathan has solid skills and is a natural full back. It has been great watching Nathan develop his voice and direct his team mates when under pressure in defence. Keep up the good work Nathan.

Thomas Williamson

Tom has been a pleasure to coach and is a consistent and reliable player on game day. He is a natural half back who reads the play well and sets up play going forward. His tenacity and determination to win the ball are second to none. Keep doing what you do Tom and you will be a respected and valued player in any team you play in.

A big thank you to Adam Steel for taking on the role of coaching this year. It is a big commitment and your efforts have been appreciated by the boys and the parents. At this stage of the season we can only assume the team's winning form is a direct result of the coaching. Let's hope it continues into the finals or you know who we'll blame!

Thank you also to Mark Lukan for managing the team and making sure we all knew where we were playing each week and which parent was going to be in trouble if they didn't bring oranges for half time. Thanks also for your help on game days and your input into the team's performance.

Finally, thank you to Peter Gillett for sharing the coaching load this year. Your support and commitment to the team has been invaluable. Having a second voice and opinion has definitely been the key to our success thus far.

Boys 7/8C

What a year! With 6 wins, 5 loses and 2 draws and the possibility of playing finals, I'd say that's a pretty good year for the boys. For a team that started the first week with the bare eleven and 5 that joined the club this year, the boys have grown into a team that could challenge for the future flags in years to come. They've developed their individual and team skills to produce a true representation of the Melville spirit the whole club can be proud of.

After an unexpected win in the first week, the boys slipped into a slow take off full of missing nets, an undermanned side and a lack of finishing up front. The boys then began to hit their stride and went on to win 17 points out of a possible 27 and sit in fourth place. By far and away a result I did not expect including a 2-1 win over 2nd placed Kalamunda and a 4-1 win over 3rd placed Rockingham.

A special thank you to Brett Wallington, for stepping up as manager this year and looking after the organisational side of the team. Another thank you to, Eilidh Rayfield, Amelia Swan and Mitch Tate for umpiring, setting a great example for other clubs. Another thank you to Alex Rayfield and Mark Rayfield, for assisting with the coaching throughout the year when I couldn't make it (Even if you did lose the two games you were in charge of). Finally, on behalf of the boys and myself, I would like to thank all the parents for their support each weekend (especially for the games in Rockingham and Ellenbrook). It's been a pleasure coaching the boys and I wish them all the best for the future.

Brodie Abrahams (Forward)

Playing in the forward line this season, Brodie has developed himself as a vital striker. There was never a time when he wasn't getting stuck in trying to tackle an opponent or feeding the ball into the circle to set up goals. There was never a dull moment when Brodie was around the ball and he always found a way to help the team up front. One area Brodie can improve on is working back and getting in front of the opposition when we lose the ball.

Conor Addison (Halfback/Fullback)

Conor has had an incredible season this year and his development as a hockey player improved each week. He continued to show that no matter where I put him on the field, he would always excel in doing his job. Conor took on the role of becoming one of the leaders of the team this year and shows promise going into next year. One area Conor can improve on is his strength on the ball by getting his body in a strong position to receive the ball and then pass it on.

John Argent (Fullback)

Playing in the backline this year, John has showed great strength in his tackling and has been the defensive anchor in the back line. John would always put his body on the line to stop the ball and always knew how to keep the supports engaged with his ability to stop most breakaways. One area John can improve on is his hitting and involvement in our attacking play.

Liam Betham (Winger)

Liam has many of the raw elements to become a very good hockey player, and when he puts all these together he has the ability to become a goal scoring machine. Liam is unlucky not to have a goal next to his name yet but he's always tried his hardest to score and is hungry to get one. Liam continues to develop his strength on the ball and has gained the confidence to take on players and try to beat them. One area Liam can improve on is being more aggressive, both to get the ball and in front of goals.

Boys 7/8C (contd)

Asher Blechynden (Left Halfback)

Playing in the back line this year, Asher has developed himself as a dynamic defender. He has moved from just marking his winger to becoming more involved in the game around him. Asher is not afraid to get stuck in and continues to progress in moving around the field to help his team mates. One area Asher can improve on is keeping his stick on the ground when in possession and looking before he passes.

Ben Creighton (Centre Forward)

Ben was a late recruit for us and has proven to be valuable to the team up front. Ben is a smart player who knows when to run to get the ball and move it quickly. He has a natural instinct on where to position himself and when to move into a position where his team mates can send the ball forward. One area Ben can improve on is his finishing and composure in front of goal.

Dylan Crowe (Halfback/Forward)

Dylan is one of the quietest people I've ever met, but when you put him on the field he has a huge impact on the game. He can play in nearly every position and is never afraid to get stuck in and help the team. Dylan formed part of the engine room of the team and always provides a link to move the ball from our defensive half to our forward half. One area Dylan can improve on is his strength on the ball and become more confident to take players on 1 on 1.

Keifer Dyson (Winger)

Keifer has the potential to go far at this club. He has the skills that could make him an excellent player and has shown he's not afraid to take players on. Keifer has scored some vital goals for us and always positions himself to add width and stretch the opponents' press. One area Keifer can improve on is becoming more involved with the game around him.

Jeremy Gribble (Halfback)

Jeremy is a coach's dream - a player that will give a 100% all game and does exactly what he's instructed to do. Jeremy 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, Jeremy would often bulldoze his way through opposition players and set up our attack. One area Jeremy can improve on is his positioning and his defensive work rate.

Maxwell Harler (Inner)

Max proved himself to be a vital forward this year. Whether that was running in and scoring goals or creating a chance for his team to score from. He is always hungry to score and is a very smart hockey player in and around our attacking half. Max's individual skills have improved out of sight this year and has accounted for about two-thirds of his goals as he took on (what looked like) the opposition's entire defence. One area Max can improve on is his defensive work rate and 1 on 1's with the goalkeeper.

Quaide Kieser (Halfback/Fullback)

Quaid is another first season player, but it was hard to see this at any time. He's become a very reliable player in defence and it was very rare for anyone to get past him. Quaid is a natural hockey player and his decision making has made him a vital player in defence. One area Quaid can improve is becoming a more attacking player to help move the rest of the team up the field.

Boys 7/8C (contd)

Jeremy Uy (Goalkeeper)

Jeremy's first season in the net (and at the club) has seen him make a name for himself as one of the comp's best goalies. He has shown every week how reliable he is and how we can always rely on him to keep our opponents to one or no goals. Jeremy is a natural goalkeeper and has a future in the pads if he's willing to continue next year. One area Jeremy can improve on is his communication with his defenders and being more aggressive in 1 on 1 situations.

Thomas Walker (Halfback/Inner)

Tom is the engine room for our team and the driving force going into attack. He can run all day in the midfield and, with his uncanny skill set, often finds himself eliminating numerous opposition players in dangerous areas. Tom gives his all in every match and his work rate across the field is exceptional. One area Tom can improve on is getting his feet round the ball and using his fore stick.

Daniel Wallington (Fullback)

Daniel has been a very reliable player all season, and can be proud of the way he's played. He's a no-nonsense defender, always cleaning up the scraps at the back with his deceptive pace and fantastic tackling. Daniel has a natural ability to read the play and has the hockey smarts to know what to do when clearing the ball out of defence. One area Dan can improve on is communicating with his other defenders and his distribution of the ball out of defence.



Girls 5/6A

We started this season with two rules: “We do not say ‘I can’t’ “ and “No one gets called Grace”. 3 nicknames for the 3 Graces later, we were ready to start training. And I do mean START.

I think the biggest thing we’ve learned this year is how to play in a team – that just pushing the ball in the general direction of “forward” doesn’t win us games. At the beginning of the season, we had a huge realization that we were going to have to do a lot of work. These girls have put in that work and more – even if we have extra running to do nearly every week as a result of so much chatter.

I’m very proud of the way these girls have come together as a team in the last few months (I think it may have something to do with the cupcakes). I look forward to seeing where you all end up in the next few years.

Zoie Arthur (Goalkeeper)

Our Bacon, many of the games this year would have been vastly different without our wonderful goalkeeper. She is quick to react to rebound shots and applies herself during training. Zoie takes direction very well and applies the lessons learned during training to her decisions during games. Remember, it’s only a SLICE of cheese, not a block!

Emily Billingham

When Emily is not on holiday, she can always be counted on to make a difference in a game. Emily is a rock in the middle of the field – when she relaxes, Emily likes to give perfect passes to her teammates in the forward line. She has a great awareness of where she is in the middle of the field and the passing options she has available to her. In future, I’d like to see Em concentrate on her hitting – practice practice practice!

Maeghan Carlsen

Maeghan can ALWAYS be relied on to provide comic relief, be it at halftime during the game or 5 minutes into training when we should be concentrating. Maeghan has a good awareness of players around her and the ability to receive the ball in a great position. I would like to see Maeghan concentrate on what she will do next with the ball when she gets it, to plan her next move, and to not panic when the ball is in her possession.

Milah Chanter

Milah is another girl on the team who is tiny in stature but has a tremendous hit on her. Quick when dribbling with the ball, Milah has been dramatically improving the positions she leads to in order to receive a pass. This has also allowed her to set up her teammates more effectively to get the ball out of defence. Giving the pass earlier will help to improve your effect in attacking plays, and remember your “domino 5”.

Celia Evans

Celia never gives up on the hockey field – she never stops running. This season, Celia has found a comfort zone in the middle areas of the field. She is tenacious, quick, and demonstrates a thorough understanding of how to play hockey. She has been our little general in the middle, and gives spectacular balls to the inners. I would like to see Celia concentrate on providing options in space and call for where you want the ball to be passed.

Girls 5/6A (Contd)

Evie McCormack

Evie is one half of the dynamic duo and also known as our pocket rocket on the left. While hampered by a few injuries this season that have resulted in her not playing as much as we would all like, Evie has shown a strong grasp of the requirements of being a wing. In recent weeks, Evie has demonstrated an advanced ability to work the ball up the line via passing. I would like to see Evie concentrate on this in future – this sort of play shows quite a bit of maturity.

Grace McCormack

“Mac” is the other half of the dynamic and the first of the three Graces who were not Graces. Our little pocket rocket on the right side of the field, Grace loves to be part of the attacking drive into the D. Mac has improved her passing during games significantly during the season – she links very well with the centre forward, right wing and inner (whichever positions she isn't playing) to provide beautiful passes that set up out attacks and goals. Keep working on the early ball on the 45-degree angle, Mac.

Tara Mishra

Tara is our perfect little fullback – always there to mop up when something goes wrong. She has a tenacious attitude when a ball is within her reach, and always positions herself to most effectively stop any attack. I really only have 3 words of advice for Tara – NO PING PONG! Take that extra second to decide on the best pass – not straight back to where it came from.

Grace Morpew

Grace #2, also known as “Morph” or “Blondie”, Grace has been thrown around into different positions quite a bit this season. A very versatile player, Morph takes on the instructions given to her and gets the job done – an ability I very much appreciate. When not playing soccer on the hockey field, Morph has provided some beautiful balls up the line to the wing and set up some great linking plays. I would like to see you working on making sure every pass you give is nice and hard in the next few seasons.

Grace Murphy

Grace #3, “Murph” can be surprisingly quick when she wants to be (I see you and now I expect it all the time). Murph brings a cheeky attitude to training and always has something to say. This season, Murph has surprised us with how often she can steal the ball from the opposition and pass it up the line. Next season, I'd like to see you pin that hair back even more and always look before you pass.

Saysha Pillay

Saysha is the smallest player in the team but one of the hardest hitters. She is always in a contest for the ball and loves to drag her way around the opposition. Saysha does not lack for the confidence to try new things during games, and this will serve her well in the future. I would like to see Saysha hold the position she is given during games – at halfback you should always give the player on the ball an option wide.

Ellie Polglase

Ellie has blossomed in the role of centre forward this year. She positions herself well to receive the ball in the centre of the field and has been successful in learning to distribute on a 45 degree angle to her wings. Ellie can always be counted on to bring a bit of jelly-ness to training – things are never quiet with her around.

Girls 5/6A (Contd)

Kiana Studley

Kiana has been instrumental in being a driving force down the wing this season - she has a radar that points at goals and she follows it. Kiana likes to throw herself into contests – 99 times out of 100 I'll blink and she'll be 10 metres down the line with only 2 people between her and the goal. In the next few seasons, I'd like to see Kiana concentrate on working on her basics – passing and trapping and hitting – she already has the running with the ball down perfectly. However, the biggest piece of advice that I have for Kiana this year is “in hockey, you cannot body tackle the opposition!”.

Caitlyn Templeman

Caitlin has played a variety of positions this year with a large amount of enthusiasm and she is always eager to take on extra training to further her skills. On field, Caitlin is always in the middle of a contest – I don't think she knows what “give up” means. Her natural ability and great hit allows her to get the team out of a few tight corners every week. I would like to see Caitlin work on not over-committing to a contest in the future – slow down a few steps before a tackle and stay on your toes!

Girls, it has been my pleasure to coach you this season (and to eat all of the cupcakes that seem to appear on game days). I wish you the best of luck for your hockey in the future.



Girls 5/6B Gold

Manager's Report

Coach Chloe was very lucky to have an enthusiastic and eager to please team this season. The girls turned up to training every week with beaming smiles, kitted up and ready to listen to her every word. They tackled each round of hockey with excitement and managed to keep their supporters cheering and excited along with them, as it proved to be a very tough season. As we had no permanent Goalie this year, one by one the girls each had two and three turns at the job, tackling this position with their best efforts.

Many thanks goes to a fantastic bunch of parents and grandparents who were always willing to help out whenever needed with ball bag, goalie bags, first aid, as well as stepping in to coach when Chloe wasn't there, AND coming to the rescue with extra players when the manager didn't do her job properly!! Muchly appreciated!

Coach's Word

I have loved having the pleasure of coaching these girls, as I have taught all of them, but they have taught me to have patience with myself and the game we all know and love. A lot of these girls have grown to be more mature than their age and I'm proud to see them grow bigger and better with their skills. I'm so proud to be their Coach and Mentor, and hope to see all the girls perform to their absolute best next year.

Chloe

Samantha Alder (Half back/Inner)

Wow! What a natural Sam is, this being her first season of hockey! She's steady, reliable and always calm under pressure. Her teammates always know she is ready and waiting when the going gets tough and she even managed to score a goal! She has a lovely relaxed nature and really seemed to enjoy playing. This girl has so much potential, we can't wait to see you grow even more as a player as your skills build and develop in the coming years.

Sophie Billingham (Wing)

Although Sophie missed a few games this season because of a family trip, she proved her worth when she was playing, with some awesome tackling and solid skills. She's quick to swoop in and take control of the play, and shows her strength as an attacker with strong passing, great leading, as well as scoring goals. She has a great positive attitude, is always calm under pressure and we know we'll see you just grow into a fantastic hockey player, Sophie!

Charlise Brown (Left half/Middle half)

Charlie's sunny smile and infectious giggle have made her an integral and well-liked team member. She shows her love of the game every week as she plays her heart out and strives to improve at every opportunity. She's fast and seems to keep up with the ball with a great deal of ease. We saw your potential for tenacity when you managed to score a goal this season. Keep practicing and striving for your best and I'm sure we'll see more of that in the future!

Natasha Chisholm (Full back/Half back)

Tash is a very strong player, always keen and fiercely loyal to her team. She is the definition of a team player. Brilliant both in defensive and attacking positions, she was one of our highest goal scorers this year. Wherever she plays, she always puts in 110%. She's eager to keep getting better and better and hates to miss a single game. Tash has been a tremendous asset to our Bs this year and with her gentle and caring nature and pure love of the game, she will be an asset to any team in the future! Great job, Tash!

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Darcie Farrow (Centre forward)

Our youngest and smallest team member, Darcie sure has been a force to be reckoned with! She's tenacious, determined and such a big character for such a small package! She's definitely managed to keep the mood light and cheerful with her quick wit. She's been a valuable player, scoring a few goals over the season, while keeping the opposition on their toes or ducking for cover from her powerful hits. We just know she's going to be a star. We hope she continues to carry her stick around with her wherever she goes!

Abbey Gesmundo (Inner/Forward)

Dedicated and diligent and always doing her very best, Abbey's skills and confidence have grown throughout her very first season of hockey. Her cheerful, gentle and inclusive nature, have made her a very well liked and valued teammate. She always does as she's told and is keen to learn new skills and use them at game time. Keep learning and striving to do your best, Abbey, and your confidence and skills will grow with you. It's been great watching you really enjoy each game! And thank you for providing the team mascot!

Ruby Klass (Full back)

Although a slightly late addition to our team, Rubes managed to make it to the third game and it was like she had been there from the very first training session!! Always quick to volunteer, Ruby really was our most formidable Goalie this season! She cleared the ball effectively, and due to her feisty nature, is not afraid to get stuck in. She's calm and confident under pressure and proved herself week after week with strong defensive skills all the while showing her love of the game. Such an awesome defender, Ruby, you will just get better and better! You've been so great to watch this season, well done!

Jessica Leigh (Centre half back)

Jess is fabulous! She's a great listener, and follows instructions with enthusiasm. She's hardworking and when feeling confident, she shows what an awesome player she is. Your skills have really grown this season. There is much potential in this one. Keep learning and honing your skills, Jess, hold tight to your enthusiasm and you'll go far! You're truly a joy to have around and we hope you never stop playing hockey!

Finnity McHoull (Wing)

Once Finn gets hold of the ball on the wing she doesn't like to let it go! She flies down the sidelines with the ball firmly attached to her stick. One of her goals this season was taken all the way down the sideline, almost from the half line! She also knows when she needs to pass the ball and fly into the D to wait on the post to knock it in. Although her size belies her age, she is one of the oldest on her team and her experience shows when she is able to read the game and predict where she needs to be. Great season, Finn!

Shannon Miller (Full back/Half back)

Quiet, but determined and a strong hitter, she's willing to try new things and is always ready for action. With a lovely, gentle, and seemingly relaxed nature, Shannon has shown steadily improving ball skills and always manages to stay calm under pressure while showing she's not afraid to get stuck in when the need arises. Although usually quiet, you can tell Shannon has a strong character underneath and she shows this through her love of the game. It's been awesome watching you connect with the ball, Shannon, some of those big hits were scary! We know you'll keep growing as a player and really enjoy the challenges you face with each new season.

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Alex Rolls (Inner/Wing)

Always there with a friendly, smiling face, diligent and hardworking, Alex strives to be the best she can be. She is an awesome team player, she's supportive, but also seems to know when she needs to take control. She's always ready for action and quick with the ball. She's caring and intuitive and quick with the words! We're so lucky to have had you on the team this year, we can tell you really love the game and are sure to go far!

Anna Thomson (Half back/Full back)

A truly valuable, strong, defensive player, Anna has improved dramatically over the season and shown her immense potential. Her speed and ferocity when defending short corners is fantastic to watch, and she always seems to be where you really need her the most! She tries to stay calm and find the best place to pass the ball during play and when taking free hits. Always beaming and super friendly, she has been a huge asset to the team this year! Keep working as hard as you do, Anna, and you will be a star player!

Alex Wheeler (Inner)

Cool, calm and collected under pressure, Ally is a steady attacker who provides great leads for her teammates to help the ball into the D. Her skills and confidence have also grown over the season and her positivity and bright personality have really endeared her to her team. You are a ready and willing learner, keep your gorgeous positive attitude and you're on your way to being a sensational hockey player.



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This team has improved throughout the season and it has been so exciting to watch. One of the best characteristics of their game is the way they move into attack by passing the ball around, running into open spaces, keeping the ball wide before heading for the attacking circle. I also need to mention how great the defensive back line has been – they have been rock solid. The girls have been great fun to coach.

I would like to thank a few people who have helped throughout the season. Bruce Read for being a fill in coach when I was not available. Dee Murphy & Rachel Roberts for also helping coach from time to time. Finally to Sally Foster for managing the team – you have been an incredible support to me and keeping everyone organised and in the right place at the right time. Thank you!

Cam Robinson

Tabitha Blechynden

I will never forget Tabitha's contribution to the first few training sessions of the season, incredibly yummy desserts being served up at the end of training. That is a first for me and a very nice surprise. Tabitha showed a lot of courage on the field this year. There were moments throughout the season you could see the fear in her eyes but she bravely soldiered on.

Lexie Cosgriff

I would describe Lexie as a quiet achiever. She is always very polite and quietly gets on with the job. But when Lexie gets on the field there are moments when she plays out of her skin and it is very exciting to watch. Lexie, thanks for having your lovely infectious smile on all season.

Alessandra Flexman

Alessandra is an exciting player to watch. I thought our defensive unit was very strong this year and Alessandra was a key part of that. She is consistently in the right place at the right time and very reliable. The most exciting aspect to her game is when she is taking a free hit where she shows great strength and confidence, feeding the ball up through the midfield to the forwards. You had a great season.

Addison Foster

I am really pleased at how Addison applied herself to centre half this year. She would often be reluctant to play in the centre but frequently demonstrated composure and determination to get the ball. You are a great player and made a significant contribution to the team. Thanks for giving something a go even if you weren't sure about it. I also liked how you would come up with training suggestions - thanks!

Bianca Johnston

This was Bianca's first year playing hockey but you wouldn't have known! Bianca has played an important role in the forward line this year. She has been a strong player and at times showed great determination. As a result Bianca was able to score on a number of occasions. Congratulations and I know the girls really enjoyed it when you scored!

Ashley Jones

It took me a number of weeks to sort out the difference between Ashley and Addison - sorry girls but I got there in the end. I blame the fact they both wear pink boots. Ashley has been a great contributor to the mid-field and forward line. The forward line worked really well together and I have been so impressed with the contribution you made to the team. Thank you.

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Matilda Lane-Rose

I love watching Matilda play hockey. First impression is Matilda is quite shy and timid but when she gets a hockey stick in her hand she's a different person. Matilda has improved so much over the season. Her strength over the ball is really developed and she is not frightened to get in and have a go. You are a champion!

Zara McFarland

Where do I start with Zara. In fact it is difficult to start a conversation with Zara because she is often talking ... but this means she is really enthusiastic which I really like about Zara. Despite how much she likes talking she does listen from time to time which makes her great to coach. You have been another important character in the team this year. Keep doing what you are doing!

Rebecca Murphy

Bec is another shining bundle of joy. Like Lexie her smile always brightens up training and the game. As an important member of the fantastic forward line she never gives up contesting for the ball. I also want to make a special thanks to Bec's mum Dee for all your support and encouragement throughout the season.

Yolande Periera

Yolande started a little late and was new to hockey but she fitted straight in to the team. One thing that really impressed me was how Yolande marked a player and never let her out of her grasp. Immediately I knew Yolande would be an excellent half back. Yolande has developed really well during her first season of hockey. Well done!

Talia Roberts

I love how excited Talia gets about playing hockey, she is such a pleasure to coach. She is such a strong player that gets low to the ground with a killer pass. You also never give up and keep chasing the ball no matter what. Thanks for making such a value contribution to the team this year.

Alice Robinson

Alice is another newcomer to hockey this year and has jumped into it boots and all. I have liked the way Alice has settled into the defensive positions. She is another player that when she sets her mind to marking a player never lets them go. Yolande and Alice have been solid flank half players that have been important to the success of the team.

Evie Woods

I have been really impressed with Evie's progress throughout the season. Evie is a player that likes to roam the field - great characteristic for a forward but not so good as a defender. I still remember Evie scoring a goal during one of the games at Steven's reserve - what a champ!

Boys 5/6A Promotional

13 boys plus Coach Phil ... a solid combination for a competitive 2015 season.

The player growth over the year has been impressive, with many players having moved up from the Grads competition last year making the concept of field positions the first stage of the learning curve (for the boys), and travelling the countryside from Rockingham in the south all the way to Joondalup in the north the first stage of the learning curve for their parents.

Standout team performances for the year were the games against Westside Wolves, who sat atop of the J5/6 A-promotion ladder all year. Melville certainly made life tough for them, showing their ability to work well as a team when the challenge presented itself. A couple of speed humps throughout the year meant that finishing the season in second place is a fair reflection of the year.

There are certainly a couple of diamonds in the rough among this group of boys, hopefully they continue playing hockey over the coming years and show us what they are truly made of. As team manager I will take this opportunity to say thanks to Coach Phil (Bradshaw) for his work with the team over 2015, providing them with some solid hockey foundations to build from.

Angus Bell (Half/Full Back & Forward)

Over the season Angus has combined his dogged determination to win the ball with an increased skill level. This has allowed him to be far more confident in 1v1 situations, whether he is in the half back line or in attack. His improved ability to strike the ball cleanly has also greatly enhanced his influence on the game and made him an invaluable team player.

Harry Bilclough (Forward & Half Back)

Harry is a highly skilled player who has added depth to our forward line. As the season progressed he showed a flare for the right wing position where he loved to sneak behind the opposition to score goals. He also has a mature game sense which allows him to read the play and deliver penetrating passes.

Dylan Bradshaw (Centre Forward)

Dylan has really enjoyed playing up front. This year he has continued to be amongst the top goal scores in the competition which can be attributed to being at the right place at the right time and having an innate awareness of where the goals are. In addition to this, he has played a pivotal role in the centre forward position, feeding the ball effectively to his inners and wings.

Jason Dowie (Forward)

Jason has grown into being a very strong right wing over the season. In particular, he has refined his ball control and expanded his repertoire of tricks to get past his opposing half or full back. These skills along with his determination have made him a very dangerous player in attack.

Lachlan Drake-Brockman (Full Back & Centre Half)

Lachlan has been an exemplary captain who has led by example. At the beginning of the season he shone as a very reliable full back but as time progressed he proved himself to be an invaluable centre half back. In this position he was able to effectively feed our forwards and fold back to cut out any counter attack. He is also very much a team player and has demonstrated an incredible work ethic.

Ethan Elliott (Full Back)

Ethan is the ultimate full back, ever reliable, cool under pressure and efficient in getting the job done. Many a time when he was the last man standing, Ethan sized up the opposition's attack and picked them off with

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precise timing and skill. He also delivered the ball with power and precision to our forwards and became our short corner weapon.

Bailey Hardy (Inside Forward & Half Back)

Bailey has been a flexible player who has worked equally well in the forward and half back line. Always focused on the ball, he quite often comes out the victor when it comes to tackling battles. In the forward line he has shown an ability to read the play and pass effectively to his team mates. His focus on team play has meant that he has frequently been instrumental in goals scored by other forwards.

Dylan Harris (Inside Forward & Half Back)

This year Dylan shared the role of captain with great enthusiasm. As a player he has matured into a well-rounded team member who enjoys maintaining control of the play in the centre half position. On the field his style of play is also characterised by his ability to see opportunities and dispose of the ball effectively to our forwards.

Joshua Hood (Goalie)

Josh has continued to develop the specific skills relevant to goal keeping. Under considerable pressure he has made some brilliant saves in important games. He is also showing a greater awareness of his role in directing our defence so they are well structured and covering every opponent.

Nicholas Massie-Taylor (Forward)

Nicholas has been one of our most improved players over the season. This can be attributed to his keenness to take on advice and working hard at training. In particular, he has developed the skills necessary to penetrate the defence with an increased array of tricks. He also demonstrated a commitment to the team by playing less preferred positions to the best of his ability.

Daniel Parker (Half and Full Back)

Daniel has been a flexible player who has worked equally well in the half and full back line. In the half back position he has become far more adept at providing a link between our full backs and forwards. In addition to this, he has been able to read forward play and delivered some extremely penetrating passes to our right and left wing.

Ritvij Roy (Forward)

Ritvij has shown a tremendous improvement in his ball control and understanding of positional play as the season has progressed. He is not afraid to try out new tactics to get past the opposition and is now far more disciplined in terms of holding his position as left wing.

Alex Yonge (Half Back and Forward)

Alex has floated between the forward and half back line over the season with great success. Always focused on the ball, he frequently breaks through defensive structures to open up play. He has also shown a determination to work hard for the team whether we are in attack or defence.

Also a big thanks to the parents who ensured we always had a full team to start each game regardless of the start time or weather conditions (always a bonus), and for providing the continuous positive reinforcement needed for this year of development for their boys.

Boys 5/6B Gold

The Melville 5/6 B Boys had an uneasy start to the season as the players found their respective roles in the team. The boys dug deep and showed week on week improvement to finish the season strongly. An impressive effort, with every player showing grit and determination to be better and better. A great foundation for the individuals to build on next year.

Eamon Cooper

Eamon is a reliable ball carrier with skills that exceed expectations for someone entering the grade and will be a valuable asset to any team that he plays for. Eamon and his brother have mastered the well timed flick of the ball through the smallest of gaps punishing any opposition who underestimate the skills of these boys. We are looking forward to watching your development.

Oliver Cooper

Oliver is a capable and competent team member with a consistent ability to outplay his opponents. The other member of 'Team Cooper' shows similar promise of a bright future in hockey. We have never been able to question your effort as you consistently put in an honest days work and support your teammates admirably. Excellent effort.

William Dodge

The team has been quite strong in defence and William is a contributor to that. William is enthusiastic and shows a good attitude to the game. A good foundation to build from for future years in hockey. Great stuff Will.

Lachlan Flynn

Lachlan is one of the hardworking defenders. He shows a steadfast sturdy defence. Stands up under pressure and he has a powerful hit into the midfield or forward line. You set a great example Lachie.

Tadhg Hanavan

Tadhg has shown a strong capability to listen and deliver on the coach's directions. He is very mobile, skilful and a tiger at the ball. Tadhg unerringly focuses on the task at hand. Thanks, your team appreciates it.

James Latto

James our goalkeeper has kept his spirits up right through the season. On days when he has been peppered by the opposition and other days where he has hardly seen the ball. He always emerges smiling. A great effort James.

Daniel McGahren

Daniel has matured in the fullback position and his timing and ability to read the play have resulted in successfully winning the ball from two or three incoming opposition at a time. Daniel is courageous in defence and his tenaciousness makes him a formidable opponent. Keep up the great work.

Jude Mellor

Jude's lightning fast attack on the goal has caught a few defenders by surprise and when combined with his proficient skills, makes him a valuable part of the forwards. Jude you are cheerful and a pleasure to be around.

Cosmo Quartermaine

Cosmo has improved remarkably over the season and the development of his skills has been impressive. It obviously comes as a result of the huge efforts that have been put in on his part. Inspirational work Cosmo.

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Aidan Rolls

Aidan has been a steady consistent contributor to the attack. He has selflessly assisted his teammates and has contributed without complaint. Aidan is a positive player and supportive to the team. It is a pleasure having you on the team Aidan.

Corey Rynvis

Corey has shown consistent improvement over his years with Melville and 2015 is no exception. Corey is a strong skilful player dominating across halfback with his ability to gain possession and strong returns into attack. A solid year Corey.

Marcel Spires

Marcel is a mobile and hard working forward which has made him an invaluable member of the forwards. His selflessness has contributed to many a successful goal as he often passes off to a teammate. He works hard to keep the ball in the opposition's danger zone. Marcel could not be accused of being a slacker. Keep it up Marcel.

Riley Stephenson

Riley has been a consistent contributor to the score board with a good turn of speed and punishing accuracy on the move. A sterling performance considering that it is his first year of hockey. The team has been fortunate to have you as one of the forwards. Great attitude to the game. We are looking forward to seeing you again next year Riley.

It has been a pleasure to be associated with this team. Roger Mellor's coaching has certainly provided the boys with strategies and techniques that have contributed significantly to the personal and team improvements. Finally... a big Thank-you to the parents for their consistent support of the team each week and Melville City Hockey Club for the huge behind the scenes efforts.

Boys 5/6C Gold

It has been a very rewarding year coaching our 5/6 team. Short on boys to complete our team we were really lucky to have 3 girls volunteer to fill the roles. Without them we would not have been able to field a team. Our team has improved as the season unfolded. Our first games were spent getting to know the strengths of our team members and building teamwork, learning to play positions well and improving our field play. Our recent games show that when we work as a team we are able to play quite well. Training has been well attended and credit to the kids for a fantastic effort and their enthusiasm. Thanks to Kiara Thompson for umpiring and her Dad for bringing her to all our games. Thanks to Guy Dyson for his support as manager, and big thanks to the parents who help make this really good fun. I hope you have all enjoyed your Saturday mornings this season.

Quinn Brands (Full Back)

Quinn has developed as a defender this season. He has worked hard at training to improve his skills and his position playing. Quinn has deflected many a potential goal through his creative stick work. A valued team member Quinn's humour and unique game style has been a feature this year.

Kaelan Bridge (Wing)

Kaelan often played wing this season where his speed and enthusiasm were his advantage. Kaelan continues to improve his skills, marking and tackling and enjoys his time on the ball. A valuable team member, Kaelan will become a great hockey player in the future.

Tiarna Brough (Wing)

Tiarna is a wonderful player with great team spirit. Tiarna has played wing for many games and is also a solid defender when required. A very consistent effort this season Tiarna is a player who should keep playing and enjoying her hockey.

Joseph Bunn (Half Back / Inner)

A genuinely enthusiastic player Joe is a great motivator always encouraging his fellow players. A natural leader Joe has worked hard to improve his skills and has a great attitude towards teamwork, training and playing.

Carrick Dodds (Half Back)

Carrick has improved his game awareness throughout the season. Playing as a defender Carrick's stick skills are solid and he is able to link with his team members to relieve pressure. Carrick is a physically strong player who will continue to develop his skills.

Torin Dyson (Goalie)

As goalie Torin is a gritty determined player underneath all that padding. He has a worthy kick and will throw himself around at every opportunity. If there is a goal keepers' club then Torin definitely will be a member. A difficult job but one in which he has earned the respect of his team and coach.

Jude Foss (Full Back / Wing)

Jude's first season of hockey has shown him to be a very determined player. Jude has played defence and wing and is growing in his understanding of the game. As Jude's stick skills improve he will become a valuable player.

Michael Hellberg (Centre Forward / Half Back)

Naturally athletic Michael's first season of hockey has been exciting to watch. Michael loves nothing more than to gain possession and run the entire length of the pitch. With excellent support and good teamwork from the backs and midfield Michael has been able to capitalise on our team's determination to get the ball forward and create scoring opportunities. Our most prolific goal scorer this season.

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Mitchell Horrocks (Wing)

Mitchell is a fast moving dynamic player. Mitch has played wing this season where he has received a good pass and accelerated down the pitch often spearing an excellent cross to our forwards. A broken toe early on saw Mitch out for some time, but he returned to give us great support late in the season.

Lachlan Paterson (Half Back)

Lachy has played a key defender's role this year. In his preferred position he is composed when tackling opposition players set on scoring. At his best Lachy is able to deliver a great ball forward and his defence has been integral to our team's success this season.

Leonie Marie Ryder (Inner)

Leonie has worked hard this season to develop her passing skills and her game awareness. Leonie is not an easy player to get past. She often steals possession and is accurate in her passing. Leonie is our quiet achiever and is a valued team member who really enjoys her hockey.

Thomas Stone (Centre Forward / Half Back)

A resilient player with a great sense of humour coupled with physical ability, Thomas is a genuine asset in any team. Win, lose or draw Thomas enjoys his hockey and is a significant contributor as half back or forward. A season highlight was watching Thomas marking players much bigger than he, often blocking their run, even standing on their toes. A great first season.

Danielle Swinton (Inner)

Unwavering determination and a genuine desire to see her team do well, Danielle is an exciting player to coach. Always encouraging her team mates to keep up the pressure, Danielle is also an opportunist when a ball is loose near goal. A good sense of timing often sees Danielle forward of the ball ready to deflect into goal.

Thanks Greg, for working so hard this season. It can be tough work coaching and the highs and lows of this year made it a frustrating experience, but the team could not have made it without its coach. The kids really learned a lot as was seen by some great results in the second half of the season.

