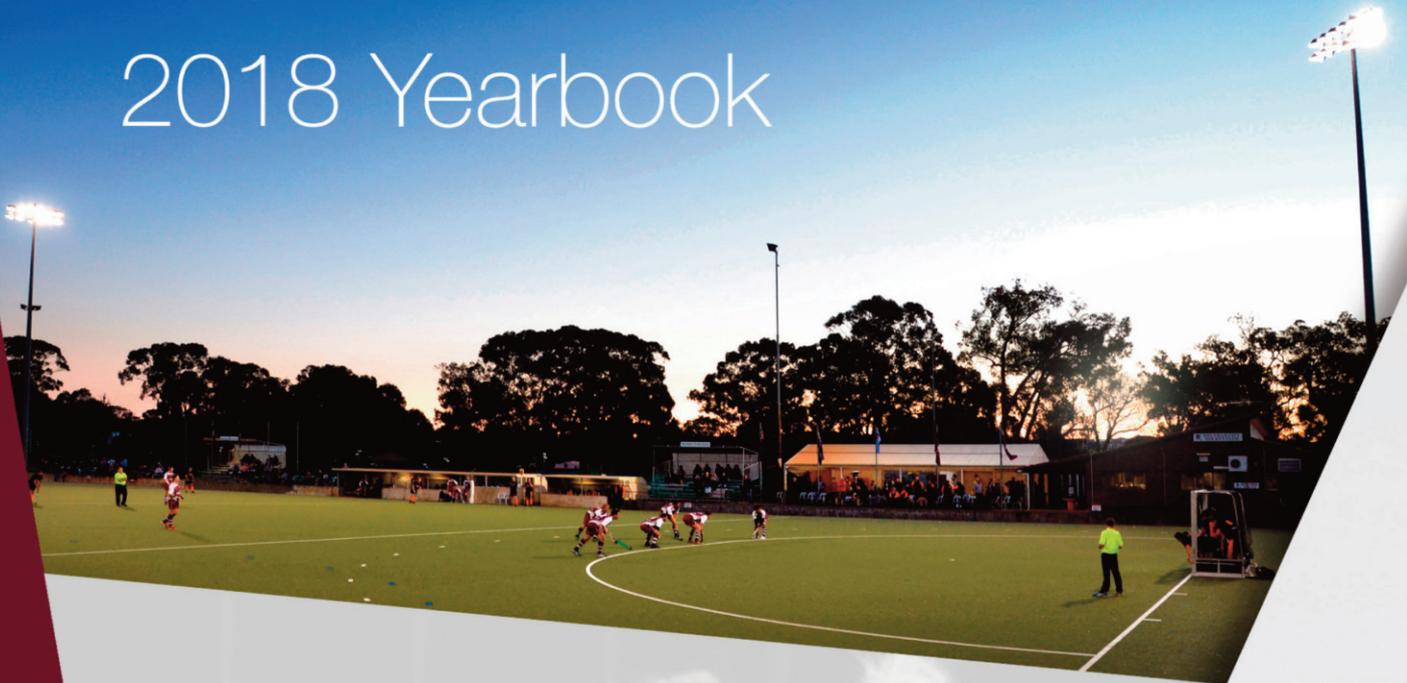


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C. Bayens (Dec'd)	1993	M. Welten	2015
G. Napier	1994	G. Bowater	2015
C. Willis	1994	G. Scally	2016
		N. Ashley	2017





MCHC CLUB ADMINISTRATION 2018



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to all of our members - this year so much has happened and on comparison it has been a very successful year. A special acknowledgement and thank you to our Life Members. This group is in many cases still contributing in many ways.

I personally wish to thank the Executive Management Committee, the Junior Committee, the Turf Committee, and the many panels and management groups we now have in active and in place. As always, these dedicated groups are working, even as we read this report, and are coordinating and running the many functions of the club. I think there are something like 12 – 15 groups in place at any given time during a season. Thank you to all those members. To all members -please feel free to put your hand up if you would like to be part of one of these groups.

Sponsors

While a detailed sponsors list is on the website, shown on sponsor boards and listed in this book, I would like to offer special thanks to Pulse Realty, Porter Commercial, Hockey International, The Health Linc, Western Irrigation and Satalyst - all companies who sponsor special programs within the Club.

Juniors and Melville Minkey

The Junior side of the club is led by Colleen Bentley and is as strong as ever. While numbers are excellent it should be noted the number of Juniors moving between Juniors and Seniors at all levels is up. The depth of the club is as strong as ever and the envy of the HWA world. Our youngsters are making a big impression in all the grades. The now long-serving Junior Development Team has been doing an excellent job. The Minkey kids love their hockey and are our club's future. It is good to see them a couple of times a season on a Friday Night out on the turf as well - just to see them having so much fun makes it all worth it. Well done to Jacqui Peachey leading this group.

Senior Men and Women

Numbers are strong. We were on the fence and nearly added one more team in the Women's division, but decided to stay where we are to keep the grades sound and not stretched for numbers.

Our Senior Men's teams and Top Squad Premier Men's Teams led by Kyle McNess, VP Men, are strong with lots of home-grown depth. The introduction of our new Top Squad Coach, Craig Wilson, who is a favourite son returning, has shown me and others that if you work hard, understand the requirements and believe in each other, it can happen, and you do belong in the top half of the Premier League division. His style of coaching and embracing of the club makes us all feel a part of the action. Also a special thanks to the off-field team who support Craig and the many other grades we are lucky to have. A special mention for Tristan Clemons, who we have lost (but not forgotten) to his profession, to which he is now dedicated full time. He is a great player and leader and has been excellent for the club. We wish him all the best in the United States.

Our Senior Women's Teams are strong in numbers. This talented up and coming group are led by VP, Brianna Coleman. The Juniors moving to Seniors are showing excellent results. Our team of exciting young players, tempered with the more experienced seniors, are in a good place with exciting hockey, dogged determination and a winning attitude across the board. A bit of sad news – this is the final term of Mal Cowan, our Top Squad Women's Coach. Mal has been solid, shown a vision with purpose and consistently improved this team over the last 3 years to a force to be reckoned with. Most of all, Mal believes in the club and has fostered this all the way by giving our Juniors a path to the top, whilst remaining a close-knit group which can achieve high results. We appreciate all your efforts, Mal.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT

A mention of our import, AIS and travelling players. We thank our import and AIS players and players who are coming from other locations for being a part of our club. They make, in some ways, that bit more of an effort to be here. Thank you for your support and I hope you all feel as we do, that you are a part of the club and well-respected by all of us. We have quite a few now who legally could be called "sandgroppers" as they clock up the seasons with Melville.

Masters Men and Women

This group, led by Geoff Riley (assisted by Andrew Criddle) and Lisa Anderson, have had a good season with reasonable numbers which means the players flowing through are reaching right up the age bracket of the grades. Being an Over 60s player myself, I can say we are all still having fun even if we don't win many games. That's my team - did I mention we won two games this season and are still celebrating? The Masters are a big group and very well handled by Lisa and Geoff, and I note that members of group fill many job functions around the club.

Social Members

Social Members are slowly growing and we hope to see numbers in this group growing even further in the future. Please sign up your family and friends.

There are many highlights in the year. Some are as follows and there are, of course, more not mentioned:

1. There was a new fence and scoreboard added to the material list. I am sure this will be further discussed in Hans Geers' Turf Committee Report.
2. The Uniform Shop, Kitchen and Bar have performed very well again this year and we thank the managers, staff and volunteers who help so much with the day-to-day running of these much-appreciated functions in the club.
3. We have increased the use of the financial package software and included a permanent book-keeper which has turned out to be an even better boost to the club as an organisation tool and puts us firmly in control of our finances on a daily basis.

I have mentioned previously that finances in 2016 - 2017 were very tough to monitor. This year I am happy to report we are on track and have managed to improve many areas of the club with the benefits flowing through to Junior and Senior programs alike. Finance, led by Peter Oudejans, our Club Treasurer, has this side of the club business working very well. I can say as a President the peace of mind understanding where the club is at financially at all times, reduces the stress and pressure. I also would like to add my thanks to our Auditors, Ian Lyon for past service and our new Auditor, Mike Pitcher (Pitch), for taking up the role.

The Future - Clubrooms

Matt Read, David Porter, Gavin Scally, David Timmel and Lauren Costa have been working tirelessly over the last 24 months on plans for upgrading existing facilities and building new clubrooms, and progress has been made. Copies of the proposed plans are available for members to view at any time, just ask a Committee member.

Closing

Finally, once again I thank members of our strong club, and especially members of our hard working, active and dedicated committee. I would be remiss not to congratulate Maris Margetts, our hard-working Club Secretary, on achieving her 900th game for the club this season. This is an incredible milestone. I am pleased to say we have a strong club, great members and a good future. Thank you.

President – Melville City Hockey Club – Gary Bowater





FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP REPORT

THE SPONSORS

2018 has been another good year in terms of sponsorship. This year has seen a change to the Stadium naming rights sponsor with Pulse Realty expanding on their existing sponsorship of the Women's Top Squad. We love having Sue and Graham Rayner from Pulse at our Top Squad games during the season – they are certainly dedicated and enthusiastic supporters of the club! We thank our previous and longstanding naming rights sponsor, Duracraft, and the McEntee family, who have gone above and beyond in their very long history of club sponsorship. We welcome The Health Linc, owned by long-time club member (and now father of Top Squad players, Trent and Kyle) Brad Potter, who have come on board with sponsoring the Men's Top Squad.

We honour these sponsors, along with all our long-term and new sponsors, over the page. We cannot emphasise enough the value of all the contributions made by these companies. We continue to have sponsors in our club who give and give because of their love for the club, the sport of hockey and its community. We acknowledge the many committee members and other members who sponsor their personal time to the club and help make the club what it is today. To all of the generous sponsors of the club, we thank you sincerely. To our members, please remember, our sponsors need our support if we want them to continue to help us.

FINANCE

2018 has continued to be a year of system implementation and growth and the systems are running smoothly. Gary Bowater, our Club President, has used the new systems very effectively, together with key committee members, resulting in much better decision-making. Maria, our very competent bookkeeper, has done an excellent job with making the accounting database up-to-date, including years previous to implementation. The club is in a good financial position.

Mike Pitcher has stepped in as our new auditor and has done an excellent and efficient job. We are very grateful for his assistance here. I would also like to thank Ian Lyons for the years of auditing he has done for us in the past.

Key areas that contribute to the club's finances include:

- Membership fees
- Our bar which, through the capable operation of Andrew Criddle and team members, has returned a very tidy profit
- Our kitchen, run by Annette Latto, which has again been a steady contributor to the club's finances
- Our sponsors, organised by Peter Dawkins, who are extremely valuable to our club's ongoing programs and developments
- Our uniform shop, operated by Graeme Coleman

A big thanks to Maria, our bookkeeper, and Gary Bowater, who works tirelessly to manage the club.

Thank you.

Peter Oudejans, Treasurer





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SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT - MEN

This season, we had eight Men's teams, week in, week out, run out on to the park wearing the mighty maroon, playing their hearts out every time they take the field.

Happy to report that out of those eight sides, five made it to the finals! Let's hope all five can make it to the big dance towards the end of September. Well done to those teams for making it this far!

As I write this report, our Premier 1 Men have just made it to the finals for the third time, finishing 3rd after a tense last round. A great turn-around from the squad under new Head Coach, Craig Wilson, after finishing down the ladder in 2017. Let's hope we can stamp our influence on this year's finals series and see a sea of maroon once again cover the PHS grass.

Well done to Craig for the hard work and effort you put in to the Top Squad group in your first year as Head Coach. I think I can speak on behalf of the whole group in saying that we have learnt a lot from you this year and look forward to learning more off you in the future.

To all of our Men's teams, reaching finals is fantastic, but ultimately, we want to establish ourselves as consistent finalists in the same way as other clubs in the competition do every year!

Force to be reckoned with;

A person or thing considered to be strong, powerful, or difficult to defeat and must not be ignored!

Clubs like ours can't run without committed volunteers, so I must thank everyone who put in the effort behind the scenes. Thank you to all of the coaches and managers who organized getting teams on the park each week. You'd be getting sick and tired of my emails, messages and follow-ups by now I am sure, so thank you for your patience!

Special thanks as always must also go to Gav Scally (for replying to the many messages I sent him), Gary Bowater, and the rest of the committee for all your assistance throughout the year! Couldn't have done it without you all!

As always, I'm excited to see what is just around the corner and what 2019 has in store! Hopefully there is even more success for the #mightymaroon!

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

Kyle "Killa" McNess - Vice President - Men's Administration





SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT - WOMEN

Season 2018 had a slightly different approach to previous years, given we have now consolidated our position in the Premier Leagues and are becoming strong finals contenders in a number of grades. Our focus this year was to be a top 4 contender across each of the Premier Grades and push for promotion where possible with our other turf teams.

While our top 4 teams and Metros finished in the top half of the table, securing the club 4 finals appearances in 2018 giving the group the opportunity for multiple premierships, our 5s, 6s and 7s didn't have quite the success we were hoping for. Each of our teams however should compete in the same grade in 2019 and there will certainly be a focus next year to give all teams the best opportunity to play finals, now we are starting to see some more sustainable growth and steady teams year on year as compared to previous. Our junior program are developing a great 'brand' of hockey in each of our players which I'm looking forward to seeing come through our more social turf teams over the next few years.

Since the introduction of Melville to the Premier League competition in 2014 we have seen some great success from both a player and club perspective including:

- 54 players take the field in Premier 1s
- 14 players reach the milestone of 50 games in Premier 1s
- 23 junior players involved in senior hockey
- A 39% growth in our womens' player numbers
- A 33% growth in the number of Melville womens' teams
- 10% more juniors progressing to senior womens' hockey

With this growth our womens' program which I hope to see continue in a steady way, it is positive to see some great progress towards new clubroom facilities which will be a huge help in attracting and retaining players in the years to come.

While we've had the most success as a club through our middle-ranked teams, we've seen some fantastic individual achievements from some of our Premier Squad players who have been selected to represent WA in 2018. Congratulations goes to the following:

Aimee Clark – WA Diamonds squad (Team still to be announced)

Erin Judd – WA Diamonds squad (Team still to be announced)

Georgia Ellis – WA and Australian Country

Maddy Smith-Gander – WA Country

Jo Snyman – WA Under 21s and Under 18s





SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT - WOMEN

Congratulations also goes to those that represented WA at the Under 18, Under 16 and Under 15 level in 2018 while being a part of both the junior and senior programs, the future is certainly looking exciting.

Across the teams it was really positive to see the majority of coaches returning in 2018. In a program the size of ours run by volunteers, the enjoyment of each player and success of each team comes down to your commitment and dedication and this is truly appreciated.

Thank you to Mal Cowan, Hope Jobe, Russell Lee and Mark Watton for developing a great brand of hockey and program across the Top Squad. Mal and Watto will be stepping away from their Head Coach roles in 2019 but are leaving the group in a great position for future success.

Thanks to Mathilda Carmichael, Chris Morrison and Greg Hunt for your support with the 3s and 4s and allowing some fantastic opportunities throughout the season to develop our junior players. Thank you to Kat Atkinson, Bruce Vanderzwan and Christian Gallagher for your commitment each week with our 5s, 6s and 7s and thank you to Sharon Latham for your organisation with the Metro 1s.

A massive thank you must also go to each team Manager. Each manager has a number of priorities to juggle throughout the season and I thank you all for your organisation in avoiding umpiring no shows and fines for not entering match results. Thanks goes Tracey Hunt, Fiona Lock, Jamie Bowyer, Brian Ballard, Ella Joynes, Kate Sparkes, Emma Bradley, Ashley Chauvin and Corelle Coleman for taking on these roles in 2018.

To Nia Stevens, our Assistant VP, thank you for looking after the 5s, 6s and 7s once again this season to field teams each week and organising everything else I forget on a weekly basis!

Thank you to our junior fill ins (and their parents) for helping us out this year. I hope each junior player enjoyed their senior hockey experience this year and looking to watch you all progress through the grades as you reach the end of year 12.

Finally thank you to all the players and supporters this season, it's been another really enjoyable season and looking forward to seeing you all back in 2019!

Brianna Coleman – Vice President Women's Administration



MASTERS REPORT - WOMEN

It was always going to be tough to follow the highs of the 2017 season but I am happy to say the women's masters section of the club have had another great season in 2018. What we lack in numbers we make up for in effort and enthusiasm. We only have two teams but we consistently perform well! While some key players were lost at the end of the 2017 season, successful off-season recruiting together with the return of some familiar faces saw both teams have a core of around 14 players.

O35 Division 2 Women coached by Patrick Matthews and managed by Lisa Anderson finished with a minor premiership and are poised to go into the finals having won 11 and drawn 3 of their 18 matches this season as a result of prolific goal scoring coupled with a very mobile defense.

O35 Division 4 Women coached by Jan Davis and managed by Corelle Coleman finished in 4th position. They won 8 and drew 4 of their 18 matches often in very atrocious conditions!

Special mentions should go to Maris Margetts who played her 900th game for the club during the season. It was great to see so many of our members come down to celebrate with her. Maris was also again selected to represent the state in the O65 team. Congratulations also to Sue Clark and Gaye Glaskin for being selected in the O55 team and lastly Vanessa Carmody and Elizabeth Statton for being selected in the O40 team.

Lisa Anderson – Masters Women





MASTERS REPORT - MEN

2018 has been another good year for Melville Men's Masters participation, with an influx of new and returning O40s players outweighing a slight fall in O50s numbers. Overall numbers finished slightly higher than last year, with a total of 101 Masters members playing Monday nights on turf (in our O40 mid-week team) or Saturday afternoons on grass (in our O40 Div 1, O40 Div 3, O50 Div 1, O50 Div 2, O50 Div 3 or O60 teams). As in previous years, all our teams represented the club with great spirit, and shared great camaraderie after their games each week, regardless of results.

With strengthened team lists, our O40s enjoyed big turn-arounds from last year, resulting in finals for both Saturday O40s teams. Well done on much-improved seasons, and good luck for your finals guys. Whatever the result, we're sure you'll do Melville proud.

O50s results have gone the other way, with all three teams finding their grades tougher than 2017 (when our O50 2s had an outstanding year, finishing with a straight-sets premiership). Though not as successful as they wanted, our 50s have represented the club well again this year, been in contention most weeks, and in two cases almost made the finals. Better luck next year guys.

2018 has also been a challenging year for our O60s, who found wins hard to get in a tough Division 1 grade, full of state-level players. But they stuck at it, played lots of good hockey, and improved on last season. Great to see a few results start turning your way guys.

It was also pleasing to see Melville so well represented in this year's WA State Masters teams, with 12 of our members (Todd Barrett and Matt Read (O40s), Geoff Cooper and Cam Robinson (O45s), Ray Achemedei, Mark Lyons and Darran Wilson (O50s), Greg Ross and Allan Chellew (O55s), Michael Jensen (O55 Div 2 Coach), Greg Hunt (O60s), and Keith Platel (O70s)) selected for the National Masters Championships in Lismore and Ballina in October. Congratulations and best wishes for this.

Congratulations also to Leo Welten and Kevin Dempster on their participation as national representatives in this year's World Masters Hockey Cup in Barcelona (the world's biggest Grand Masters hockey tournament, involving 77 teams from 18 nations). Leo was part of the bronze medal-winning O65 Southern Cross team (along with past club member, Graham Wood), while Kevin, who recently moved to Tokyo, represented Japan as an umpire and liaison officer.

Please join us in acknowledging the background efforts of our Masters team managers, who've done a great job this year of organising everything needed (team numbers, umpires, game ball, match reports, etc) before and after each game. Many thanks for your efforts guys. Well done, once again. Thanks also to everyone who helped with umpiring.

Last, but not least, we'd like to extend sincere thanks to all our partners, supporters and advisors, including the MOFTA group, for their ongoing support and advice, and Thursday training night fellowship.

Overall, it's been another good year of Melville Masters hockey, and a privilege to be able to share this with you all. We look forward to continuing this in 2019.

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

2018 MOFTA REPORT

Once again, a season has come and gone. The support by all of our MOFTA members to the success of our club has again been fantastic. Special thanks to Barry Hancock and Neil Ashley for their work on the turf. Our turf would not be so well-maintained without their continued efforts. To Graeme Coleman, with his endless work in general and the management of the Uniform Shop, I thank you on behalf of all. Ranjith Wedikkarra once again provided us (and the rest of the club) with a couple of "Curry Nights" and these were very well received. Jan Davis and Maris Margetts have been very busy assisting in the organisation of and catering for numerous social functions, thank you also to them. A special congratulations to Maris on reaching 900 games for Melville City Hockey Club this season. An outstanding achievement.

Quite a number of our members ventured overseas this year so I hope that they all had a great time. This year we have not added to our group, however we will boost our membership in 2019.

Congratulations to all of our teams and especially our top Men and Women for doing so well this year. Good luck in the finals. It is great to see the club in such a healthy position and thanks must go to Gary Bowater and his Committee for a great year. May it continue!

Thanks again for everyone's continued support. **Colin Willis**



JUNIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT

It's been another busy year for the Junior section and it's gone so quickly, that sometimes I feel we have just started getting into the swing of the season!

Once again, we've had a hard working Committee, many of whom have been involved for many years already. As you know the Junior section of the club is run by many people and this year we had 76 volunteers with a couple of people holding multiple positions. These volunteers are parents, siblings, junior players and senior players, many of who are in our top squads and have state and national commitments on top of helping us at club level. I'd like to thank all of our volunteers for the time and effort you put in throughout the season.

Your Committee and Volunteers for 2018:

Assistant Junior Co-ordinator:	Emma Bell & Janine Tate	
Minkey/Grads Co-ordinator:	Jacqui Peachey	
Secretary & Fundraiser:	Rae Thompson	
Equipment Officer:	Linda Bielby	
Junior Coaching Development Officer:	Mathilda Carmichael	
Junior Umpiring Co-ordinator:	Megan Mentz	
Managers Co-ordinator:	Lauren Costa	
Indoor Co-ordinator 17/18 Season:	Jenni Hood	
Year 5/6 Co-ordinators:	Girls: Fiona Power	Boys: Todd Elliott
Year 7/8 Co-ordinators:	Girls: Sarah Billingham	Boys: Roger Mellor
Year 9/10 Co-ordinators:	Girls: Kylie Mishra	Boys: Colleen Moulin
Year 11/12 Co-ordinators:	Girls: Colleen Bentley	Boys: Kate Page

Our Junior Player Development Officers Matt Willis, Josh Byrne-Quinn, Tilly Carmichael and Bruce Vanderzwan were kept busy and we thank them for their efforts in supporting the coaches and players, whether it be advice, training sessions, helping out or just being supportive at games. We feel this is very important in helping to develop our coaches as well as players and hope this will get stronger each year. This season we had 32 coaches for our 22 teams. Four of these were still Juniors themselves in Yr 12 as well as playing seniors. The other 28 coaches were either parents or senior players. All have written reports on their teams in this yearbook. Thanks to our managers who organise the teams, helping them run smoothly, entering match reports, collecting money and reading the many emails from me and Lauren!

Of course, the reason we have all these volunteers is for the players. 2018 saw a total of 524 players between the ages of 4 and 18yrs playing in our junior program, which is 15 more than last season. 307 players filled our 22 teams from J5/6s to J11/12s, while Minkey and Grads had 217 players running around every Saturday morning. I think you'll agree, it's great seeing this many juniors playing and more importantly, enjoying their hockey each week. Thanks to all the parents who get their children to training and their matches, which is often a juggling act.

Congratulations to those Juniors selected to play hockey for WA this year:

Indoor U21s:	Mitch Tate
Indoor U18s:	Jade Vanderzwan, Dylan Forbes (MVP), Mitch Tate, Wes Stewart
Indoor U15s:	Chloe Forbes, Jayde Jackson, LJ Fulcher, Shaya Pillay, Saysha Pillay, Chloe Power
U18s:	Neasa Flynn, Jade Vanderzwan, Justin Schonken, Kyle Potter, Wes Stewart, Mitch Tate Dylan Forbes played for NT (NT Player of the Tournament)
U15s Gold:	Jayde Jackson
U15s Black:	Shaya Pillay, Saysha Pillay
U13s:	Sophie Billingham, Hannah Carmody, Scarlett Huston, Sienna Robinson, Mikayla Wardrope, Jude Mellor
School Sports 12s:	Darcie Farrow, Sienna Robinson
School Sports 16's:	Lou-Ellen Edwards, Chloe Forbes, Sarah Hasselerharm, Zac McKinnon

Neasa Flynn toured with the School Sports All Australian Girls team to Sth Africa, while Jade Vanderzwan, Neasa Flynn, Kyle Potter and Justin Schonken were also selected as part of the Recognised Future Athletes Australia 2018.



JUNIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT CONT

Melville once again competed at the annual South West Junior Hockey Carnival in Bunbury on the June long weekend, sending 7 teams. This is always a highlight of the Junior calendar, where players and even their families make bonds that last throughout their hockey life. This year, led by Mel Farrell, we held our inaugural club dinner which was a huge success and will be the first of many. It was also the first time we awarded 1 player from each team a Good Sports Award that we now call the Bunbury Spirit Award. It was for those who showed enthusiasm; did as asked; good sportsmanship and helped others and the team however necessary. They won a fantastic prize of a training session with our Top Squad players Eddie Bone (also a Hockeyroo) and Sam Geers. Our inaugural winners were: Bianca Stanes, Jessica Heron, Ben Shearer, Maddie West, Olivia Patton, Darcy Knell and Jacob Woods. In July we also had 2 teams in the 7/8 Club Championships and 2 teams in the 9/10 Club Championships, with the boys' team coming 1st.

SEASON RESULTS: The 5/6s don't play finals. However, of Melville's 7 teams, 4 of them finished in the top 4: AProm Boys - 4th; B Boys - 3rd; & C Maroon Girls - 2nd; with the 5/6C White Girls finishing 1st and winning the May Campbell pennant for their grade.

7/8C Boys: 6th

7/8B Girls: 4th

7/8B Boys: 2nd

7/8A Girls: 6th

7/8AP Boys: 3rd - PREMIERS

9/10B Girls: 2nd – Grand Final Runners Up

9/10C Boys: 1st - PREMIERS

9/10AR Girls: 2nd – Grand Final Runners Up

9/10AP Boys: 3rd

9/10A Girls: 1st

11/12B Boys: 3rd

11/12AR Girls: 7th

11/12AR Boys: 3rd

11/12A Girls: 1st undefeated - PREMIERS

11/12A Boys: 1st – PREMIERS (Back to Back)

The 1st time in club history that our top 2 teams – 11/12A Boys & Girls – have won in the same season.

15 teams – 12 Semi Finals – 6 Grand Finals – 4 Premierships

A fantastic result for the Junior section. Congratulations to all of you.

I would like to thank Jodi Reynolds and her assistant Paul for helping me with all things IT. Jodi along with Maria Grigorescu for keeping on top of our registrations and invoices. Teresa Forbes for taking great photos once again for our Facebook page and Yearbook, as well as providing the framework for your team photos. Gary Bowater, the club President for his support; Graeme Coleman for his help organising the grounds and especially in starting our new 2nd home ground at Bill Ellson Reserve in Bateman; and of course, the MOFTA crew for all the help they give us. Mal Cowan, Craig Wilson, Andy Starling, Tilly Carmichael, Matt Willis and Brianna Coleman for the many discussions, advice and the commitment to helping our juniors settle into the senior ranks, which will only get stronger each year.

A very special thank you to Tilly, whose help is invaluable from organising coaches, teams and many training sessions. With her senior teams and WACA commitments getting busier and now being promoted to the leadership group for the Scorchers and Fury, we are very lucky to still have her involved as much as she is. We wish her all the best for a great summer. To Emma and Janine, I thank you for all your help and support over the last 2 years. Having both been involved with Juniors for many years and of course as Junior Coordinators yourselves, you will finally leave us behind, now that Mitch and Abi are finishing Yr 12. From everyone involved in Juniors, we thank you for everything, as it is very much appreciated. Of course, we will see you around the club and still involved in some capacity I'm sure.

And of course, I would like to thank Dean, Sean and Caitlin for helping and supporting me once again and allowing me to continue next year, in what will be our last junior season.

As this year improved on the last, we look forward to even more exciting times in 2019. Thank you.

Colleen Bentley - Vice President - Juniors



2018 has been another fantastic year of Minkey and Grads!

In 2018 the program had almost 220 kids enrolled across 26 teams. The kids represent the Club's future – their enthusiasm and smiles are infectious, and it was great to see their confidence and skills grow so much over the season. It really is a privilege to be involved in the program. In addition to our usual Saturday morning games, we had two Friday night sessions on the turf which were much enjoyed by both the kids and the parents. We were lucky enough to run our Grads competition with Fremantle again this year. One highlight for the Grads was the carnival at Fremantle, where WASPs joined Fremantle and Melville for a round-robin style competition - the kids all had a great day.

The program is not possible without wide support. Special thanks must go to:

- Porter Commercial – A long-time sponsor of the program, their contribution is truly appreciated.
- Coaches and Managers – they do an amazing job and I know the parents and kids are genuinely grateful, thank you.
- All BBQ volunteers but in particular to Karen, Paige, Wayne and Glynn for the amazing job they did in coordinating and running the BBQ this year.
- The Men's and Women's top squad players – this year we had volunteer top squad players coach every week, a great asset for our kids.

Finally, thanks to the kids, it is your smiles (and appetite for oranges) that will get us all back next year.

You are all stars!

Jacqui Peachey





CLUB GAMES MILESTONES 2018

900 GAMES

Maris Margetts

600 GAMES

Todd Barrett, Bruce Hancock

500 GAMES

Aki Etelaaho, Matthew Read, Ben Rushton

400 GAMES

Gavin Scally, Richard Williams

300 GAMES

Cam Robinson, Greg Ross, Leo Welten

200 GAMES

Joshua Antoncich, Kevin Dempster, Derek Doak,
Matthew Geers, Bill Morrison, Kate Sparkes

100 GAMES

Cameron Addison	Andrew Howells	Daniel Page	Wesley Stewart
Sean Bentley	Gabrielle John	Shaya Pillay	Cameron Surtees
Carlo Bontempo	Siobhan Maguire	Trent Potter	Amelia Swan
Eva Cocks	Simon Mathew	Jenna Powell	Ciara Thompson
Michael Coles	Andrew McIntyre	Chloe Power	Rebecca Vanderzwan
Bradley Dowie	Luka Mellor	Ellen Rolls	Grant Watton
Chloe Forbes	Ben Munnings	Cameron Simpson-Bint	
Aidan Gallagher	Georgia Munnings	Kieran Smyth	
Jessica Gallimore	Jaymon Needham	Nia Stevens	

50 GAMES

Dave Aujla	Jason Dowie	Olive Hasselerharm	Finnity McHoull	Alex Rolls
Mia Ballard	Camilla Elliott	Timothy Heard	Bonnie Meacock	Luke Scatchard
Emily Billingham	Casey Ellis	Melanie Hobday	Jude Mellor	Monique Smith
Tabitha Blechynden	Naomi Evans	Kimberley Hocking	Grace Murphy	Donelle Smith
Douglas Brightwell	Darcie Farrow	Richard Hooker	Ian Neill	Maddy Smith-Gander
Mathilda Carmichael	Alessandra Flexman	Ross Hopkins	Lachlan Paterson	Riley Stephenson
Milah Chanter	Lachlan Flynn	Callum Joynes	Stephen Phillips	Thomas Stone
Georgia Collins	Chris Gill	Erin Judd	Cailey Pickard	Dannielle Swinton
Oliver Cooper	Izzy Gurbiel	Christina Klomp	Ellie Polglase	Aleesha Thompson
Eamon Cooper	Bailey Hardy	Tristan Lasevicius	Sean Pszczola	Rae Thompson
Lexie Cosgriff	Joseph Hart	Jessica Leigh	Mary Raja	Thomas Walker
Casey Donaldson	Tyson Harvey	Zach MacLachlan	Rachel Roberts	Mark Western



PREMIER ONE PLAYER RECOGNITION NIGHT

Back to Club Night – Celebrating our First Division History

A very special “Back to Club” night was held on 25 August, coinciding with our Top Squad Men and Women’s final home game of the season, to acknowledge and celebrate our club’s First Division history.

Last year, 2017, marked forty years since our Men’s team (then playing as Applecross YMCA in their grey and red uniforms) first played in Hockey WA’s highest club grade. This anniversary, combined with the retirement of long-serving First division player, Tristan Clemons, spurred Gav Scally and Janine Tate to delve into the club’s records and the Hockey WA archives to create a list of all those (both Men and Women) who have represented the club at First Division level, and also to calculate how many games each person had played. Every player has now been allocated a unique “Player Number” in the order of their First Division debut, and we have also begun to recognise significant games milestones. Finally, we also now know who holds the “games played” records for First Division for each team.

To mark the completion of this “history project”, as many current and former members of our First Division team as we could locate were invited to come “Back to the Club” to celebrate. We honoured our inaugural Men’s (1977) and Women’s (2014) First Division teams, by presenting each player with a commemorative plaque engraved with their “Player Number”, and we unveiled a new Honour Board with all First Division players listed.

A number of “Games Milestones” awards were presented on the night, which happened to coincide with current player Ross Hall’s 150th game. The most significant of these was the presentation to Evan Kelly, the current Men’s games record-holder, to recognise representing Melville in more than 250 games of First Division hockey over 15 seasons. An outstanding achievement.

The function was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many “old faces” back at the club, reminiscing with teammates over a few drinks. Eight members of our inaugural Men’s team from forty years ago were present on the night, including Brian Spitteler, who played in the club’s founding team with older brother David back in 1956. He was joined by Ian Halliday, Keith Harper, Pat Matthews, Paul Meacock, Dave Porter, Andy Reynolds and Neil Woollacott, along with Wilma Wilson representing her late husband, Ron. Messages were received from Graham Meacock, Alan Meacock and Brian Matthews who were interstate or overseas, and Simon Ford and David Halliday, who had prior commitments. A much younger (some would say better-looking!) group of inaugural Women’s players were also in attendance, with many of them still playing in our Women’s Top Squad. We were also honoured to have former Presidents from the 1970s, Wal Meacock and Keith Timmel, and Treasurer, Ila Reynolds, able to join us.

Wal Meacock was able to provide footage of the Men’s team’s very first game in 1As, including our first goal, while inaugural Women’s Coach, Blake Burrows, and his partner, Helen Grant, sent a message from England along with video filmed when our Women gained promotion in 2014. Both of these were popular viewing with the crowd of over 150 people present and brought more than a few laughs! “Look at that hair!”

It is hoped that some sort of former players’ “Back to Club” night will become an annual event.





PREMIER ONE GAME MILESTONES 2018

1977 MEN'S SQUAD

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Max Currell | 10 Andy Reynolds |
| 2 Graeme Meacock | 11 Ron Wilson |
| 3 Simon Ford | 12 Neil Woollacott |
| 4 Ian Halliday | 13 Steve Cole |
| 5 Brian Matthews | 14 John Cole |
| 6 Patrick Matthews | 15 Dave Halliday |
| 7 Paul Meacock | 16 Keith Harper |
| 8 Alan Meacock | 17 Brian Spitteler |
| 9 David Porter | |



2014 WOMEN'S SQUAD

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Hope Jobe | 15 Lizzie Stratton |
| 2 Chloe Carter | 16 Stacey Bruce |
| 3 Briony Clark | 17 Catriona Bailey-Price |
| 6 Sami Gale | 18 Edwina Bone |
| 7 Helen Grant | 19 Mathilda Carmichael |
| 8 Preah Hetherington | 21 Ashleigh Mcness |
| 12 Taleisha Power | 22 Eliane Gebauer |
| 11 Nikki Rollason | 23 Jo Snyman |
| 13 Kirsten Silvey | 25 Aimee Clark |
| 14 Megan Silvey | |



250 PREMIER ONE GAMES

Evan Kelly

150 PREMIER ONE GAMES

Anthony Ricciardone
Ben Meacock

Tristan Clemons
Mark Brodie

Justin McDougall
Jordan Hunt

Ross Hall

100 PREMIER ONE GAMES

David Orr
Matthew Willis
Ryan Hyder
Russell Lee

Alan Meacock
Daniel White
Jon Rutgers
Russell Ford

Samuel Geers
Rob Mckenzie
Patrick Welsh
Brett Martyn

George Watts
Timothy Geers
John Meacock
Paul Meacock



MAJOR CLUB AWARDS

MAJOR CLUB AWARDS - SENIOR AWARDS

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.

Coach's 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 chosen by the Junior Committee.

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.

The **Umpiring Achievement Award** may be presented to outstanding junior umpires. This award is not necessarily an annual award, but is presented to a Junior Umpire who has been selected to umpire at a National Championships (Junior or Senior) or at Premier 2 or above level.



MAJOR CLUB AWARDS HONOUR BOARD

THE MAPLE LEAF CUP

*Presented by Kip Hladky
1982 - 2011*

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

THE CATHERINE BAYENS AWARD

1995 - 2011

Sharen Stephens	1995
Lindy Coss	1996
Maris Margetts	1997
Kylie Beechen	1998
Carolyn Jones	1999
Gaye Glaskin	2000
Jane Minchin	2001
Helen Scott	2002
Lee Jarvis	2003
Nicola Ogden	2004
Lynda Forbes	2005
Allison Hall	2006
Jan Davis	2007
Dearne Plaister	2008
Susan Clark	2009
Erin Hall	2010
Lynda Forbes	2011

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Johnson Orr & Graeme Coleman	2001
Greg Riley	2002
Rod Wake & family	2003
Bob Blachford (Bob the Barman)	2004
Linda King	2005
Conor Keating	2006
Lynda Forbes & Maureen Welten	2007
Daniel White	2008
Theresa Rayfield	2009
Andy & Jodi 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, Teresa Forbes, Mathilda Carmichael & Emma Bell	2016
Peter Oudejans & Jake Coleman	2017

HLADKY-BAYENS AWARD

From 2011 - combines the two above awards - for the member displaying most commitment to the club

Russell Lee	2012
Sean Ranford	2013
Janine Tate	2014
Kyle McNess	2015
Graeme Coleman	2016
Andrew Criddle	2017





MCHC JUNIOR AWARDS 2018

Team	Fairest & Best	Coach's Award
J 11/12 A Boys	Justin Schonken	Trent Foo
J 11/12 A Reserve Boys	Callum Brown	Bailey Knell
J 11/12 B Boys	Nathan Thompson	John Argent
J 11/12 A Girls	Ashleigh Power	Shanae Wardrope
J 11/12 A Reserve Girls	Gabrielle John	Zoe Polglase
J 9/10 A Promotion Boys	Tom Williamson	Bailey Hardy
J 9/10 C Boys	Lachlan Skinner	Joe Bunn
J 9/10 A Girls	Jayde Jackson, Chloe Forbes	Mikaela Spires
J 9/10 A Reserve Girls	Morgan Irvine	Olivia Patton
J 9/10 B Girls	Alessandra Flexman	Finnity McHoull
J 7/8 A Promotion Boys	Kirby Hobbs	Ben King
J 7/8 B (Gold) Boys	Thomas Stone	Lachlan Paterson
J 7/8 C (Gold) Boys	Shoma Slater	Daniel Brown
J 7/8 A Girls	Hannah Carmody	Ashleigh Farrell
J 7/8 B (Gold) Girls	Ava Spurling	Ashton Borgward
J 5/6 A Promotion Boys		James Cheeseman, Finn Robinson
J 5/6 A Reserve Boys		Jack Patman, Taisei Slater
J 5/6 B (Gold) Boys		James Middleton, Sage Elliott
J 5/6 A Girls		Madison Woods, Xanthe West
J 5/6 A Reserve Girls		Ari Lauder, Lauren Blair
J 5/6 C (Gold) Girls (Maroon)		Hayley Johnson, Summer Bloomfield
J 5/6 C (Gold) Girls (White)		Sophia Tancredi, Imogen Knight



MCHC JUNIOR AWARDS 2018 CONT

Junior Loyalty Awards:

Lauren Anderson

Abi Bell

Eva Cocks

Annabel Drane

Phoebe McWhae

Luka Mellor

Ellen Rolls

Amelia Swan

Ciara Thompson

Jade Vanderzwan

Regan Bright

Dylan Forbes

Daniel Paino

Joshua Scanlon

Mitchell Tate

Award Winners

Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy:

Most Promising Yr 12 Progressing to Seniors

**Jade Vanderzwan,
Justin Schonken, Kyle Potter**

David Porter Trophy:

Outstanding Season for Junior Goalie

Zac McKinnon

Ian Halliday Trophy:

Junior Player Scoring Most Goals

Justin Schonken (26 goals)

Life Members' Trophy:

Junior player displaying most commitment to Club

Wes Stewart, Abi Bell

Umpiring Achievement Award:

Outstanding Junior Umpire

Lara Strbac , Dylan Forbes





MCHC SENIOR AWARDS 2018

Award Winners

Team Fairest and Best Awards

Club Champion:

Fairest and Best - Men's top side

Matt Willis and Ryan Hyder

Club Champion:

Fairest and Best - Women's top side

Megan Silvey

Premier 2 Men

Jon Smedley

Premier 2 Women

Elizabeth Stratton

Premier Alliance Men

Nick Page

Premier Alliance Women

Sarah Bowyer

Provisional 1 Men

Will Reynolds

Provisional 1 Women

Georgia Wade

Provisional 2 (Black) Men

Brendan Joss

Provisional 2 (Gold) Men

Tyson Harvey

Provisional 2 (Gold) Women

Ella Joynes

Provisional 3 (Gold) Men

Stephen Phillips

Provisional 3 (Gold) Women

Kate Sparkes, Meggan Stone

Provisional 4 (Gold) Men

Brenton Malacari

Provisional 4 (Gold) Women

Emma Bradley

Metropolitan 1 Women

Vanessa Carmody

O40 M/W Division Men

Todd Barrett

O35 Division 2 Women

Maddy Northover

O35 Division 4 Women

Olive Hasselerharm

O40 Division 1 Men

Mark Lyons

O40 Division 3 Men

Murray Casselton, Geoff Cooper, Timothy Heard, Ian Neill & Jeff West

O50 Division 1 Men

Darran Wilson

O50 Division 2 Men

Steve Silvey

O50 Division 3 (Gold) Men

Tony Patton

O60 Division Men

Peter Dawkins

2018 Top Goal Scorer - Senior:

Andrew Howells

Melville Turf inc Merit Award:

Member making a significant contribution to ongoing operations

Joshua Burne-Quinn

Hladky-Bayens Award:

Member displaying most commitment to club

Wayne Hudson

Caitlyn Ogden Memorial Award:

Senior goalkeeper who displays the greatest commitment to the club

Nic McCaughan

President's Award:

Janine Tate, Jodi Reynolds



SENIOR AND MASTERS COACHES & MANAGERS

Team	Coach	Manager
Premier 1 Men	Craig Wilson	Johnson Orr
Premier 1 Women	Mal Cowan/Hope Jobe (Assistant)	Tracey Hunt
Premier 2 Men	Patrick Welsh	Johnson Orr
Premier 2 Women	Mark Watton	Fiona Lock-Hocking
Premier Alliance Men	Andy Starling	Dan McEntee
Premier Alliance Women	Mathilda Carmichael	Jamie Bowyer
Prov 1 Men		Jake Coleman
Prov 1 Women	Chris Morrison (Games)/ Greg Hunt (Training)	Brian Ballard
Prov 2 Black Men		James Pickering
Prov 2 Gold Men		Michael Ashley/Tyson Harvey
Prov 2 Gold Women	Kat Atkinson	Ella Joynes
Prov 3 Gold Men		Matthew Wake
Prov 3 Gold Women	Bruce Vanderzwan	Kate Sparkes
Prov 4 Gold Men	Doug Brightwell	Jared Malacari
Prov 4 Gold Women	Christian Gallagher	Ash Chauvin/Emma Bradley
Metro 1 Women	Sharon Latham	Corelle Coleman
O40 Midweek Men		Todd Barrett
O35 Div 2 Women	Patrick Matthews	Lisa Anderson
O35 Div 4 Women	Jan Davis	Corelle Coleman
O40 Div 1 Men		Gavin Scally
O40 Div 3 Men		Andrew Shorter
O50 Div 1 Men		Ray Achemedei
O50 Div 2 Men		Graeme Coleman
O50 Div 3 Gold Men		Dean Stonehouse
O60 Men		John Smith



PREMIER 1 MEN

It was with great pleasure and a true honour that I took on the coaching role of the Top Men's Squad at Melville this year. Joining many great people and players in a club with a congruent ethos in hockey to myself made the transition easy, and the year's journey an enjoyable one as we rode the highs and lows together. Playing a style of hockey that promotes full pressing, fast ball movement, 1-on-1 accountability and an even contribution of all 16 players was readily adopted by the group. The results showed this style enables success at the high level as both the 1s and 2s teams had a positive win-loss ratio in season 2018. 27 players represented the club at 1s level this year, promoting internal competition to drive the group forward, combined with rewarding the home-grown youth who show great promise. Special thanks go to Gavin Scally, Patrick Welsh and Johnno Orr for being the "nuclear support" for me as coach and handling many duties behind the scenes that allow our group to perform well come game-day. We will evolve again in 2019 as we look to push the limits in the search for club success at the highest level. Craig Wilson

Tim BRAND

Flying "under the radar" enabled us to get Tim via the HA Draft in 2018 at Pick 4 (a steal). Tim thrived in the high performance environment in Perth and took his game as a striker from serviceable to damaging in the space of 6 months. Many defenders are still wondering where Tim went as his ability to post up and then eliminate with speed in the mid-field and then weave his way through small spaces in the attacking circle are impressive.

Memorable Moment: A big smile on his face when he scored his first goal for Melville vs Wolves. **Valued Asset:** his ability to fit in with the new group/club/state, provide consistent effort/performance and follow our game plan. Also his want to help the team when we were in a challenging situation vs OGMHC and were a man down for 20+ minutes: Tim was asking to go back on the field in any position to do more to help the situation.

Tristan CLEMONS

It was with sadness but also full support that club and Kookaburras hockey legend Clemo retired from Australian Representative Hockey in mid-2018 to pursue a fantastic career opportunity in America. The many conversations about hockey, life, love and everything in-between with Clemo over the first half of this year will stick with me for ever and his openness, honesty and respect for the sport and Melville Hockey Club is a true testament to the outstanding person he is. **Memorable Moment:** announcing the pregnancy of his wife Claire with their first-born due late in 2018 just pips the guard of honour organised by the club as he took the field for his last game in 2018 vs Hale. **Valued Asset:** too many to mention - but sometimes you don't realise what you have until it is gone. He leaves a important legacy.



Samuel GEERS

Playing all 22 games of the 2018 regular season as a striker in 1s gave Sam the opportunity to develop his craft. His skills as a sneaky presser led the way in his performance and positive signs were seen in his ability to eliminate defenders around the outside, get PCA's in the attacking circle and pull the trigger on shots where others may not. As they say "repeat to remember - remember to repeat" and patterning his attacking skills with repeated practice in the summer months will go a long way to ensuring further steps forward for Sam are taken in season 2019. **Memorable Moment:** vs Wolves at Shenton Turf - baseline reverse-stick trap —> shot under the cross bar = goal (let Sam tell you the rest). **Valued Asset:** closing speed from behind in the reverse-press.

Timothy GEERS

A "welcome back" year panned out better for Tim than the injury-wiped season of 2017 (although he still managed to throw in a couple of injuries for old times' sake). Contributing in all facets of the on and off-field performance of the Top Team is a demanding task - and Tim was able to juggle these various commitments with my high expectations. Some of the softest hands/touch in the WA competition were on show multiple times this season, and with another good summer of fitness under his belt, I'm sure 2019 will be an even better year again. **Memorable Moment:** personally holding possession of the ball for nearly 5 minutes at the end of the game vs YM to secure the win. **Valued Asset:** a passion for club success he desperately wants to be a part of.

Ross HALL

After a stint in the UK club hockey season, Ross returned to Perth at Round 4 with a fresh haircut and was ready to go. Life playing in the Back 4 with your fellow defenders is like a marriage - you need to work towards and maximise each others strengths, understand and cover for each others weaknesses and often learn the most about yourself and your relationship during the tough times. Ross put time and effort into his relationships with the Back 4 members and showed greater consistency in his personal performance as a result. **Memorable Moment:** Ross Hall vs Tom Craig and Liam Flynn. **Valued Asset:** the search for better - keep asking the questions.



PREMIER 1 MEN CONT



Ryan HYDER

The sign of a good player is one who rises to the challenge presented to him. Rizza played on many of the competition's best midfielders (many current or past Kookaburras) and showed that effort and determination goes a long way to creating success. Predominantly playing in the midfield and at times used to spark the striker group, Rizza should be pleased with the 2018 season but hopefully not satisfied, as with added thoroughness in completing aspects of his skill execution, he could go to a higher echelon again as a player in the Top Team. Remember the "story-book" concept Rizza : there is a beginning, a middle and an end: with all parts needing to be well written to make a great book (skill execution). **Memorable Moment:** diving deflection goal (on ya guts) from a long Wes Stewart slap pass through the circle. **Valued Asset:** comments at training to the group that hold us all to account.



Nicholas MCCAUGHAN

When opportunity comes your way, grab it with both hands !!! Nick was selected for the majority of the moments when Clemo was out of the net in 2018 and served the role with improved skills of initial saves and PC defence. Goal Keeping is a long-term development pathway of many games, many trainings and many conversations on how to get better. A key focus area will be to own the defensive unit and use your voice to marshall the troops before you need to use your pads. **Memorable Moment:** playing against his old club - Guildford. **Valued Asset:** never backing down from standing in the net.



Justin MCDUGALL

Playing a relentlessly full-pressing game puts our strikers to the test - physically, mentally, and "hockey-smarts". Doogs rose to this challenge along with keeping up with welcome additions to our striker line in Sharpy and Brandy (jeeeeppers they are fast). Half-time talks regularly had Doogs ensuring the striker group were well aware of their responsibility for the team and articulating the process to do this. Goals were evenly scored across the group due to his team approach to attacking. **Memorable Moment:** Hitting a brace in a tight 4-3 win vs Wolves (good strikers score when it matters). **Valued Asset:** The extra-effort made to get to trainings and games as a new dad (extra thanks going also to his lovely wife).

Kyle POTTER

A very busy year had Kyle playing in the U18's National Championships for WA, PSA Hockey for Aquinas, J11/12A and Senior 1s hockey for Melville with a few talent squads thrown in to fill in any spare time !!! Evolving as a Back 4 player with the ability to move forward with the ball, Kyle showed his "twinkle toes" speed and elimination skills mainly down the right side of the field this year. He also developed skills in both PCA and PCD which he should continue to work on as he adds "layers" as a hockey player to create additional value to any team. The transition from Juniors to full-time Senior Hockey provides both opportunities and challenges for many hockey players, and Kyle will need to make good choices over the next few months to take a pathway that enhances his chances of pushing to the next echelon of hockey players in WA. The great news is he has the ability to rise to this level if he wants to. **Memorable Moment:** hitting his first 1s goal past Kookaburras GK Tyler Lovell - bang !!! **Valued Asset:** mid-long range distribution skills - slap, flick (which can get even longer with practice and create greater potency).



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Trent POTTER

Conversations with Trent varied over the course of 2018 : from the ability of Australian Tennis Players in pre-season to the challenges of pushing your personal improvement curve around mid-season to the intricacies and craft of playing left half by the end of the season. Trent's strengths are natural sportsman-like (clearly inherited from his Mother - not Father) but what could he be if he added additional layers of hockey tools to influence the outcome of games in the 1s grade? The challenge remains and may be discussed over rounds of golf in the off-season. If you think back in the history of WA/Australian elite hockey, there are many "thin/wiry/slight" frames that are legends of the sport - don't let your build limit you. **Memorable Moment:** self-playing the ball from a side-line free hit at left half and drilling the opposition's pressing striker on the foot with a strong hit. **Valued Asset:** 7-10m passes to the mid-field.

Ashley RANFORD

The first half of the 2018 season saw Ash play vital minutes in the mid-field of the 1s team with his solid receiving and passing skills on show. The rise in Ash's performance for future years will come from taking those skills to a higher level under the pressure of playing against the league's best (fastest) players. I have seen it done before (eg. Phil Hulbert - Vic Park) where a central pivot-player dominates the game and maximises their strengths to benefit the team. The drive to this level of skill-perfection must come from within and this remains the challenge for Ash. **Memorable Moment:** flicking off 2 into the bottom corner vs Wolves (Shenton Turf). **Valued Asset:** he is in it for the long-haul.

Frank REYNOLDS

Hockey players come in all shapes, sizes and skill-sets and Frank is a true testament to that. Playing roles in both the Back 4 and midfield gave Frank the opportunity to display his great athleticism/running and defensive tackling skills. Off-season time should allow Frank to continue to work on his ability to get his head up and have vision when moving with the ball and passing accuracy. **Memorable Moment:** tenacity in marking/tackling that made Tom Craig (Kookaburra) move away from goal scoring positions (and therefore threat). **Valued Asset:** PCD 1st runner - this skill can not be underestimated.

Justin SCHONKEN

I heard about this kid two years ago tearing up the junior grades and scoring goals at will. Pure strikers are rare - did we have one in our club? The answer is yes!!! Adding to his goal scoring performance at 1s level this year (consistent, quality, varied shot selection) was his ability to press opposition defenders with purpose, get ahead of the ball with early/hard running, steal the ball from behind and eliminate opponents 1v1. Schonks has put in the hard-work over the past two years and the rewards are paying off. His challenge will be to realise that two years of hard-work is good, but maintaining the hard-work in the face of "distractions" that come with being an 18yo is what is required to take him to a higher level again (potentially Thundersticks and beyond). This kid could do it. **Memorable Moment:** Scoring 2 goals vs UWA to win us the game. **Valued Asset:** hungry for goals - being in the goal mouth / back post for deflections, rebounds to score.





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Lachlan SHARP

After impressive performances representing the Kookaburras in a series vs The Netherlands in January 2018 as a mid-field/striker, Lachi was just what Melville were looking for and hence we selected him as Pick 1 in the 2018 HA Draft. "Floats like a butterfly - stings like a bee" comes to mind with this light-weight elite player who is dynamic, skilful, creative, smart and just loves his hockey. The Melville faithful are big fans of this promising player and hope to see him wear the "Green and Gold" many more times over the coming years. **Memorable Moment:** his first training session with Melville - too fast, too skilful - no-one could tackle him. **Valued Asset:** getting to club games and supporting the team when unavailable to play. Good in communication regarding Kookaburra commitments and playing availability.

Wesley STEWART

A "secret squirrel" mentioned that this player was one to watch following an U18 National Carnival that impressed many. Working from a skill base that included "elite/Kookaburras level" PC push-out speed and accuracy, Wes showed right from the start of the season that he could match any opposition attacker in the league with his disciplined defending/tackling skills and then turn our team into forward momentum with short-medium-long range distribution to his fellow players from the Back 4 positions he played. I'm sure the next phase of Wes' hockey career will look to take advantage of his versatility and athleticism as a player. **Memorable Moment:** Wes' playing in the first 6 games of 1s this year - outstanding level and consistency. **Valued Asset:** does the simple things well - best basics will win out on most occasions.

Matthew TATE

A year working on consistency saw Matt play a regular role in the defensive group of our Top Team. Progress is rarely linear, however the foundations of a sharp up-curve in Matt's influence on games is brewing. Back 4 players need to be the best "ball-handlers" on the field and I encourage Matt to work relentlessly on this aspect of his game along with 1-on-1 tackling and coffee conversations with Ross Hall (situational relationship in the back-line) in the off-season while adding the PCA weapons he is keen to pursue. The "ifs" "buts" "maybes" are in the past and Matt will join the "do-ers" if I have my way with him - but it's up to him. **Memorable Moment:** seeing two brothers (Matt and Mitch) enjoy playing 1s hockey together for Melville. **Valued Asset:** out-letting skills (improving in choosing the timing/moment and executing connection of the pass/outcome with teammates).



Patrick WELSH

What started as a conversation in January at the clubrooms about Paddy coaching the 2s and playing as well as he could in the Top Squad with no expectations (coming off recent 3s form), 6 months later turned Paddy into a versatile, reliable, skilful, regular midfielder in the 1s. Paddy is an example to all players that barriers along the hockey career pathway only serve to strengthen you and then make every moment a winner - if that is the way you choose to respond to them. **Memorable Moment:** Proposing early in the season to his lovely fiancée Em - just ahead of - boom under the cross-bar from one step inside the top of the circle vs UWA. **Valued Asset:** his daily thinking, commitment and communication on how to make our whole group better.

Alex WENN

Admiration for the commitment of a guy who had various hurdles put in the road between life/work and hockey in 2018 - lucky he found the train route and made it !!! His style is unique and he surprises many opposition players with tackling skills that are not always from the text book on hockey. Voted the guy everyone in the team loves to play hockey with, Wenny served an important role in nurturing a very young defence around him and saved the day on multiple occasions when all seemed certain a goal would be scored against us. **Memorable Moment:** execution of the hierarchy in out-letting from the back 1. Long and Direct : 16 yard free-hit : Wenn (hit) —> Brand (top of circle) —> goal. **Valued Asset:** creates the "infection" people want to play hockey with.

Matt WILLIS

A player that I have been wanting to coach and see up close for a long time. A true driver in the engine room of the team who showed leadership in critical moments of games against quality opposition that gave us the outcomes we needed. Matt was a vital teacher in the "hockey skill improvement" of the Top Squad's training sessions this year and this impact will be long-lasting. With our full support, Matt went to Holland late in the season to play professionally overseas. It will be a great hockey and life experience for both him and Claire and we look forward to their safe return in 2019. **Memorable Moment:** playing back-to-back 70min games in the midfield to hold our group together in big games. **Valued Asset:** the relentless work-rate both at training and in games - week after week - month after month - year after year - (hard work is the key secret to success - take note all aspiring Top Team players).

Notable mentions to : Evan Kelly, Mitchell Tate, Patrick Lawther, Kyle McNess, Andrew McIntyre, Brayden Dalton, Tristan Lasevicius, Dylan Forbes and Mac Love who also represented the 1s team this year in 10 or less games.



PREMIER 1 WOMEN

Overall 2018 from the Women's program perspective has been extremely pleasing, with our top four teams all sitting either at the top of their respective ladders or pushing for a finals berth. We also had a number of Juniors make debuts at Senior level during the 2018 season. The quality of these juniors is reflected in the results of our J11/12A and J9/10A teams, both on top of their ladders. The club is in a great position for continued success well into the future. One of most pleasing aspects for me was the Women's involvement off the field, taking on coaching roles, actively supporting the club when asked and engaging in social events. An example of this was at the first club event, being the shirt presentation. When the event started I was, and I'm sure others were concerned with the low attendance of the women, but then a stream of them filtered through as they had been out on the turf assisting with the Minkey program. Well done ladies on your commitment to these activities.



With regard to the Premier 1s' season - we started similar to 2017 with four consecutive wins, one of those being against last year's Premiers, WASPs, which broke their unbeaten record. The year ahead looked exciting and full of potential and opportunity. Like most years there were a few changes to our squad. This year saw the loss of Kaitlyn Smith, Preah Hetherington and Chloe Carter. We also had Ash McNess and Briony Clark move into the 2s squad due to work/study commitments and injury/overloading issues. However these changes provided opportunity for a couple of our junior players to step up and be included into the squad. Jade Vanderzwan and Neasa Flynn became regular players in the senior team and newcomer Shanae Wardrope bolstered the depth of our forward line when called upon.

We also had the return of Erin Hall to the club which helped provide some depth in our defence and Naomi Evans was available for the whole season. We also gained the services of Georgia Ellis who started the year with the 2s team but it didn't take long before she was a regular fixture for the 1s team. The Off-Field Team also had some changes with Tracey Hunt taking up the role of manager and Hope Jobe, along with Russell Lee, switching to the Women's program. Mark Watton and Fiona Lock returned to look after the 2s and Mathilda Carmichael and Jamie Bowyer again took on the 3s. This was a quality group to work with and we are very fortunate to have such experienced and dedicated support staff working within our Top Squads. You have all done a fantastic job with your teams and I hope you get to reap the rewards for your efforts. Thank you all for your hard work and your support of me and the 1s squad.

As mentioned above, getting off to a great start with four wins set us up really well for the season. We found ourselves sitting in the top four positions for the most part of the season and had it not been for a couple of results where we did not capitalise on our opportunities we could have cemented a spot in the top 2. Unfortunately, this was not the case. With all sports, comes the unknown of player availability, this could be due to injury, family and/or work commitments or just priority of what is more important. Unfortunately, with hockey not being a professional sport, it sometimes gets given second priority to other activities. The drive, passion, selflessness and dedication that is required to win premierships and be the best through players pushing to play 1s and putting pressure on each other to fight for position has somewhat changed over the past few years. We have the talent among the squad but the entire squad needs to decide, do we just want to be competitive in the Premier League or do we want to be the best? I look forward to seeing what the future brings for the squad and hopefully celebrating many Premier League wins.

Thank you to Brianna Coleman and the rest of the Melville Committee for your ongoing support of the Premier League program, we understand and appreciate how much time, effort and funds go into this minor (related to numbers of players) but important part of the club. Thanks to Sue and Graham Rayner of Pulse Reality for your ongoing generosity and sponsorship. It is greatly appreciated! Once again we as a squad would like to thank the many family, friends, club members and fellow teammates that turn up each week to cheer for us. Melville's supporter base is second to none in WA and we are very fortunate to have you on the sidelines each week. To Gemma, Abbey and Kate thank you for your understanding and support. Hopefully we can now get to spend some weekends together, off-grid, camping.

To the playing group, although at times it has been very frustrating and draining, overall I have enjoyed my time coaching you. As I have said on many occasions, you are a talented group and it is always a privilege to work with such talent. I hope you get to realise your potential individually and more importantly as a group. At the time of writing this we are still in the hunt for a finals berth, and who knows what can be achieved if we are afforded this opportunity. Thank you for the friendships and the memories we have created over the the past three years. I wish you and your families all the very best for the future. Sincerely, Mal



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Edwina BONE (Eddie, Midfield)

Eddie's presence, whether on the field, on the bench or on the sidelines is always met with a sense of confidence just to know she is there. Even though Eddie was unable to play many games for us in 2018 due to her Hockeyroo selections to the Commonwealth Games and World Cup, along with preparation tournaments in between, she found time to come along and support the girls when she could, which the team and club greatly appreciate. During 2018 and whilst away at Comm Games Eddie achieved an amazing milestone of 150 caps for Australia. Congrats Eddie and we look forward to watching many more with the Hockeyroos and at Melville.

Mathilda CARMICHAEL (Tilly, Til Midfield/Defence)

Our cricket and hockey superstar, she is a valuable member of our team and club. Tilly plays a key defensive role in our team, always putting in 110% (even when's she's not meant to be playing). Tilly is ever reliable and often saves the day whether it be diving to defend a breakaway or applying a soft nudge to dispossess an attacker in the D. We can always count on our Til.

Aimee CLARK (Aims, Lill Midfielder)

One of our dynamic midfielders, whose silky skills made all opposition defenders look silly at different times throughout the year. Combine the skills she possesses with her speed off the mark, and it makes a vital player for our team. Unfortunately, the opposition's only way to negate Aimee was to get her off the field, she sustained a nasty finger injury towards the back end of the season. We missed your presence on the field in those last few games, however we are glad that your finger was able to be popped on! We look forward to seeing you dominate the midfield again next season!!

Casey DONALDSON (Case Midfielder)

Casey is always the first to volunteer her time for the club and for the second year in a row has single-handedly organised fundraising for the women's Top Squad. This sums up Casey's character perfectly, she is completely selfless both off and on the field. Her hard running and determination has seen her not only ranked as one of the team's top goal scorers, but also be a part of more assists than any of us can count. Her ability to use her body in the circle is second to none, as well as her ability to be the life of any social event. We can't wait for all the seasons and parties in the years ahead!

Naomi EVANS (Evo, Darryl Striker)

Evo, also known to many as Darryl, always manages to rock a colour co-ordinated outfit to any training session, frequently spicing up her training kit with the iconic snowman socks. We can always rely on Evo to bag a goal or two the majority of the time, she is always there on the back post and is always willing to give an upright 'backy' a go. She is a delight on and off the field.

Neasa FLYNN (Neas, NASA Striker)

Neasa, often referred to as NASA (because her on-field pace being compared to the speed of space travel) has been explosive upfront for the team this season. As one of our youngest players, she brings skill and creativity to our strikers' line, which evidently causes great difficulty for the opposition. Even though Neas is only a couple of seasons into her Premier League career it is exciting to see the future she has as an elite hockey player (having already represented Australia (on more than one occasion) in 2018). We look forward to still watching you carve up on the field for years to come whilst the rest of us are all retired!

Laura GRAY (Midfield)

Laura returned to the club in 2018 post her AHL commitments with the Canberra Strikers. She was fortunate enough to be named in the Australian Development Squad for 2018, but due to an ongoing ankle injury had to return to the ACT for treatment and rehab. However whilst she was here, Laura confirmed that she was worthy of Aust Development recognition. She was instrumental in our early victories and her absence post round 5 was definitely felt. We wish Laura and what surprises may appear in 2019, all the very best of happiness.

Jemma GREEN (Jem Midfielder)

Jemma's incredible pace and skill made her a valuable part of our midfield this year. Her ability to cut through lines and give a slick final pass is incredible and admired by teammates. Her friendly nature means she is always a delight to talk to and has a great sense of humour. Looking forward to seeing her back in action next season.

Erin HALL (Ez Defence)

Welcome back!!!!!! It has been a pleasure to see you back in the maroon... it suits you better! Erin, you have fitted in nicely down the back, with the critical tackles you make and the great positive vibe you bring with you every time you are out on the field. We are just waiting for the shower cap to make an appearance next season.....



PREMIER 1 WOMEN CONT

Hope JOBE (Bobby Defence)

This chick is seriously a wonder woman. She has been a coach, friend, player and sometimes even umpire to us Melville girls this year. Even though the ankles and achilles did not hold up this year we are very lucky to have her on the sidelines, however I think we would all prefer her on the pitch with us. She can hit a ball like no other (bring back the hit I say), she has an amazing ability to time waste and can also plough through the opposition, usually resulting in Bobby hitting the turf hard. We thank you for your contribution and for having the cutest baby that provides us all such enjoyment in the change rooms.

Erin JUDD (Ez Goal Keeper)

'Erin/Ez the first' is the heart and soul of our Melville team. Her skills include, but are not limited to, great talk and leadership on the field, consuming many espresso martinis, making some ninja saves and dropping Harry Potter references as frequently as possible. The team would not be the same without her and her stellar year has been recognized with selection in the WA Diamonds AHL squad. Good job Ez!

Lucy LANIGAN (Lannas, Striker)

Lucy (Lannas) Lanigan, our wee Scottish import. Albeit only here for a short time she definitely made an impact both on and off the field. We were fortunate to gain Lucy's services post her Commonwealth Games campaign and during the Summer Term break in England. Her pace, skill and workrate up front help lessen the load on our forward line. Lucy was a delight to have among the group and we are hopeful of her return in 2019.

Courtney PICKFORD (Court, Picko, Caps Midfield)

Our fearless captain, Court has carried us the whole season and has had to deal with our antics and out-of-the-ordinary rowdiness. We love having her around at hockey and she is an all-round amazing person. Her text book skills on the field are out of this world and most of the time she looks like she's about to fall over but always leaves her opponent behind. Thanks for all the laughs this season and can't wait to do it all again next year!





PREMIER 1 WOMEN CONT

Megan SILVEY (Megs Defence)

Meg has gone from strength to strength this season; improving every game and cementing herself as the rock of our defence. Meg is the epitome of everything our group stands to represent - committed, uncompromising, honest, loyal and brave. Megs, from your quirky words to your insightful feedback, you are a fantastic role model for the Juniors in our club and we are so lucky to have you part of our group. We love you, Meggy.

Jo SNYMAN (Midfield)

Jo is the quietest of our teammates but what she lacks vocally is definitely made up for with passion and skill on the field. Jo has made a great impact on our team and more so recently when she's been required to step up into centre mid. Jo is a great role model for our Juniors to follow, she takes on criticism and feedback and rises to new challenges without question, she always fulfils her role for the team. Although Jo is one of our younger players she has a huge amount of experience behind her considering her age and she shows great potential to be a solid leader in our 1s team in the future, if we can get her to speak up!!

Renee TAYLOR (Midfielder)

A pleasure to watch when in full flight is our QLD Blonde Bomb. Tough, physical but able to float across the turf with such grace and skill, then bang, she has nailed an opponent with her gritty defence. Renee has had an outstanding year at the highest level being selected in both the Commonwealth Games and World Cup teams. She took on some new personal challenges this year to give herself the best chance of success and her individual results are testament to the hard work and commitment. Renee also achieved a significant honour whilst playing for the green and gold, making her 50th appearance at the highest level. Well done Renee!

Jade VANDERZWAN (Striker)

Jade was presented the opportunity to play Senior hockey this year and has grabbed it with both hands. A talented Melville Junior who brings pace and skill (and a bit of style) to our group - Jade has certainly added a bit of X-Factor to our front line. Jade is a very passionate player, who wears her heart on her sleeve and always gives her all. She is dynamic up front and has the ability to turn most defenders inside out; we are glad she's in our team so the rest of us are only made to look like fools at training and not on game day. Jade's ability to create scoring opportunities in the attacking circle has contributed to ensuring we are a scoring threat in every game. Jade has the hockey world at her feet and we can't wait to see what she brings in 2019!



Thank you to all the 2s players who have played for the 1s over the course of the season, we could not have had the success we have had without you. It is no small effort to double up playing in two hockey games in one afternoon. Georgia Ellis, Ashleigh McNess, Ashleigh Power, Maddy Smith-Gander, Briony Clark, Shanae Wardrope, Kirsten Silvey and Aleesha Thompson, thank you for your contribution to the 1s team, we have loved having you on the bench with us.



PREMIER 2 MEN

2018 has been an exciting year for the Melville Top Squad, ushering in our new Head Coach, Craig Wilson, who has provided a fresh perspective on hockey and really helped me evolve my coaching and hockey mentality. Meeting new people and constantly learning is an exciting part of coaching and working with not only Craig, but meeting and coaching four new young faces this year has been exciting and I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience! This season has seen the trusted leadership group of Richo, Ricca, Smeds and JBQ really step up to push the standards at training and pre-game (in most cases I could not be present in a coaching capacity). Also helping me push the group during training sessions has been the constant voice many hear around the club, Gavin Scally. I attribute the success that this group has seen to date to these incredible characters who are always willing to go above and beyond for the playing group, thank you so much for the support. Johnson Orr is not just our manager who tirelessly looks after 32+ blokes each week, he is support for the playing group that I immensely appreciate. Mr Consistent, thank you for keeping the threads fresh and the hugs warm for another season. Lastly, to the players, I hope you enjoyed 2018 and have hunger to improve your hockey and come back next year, thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your season, I have enjoyed the process and journey of the 2018 season. Cheers Paddy (Patrick Welsh)

Ebrahim ADOLPHUS (Ebra - Striker)

Ebra was a welcome addition to the club in early 2018 and from the get-go became a crowd favourite! He is an entertaining player to watch and coach, but unfortunately his season ended early due to an injury. I believe a good rehab and off-season should see Ebra back and working towards his spot in the Melville Top Squad next year.

Joshua ANTONCICH (Anto - Defender)

Josh had a bit of slow start to the year following his trip to the US and Canada for pre-season, however has really impressed me with his resilience to find his form. Anto is a dangerous 2-way player in the backline when he is at his best, playing dynamic and aggressive hockey moving forward. A little more consistency and urgency in his decision-making will see him being one of the best defenders in the club.

Sean BENTLEY (Bents - Defender)

Bents has been a constant presence in the 2s backline this year following on from a great building season last year. He is growing as a player in the Top Squad and if he can further increase his ability to get his pinpoint-perfect passes off his stick at a quicker rate again, he will continue to be in the Top Squad for many years to come. Magnificent work Bentley and great dedication to not only the 2s but 3s team this year playing 30 plus games!

Thomas BERGIN (Bergie - Defender)

Thomas is a promising Junior, who has shown great poise for a young defender playing in 2s this year. Unfortunately, we only got to see Tom for a couple of games due to an injury cutting his season short, however I look forward to seeing him back in Maroon next year.

Joshua BYRNE-QUINN (JBQ - Mid-fielder)

JBQ has stepped into a leadership role within the 2s team for 2018, committing to improve those around him and has been a constant driving force the group has excelled behind. An exciting member of the midfield group of years gone by, he has added an attacking and playmaking role which has helped us to continue to create an exciting brand of hockey in 2018. Thank you for the consistent work this year in owning your role in the leadership group.

Brayden DALTON (Sauce - Striker)

All the way from Funbury, his red curls scored him a nickname quicker than his dragflicks! The Big Sauce has been another welcome addition to our club, his raw talent and big frame make him a great target up front and his tendency to be in the right place at the right time has resulted in him getting on the scoreboard frequently. His progress and growth this season was rewarded with selection into the Australian 21s Country Team, congrats again Sauce!

Jordan DWYER (JDH - Defender)

Jordan started out his second season in the Melville Top Squad with great commitment in pre-season and put in the hard work to get in decent shape for the start of the season. Jordan is another versatile defender who can play in a multitude of positions. Early into the season he even showed his ability in the net, replacing an injured Macca at half-time and kept a clean sheet, making a few great saves!

Dylan FORBES (Dyl - Defender)

Dylan is a great, versatile young player, who I have leant on throughout the year to be a constant boost to our backline and midfield. Dyl has a great eye making him very hard to eliminate, as anything that goes near him he gets a stick on. He reads the play well, creating intercepts and is a great distributor of the ball. Every striker he lines up against I do not envy as they are in for a long day in the office. Dylan has had a much more consistent year in 2018 - STOP PRESS Dylan rewarded with 1's debut in finals.





PREMIER 2 MEN CONT



Evan Kelly (above) was presented with 200 & 250 Premier League game milestones, and also recognised as the Premier League games record holder for Melville at 253 Premier League games as at August 2018

Evan KELLY (Bevie - Defender)

This off-season has seen Evan welcome his daughter into the world and he started out the season in between 1s and 2s, trying to maintain his now "Dad-bod." Ev is one of the most consistently dangerous defenders in the Top Squad, with his still-dangerous change of speed and silky skills breaking ankles to this day. Hoping to see you back in the 2s team more consistently next year Bevie!



Tristan LASEVICIUS (Blade Runner - Striker)

The blade runner humbled himself at the start of the season by bringing his EVEN FASTER brother down to training just to show everyone that he is beatable. Tristan is a great young player who is still working on perfecting his game, a very opportunistic striker with blistering pace and a tomma that makes everyone jump and duck for cover at the same time. 2018 saw Tristan have more 1s opportunities come his way and this translated into him being more and more dangerous in 2s as the season unfolded.

Patrick LAWThER (Smear - DEFENDER)

If you ask him what role he plays - he is a dangerous striker. This semi-professional hockey player is very versatile and to his credit, when called upon to prove that he can play up front he performed and got a few goals, just ask him. I prefer his role to be an overlapping right half as once he gets going forward he rarely turns back, maybe a behaviour he picked up in Europe, after completing the running with the bulls during the season!

Mackenzie LOVE (Macca - GK)

Macca has built on his 2017 premiership-winning season form in 2018, although with an injury setback earlier in the year he has put in the hard work to get back and pushed to earn selection in 1s this year. The Big Mac is a great young competitor and his commitment to attend training has to be commended this year, including a very tough pre-season and extra sessions throughout the year. Keep on working hard Macca!

Nicholas MCCAUGHAN (Nicco - GK)

Great to see Nic trading in the Blue and White for Maroon and White this year! A very competitive season, constantly competing with Macca for the opportunity to play 2s and eventually 1s at the club in the absence of Clemo in the second half of the season. Nic has played great in the net for both the 2s and 1s when called upon to make crucial saves to keep us in the game and our season on track. 2018 was an impressive foundational year in the squad for Nic, who started the first 3 rounds in 3s and worked hard and performed consistently to finish the year in 1s.

Andrew MCINTYRE (Amac - Striker)

Amac has had a break out year, cracking into the 1s team with dedication and hard work that is second to none. He is a great teammate who puts others first and does his job to the best of his ability every time, a great guy to coach and I have enjoyed playing alongside him in 1s this year. Especially when he manages to run past me to cover-defend my player with that trademark selfless and unrewarded running. Amazing work SlayMac!



PREMIER 2 MEN CONT

Kyle MCNESS (Killa - Defender)

Killa has a great mix of abilities - to deliver the ball forward from the backline and his brilliant hand eye coordination sees him trap anything that comes near him and any shots at the postman. He is a natural leader at the back and when he is on his game our defence is impenetrable and the ball finds its way to our attack with ease. Great work this season keeping the ship steady down back.

Nicholas PAGE (Pagey - Defender)

Pagey is one of my favourite players to watch as he goes 110% into every single contest, the definition of a no-nonsense defender makes every possession hell for opposition strikers. Tighter ball control and crisper delivery of the ball are what I would like to see Nick work on to really take his game to the next level as he has the other fundamentals in place alongside a work ethic and desire that valuable players possess.

Trent POTTER (T-Pots - Defender)

T-Pots is a great defender who has an uncanny ability to intercept the ball without changing speed, speaking volumes about his ability to read the play and get the where the ball is going to be early. Trent's persistence in the face of challenges this year resulted in gaining consistent selection in 1s by the back end of the season, awesome work mate.

Ashley RANFORD (Ashman - MF/Defender)

Ash has had a season in which I have thrown constant challenges his way, playing him in in both mid-field and as a defender. To his credit, he has given it everything he has to play the best for the team in both 1s and 2s this year, in every position placed, and it is with this team-first mentality I have been the most impressed. Ash's tight ball handling and good passing ability pierces defences and mid-fields before they know it and when Ash is firing, the ball movement in our team flows freely.

Frank REYNOLDS (Dank - MF/Defender)

Frank's short burst in 2s this year was great to have during his rehabilitation after a groin injury, before pushing back into the 1s team. Our Fines Master has been holding everyone accountable throughout the year, meanwhile he is one of the most accountable on the pitch, constantly pressuring the opposition into turning over the ball at a rate faster than he can stir the pot! Another fantastic year of constant challenging work has provided great results for you and those around you!

Anthony RICCIARDONE (Wild Dog - Mid-field)

The wild dog returns! Showing us that he has more to provide to the Top Squad with another year of great leadership for the 2s boys. This year Ricca welcomed a young pup to the family, yet still found the time to get

down and bark at the young lions when they step out of line. Big Ricca found form with his silky dribbling and passing in the second half of the year, having transitioned to completing his veteran's style pre-season during the first 11 games of the year in 2018. Cheers for another enjoyable year mate.

David RICHARDSON (Richo - Mid-field)

Richo is the standard by which I measure leadership-by-actions. He is an undeniable competitor who truly wants to compete at the best of his ability every game and hates losing more than he hates flying shoes. Although his season was interrupted with an injury due to simply warming up, when he is on the pitch the team unknowingly works harder, because the captain's work-rate is contagious. Another wonderful year with you helping me run the team, thanks again mate!

James ROSS (Jamie - Striker)

Jamie is the quiet assassin in the striker line, a man of few words within the group but his actions on the pitch do the talking. Consistently running hard in the press and keeping the defenders guessing with his inside drag are trademarks of his game. I am hoping next year Jamie can take the next step in his game, increasing ball-handling ability to really dominate the grade as a striker and build from 2018.

Mitch SCALLY (Moof - Striker)

Mitch has always been up for a challenge and is one of the hardest workers in the squad, and although not consistently playing 2s this year has made improvements to his game. His attitude towards hockey and wanting to continue his development is great to see and will see him playing many years of great hockey for Melville Hockey Club.

Jon SMEDLEY (Smeds - Striker)

Jon has really led from the front this year, helping the striker line and playing group continue to develop with his wise words and presence within the playing group. Smedley really steps up when the going gets tough and has been a force to be reckoned with, being very tough to defend. Whether it's breaking ankles during intra-squad matches or roofing flicks to make a statement in a fiery match this Pony stands tall when it matters.

Mitchell TATE (Spud - Mid-field)

2018 was a good year for Mitchell, continuing to develop his game, resulting in being rewarded with a couple of 1s games this season. His mid-field presence is undeniable and he is defensively one of the best in the competition, always hassling and keeping dangerous players under wraps. I look forward to Spud taking his game to the next level and becoming a force to be reckoned with in years to come in the first grade.



TOP SQUAD MEN





PREMIER 2 WOMEN

From the Coach Mark Watton (Watto): Backing up from such a successful year in 2017 was always going to be tough, as this group had performed so well last year. I'll admit, I was a little nervous that we may not maintain the level we had set for ourselves, particularly given some key personnel changes with the loss from our core group of Zeta, Griff, Taleisha and Molly and the justifiable promotion of Jade and Neasa to the 1s. I needn't have worried! Lou came to us from Hale and has been outstanding in goals. Shanae and Geo coming in from Peel have both been major contributors to our success and with Monique, Chloe and Sarah all promoted from 3s last year, each one has more than justified their elevation to the Top Squad.



This group has played some outstanding hockey in 2018. Going through the first round without having our colours lowered, we have since lost only one game and had two draws. We've averaged over three goals for and less than one against for the season and have proven that we are strong across the field. The group has embraced the style of hockey we have wanted them to play and have now become the benchmark of the competition, and I have no doubt they have the capability to continue this in the future. I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching this group of young women - yes Jess, even you. They are a credit to themselves and the club and with the quality coming through on the Women's side of the club, the future is bright and I'm sure success will follow in the not too distant future.

At the time of writing this the Premier 2 Women sit on top of the ladder, 5 points clear of second with one round to go. So much for being nervous about us backing it up from last year. Our challenge now is to expel the demons of last year's Grand Final loss and go one better in 2018. Over the course of the season we have had 31 players be part of our team, so we'd like to say a massive thank you to the following players that played with the 2s to varying degrees throughout the season: Caitlin Bentley, Larissa Blechynden, Grace Bowyer, Sarah Bowyer, Mathilda Carmichael, Casey Donaldson, Neasa Flynn, Erin Hall, Hope Jobe, Tearne Latham, Carmon McPhee, Bonnie Meacock, Meg Silvey, Jo Snyman and Jade Vanderzwan. Lastly, I wanted to thank Fie for managing again this year, it makes such a difference for a coach when they have someone alongside them who is so organised, having all the off-field side of things taken care of so all you have to worry about is coaching. Fie, you have provided this and so much more and we couldn't have achieved as much as we have without you. **STOP PRESS: 2018 Premiers!**

Briony CLARK (Bri - Defence/Midfield)

Despite being away in Broome for half the season, Bri has had a large influence amongst the team. Her determination and endeavour on the pitch as well as her approachable, genuine and loving personality, makes her so enjoyable to be around. Bri has been so wonderful to play with, and is such a positive role model to all around her that I look forward to playing with her in the future.

Lou-Ellen EDWARDS (Lou - Goal Keeper)

Lou-Ellen came to Melville this year and quickly impressed us with her ninja skills in the goals. Since then she has slotted quickly into the 2s side, helping us finish with the least amount of goals scored against us across the competition. Anyone watching how Lou plays would be amazed to hear she is only 16! Lou was also part of the Under 16 Schoolgirls State Team this year. We can't wait to see her bright future at Melville Hockey.

Georgia ELLIS (Geo - Midfield)

New to Melville, this year Geo has made her mark on both the 1s and 2s sides. Her enthusiasm and fight on the pitch has frequently won her votes, and her calm and experienced manner gives the whole team confidence to follow her down the pitch. Never one to back down from a challenge and always willing and keen to take on the next challenge, both at training and during games, she is

definitely not someone you want to come up against- but always someone you're relieved to have backing you up! Geo has represented WA at the Sate Country Championships in Berri this year, and we are immensely proud of her selection in the National Country team that will tour New Zealand in April 2019! Congratulations Geo on not only making the State and National Country teams, but also on a very successful first season at Melville!

Chloe FORBES (Defence)

Chloe may have been one of our quiet up and coming Juniors but this hasn't stopped her from stepping up and bringing a solid and consistent performance for the Maroon girls, week after week. Her calm and composure added great consistency and stability to our defensive line-up this year. Not only has she brought these flourishing skills into Senior Women's hockey but she has also made a shining appearance representing the Black and Gold at the Under 16 Schoolgirls Championships this year. She'll be one to watch for years to come!

Jessica GALLIMORE (Jess - Midfield)

Jess is one of the most entertaining and valued members of our team. When she's not busy giving Watto coaching advice or having big Friday nights you'll see her, no matter what, giving the team her all out on the pitch. Jess is constantly laying questionable yet impressive tackles



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and along with her incredible work rate, skills, and ball movement, she is a crucial aspect of our midfield. I think I can speak on behalf of the whole team in saying that Jess has made a huge impact to our success so far this year, as well as never failing to make everyone laugh off the field.

Sarah HASSELERHARM (Hassel - Defense)

Congratulations Sarah on your move up to Women's 2s this year! It's no easy feat to join a team that has been top of the ladder for some time. You have fitted in perfectly with your ability to take the game on with amazing skill. This season you have been an extremely valuable team member by playing almost every position on the field and succeeding at it. Congratulations on your selection in the WA Under 16 Schoolgirls State team this year. We are looking forward to seeing what you can achieve next year, well done on a great season.

Kimberley HOCKING (Kim - Striker)

Kim's start to the season was rough due to a shoulder injury which caused her to miss all of the preseason. With determination, she came back to be a strong striker in our front line. With her tenacious will to get the ball and hard work she has been rewarded with her many goals. Kim's good stickwork and offensive pressure up front has given the team plenty of opportunities to score and she is a valued member of the team.

Ashleigh MCNESS (Ash - Defence)

With a continuous niggling calf, it's great to see Ash make it through the season mostly unscathed. We love having her out on the pitch and her ability to deliver a pass to a leading forward, eliminate the opposition's press with a well-placed overhead or finish off a corner with her drag flicks all really bring another dimension to our game! Ash may hold the record for the highest goal scorer in defence however, her greatest achievement is holding the record for being the most carded person on our team

Tara PORTER (Defence/Midfield)

Tara is a very experienced player who consistently performs at a high level. She has so much knowledge of the game and all the Junior players love learning from her. Tara can always lighten every situation by bringing a smile to everyone's face. Perhaps it's a sign of her experience, but she can often be found on the dugout floor, stretching on her orange roller. It has been an absolute joy playing alongside you.

Ashleigh POWER (Ash - Defence /Midfield)

Ash is a talented, enthusiastic player who makes a large impact within the team. Moving into the midfield this year, she has impressed everyone with her amazing stick skills, strong tackles and her ability to turn players inside out, often going back to beat a player more than once. She has great vision and is able to break through defending lines easily. Ash's talents include squealing whenever she receives the ball in the D and bragging about how many goals she has scored this year. She is the Captain of her school hockey team and the J11/12 A team, and she made her debut for Premier League this season. Ash has had a very successful year!

Monique SADER (Sader - Striker)

Sader is a talented goal-scoring machine with sass and suave. She loves bringing her A game each week and enjoys a good banter with anyone older than her. She never shies from a hard tackle on the opposition defence - winning the ball and counter attacking fast and furious.





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Kirsten SILVEY (Kirst - Defense)

Kirst is a positive light in the team, always encouraging and is a great leader to have. She is always there if you need to talk and is an easy person to approach. If she ever has to play with Maddy at the start of the game you always hear Kirst say, "Oh Maddy's back with sticks in".

Madeline SMITH-GANDER (Maddy - Striker)

"Come on girls, sticks in!" Maddy, Maddy, Maddy, AKA, the fines master! Insisting during one of the games that we should yell at her if we felt like we needed to, instead of us girls giving it to the umpire/opposition. What a true team player she is!! Maddy works her butt off every game she plays, running loops around people, I reckon it's that Curly Wurly she has before each game that gives her that everlasting amount of energy! Congratulations on making the WA Country team for the Nationals this year, you deserved it. Well done on this season, you gave it all you had in every game you played!!

Elizabeth STRATTON (Lizzie - Striker)

It is a privilege to play alongside Lizzie. She is tenacious, skilled, smart and has such a love for the game! She is consistently one of our best performers and I know she will always give 100% and not leave anything in the tank. She has been a fantastic leader and we are all very lucky to have her to learn from. She is a force to be reckoned with. We love having you, Liz!

Aleesha THOMPSON (Leesh - Midfield)

Aleesha, the silent assassin on and off the field, has consistently shown her silky skills and run and gun attitude through the middle of the field. As quiet as a mouse, but just as striking as Juddy's dance moves on Benny's dance floor, Aleesha has really stood up this year, demonstrating her wealth of knowledge and experience of the game. When she's not gallivanting in the ocean with whales in WA's north, or sun bathing in Darwin, she's playing a pivotal role in the midfield, showcasing her strength and positive flare each week. Top season, Leesh!

Shanae WARDROPE (Nae - Striker)

Shanae's first year at the club definitely didn't go unnoticed. Whether it was one of her hilarious comments, her terrible touch rugby skills, constantly getting hit with hockey balls/footballs/basketballs, throwing her stick when trying to shoot for goal, falling over trying to tomma, or just always falling over in general, she has continued to make everyone laugh throughout the season and even managed to play some extremely good hockey in the meantime. Thanks for making the season as enjoyable as possible Shanae. Can't wait to see what you bring next year :)





PREMIER ALLIANCE MEN

The Premier Alliance team this year picked up where they left off, the reigning premiers battled through every contest, finishing the league in 3rd place (14 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw). A very different team lined up this year and an injection of youth combined with some old (slow) legs has come together and really put in some awesome performances. As always, the 3s have been a stepping ladder into the top squad and we hope to see the next generation of Melville crack into the 1s and 2s next year!

Sean BENTLEY (Bents)

Bents has taken another step forward in becoming a dominant 3s player, regularly playing in the 2s has really helped his progression. Hope to see him more regularly in the top squad next year. Massive effort to play 2 games back to back on a number of occasions!

Thomas BERGIN (Tom)

Only had a few games with us this year but has huge potential, still playing in the 11/12 team - it was great to see Tom get his first taste of men's hockey. Often making his opponent look like a midget, Tom is a confident, first to the ball, physical type of defender which is rare to see at such a young age.

Matthew BOWATER (Matty B)

Taking some time away from the glitz and glamour of Hong Kong, we were able to get 5 solid games plus finals from Matt. Only thing better than Matt's goal scoring abilities is his banter in the change room.

Mark BRODIE (Brodes)

Our resident rock expert, Brodes was able to play when his heavy work schedule allowed. At over a goal a game this guy could still be playing Premier League hockey. Felt sorry for any opposition that had to mark this bloke in a game. Great to see another experienced player helping the younger juniors develop.

Jordan DWYER (JDH)

In and out of the 2s team, Jordy has been a great asset to the 3s and a leader in the defensive line. Another one to see into the top squad in future years.

Chris GILL (Gilly)

The token silver fox of the team, Gilly dominated the centre of the field. Often playing no nonsense "get ball, give ball" hockey, with the occasional hip and shoulder. Eligible to play over 50s next year, we hopefully will retain his services for another season.

Mackenzie LOVE (Mac Love)

One of 3 keepers that occupied the net this year, Mac played some fantastic hockey that led him to his first 1s cap. If he keeps growing, he may not fit in the goals next year! With a strong pre-season Macca will be competing for the coveted 1s keeping position next season.

Daniel MCENTEE (Macca)

Dada Macca has had his best 3s season yet, turning back the clock on many occasions this year. He had a huge season, hitting 9 goals and owes Guilford Grammar a new window. Led the forward line this year with both experience and skill.

Zachary MCKINNON (Zac)

Another 11/12s player to make his senior debut this season, Zac is continuing the Melville tradition of producing some quality keepers. Made some top level saves this year, with a solid pre-season we should see Zac make himself a permanent 3s player next year.

Susumu OZONE (Su)

Su was our one and only import this year, from Japan. Studying English at Murdoch Uni, I think he took some colourful language he learnt on the field, back to Japan. Hopefully you are dominating back home Su.

Nicholas PAGE (Pagey)

A fierce competitor, Pagey often had to mark the opponent's best player which he regularly won the 1 on 1s with. Unlucky not to play more 2s game, the 3s benefited from a quick, skilful player.

Harrison PARKES (Harry)

Harry picked up where he left off last year. A very skilful player, he learnt to play halfback, a challenge he took on and he has developed into a good defender. Another player to look out for in coming years.

Sean RANFORD (Ramma)

A heavy work schedule meant Ramma came in halfway through the year, looking more trim than he ever has, which saw him become a regular starter. Solid as always and hardly ever gave the ball up. Having a personal fan club at every game also gave him confidence to throw some shocking overheads.

Alex RAYFIELD (Ray Ray)

When not wearing vintage clothes from his parents' wardrobe, our most hipster team mate has become a solid defender. We should see Ray Ray feature more permanently in the 3s next year and he has the potential to become a future leader.

Mitch SCALLY (Moof)

Saw some real development from Mitch this year, showing he can eliminate players and score some good goals. He will only benefit with a solid pre-season next year. Hopefully we will see Moof crack into the 2s team, but can never question his desire and hard work.



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Joshua SCANLON (Scanners Jnr)

Scanners Jnr has taken his opportunity to play 3s with both hands, and with his continued growth and development we will see him become a regular next season.

Cameron SURTEES (Cam)

Cam has come in for his first proper year of 3s. Still developing and learning, we should see Cam get a regular spot in the team and push for top squad in the future.

Michael SYMONDS (Symmo)

The "human highlight reel" - this season saw Symmo score some absolute gems of goals. A late set-back due to surgery on his foot saw Symmo come back for the last few rounds and he was invaluable during finals.

Aiden VAN ZUYLEN

Sorry Aiden, we are going to have to get you a nickname for next year! A quietly-spoken player, but who shows plenty of determination, we often forget he is only in year 12 and mistake him for a much more senior player. With a solid pre-season under his belt we hope to see Aiden play in the top squad next year. All-up a great year by Aiden, we have seen massive growth in ability and maturity from him.

Alexander WRAGG (AJ)

AJ was banned from tomahawks this season, but his ability to run all day and communicate is what makes AJ special. Peaking at the right time of the season saw AJ become a regular in the team and solid contributor on and off the field.

Maverick YOW (Mav)

As always, Mav was our rock in defence, his willingness to put his body on the line for a stopping tackle is second to none and his drag-flicking ability saw him finish the season as leading goal scorer. Although fined heavily during the season for taking 3/4 of the team away for his wedding (on the weekend we had a top-of-the-ladder clash with UWA), it was all but forgotten due to the wealth of experience and maturity he brings to this team and the knowledge he passes onto the upcoming youth of the club. Well done Mav.

Honourable mentions to those who helped though out the year, it takes more than the 16 selected on the day to make a team. And to Andy, our coach, thanks for an amazing year and dealing with a constant headache of selections and ever-changing line-ups. One of the hardest jobs at the club is coaching the 3s, great job!





PREMIER ALLIANCE WOMEN

It was always going to be tough to build on the success of season 2017, however, preseason attendance was good, and those that attended made the gains! The entire middle squad were shaping up well, both in fitness and on the turf, which made selections tough, however that can only be a good thing for the club. We welcomed new players, and many Juniors into the group for their first taste of Senior hockey, and it is a testament to the group how easy these new players and Juniors found it, to integrate themselves into a new environment. **STOP PRESS: 2018 Premiers!**

Caitlin BENTLEY

First year in a Senior team, took a few weeks to get her confidence, and then carried it through the year. Able to play across a few lines, but spent most of the season in the midfield eliminating defenders and feeding on to the strikers!

Larissa BLECHYNDEN

After an interrupted start to the season due to injury, came back to be one of our reliable defenders in the second half of the season. Teamed up well with Bonnie to hold the fort together at the back and break down opposition strikers on a regular basis, as well as delivering some clean ball to the midfield.

Grace BOWYER

Not too bad for only her second year as a 'defender'. Not only able to defend, but can dazzle opponents with her skill to keep them on their toes. Impressive performances throughout the season, rewarded with 2s selection on multiple weeks.

Sarah BOWYER

Our consistent and hard-working Captain who led by example every week. Showed composure in the midfield doing the simple, yet sometimes unrewarded things, over and over, whilst keeping everyone inline on and off the field!

Rosalie FRICHOT

Joined the team on a full-time basis after Tori's season was cut short. Contributed to our striker line more and more each week, setting up goals, and finally getting one of her own in round 16!

Sarah GALLIMORE

Always providing entertainment and brightening everyone's days, or nights. Highlight of the year, goal of the year, whatever you want to call it. Photos to prove it, and will sit in prime position at the family home for years to come.

Tearne LATHAM

The voice behind our defence, loud, clear and concise. Everyone appreciates the hard work T puts in, which resulted in some phenomenal saves this season. Never afraid to take a hit for the team.



Serena MATTHEWS

Spending more time in the midfield, became a bulldozer both with and without the ball. Seeing your game grow throughout the season was terrific, as you made numerous contributions in attack and defence. At times even surprising yourself!

Rosie MCCAUGHAN

Rosie, Who is Sophie? Well Sophie is Rosie. New to the club, was a welcome addition. Turned 18 in the early part of the season, and got some sass! That sass turned into goals, quite a few goals, however, I am yet to see a toma go in.

Carmon MCPHEE

New to Melville in 2018 and fitted in perfectly. Going about everything with a smile on her face, but on the pitch showed determination to not let her opponent get the better of her. Enjoyed a 6 week trip mid-season, but was great to have you return prior to finals!

Bonnie MEACOCK

Speed like no other. Is always entertaining to see an opponent come close to you when you have the ball, and then see you take off and leave them for dead. Struck up a connection with Larissa at the back, making our defensive group hard to crack.

Janelle MILLER

Consistent performances made for a strong season. Another who doesn't do the flashy things, rather the simple and unrewarded tasks. Called home in the back group, but enjoyed a run as striker on the odd occasion!

Monique MILLER

Unfortunately had a season interrupted by injury, making it hard to get any consistency with training and games. When able to play was a solid contributor in our back group.

Monique SADER

Loves a goal, deserved her spot in 2s, but also loves playing two games in a weekend. We also love having you Sader. 110% effort 110% of the time. Top season.

Victoria WADE

Vicky was unfortunately restricted to just three games this season due to an ongoing and lingering leg injury. Was Number 1 stats girl, helped out with coaching and got some laughter from Jamie's misfortunes. We missed you on the pitch, but looking forward to an injury-free 2019.



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Mathilda Carmichael (Tilly) Coach: Another great season of coaching by Tilly, evidenced by a team that were Minor Premiers with three weeks left to go on the home and away season. Always able to make training and fitness fun and has clearly earned deep respect from the playing group. Whatever the result in the finals, Tilly has again been able to mould a very cohesive, consistent and strong team that took on any challenges thrown at them on the field. The hockey at times was mesmerising as the ball whipped from defence to attack and into the net without the opposition touching the ball.

The hockey which this team produced each week was impressive and a joy to watch. We set out to make no single player more important than any other. In other words, if one player was away, we had another player, or two, who could step in and fulfil that role to the same level. With the amount of absences we had from week to week, and the results produced, one would say we achieved this. There was no one individual who stood out more than another, rather in every game, there was a collection of players who could have been named best on ground. It was very clear that those who put in the hard work, in attending fitness and skills sessions each week reaped the benefits with strong performances and improvement throughout the year.

As coach, there have been many highlights this season, some are:

- Our TEAM goal against Aquinas in round 1. It went from our defensive baseline to the other end, every player having an involvement, and Aquinas not touching the ball. Textbook stuff.*
- Gams' goal against Hale, and the terrific photography skills from Teresa to capture it all*
- The personal qualities of the individuals in the team, how they interact with each other, welcome Juniors or others into the team and have fun whilst playing hockey!*
- Seeing each and every player take on the challenge to improve themselves, and then put it into practice in the matches o Jamie attempting to play ball boy, and having the ball fly up and nearly knock him in a region, which apparently for men, is quite painful. This certainly ensured Tori had plenty of laughs throughout the season, to help her spend the majority of the season on the sideline! Finally, many people were involved with this team and having them on the park each week*
- Jamie Bowyer (Manager) - Treated himself to a new clipboard this season, and made an impact each and every week. Kept everyone in check, was on top of money, lollies, umpiring and everything else. Having a second pair of eyes on match day is also a massive help to me to get the most out of the girls, and Jamie is a large contributor to the success and fun which this group of girls have*
- Mal Cowan and Mark Watto (Top Squad Coaches) - For the assistance in team selections, as well as developing such strong players at the top level, which helps create depth in the middle squad*
- Chris Morrison and Greg Hunt (4s Coaches) - For the sharing and development of players, enabling us to maintain depth the squad.*
- Brianna Coleman (Women's VP) - Your endless hours of emails, numbers for teams, turf bookings and general running of the entire women's program doesn't go unnoticed.*
- Teresa Forbes (Photography) - Thank you for capturing some brilliant photos of this group, who although are not the top team at the club, are a talented bunch of players*
- All the supporters who supported the team each week, regardless of weather, location or time of the match!*
- All those who weren't a 'regular' in the team but joined in at some stage throughout the season, Emma Lunt, Nat Matthews, Jess Gallimore, Ash Power, Kirst Silvey, Izzy Ramos, Briony Clark, Chloe Forbes, Sarah Hasselerharm, Brianna Coleman, Katelyn Smith, Hope Jobe, Lizzie Stratton, Claire Timmel, Crystal Hobbs, Kim Hocking, and Aleesha Thompson.*





SENIOR PLAYERS





PROVISIONAL 1 MEN

Jake COLEMAN

Not only the best looking in the team but the best hockey player too. Unlike the NBN, Jake lives up to his expectations coming off 18 BOG performances last year. He makes the opposition look as useless as a flywire door on a submarine. In this form Tokyo 2020 is a certainty. He found more holes in the opposition's defence than a Connect 4 board. He could find space in a phone box to get a shot away, scoring all the team's goals. Unlike Turnbull, Jake was able to control his bench and hold onto his spot as supreme leader of the team.

Jesse FLOYD

Jesse is probably one of the few guys in 4s that can actually put the ball in the back of the net with decent consistency (unlike Jackson). He is a regular at training and puts his mind to whatever drill is set out and his efforts are often rewarded on the weekend. Jesse is quiet on the field, maybe something he could work on next season. He also showed the other teenagers in the team it was possible to have a night at the big house and still play a game the next day. The coaching panel looks forward to your leadership next season.

Callum JOYNES

Callum made it back for a second year after a couple of years off with his mate Billy. He must have given some of his hockey ability to Billy over those years. It was clear Billy still had a pretty good hold on Callum this year. Famously stating, "I would be a lot better if I was Fit." As a key forward, he decided to only score when the team needed him to. Callum, however, thought we weren't that desperate for a goal, often forgetting we needed to score more than the opposition to win. He learnt from his broken hand at training last year and decided not to show up. This proved a better option as he went injury-free for the whole season.

Lloyd KING

Lloyd decided to promote himself to the 4s coming off the back of a grand final win last year. The coaching panel was originally unimpressed with the decision, but he ended up showing guys young enough to be his kids how it is done. You never know they may even be his. Famously he stated before the game the forwards have been lacking the ability to score goals. This is when Ash pipes up and says, "Why don't you score a few then Lloyd." That is exactly what he did, putting three away that game. Imagine where we would have finished with Ash's motivational speaking earlier in the season. Lloyd has a sporting career as decorated as a Coles mud cake, qualifying himself for his transition to Vets next year.

Hayden LOCK

Hayden was lucky enough to get selected in the 4s for the second half of the season. Notably after being selected he decided to turn up to a couple of games and pull out of a few more with diminishing notice. The coaching panel theorised what he was doing but he kept to his story of work, injured and injured at work. He had nothing on Tony's excuses from last year.



Jackson MCREADY

Hangover Part 2. When he's not hungover, Jacko is the second quickest forward, behind Ev Kelly. Pity he must have always been hungover, frequently outpaced by Lloyd and notably Ports in a Prov 2 game. Like Lloyd Jacko forgot that his job was to score goals. This became apparent when comparing, Jacko, forward, 7 games 0 goals. Alex Rayfield, Fullback, 2 games 2 goals (2 tommas below backboard height too). Credit where credit is due though, Jacko does provide plenty of banter, mostly directed at him after the hangover Part 2 incident. The amount of shit he copped for not turning up to a 5.30 Sunday game because he was hungover was enough to deter future truancy.

Harrison PARKES

Before getting stuck into the hockey talk Harry took it upon himself to star in Hangover Part 1. Didn't rock up to a Sunday game after being carried home from the famous Big House. Harry has some great skills coupled with the rare ability to use them. He is a team player, always in the right position, and always thinking of making the right play. Although primarily a striker, Harry has a great understanding of most positions on the field, making him a very big threat to the opposition no matter what role he is in. For next season he could focus on improving his fitness and hangover recovery abilities. Also dodging right crosses in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Jonathan RAYFIELD

Jono was our regular keeper this year, meaning he went on holidays for half of it. Jono however, managed to return for the bye round and trainings just to go away again on the weekend. Between 1 and 100 goals went between his legs, completing our swiss cheese backline. This season Jono managed less clean sheets than a teenage couple. His greatest contributions to the team include bringing his brother Alex to the game and writing a couple of decent yearbooks. I hope to see batman in the net for us next year because as goalies go he's reasonably normal.



PROVISIONAL 1 MEN CONT

Will REYNOLDS

Nobody is more critical of Will than himself. Even after a BOG performance he thinks he did everything wrong. The Frank of the team complained about being tired and not coming off while still being the quickest on the pitch. I would describe his style of hockey as being busier than a 1-armed brick layer in Baghdad. A trademark style of the Reynold's brothers. We were lucky enough to get the one that keeps himself in peak form for the next days game. Happy to have you back next year Will.

Jordon RUTIGLIANO

Jordon is the guy you want in the back line, defending the D like his life depended on it. Stripping the forwards of the ball and racing down the sideline with his flowing long locks and pin point accuracy passes. Jordon always gives 110%. I'm not talking about hockey, rather rocking up with different hairstyles. If only he spent as much time training as doing his hair, we would have an even more formidable defender. If his hair was any fresher, he would have to live with his aunt and uncle in Bel-Air. It's always a pleasure playing along side Jordon. Thanks for your efforts mate, see you next year.

Gavin SCALLY

Gav made a few notable contributions to the team:

1. Always being the late call up when blokes were too hungover to play.;
2. Teaching the umpire simple physics.;
3. Convincing Ev Kelly to play for us.
4. Offering to buy a round and suddenly there were more kids looking for handouts than a Michael Jackson class action. Another solid season from the former men's VP, not being the worst bloke to rotate through the side.

Mitch SCALLY

We brought Mitch into the team after he pestered the coaching panel for selection. Unfortunately, Mitch turned 18 this year so his hockey ability went down like his bank account on Saturday night. Mitch brings a high work rate and entertainment to the team. The entertainment includes frequently falling over and getting stuck into the opposition. He pissed off one bloke enough to sit on him and destroy his ankle. Luckily the phrase "she'll be right" accelerates the healing process and he was back for more next week. I'll save all the actual hockey talk for your 3's write-up.

Joshua SCANLON

Josh was the youngest of our 2 father son combos this year. The opposite to the Scally's, Josh brought the height of the family. He started off the year well, too well in fact he did enough to get demoted to 3's. In the 3's side he continued to do what he was selected for, (carrying the ball) but that wasn't well received. His strength on the ball and confidence has improved to the point where he's now happy to take on 3 blokes coming from fullback, much to the delight of the coaching panel. Josh is an exciting young player and we look forward to seeing what he will produce in years to come.

James WELTEN

One of the veterans of the team, Jimmy is a dependable inside forward (when he's not injured, must have been injured all season). You can pass him the ball and then watch the magic as he races through the midfield trying to regain control and then slip it off to a waiting forward like it was all part of the plan. But seriously, if you need a position filled, Jimmy is always one you can count on. Always great playing along side him. Thanks for all your efforts mate.

Alexander WRAGG

One of the senior members of the team (mainly because he's older than 20), AJ took on the role as team Facebook "right up" consultant and general bench heckler. Even heckling from the coach's box, telling Will to do an overhead and laughing at his attempt. Self-proclaimed "world famous right ups" started small with a mild sense of amusement, most famously slamming Harry and Jackson for not being able to play a Sunday night game due to a hangover from Friday night. They all started "when I was your age...". As the weeks progressed "right ups" became longer as AJ's game time diminished due to lack of fitness, meaning he could actually watch the game rather than mis-trapping the ball. Like the 4s each week, AJ's "right ups" will continue to grow and improve, hoping to hit small novel length next year.



Our season quickly changed from finals ambitions to avoiding relegation. It seems we have done enough to hold our spot in the grade with the longest list in hockey history. Thanks to the following players for playing with us this season: Regan Bright, Sean Bentley, Andrew Scanlon, Cam Surtees, Jono Thorn, Jack Hallam, Michael Symonds, Griff Thomas, Maverick Yow, Harrison Parkes, Chris Morrison, Cam Love, Ash Ellis, Daniel Page, Susumu Ozone, Joe Hart, Evan Kelly, Brodie Hood, Shaun Gibbins, Fraser Hay, Shane Leknys, Cam Robinson (Timber), Todd Barrett, Jordan Dwyer, Russell Lee, Jayben Lister, Sean Ranford, Alex Rayfield, Matthew Read, Adam Riley, Ben Rushton, Andrew Starling, Eddie Swan, William Ross, Grant Watton, Jason Tate and Mackenzie Love.



PROVISIONAL 1 WOMEN

Starting the season with some fresh new faces along with the return of most of the team from last year put the girls on track for a follow-up good year. The bar was set high early on with anything less than a finals appearance being a let down with the potential in the team. After receiving a decent belting in round one, we currently are sitting top of the ladder as we have for the majority of the season. With a lot of players getting injured or having ill-timed holidays, the struggle to get a team onto the pitch was sometimes a juggle but having an outstanding line-up of juniors stepping up and playing well, the team has gelled together regardless. With finals approaching, we are all looking forward to hopefully taking home the flag after a stellar season.

Mariah ADOLPHUS (Boney M)

Mariah joined the club a few weeks into the season and was a great addition to the team, with an amazing ability to draw a cheer squad to a late Sunday night 4s game. The jury is still out on whether Boney M actually has that many fans, friends or family members or simply had 'rent a crowd' - either way, we really enjoyed the support. Unfortunately Boney M missed a few games through injury but on her return was a great addition to an already strong goal-scoring forward line. It has been great playing with you this season and looking forward to seeing you around in the future.

Mia BALLARD

The team's 'quiet' pocket rocket who never gives in and usually succeeds in hounding the opposition until she fouls or gets the ball. Always eager to learn more (the good aspects of hockey) from the team. Fears nothing in play, regularly puts her body on the line at short corners - frequently stopping or foiling those big hits at goal. This, along with our backline, has contributed to the team being one of the tightest backlines in the competition. Thank you for contributing to the team's successful year and we want you back next season.

Danica BROUN (Hickey)

Danica's pace and top-notch skills play an important part up front, to add to our fierce attack. Hickey never entered the defensive half so didn't spend too much time with defensive players. However, comes to the game each week with a cheeky 'guilty' smile plastered on her face (even when still intoxicated from the night before) that was contagious and lifted the spirits of all around her. She never fails to give 110% which has resulted in a few goals to her name as well as assisting others to find the back of the net. Great season Danica, awesome effort.

Stacey BRUCE

Stacey joined the team later in the season and was very quickly recognized as complimenting our attack.

Gradually building up her fitness after lengthy leave from the game, she adds grunt to our attack. Always brings her best effort to games and her no-nonsense approach is displayed time and time again. She is super supportive on field and always encourages everyone to do their best. It is much appreciated by all. See you next year.

Brianna COLEMAN (Crafty)

Brianna is an all-round awesome player often dominating in the centre-half position. Promoting movement of the ball across the field smoothly as well as always pulling us into line when pressing. Crafty's hockey skills are of high quality, but we think her acting career is about to take off. We cannot wait to see her in any upcoming movies.

Brianna is an amazing captain and her commitment to the team and club is admirable to all. Awesome work this year Crafty and we look forward to seeing you with a GG (Golden Globe) very soon.

Demelza DRAVNIKS (Dee)

Thanks to our Dee for being that dependable rock in the backline. Solid in defence where your speed is regularly on display, as are your skills. You always give your all and seem undaunted by the pressures of the backline, reading the play well, often stopping attacks and implementing smooth transition of play. The colourful hair 'GT' stripe is beautiful and seems to work well, increasing your speed. Loved playing with you and hope you continue to be part of the team.

Katie ERNST (Goalie)

It has been great to have our Katie with us in goals this year. She has proven to be a highly valuable asset in defense. Always organizing the troops with her talk and guidance - it has been so effective that the team ranks in the top three (3) for being a tight defence. Some games she would not even have to touch the ball. Her ability to withstand the weekly commute is admired and we hope she wants to play with us next year.





PROVISIONAL 1 WOMEN CONT



Isabelle GURBIEL (Izzy G)

Izzy is an interesting character on and off the field. She is gifted in her position at half back as she is tenacious and fast, resulting in precious little getting past her. Unfortunately for the team she has missed a few games through injury, including 'man' flu and a broken fingernail. Izzy always brings a bright and bubbly attitude to our games although she does not suffer fools on the field. Izzy you are a valued member of the team and oh! can I borrow your ute?

Emma LUNT (Forward)

Emma is one of our newest recruits this year and has slotted in seamlessly to our powerful forward line. Her speed and hunger to score has added many a goal to her tally. Emma's skills, entertainment and wicked sense of humour (on and off the pitch) has made this season fun and enjoyable and we look forward to playing more seasons with you.

Natalie MATTHEWS

At first glance it is difficult to tell the Matthews sisters apart. But once you see Nat playing all over the field you can be assured it's our Nat. 2018 has been a great year for Nat. Despite an early season injury, her form and versatility, playing forward, inner, midfield and defence has been extremely useful. Nat is involved in many passages of play, always an option and willing to get involved. She always brings a positive attitude and her determination at training and at games, helps make the team a fun environment.

Narelle MCMILLAN (Mac)

Narelle helped the team immensely with solid structure up back. A strong player making it very tough for the opposing players to get past. The team loved her family fan club on the sidelines, cheering loudly each game 'Gooooo Mum!'. Narelle, midway through the season, decided to be intimidating and look extra tough with her abs printed on her game top (blames the heater for the markings). Unfortunately has now incurred a 'man' knee injury as we enter the finals. We are hoping for a miracle. Come back, come back!

Jenna POWELL

Jenna (the gazelle of the team) is a very determined and reliable team player, who works extremely hard supporting the team to move forward but also quickly works back to assist in defence. She impresses all with her ability to run the ball one handed up the field with great control (much to the displeasure of hubby). Second efforts and her long reach often leave the opposition chasing. Thanks so much for a great season.

Isabelle RAMOS (Ramos)

Izzy gives 100% at all times and is tenacious on the field. The team can always depend on her coming back in defence or supporting in attack. Izzy has an upbeat personality and smoothly fitted into the team. Her presence was definitely missed when she was away for several games, but now that she is back will be a much-needed boost for the finals campaign. You are a wonderful team-mate and we hope to see you next year Doctor Ramos.

Claire TIMMEL (Doose)

It was a pleasure to welcome Doose back to the club after an extended leave of absence. Our co-captain and reliable player contributed heavily through the midfield. Claire's experience and strength was an huge positive to the team not only on the field but also through the talks at half time. Unfortunately Doose has succumbed to a season-ending ankle injury. Very much looking forward to seeing you next year with a bionic ankle.

Georgia WADE (G)

Georgia (the Jennifer Hawkins of the team) has had a great season with her never-back-down attitude. It tends to make her a target for getting beaten up, however it has been known to lead to a 'hat trick'. She is very tenacious in the 'D' and lifts the energy in the forward line. Her presence was missed on the field whilst she has been on her numerous holidays, always returning with an envious tan. Well done on a cracking season.

As mentioned, we had a few injuries and globetrotters, so I'd like to thank all of the Juniors who filled in through out the year. At no point did any of you look out of your depth so keep playing, learning and pushing yourselves. I hope that you have at least taken something away from playing with the girls and enjoyed the experience. Thank you again and thanks also to Greg Hunt for sharing your wisdom with the girls at training each week - Morro
A great bunch (cluck) of ladies that were respectful and very supportive of each other. A team that has displayed dedication and played hard throughout the season. It is fitting that you finished in the top four and we hope that your efforts are rewarded in the finals campaign. Very happy to have got to know you all - Brian



PROVISIONAL 2 (BLACK) MEN

Carrying the banner of “Marquee Team” around the club has been both a blessing and a curse. Having won 4 premierships in a row, we have established ourselves as the destination grade within the club. With the mantra ‘sustained success’, Season 2018 saw the list management team make what was frankly a pretty easy decision to delist Marquee stalwarts TB and Matty Read to open a couple of spots for young blood. The curse being that given the team’s high profile, it proved too daunting to many of Melville’s up and comers who opted for the relative anonymity of the top 4 sides, and a number who, when discovering they would be playing with Ben and Dom, decided retirement was a better option. Thankfully, we were able to get a hold of recent immigrant Macca who had yet to be influenced by the political back stabbing behind the scenes to fill a vital role (ie fielding a team) with the rest of the slots filled by a ‘select’ group of 23 fill ins. Given the modest results from the recruitment programme, we pretty well spent most of the year hunting for recruits each week from all corners of the Club and beyond, and given we have yet to field a full strength side all year, being knocked off from top spot in the last game was still a pretty good result.

Season highlights include a number of stand out performances:

- Captain and Vice Captain spending the first two weeks of the season in Bali
- Nath Elliott spending the first 7 weeks of the year telling us his knee was gone, but it didn’t know it yet, and waiting until 30 seconds into round 8 to finally do it.
- Domma insisting on performing mouth to mouth on some unsuspecting heart attack victim even though he never stopped breathing.
- Benno earning, taking and ultimately missing a penalty stroke for what would have been his first hat trick in 10 years.

Another fun year with a good bunch of blokes who, assuming we can all get on the park at the same time, should continue to give this grade shake, and give the opposition some life lessons along the way. Thanks as always go to the small army who helped us out week to week as we clamoured to field a side, and to the Club for continuing to let us do our thing. **STOP PRESS: Premiers 2018 (5th flag in a row)**

Kenrick ARMITAGE

Ken, Kenny, Ken Doll or whatever you call him, anything but “on-time”. It seems playing for the marquee team has taken second place to Volleyball this season, hence the left side of the field has lacked a little pace this year (not that Nathan has been complaining). One thing is for sure though, he will be the first guy arriving at the end of season function with his hand straight into the esky to get his money’s worth.

Nathan ELLIOTT

Nath has had a season to remember. Never has someone relished the removal of the off side rule more than Nathan. An asset to the team, holding down the left wing position with the touch of a catholic priest around goal. The catch cry of, “Give me no more than 5 then a rest,” can be heard coming from the sheds at the start of every game. Unfortunately, even with the well-planned rotations, trying to slow down the steam train has left his knee with as much integrity as car salesman. Look forward to him rolling back into a new season next year.

Brendan JOSS (Bear)

Another solid year from the Marquee side’s left half. Nothing flashy or exciting about the way he goes about his task of receiving bouncy misdirected passes from his full backs. More like the concrete that holds ‘The Wall’ together, Brendan helped lock out a quicker, younger and often more talented opposition player. Pushing forward, he linked up in attack to be a big part of our goal-scoring chances. Still unable to get a clean shot off and score a goal though.

Russell LEE

Russell is a delightful teammate who is nothing but a positive influence around the team. Always complimentary of those around him, particularly Ben and Dom, he goes above and beyond at every opportunity. A specimen of health and fitness, Russell is by far the hardest working member of the team. It’s not uncommon after a loss to see him running laps, doing pushups, and analysing game footage, looking for any edge that can assist the team the following week.

Brent MCMILLAN (Macca)

It was clear after the last few years that we had far too much anger in our half line. As a result, the call went out to find a suitable replacement for such a prestige position, the converted right half. After much deliberation, team management settled on a quite unknown youngster by the name of Brent ‘Macca’ McMillan, who had answered the call all the way from country Victoria. It didn’t take long before Macca had settled in to the team, showing some qualities not seen from a right half in the Marquee team for quite some time. With some brilliant defensive work matched with some equally impressive overlaps down the wing, Macca demonstrated the calm composure required in our defence line. While not troubling the scoreboard, Macca could always be relied on to feed the ball to the strikers - and then get back to cover in defence when they stuffed it up.



PROVISIONAL 2 (BLACK) MEN CONT

James PICKERING (Jim)

Our inspirational leader, once again produced the goods this season. Unfortunately for us it wasn't on the field in which the goods were produced, it was in the form of baby Ella, adding to the growing Pickering clan, one now to rival the Rushton clan. Picko didn't let us down. In typical inspirational style, Jim left his bruised and battered wife in hospital with a newborn baby and the 2 young Picko tyrants to lead us to victory against the bottom team up in Joondalup. He graciously stayed back after the game to further discuss tactics. We are so very lucky to have a leader like Jim in our team - he puts the team first. Jim is one half of the so called "wall" in defence with his sidekick Dom. And much like Donald Trump's wall, it promised a lot but did not deliver. Talk of a Turnbull-like shake down in the leadership system was discussed but eventually we realised what Jim actually does for the team - ensures we have enough players each week, is instrumental in keeping Dom in defence away from the rest of the team, and taking our money at the end of each game. The correlation between the increase in game fees and number of Picko children, as well as Picko's claim of "added expenses" must only be a coincidence??? Thanks once again for all your work mate.

Dominic REAY (Dom)

Lucky not to be delisted come the end of 2017, we rightly made the decision to remove Dom from the midfield and look to hide him down back. Albeit it's hard to hide a man of his size & stature with those shopping bag arms & pigeon like chest; what he can't hide is that very quickly receding hairline and those skinny unreliable legs which have often seen him topple over numerous times a game - which led to one of the greatest calls and shouts of 'Neymar' (during World Cup time) post a typical dive. With Dom's move down back his style of play didn't change, he continued to throw aimless overheads, smash knee high passes and often leaking turnovers that generally turned into goals against (Picko-like..). In fact, very similar style to the player he replaced in Todd Barrett (Todd's a better bloke though..). What didn't stop was his love of a bake to any player that was unable to trap one of said passes. In all seriousness, a decent season from the big man, albeit I still didn't vote for him. Often reminding us of saving lives off the pitch, Domma turned this into action on the pitch, assisting a young bloke who collapsed onfield with a heart attack. Everyone loves a hero ! Go Pies..

Benjamin RUSHTON

With Macca joining Melville this year, it meant that the Marquee Team finally had a decent Right Half so it was decided to hide Ben in the midfield which seemed to suit him fine as it meant even less running back to defend. Not surprisingly, the move saw Ben demonstrate the same ordinary goal conversion rate as the other forwards and he is stiff not to be crowned "Worst Forward", but Russell Lee takes that one out again in what was a very competitive field. As a West Coast supporter, Ben is a natural flog on the field and as you would expect, he believes that every time the whistle is blown, it must be his free hit. When he's not telling the umpire that their decision was "bullsh*t!!!", you might see Ben "Gaff" whacking Mods players in the head with his stick or losing a verbal stoush with 16 year old opposition players - either way, it makes for reasonable entertainment for the rest of us. One of the very few highlights of the year for Ben was on a cold, rainy Saturday night, Ben had managed to seagull a couple of ordinary goals before tripping on a leaf in the circle and convincing the umpire to award a stroke. The team decided to let Ben have a crack at a hat trick but what proceeded, well, it didn't pan out as he had planned. Despite the scoreboard showing that we were winning convincingly, we all felt a bit embarrassed at that point. Thanks Ben. Another ordinary year sure to be highlighted by the fact that Ryan Rushton will poll more votes in only a handful of games.

Bradley WAKE

For the first season in several years Brad was regularly involved in our game play. He continued to subscribe to the two minute warm up and game prep, however this year there was more bending over to retrieve balls from the back of the net than previous. More noticeable this the organisms from his gear continually fertilised his facial hair resulting in a luscious growth and a striking beard.

Grant WATTON

The reigning Golden Stick winner set his sights on big things after a 17 goal haul in 2017, and the delisting of Matty Read opening up a regular berth at Centre Forward. Needless to say the pressure was on, and with Benno and Russ of all people nipping at his heels for the title, it came down to the last few games. Whilst Grunter did his best Stephen Bradbury impersonation, failing to score in the last 2 games, he was saved by both Ben's ineptitude from the spot and Russ's commitment to everyone but the Marquee team, and managed to take out the title with a less than impressive 11 goals. Goals aside, Grunter managed to have another solid year, and has really worked on bringing teammates into the game (typically after holding onto the ball for far too long), all the while managing the parenting duties of not only his twins but also the assigned umpires each week.



PROVISIONAL 2 (BLACK) MEN CONT

Roh WEDDIKARA (Roh)

There is no one more committed to the team than Roh. Ever the professional, Roh steps forward without needing to be asked, such as undertaking opposition scouting some 9 weeks in advance (at Joondalup). Being prepared is his motto and ethos. Execution and time management, however, remain areas of personal development given the boys were also playing at Buzza while he sought insight on the team that would ultimately finish virtually last on the ladder. His other contributions to the team, such as chief vote counter, are often overlooked. But he has provided much to be proud of in season 2018, or so he said, "Having set up most of Benno's goals", as well as managing to deflect a few in himself while patrolling the baseline. Well done Roh on a committed 2018.

James WELTEN (Jimmy)

With a long term ankle injury ruling Jimmy out for the first half of the year, the Marquee team was disappointed to learn that upon his return he was nominating to help steer the 4s away from a relegation battle. Thankfully for us he realised this was futile and finals hockey was far more fun, ditching the 4s for a regular slot in the midfield in the

back end of the season, and not a moment too soon. Jimmy's energy and defensive efforts were out of place, but sorely needed and we are a better side for it. Another good 'year' (well 6 weeks any way).

Richard WILLIAMS

Still smarting from the results of last year's 'Anyone But Rich' campaign, which saw the Slug ooze his way to a joint B&F title, the giant of the team came into this season looking to make an impact. Sometimes this was with his play, others were on an opposition player making the poor decision of tackling the big guy - either way it was entertaining for everyone else. Just like the Dockers with Aaron Sandilands, we're definitely better off when he's on the park, and look forward to seeing him back again next year.

Thanks to the part timers: Jimmy W, Adsy, Wazza, Matt, TB, Fards, Mick, Gav, Andy, Simon, Ads, Matt E, Stef, Sarvesh, Ash and of course Bruce - as well as those on the extended mailing list who did not manage to front up, as well as those long-suffering hockey wives and families who let us continue to leave the house.



PROVISIONAL 2 (GOLD) MEN

The Men's 6's finished 5th on ladder with 9 wins. Players who rotated through this team were:

Michael ASHLEY; Evan BOWATER; Jake COLEMAN; Mason DEETMAN; Ashley ELLIS; Casey ELLIS; Christopher GEERS; Matthew GEERS; Jack HALLAM; Mitchell HARVEY; Tyson HARVEY; Ross HOPKINS; Jayben LISTER; Aden LUKAN; Jackson MCREADY; Jaymon NEEDHAM; Daniel PAGE; Cameron PORTER; Adam RILEY; Eddie SWAN; Jason TATE; Griffin THOMAS; Bradley WAKE; Maguire WALSH; Steven WALSH



PROVISIONAL 2 (GOLD) WOMEN

The Senior Women's 5s season was one of mixed results. With many new and old faces learning to play together, this season was one of "rebuilding", with significant growth and improvement with each game. We remained competitive throughout the season but were unlucky to not win as many games as we thought we had earned. We would like to say a massive thank you to our coach, Kat Atkinson, for her tireless passion for the sport, endless dedication to improving our hockey skills and smarts, and for the continual support and enthusiasm through the season! We would also like to say a big thank you to all our fill-ins over the season from the Juniors, 4s and 6s teams - we would not have been able to play without you.

Hannah BIDDULPH (Inner/Halfback)

The girl with the golden stick. Much like the goose that lays golden eggs we couldn't help ourselves in stealing her talent and climbing down the beanstalk. Couldn't have done this season without our golden girl. Keep shining Hannah.

Ciara BROWNE (Inner)

Ciara is a ray of sunshine in the darkest of storms. Her positive and calming attitude adds ease and a sense of confidence to even the most tense and uncertain game scenarios. Her on-field skills are spectacularly unrivalled, equal to her ability to run a whole game without breaking a sweat! Keep shining Ciara!

Kate DAVOREN (Goal Keeper)

Kate's colourful hair matched her quirky personality! But on the field she was all business. Some strong keeping during the year helped steer the team to a relatively low goal concession. Thanks for your efforts this year Kate.

Rebecca DYMOND (Inner)

If there was an award for zippiest person on the field, it would have to go to Bec. Light on her feet, I have mostly been witness to her running rings around and throwing in some nifty tackles when taking on our opposition!

Sarah GILBERT (Center Forward)

Sarah has been a fantastic Captain and team player throughout this season. She has scored some excellent goals and has a gutsy, "never say die" attitude which inspires those around her. Sarah has led the team by example and as a bonus her off-pitch chat has been quite amusing too... well at least most of the time!

Kate GURBIEL (Halfback)

Kate has been an amazing asset to the team. She has really come out of her shell this season and her improvements in hockey have benefited the team greatly. She knows how to get the team laughing, especially when we should be concentrating.

Eleanor HOPKINS (Fullback)

It's been a pleasure playing alongside Eleanor in my first year at Melville Hockey Club. Her standout quality to me is her fierce determination - she always kept pushing forward and never gave up regardless of whether the game was at the stage of being unwinnable. Off the field she lives up to the Scottish stereotype of having a good sense of humour, which makes for her being solid company at after-game drinks.

Saffron JACKSON (Fullback)

For a girl who was only going to play a few games this year, Saff has been a vital and irreplaceable member of our team. Multiple times this season she has been the last line of defence, and we were so glad it was Saff who was between the opposition player and the goal. A strong leader in the backline, Saff not only marks her own player but is always vocal to make sure everyone else knows where they should be. Saff always loves having a laugh on and off the field, and is always one of the first to say yes to a social gathering.

Christine JARVIS (Inner)

A new face to the team this year, Christine worked tirelessly as inner to improve her hockey skills and the team's outcome during the game. Christine used her ability to keep running, tackle hard and intercept passes, which lead to many turn-overs and opportunities for our team. Well done on your efforts this season Christine.

Sarah JARVIS (Wing)

Jarvis has given 100% to every game. Her dedication to chasing down balls passed out on the wing has been a value to the team and her foresight has resulted in multiple opportunities. Without fail, if a ball was sent flying into the forward line, Jarvis was right there after it, chasing it down. Thank you Jarvis for an epic season and for playing a supportive role as a senior team member.

Ella JOYNES (Centrehalf)

Ella is the quiet achiever of the team. She plays a pivotal role in centre half, but is versatile enough to go up forward to score goals either as key striker CF or on the wing. She has worked tirelessly for the team, doing the manager's role for the last couple of years and is always there to help her teammates on and off the field. A great person to have in the team.



PROVISIONAL 2 (GOLD) WOMEN CONT

Tegan JUDD (Halfback)

Tegan is an enthusiastic and dedicated player who has improved immensely in every game. Each week her skills and confidence grows as she becomes a more versatile player, tackling both defensive and offensive positions. Tegan brings so much positivity to the team and you will never see her without a grin on her face.

Amy ROSS (Halfback/Fullback)

Amy has been an asset to our team this year, holding together a strong defence in the back and finding passes up the line. Her positive attitude at matches and training has been a welcome attribute, particularly during the more challenging games of the season; a great team player!

Elyse SMITH (Halfback)

Elyse is a determined, dedicated and tenacious player. This year Elyse showed her versatility by playing positions all over the field. She has a never-give-up attitude and keeps up the positivity on the field. Thanks for a great year, Elyse.

Julie THORNHILL (Wing)

Julie contributes to team spirit by being fun company (and owning so many pairs of cool socks)! She runs like lightning up the field to make fantastic leads to set up goals. Great season Julie!

Kimberly WELTEN (Wing/Fullback)

Kimmy might have been running late to most games but she sure made up for it by running around on field. Whether in the forward line or the back, she's a skilful player, always hungry for goals and a pleasure to have on the team!





PROVISIONAL 3 (GOLD) MEN

It was an interesting season this year, as a number of new players joined the newly promoted 'Scrubbers'. Having moved up a division, we found it quite a challenge to play at our usual high tempo, tiki-taka play style, and instead resorted to a slower pace to help our more senior players still engage with the game. Several notable returns to the team include Tim 'The Roach' McEntee, whose gentle demeanour helped calm the nerves at half time. Despite the results not always going our way, it was an enjoyable season, with a great group of players.

Dave AUJLA (Half-Back)

Dave continued to play for us this season despite his many other commitments. He could always be relied upon to make a clean pass, or trap the ball under pressure. His greatest strength was perhaps the discussions he had off the field with the younger players, giving them encouragement and advice.

Royce BOND (Royce)

Royce played in almost every position on the field, sometimes in the same game. He was always willing, running hard, and working well with his team-mates. However, he was often seen spending as much time on the bench as the field, although he did get steadily fitter as the season progressed. His jovial attitude and friendly nature helped him fit right in, the lollies at half time might have helped!

Andrew CRIDDLE (Andy)

Andy is the stalwart of the Scrubbers team, despite the fact that we are not his first team. His presence in the midfield helped to anchor the team; his control under pressure, presence of mind and stick skills are second to none. Andy is always willing to help the team with advice; he is a genuine gentleman of the game.

Aidan KEOGH (Half-Back)

Aidan had an exceptional season this year. He genuinely came out of his shell, creating some excellent plays, helping to create offensive plays, and defending when needed. His stick skills and pace were the best he's ever shown in the Scrubbers team. He was even heard to utter several comments during the game, making him the second quietest member of the team!

Jordan LUKAN (Forward)

Jordan was a new inclusion this season, and he made a considerable impact in a short period of time. He displayed excellent skills, a willingness to go forward and attack, and a sound knowledge of the game. In a surprise turn of events, he even managed to get a win this season, his first in more than three seasons of playing!

Matthew MAY (Forward)

Matthew was another new player to the Scrubbers team. One of the greatest sights this season was seeing Matt jump for joy after finally scoring a goal in our penultimate game. Ever reliable, he plied his trade in a number of positions, mostly in the forward line. Hopefully his first goal is just one of many for the Scrubbers team.

Timothy MCENTEE (Tim)

The Great One returns! After his medically-enforced sabbatical, Tim made a somewhat triumphant return to the team that he once helped create. His skills that he had relied upon for years had not deserted him: perseverance, tenacity, aggression and the ability to get injured. All jokes aside, it was fantastic to see Tim pull on the Maroon and White again, and we hope to see him again next season.

Paul MORRIS (Pauly)

It's hard to fathom the fact that Paul has been a member of the Scrubbers for almost as long as anyone else. His quiet demeanour makes him easy to miss out on the field, but he is an ever-reliable stalwart of the team. His movement in the forward line this season was some of his best; and hopefully he can score a few more goals next season!

Riley NEEDHAM (Centre-Forward)

Riley had an excellent season. Game after game he has grown in confidence to match his skill, and he has become a tenacious player, going after the ball time and time again. He has worked hard to help create and score in a number of positions this season, but it was as Centre-Forward that he felt most at home. Another great season Riley, we hope to see you again next year!

Stephen PHILLIPS (Goalkeeper)

Stephen, our ever-present Goalkeeper: reliable, consistent and always positive! Except for the one time he lost his cool, and had a little break. Without Stephen there would be no Scrubbers team, and every match he is called upon to help keep us in the game. Fantastic season Stephen!

Kieran SMYTH (Full-Back)

Kieran is the tough guy of the team, if we judge toughness based purely on the number of injuries sustained while tackling. Every single game he gave his all, and put his body on the line, even when he probably didn't need to! Kieran is one of the most genuine players in the team, and without him, we would have conceded far more goals.



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David WAKE (Inside-Forward)

David has, in the past, been ridiculed for his love of Beyoncé or Lady Gaga, but not this season. Arguably the most reliable player in the team, and the quietest, David plays to the best of his ability at every moment of every game. Always willing to give his best to the team, he is an instrumental part of our forward line, and defends with aplomb. His Summer Sevens skills seem to be paying off!

Justin WAKE (Bruce Willis)

Justin has always dreamed of being the goal-scoring Centre-Forward, but alas he had to help out in the back line as well this season. Which is just as well, for some of his best plays, and most skilful moments, were as a Full-Back. On more than one occasion he was seen attempting to flick the ball down the field; which by the end of the season was genuinely good!

Matthew WAKE (Manager)

Matthew's major contributions to the team this season included: A beard that distracted the opposition and such financial management prowess that there was money left in the kitty for pizza and drinks. His guest appearance as Kicking Full-Back won the respect of the opposition, who hailed him as a "tiny cat".

Mark WESTERN (Captain-ish)

Mark made a number of appearances this season, when he could be bothered. Moving the ball well down the sidelines, Mark made a number of excellent plays, and always linked well with his teammates. His somewhat agricultural style was a wonder to behold; although you could never accuse Mark of giving less than his best in every game.

Another season over, a few goals scored and one game won, the Scrubbers have lived up to their legendary status; as a team that plays for each other, and for the enjoyment of each and every single game, win, lose or draw. As we look forward to next season, one thing remains clear - we may need to actually train next year; we are just getting old and unfit!



PROVISIONAL 3 (GOLD) WOMEN

This year saw us being promoted up a grade from last year, with a few new faces in our team. Under the fearless guide of our virtuous coach (though we may need to test his sanity now), we put all into it but found the change a bit difficult, suffering a fair few defeats. About mid-way through the season we seemed to find our feet and remember how to play as a team and started to win and draw some games. All that being said, we did not let that stop us from having an awesome time, with many a game being followed up with drinks and nibbles and cheering on our favourite Men's team - which is why there may be a few references to food in people's write-ups. As always in a Senior team, about mid-season we all started to die and get injured, so a special mention to Gabby John and Zoe Polglase, our two regular Juniors, for helping out when needed. Thankyou so much to Bruce. You never hear it with much sincerity, but never be in doubt how much we truly appreciate all the time and effort and patience you put into this team. Without your steady hand and head to guide us we would be forever lost (well, not lost, just probably up at the bar). So thank you Bruce!!!

Beatrice CLIFFORD (AM)

Bea is our fiesty midfielder with huge amounts of energy and determination. She is always ready to back up the team and provide crucial on-field guidance and advice. She followed the ball well with speed, interception and leads, to the extent that the ball appeared to follow her. It has been a huge pleasure to play with her this season and watch her on-field agility and finesse.

Chloe CORSINI (FB)

Thankyou for always being a committed team player and doing you best! Can always rely on you with your strong tackles and solid ball skills. You've had some great games this season which you should be proud of yourself for! This year you definitely seemed less injured than last year, though you did have that nasty ankle injury, but bounced back from that more eager than ever.

Camilla ELIOTT (AM/DM)

To my favourite little red head!! Thanks for a cracker of a season! I always knew that you'd be there to help the pass get through or make those tricky slips around the defensive players into the D. Thanks for being an amazing player!! I only wish I had some of your skill set. PS - tell Ives to same me some pizza!! PPS - I wrote this after a couple at the bar.

Ainsley FLOOD (STRIKER)

Ainsley returned to this great game that we all love after a couple of years off. She was a starring player in a forward line with a bucketloads of assists, and made the rest of us look fantastic. She even scored a few goals of her own. Quiet achiever and a great team mate.

Alyssa GEORGE (STRIKER)

Alyssa is one of our newest members of the Melville 6s, pretty sure she was the youngest of the bunch and she fits right into our team. She is a fabulous forward who is lightning-fast with some great skills. Alyssa has had some amazing games this year, and her brownies are to die for!!! We will forgive her the one game where she went completely to the wrong ground (PHS instead of UWA - so close, right?) It was her 18th birthday and she brought brownies, so all was forgiven, but not forgotten!!

Claire HADLEY (FB)

C - Cheerful and chatty; L - Lovely chick; A - Awesome full back; I - Injury-prone; R - Reliable on and off the field; E - Extraordinary savoury strudel chef! Claire played a great season! She is an awesome full back and is always there when you need her. When panic strikes and the ball gets too close to the goals, Claire swoops in and saves the day. Brilliant tackles and is so reliable and friendly both on and off the field. Plus her strudels are amazing!

Kylie HANKINSON (STRIKER)

Kylie came back to the fold after a fair few years off. She also came back as a striker instead of a goalie - astonishing I know!! But not completly unheard of. Unfortunately she flew too hard and fast and broke herself halfway through the season and was unable to come back to us. Maybe she will recover over the summer and have another crack next year.

Zoe HUGGETT (FB. NUGGET!!)

Zoe was new to the club this year and also the sport!! 21 and never picked up a hockey stick before. She's a ferocious defender, but had eyes on the forward line for the entire season, and after much badgering, Bruce finally gave in and let her loose, and of coarse she bloody well gets a goal!! She was always willing to give everything go, and help out any other team that needed it, and never seemed to run out of energy! I'm sure that we will see her at the club again next year.

Wendy JOYCE (FB)

Our resilient centre back. We can always rely on you to shout at us from the backline and get us in position (not that we always listen). It was extremely quiet on the turf for the games you missed due to your broken wrist - though points to you for playing out the game that you broke it in, nobody knew it was even sore! Glad to have you back our there and running through the opposition.



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Janezza LYMBERY-JOYCE (OM. NEZZA!!)

Sasha or Nezza (known as both) plays as an outside mid within our structure. She's the team party animal and that's exactly why we love her. She plays hard on the field and parties on the weekends, and there's almost always a guarantee she is still recovering from her night out when the game rolls around. However that doesn't hold her down, as she is a key player within both our defensive line and our attack. Nezza is a pleasure to play with on field and good fun to share a few drinks with after the game. We hope she never changes.

Bryanna MARTIN (GK)

B brings lots of energy and enthusiasm to every training session and game. Not only did she do our training session, but she was also doing the fitness and also extra goal keeping training to help hone her skills - and believe me we've definitely seen all her efforts pay dividends. She can certainly be harsh on herself for any goals let in, even though it takes all other 10 members to fail for an opposition goal to occur, but she never let it defeat her, only making her more determined! Great season B!

Gia REPTON (OM)

Gia is an amazing team player, whose determination and commitment to the team encourages those around her to pick up their game and play the best game they are able to. She brings extremely optimistic outlooks and positive energy into the team. Her commitment is demonstrated through travelling back to Perth every weekend to play hockey, despite working and living 2 hours out of Perth during the week.

Kate SPARKES (DM)

Full disclosure* this write up isn't necessarily about Kate Sparkes but rather her extra inch, which by all rights is responsible for anything Kate does on the hockey field. The extra inch is the team McManager, both on and off field. Telling us what to do is one of her many strengths, like pay her money and provide food or demanding we "move left... the other left." We can say that the team wouldn't be the same without her running/seizing up as our defensive midfielder. I do hope that we have convinced her to stick round for another year. The extra inch NEEDS an extra year! All jokes aside, thanks for McManaging us bunch of specials.

Nia STEVENS (STRIKER)

Our fiery forward who starts her games with a Redbull and rolling out her muscles with a rolling pin. Nia has been a great asset for the team again this year. Scoring a couple of goals (for us and other teams like the 7s) and wanting to start a few fights, Nia was entertaining to watch on and off the field. Nia always takes a lot on for her team and the club and we can't thank her enough for all the work she does. Well done on a great year Nia.

Meggan STONE (OM)

Whether she is dancing with twinkling toes down the wing, round the opposition, or busting it with outrageous moves on the dance floor, Meg has shown once again what an important part of the team she is. Be it flying forward in attack or hauling her arse back to help out in defense, she is always ready with a smile or a quip, before, during and after the game, especially if there is pizza and beer involved.

Rebecca VANDERZWAN (LEFT STRIKER - ALWAYS THE LEFT!)

Always on the left, she is our quiet little assassin. Basically, she grabs the ball at about the halfway line and then outruns all the opposition with the ball on her reverse and takes it neatly into the D, often resulting in a short corner or a beautiful pass to the 90, as is constantly drilled into us at training. It can't be easy being the coach's daughter, but she seems to manage to ignore him just as much as the rest of us, possibly even more, ESPECIALLY when he is yelling "TOMMA!!!" at her from the sidelines. One day she is going to pull off a tomma, and he will probably miss it.



PROVISIONAL 4 (GOLD) MEN

A good year for the 8s, finishing the home and away season in 2nd place and ready for a strong push into the finals. Thanks to all those who filled in for us at any point in the season, especially the rotation of Goalkeepers we had in the final months when our usual one went missing.

Cameron ADDISON

The quiet one in the defensive line. Cam's signature move is creeping up to opponents and stealing the ball from them before they realise he is there. Tried to sneak forward a few times but we put a stop to that. Keep up the good work next season!

Gregory BLOEM

In the first game of the season, Greg confidently strutted up to the team, adjusted his hair, then misspelled his own name on the scorecard. We knew it would be an interesting season. Other highlights include: Slipping over multiple times per match and still refusing to buy new shoes, wearing white shorts in the rain showing a bit too much skin, neglecting to tell the team he was in the eastern states and missing a game, tackling his teammates, trying to bring back 'YOLO', regularly trying to sub off when the ball is embedded deep in defence, forgetting which way we were going and running the ball from the forward line back to defence! It's been fun, but for god's sake Greg, get new shoes! A haircut would probably serve you well too.

Douglas BRIGHTWELL

Coach, player, and self-nominated captain, Doug has been the backbone of the team, taking the lead and motivating what would otherwise probably just be another group of lazy layabouts. He has been integral on and off the field, coordinating the team as centre half during games and during training as the coach. While his training for short corners hasn't met him with many goals, at least he can still give all the young blokes a run for their money being fitter than most of them. The lack of half-time bananas is disappointing - make sure this is rectified for next season. Also none of us have forgiven you for missing that stroke.

Aidan GALLAGHER

Improved greatly on last season by avoiding eating raw onions and soiling his pads. He went to the USA for a month and the rest of the team really appreciated the peace and quiet.

Andrew HOWELLS

Andrew very eagerly stepped into the vacant centre forward position this season after the vet recommended we put Christian down, and his performance up front made us get over the loss very quickly. The top goal scorer for the league, Andrew would get upset if he scored fewer than five goals a game, a highlight being his nine in a game against Rockingham - although the team is disappointed he failed to hit double figures. Andrew also got himself green carded in the dumbest way possible early in the season, by confirming to the umpire when asked that, yes, he was talking to her when he said those rude words.

Jamie HOWELLS

Jamie has become a very solid midfielder in the Prov 4 team. Providing good run through attack and defence, he has really improved his game this year. Jamie has set up his selfish brother for many goals this year and has probably found it refreshing that most of the team can tell the twins apart now. He has had a great season and continues to improve all the time.

Craig JENNINGS

Craig came into the season having not played hockey in almost 20 years. He made a good impact early on, regularly hitting the scoreboard and providing great linkage up front. Despite not being quite as old as Ted, he became the old man of the team when his season was ended after about round 7 when his knee "exploded".

Aidan KEOGH

B-dan by nickname but by no means in terms of what he brought to the team. Poached from the Prov 3s, Aidan has played a key role in improving our midfield. A strong and dependable player (expect for when he's sick) B-dan has become a valued team member.

Zach MACLACHLAN

He run, he attack, but most of all, he Zach. 10/10 good with stick and balls. 0/10 remembering turf fees.

Brenton MALACARI

Brenton was forced to play another full season at full back. Despite this he scored as many Prov 4 goals as our star striker Jordan. Brenton was the best in the team at avoiding training by conveniently going away for work every Thursday night.



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Jared MALACARI

Reliable, Hard-working, hilarious and incredibly handsome. As per usual it was an absolute privilege to play with Jared this season. My only complaint is that there is only one of him in our team. Keep being perfect.

Nicholas MALACARI

Nic has shown a lack of commitment to the team this year, gallivanting around Europe for a large portion of the season leaving us undermanned in defense. Continuing his form from previous seasons, Nic spends most of the games he turns up to shouting at everyone on the pitch. One day we might actually listen.

Edward NEESHAM

Nothing cuts a more striking figure in prov 4 than an old guy with a big beard running down the wing showing his one handed dribbling skills. That is until the best sledge of the season came out. "How could you let a guy who fought in world war 1 get around you?" From one Royals player. Ted throws himself around so much, I am surprised more often by the fact he still gets up.

Luke SMITH

Luke has been a solid addition to the team this season. His one handed traps and tricky manoeuvres have been a strong asset to the team. His deadly impact on the wing has lead to many interesting plays in the attacking half. Luke overall is an appreciated teammate, powerful wing and a general top bloke. We think. Most of us are yet to hear him speak.

Jordan TEMPLEMAN

Strong, resolute, dependable. Arguably one of the consistently better players in the team. The type of form regularly on display one could be mistaken for thinking he would contend for the fairest and best player in the team - if he attended every game. Flimsy excuses included being injured or having the knees/back/heart of an octogenarian. He may have also missed a game to attend the Pink concert..... no wait, that was Doug. After going up a grade Jordan showed skills at both ends of the field by scoring a goal (and promptly collapsed due to altitude sickness - it is a long way from full back). Another great season, looking forward to Jordan playing out a full season.

Matthew THOMPSON

A new addition to the team, Matt made a great entrance to our midfield and forward line. Though Matt rarely made it to training due to work commitments, he managed to implement and adapt the tactics Doug had made better than half the team that had gone to training. The fast pace, great passing ability and great defensive play made him a great player to join the team and deeply improved our success throughout the season.

It's been a great year playing with all of these guys, and I am looking forward to playing with you all again in the future.





PROVISIONAL 4 (GOLD) WOMEN

With some new players into the team this season it was a great opportunity for all of us to work on our skills and build a new team dynamic. We had a few wins and whilst the scoreboard didn't reflect it, we did improve throughout the season and hope to build on this again next year. Thanks to Christian as always for his coaching, perseverance and commitment to the team.

Emma BRADLEY (Em/Centre Half)

Em has been such an amazing player this year, always challenging the other teams with her speed and great tackling skills of getting down low and trapping that ball! Even when taking on some pretty intimidating opponents, Em never loses her cool. She has such an infectious, bubbly personality and always has a smile on her face even when shes finding it tough! It has been such a delight to play with you Em so we hope to see you again next year!

Ashleigh CHAUVIN (Ash/Inner)

Ash has been of our greatest assets this year. She is very kind and selfless and always looks to improve her skills, which makes her an amazing team player. Ash's confidence while carrying the ball and ability to make sharp and creative passes has really helped the team push forward into our attacking half. Ash's strong tackles and never-give-up attitude are some of her greatest strengths. Ash, thanks for a great year playing together and I hope you continue to play in our team for many more years to come!!

Jade CHELARU (Jade/Wing)

A newcomer this year, Jade has brought strong determination and grit to the team. Playing mostly at wing, Jade has outstanding running power and the speed to out-run anyone - including the ball! She is never one to give up or let the opposition daunt her. Always a keen contender to improve her skills and build on her game- Jade the drive you have is credit to you. Hope you enjoyed the season and that we will see you again next year getting those goals!

Georgia COLLINS (G/Wing/Inner)

G had an awesome season! One of our quickest runners on the team, she was always on hand to help tackle the opposition and annoy them with her skills. Handy as always in our short corner opportunities and always happy and laughing with the team. It's rare to see her without a smile on her face but for some reason is always asked by Christian, 'Why are you so mad?' Definitely your go to girl if your Uber is stolen....

Melanie HOBDAY (Mel/Wing/Inner)

A seasoned staple of the 7s, Mel always brings an infectious energy and positive attitude - and sometimes a homemade birthday cake for good measure! Mel's tenacity on the field makes her a formidable player no matter where she is, though those legs make her particularly lethal on the forward line. Whether she is working hard on the field or teaching blindfolded beanbag directions, Mel always puts in 110% and keeps a smile on her face- even while forgetting what on Earth "square" means! Mel is the true epitome of Melville team spirit, and we couldn't possibly have had as much fun this season without her!

Charly HOGARTH (Charly/Goalie)

Another newcomer to the club, Charly has been a great asset to our team this year. The first game she played for us she was a machine! She always puts in 110% and is an absolute joy to play with. We hope to see you and your skills again next season.

Bailey IRVINE (Bailey/Centre Forward)

Bailey has been such a pleasure to play with and an absolute trooper, turning up to training and games despite dealing with an ongoing shoulder injury. She's been a huge asset to the team and absolutely is unstoppable with the ball, running rings around the opposition! Thanks so much for a great season Bailey, it's been great playing with you!

Amanda JONES (Amanda/Goalie)

Amanda has been a huge help down the back with guiding us to form our press, covering players and just tips throughout the game. She has saved some awesome goals for us this season and has been helpful in that department. During team talks, Amanda is always giving us useful feedback to help us all improve as a team for the second half and future games. You can always hear her calling from the other end of the field, which is a good trait to have as a goalie. All the best for your next season!

Hayley LYONS (Hayley/Wing/Half)

Hayley has been a key player for the 7s this year. She has great skills and is hard on the ball at all times. Quick and nimble like a whippet... If she is not falling over that is... Her voice is strong and loud both on and off the field and she has provided much entertainment this season. Keep kicking butt Hayley!



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Siobhan MAGUIRE (Shiv/Half)

When I think of Shiv I think of non-stop energy and determination to get the ball. Shiv can keep going and be everywhere on the field without even looking tired! She has such strength when going into her tackles that I know she is going to win the ball or stop the play for the team to reset. Thank you so much for an awesome season Shiv!

Niki MCGOWAN (Niki/Half)

Niki was a new addition to the team this season, starting off strong and proving that goalies can also be awesome field players! Her determination and ball skills helped the team really push forward into our attacking third in games in the first half of the season before we unfortunately lost her to injury for the second half. We hope she makes a full recovery! Thanks for playing Niki!

Eloise PETTERSSON (EI/Back)

Eloise has been a welcome addition to our team this year. Her cheerful demeanor brightens our time off the field, while her fierce skills and determination make her one of our strongest defenders. Some even say that it was her eventual purchase of a foam cap that broke our losing streak at the end of the season. Great work EI! We hope we get to play with you again next year.

Emily PETTERSSON (Em/Wing/Centre Forward)

Emily is a valuable and skilful player who is always looking out for her team-mates. She is great with advice and teaching in a positive and fair approach. Such a fun, bubbly personality - she is always happy and brings a positive energy to the group. Emily is a true asset to the team!

Monique SMITH (Mon/Back)

Mon, our friend from the north, who after two years is still not acclimatised to our winters. Mon often turns up to games and training with half her wardrobe on.... I won't mention the visor or the beanie... She has had a hard job this season in defence and we are grateful. You can always hear her on the field yelling encouragement for those around her. Thanks for another wonderful season Mon!

Jasmine VICO (Jas/Half)

Jas has been an awesome player and team member this season, as she is every season! She has improved so much every season in the time I've been playing with her and this season was no different! Her control of the ball, daring tackles and never-give-up attitude were really an asset to our team! The opposition found out more than a few times not to let Jas's smiles and quiet nature fool you, as you don't want to get on her bad side on the field!! Thanks for another awesome season of fun on and off the field Jas!!



METROPOLITAN 1 WOMEN

The Melville Ladies Metro 1 (Melville 8s) are the premier team at Melville. The quiet achievers of the ladies' division, consistently making finals year after year. More importantly this very exclusive group of highly-skilled ladies are equally at home on the field or at the bar after the game! Our elite team is invitation-only and this year we managed to convince Fiona, Vanessa, Chris and Donelle to join us on the grass. We also decided to add some youth and successfully poached Loz, bringing down our average age significantly.

Vanessa CARMODY

Consistently dazzles us with her skills at right inside.

Caroline CAYDAMAR

Right side expert who runs all day.

Jenny COAD

Left wing specialist and sneaky goal scorer.

Corelle COLEMAN

Dogged defender at left half, never gives her right wing an inch.

LAUREN COSTA

Dominating as the high fullback with the odd foray forward, she keeps us all entertained on and off the field.

Marie FARROW

Centre half who likes to show the opposition and umpire who's boss - surely you are not trying hard enough if you don't get the odd green or yellow card...

Christina KLOMP

Quiet achiever at left inside, ultimate shut-down player.

Melanie LEIGHTON

Our top goal-scoring centre forward who is an absolute terrier up front.

Kylie MISHRA

Rock solid in goals as always.

Tara MISHRA

Our back sub, always ready at a moment's notice.

Dee MURPHY

The ultimate utility player, just as at home at full back or left half as she is seagulling for goals.

Sandra ORR

Cool and collected at full back, marshalling the troops with her booming voice.

Fiona POWER

Skilful right half who loves to drive forward and is an expert at cover defence.

Rachel ROBERTS

Vanessa's awesome partner in crime on the right wing.

Donelle SMITH

Sandra's partner in crime, reads the play well and executes the perfect tackle every time.



A big thank you to Corelle - Team Manager (who abandoned us midseason to gallivant around Canada and Alaska and left me in charge - what was she thinking!), Sharon - Game Day Manager, Tilly - our official umpire, and to all of our fabulous fill-ins - Lisa, Olive, Maddie, Gillian, Gaye, Sue W, Coco, Darcie and Hannah. We couldn't have had such a successful and enjoyable season without you! See you all next year!!



O40 MIDWEEK DIVISION MEN

Dave AUJLA

Dave 'The Drifter' Aujla - he floats around the field with his name on his shirt, his loose marking has made him available for many outlet passes through the mid-field, where he likes to carry the ball to the next contest. He is always enthusiastic to try and learn from the relicts of the team, good to see a young player wanting to play Mondays.

Todd BARRETT

TB has been an asset and led the team throughout the season. He has a long reach while tackling the opposition players and many times robbing them of the ball. He's spent most of this season being a wall in the defence line. He often releases the ball as soon as he can to his team mates and runs hard. He is the most handsome bloke amongst all of us. We wish him all the best for the master's championship.

Andrew CRIDDLE

Crids is surely the club magician... somehow finding time each week to run the club bar, umpire (while running the bar), and play 16 games of hockey. On the field he is a rampaging left half... get in his way and you'll likely find yourself on your back looking up at the clear Monday night sky above PHS1. When he has the ball Crids often manages to fool the opposition (and sometimes his teammates) into thinking he has lost control, only to stumble on past them generating a run into attack.

Aki ETELAHO

Aki is a good player. Been turning up for almost all the games. One of the best defenders I must say and a good asset for the team.

Michael FARDON

Fards gained clarity in his hockey this year by pulling on Maroon on both Saturday and Monday night. Clearly playing against Melville in 2017, Fards believed good things were just around the corner for our Monday night team. Good things ended up being enjoyable hockey, enjoyable beer, several comedy acts from Klassy and another development year for the Melville Midweek Vets team. Fards held down an Inner position for most of the year and did it with what appeared to be a rather good work rate. This work rate was called into question in the latter half of the season when Fards admitted to the author 'holding the defensive side of ground' at various times during game. Quality season from Fards on the field and off it coaching the 5/6 A girls.

Warren FARROW (Wazza)

Warren is a great running player. His trademark is the run down the left of the field, throwing the body feint to pass to the overlapping centre half before squeezing the ball left to burst past the defender. Also one of a few players able to find the net. The umpires helped him get some well-earned rest in a few games with a green card for the occasional over-friendly tackle.

Richard HOOKER

Hooksey as he is affectionately known as (for reasons I am yet to discover) is in his second year with the club after some 20 years since last picking up a stick, and is proving a valuable addition to the team. His ability to make a big call on the Pinot Grigio over the more commonly accepted Sauvignon Blanc, whilst initially raising eyebrows, has proven to be a masterstroke in hindsight. He also runs around a lot.

Simon KLASS

Klassy is a unique individual. As a highly respected paramedic he is often required to come up with creative ways to deal with unusual situations. He has an innate ability to think outside the square and deliver. Well, the true professional that #1 is, he has brought his professionalism to the hockey pitch. In fact he was thinking so far outside the square, circle, hockey pitch that he has a new nickname '13.8e' after his interpretation of the penalty stroke rule. Klassy you are a legend, one of a kind and it has been a real pleasure sharing the goals with you again this year.

Russell LEE

Every team has a Russell.

Simon MATHEW

Fast, dynamic and intense when fit, Simon struggled to get on the park this year. If only he approached his rehab with the same diligence that drives his astounding contributions to various team 'Whats App' chats. Simon provides a personal response to nearly every mindless message posted. Simon... please... Brad does not need any encouragement. Some things should be left to go through to the keeper.

Brent MCMILLAN

Who is Macca. The enigma? A mystery wrapped up in a riddle. Is he a full back? Is he a forward? Is he a half back? Where is he from? He's everywhere but nobody knows where he is? Sydney Brisbane Adelaide Darwin? Nobody knows? He seems to get votes every week even though nobody knows who he is or where he's from? The phantom of Melville.



O40 MIDWEEK DIVISION MEN CONT

James PICKERING

Now Picko, as we all know, is a true stalwart of the Melville Hockey Club. But when it comes to Over 40s, well... he's sorta in, but sorta not quite. When he DOES turn up, his defence down back is a delight to behold, working beautifully in sync with his mate TB. But actually getting Jim onto the turf of a Monday night is the real battle. And it's not JUST the understandable demands of having a young family. Sometimes it's just a bit too cold. Or wet. Or Game of Thrones might be on. Or Jim doesn't feel like a beer after the game these days. (At least Hooksy has an occasional drinking partner on the white wine.) Perhaps when Picko actually turns 40 we might see him toughen up a bit.

Brad POTTER

Potter is probably the most under rated player, in terms of his importance, to the midweek team. All too often we forget that he confirms Kyle's availability and without Kyle they'd be no game or at least no umpire. With a first touch equal if not better than any other player in the team, Potts roams the forward line with stealth and intent. In a difficult year for forwards unfortunately he rarely got the opportunity to use that first touch, often being forced to go to his second and third touches ahead of his first. And as we all know, given the law of diminishing returns, the value of those touches is less. Nevertheless Potts will be a strong contender for the golden stick of the midweek masters.

Matthew READ

Matthew Read has been the live wire of the team outdoing the opponents mostly with his back facing them. Unpredictable, if you played with him long enough, you'd hope that he would drag/pull both ways, not going to mention which way he normally drags. That's still an element of surprise, whichever way you think about it. Keep up the good strength on the ball.

Cameron ROBINSON (Timber)

2018 was a stellar season in the net topped off with selection for national representation. Timber performed well under relentless pressure throughout the season, partly from the opposition, partly from the threat of his substitute Goalkeeper, but mainly from having to carry his team week after week in both the midweek and O40's 1 competitions. The disposition demonstrated to defend the net whilst concurrently organising his halfbacks and fullbacks into their basic field positions speaks volumes for Timber's ability and he is on track to regain his number 1 title in 2019.

Gavin SCALLY

Gav is a bit like a T-rex in that he's very old - hundreds of millions of years old, a fossil that's come to life, he's the apex leader of the pack, very loud and can be quite scary..., until, on closer inspection just like a T-rex his arms don't work. Shoulders popping in and out as often as leadership changes in the liberal party. So not so scary after all. If he takes one swing at you he'll end up in a heap on the ground begging for help and telling you to #%^* off all in the same breath. Which is very confusing for everyone and especially Mitch. Luckily for Gav he also plays with a bunch of old dinosaurs so it's all relative really.

Sarvesh SHEDBALKAR

Sarvesh is a valued member of the midweek team and one of our regular starters. Being required to float between the forward and halfback lines, his flexibility has assisted the team (especially when the starting line comprised mostly of full backs/half backs). Sarvesh's calming influence on and off the field has also been greatly valued. Looking forward to playing alongside Sarvesh again next year.

Stefan WILLETT

Willett. The name itself conjurs up so many images. Mostly of sweaty redfaced people who couldn't run out of sight on a dark night with a following breeze flailing about without any noticeable impact in a vain attempt at countering the combined forces of aging and genetics totally incompatible with any form of physical activity. Can hardly breathe during the game and yet provides constant commentary on the foibles of his teammates, and one chap from Wolves who attracted his ire this year. Apart from that, great fella... for a balding ranga.



O35 DIVISION 2 WOMEN

Reigning premiers from 2017 brought an expectation of further success in 2018. The team has achieved again finishing in a top two position prior to finals and still with a chance of gaining the minor premiership. Disappointingly, we lost some key players from the 2017 team, however a strategic recruitment campaign brought Narelle McMillan "Macca" and the flashy Maddie Northover to the side while Lisa did a great job to keep Mel Leighton as a regular fill-in player and organise other fill-in players as required. What is great about this team is their desire for success, commitment to the team and just being a really nice group who serve MCHC so well. They know how the game should be played. The season has not been without its challenges though. Injuries to Rae, Vanessa, Narelle, Gaysey, Demelza and Kylie (Kylie as goalie just kept going) required Lisa to work her magic finding replacement players.

A few amusing moments brought balance to those frustrating games that just did not run our way: Gill was sometimes heard venting in the car park from well away, Rae getting chopped from all angles and lucky to survive a decapitation, Sue C running ragged in the middle, Maddie's quirky comments and no nonsense dash, Donnelle almost shirt fronting (just so nice), Demelza reckons everything is so much fun, Sue W getting cranky and somewhat frustrated on the left (I should have bought ear muffs), Chris (with smile) truthfully telling us that her opposition winger has got little touch, Marie harassing to the max and Kylie positive as always despite being heavily handicapped by a torn shoulder muscle, Gaysey a late starter (due to injury) who needs to keep off bikes (should know better) and Venessa and Narelle who were early starters but succumbed to injury late in the season due to their above and beyond game efforts so they tell me.

Lisa the diplomat, manager and resolver of all the world's problems is such an important member of the team. Lisa's full attention to detail is amazing and certainly made life for the team so much easier. Thanks Lisa. It's been a great year for all.

Lisa ANDERSON (Forward/Midfield)

Lisa is our very organised manager extraordinaire: With prompt weekly texts of our game, when and where; As our season rolled on and us old girls became tired and sore; Lisa's texts became tough, injuries list is full, room for NO more!! Lisa swaps hats and becomes one of our trusty forwards with confidence and ease Driving up the left and making a cracking thru pass look like a breeze. Thanks for all that you've done, for rounding us up and getting us on the pitch. All of this done with not being too much of a witch. Lisa you are a constant stability driving our great team. Thanks for ALL that you do, we hope next season you are just as keen.

Vanessa CARMODY (Forward)

Vanessa was our wonderful driving right inner who bamboozled the opposition on more than one occasion with her quick skills and amazing running. She unfortunately suffered from an injury mid season that kept her from playing, but we are ever-hopeful that she will recover and come back to us next year. We miss her smile, direction on the field and positivity! Thank you Vanessa for all your efforts this season.

Susan CLARK (Midfield)

Sue is a central linchpin of this team and a significant proportion of the team's goals have come from a play she was part of. She has great hockey sense and provides good advice at half time to get us back on track when we need it. She never gives up and it has been a lot of fun playing with her this season.

Lauren COSTA (Everywhere!!)

Where do you start when talking about Lauren? Well, match one she had the biggest break down from cramp I have ever seen, having run about 30 kms in the match. She is an absolute energiser bunny who gives her all.

She's loud, funny and a big softie. It was great having you in the team even though it was short and sweet and we'd love to have you back one day!

Demelza DRAVNIKS (Midfield/Defence)

Demelza - intense, dependable and so strong on the ball. She is calm in defence and consistently provides great connecting thru balls to the forward line. Demelza is truly level headed on the field and it is comforting to know she always has our backs. Thank you for always giving 100%!

Marie FARROW (Forward/Midfield)

Marie your energy on the field has been boundless this year again with a fitness level that most of us are very envious of at our age! Starring as our ever-reliable right inner, you've also had guest appearances at left inner, right wing and centre half. Only on-field intervention stopped you appearing in the full back line! Your poke tackle has been on display every week as has your "two hands up in the air" signal when you or the opposition player is clearly doing something wrong! It has been a pleasure as always to have you in the team. Your commitment is truly amazing. You always give your all on the field and more importantly can usually be relied upon to be in the bar after the game. Thank you for a great season Marie.

Alana FIELD (Forward/Midfield)

Alana probably had the shortest masters season ever after she fractured her wrist in the first match of the season. We're sorry we broke you, but if you want to come back and give us another try we'd be happy to have you back.



O35 DIVISION 2 WOMEN CONT

Gillian FORBES (Striker)

The competition's goal scoring powerhouse, Gill's skills up front are awesome to watch. She takes every opportunity in the circle, even when it doesn't look like an option, often with goal scoring results. Gill runs hard on the field, making leads and opportunities to work the ball up the field. Thank you for your dynamic abilities and being fun to watch, look forward to playing with you again next year.

Gaye GLASKIN (Midfield)

It was to the team's great misfortune, that Gaye spent most of the season on the sideline due to injury. However, the team was lucky enough to benefit from her coaching the odd game, so her wisdom and experience has not been completely absent. We were finally able to welcome her back towards the end of the season, so here's to heading into finals with an ace up our sleeve.

Raelene HETHERINGTON (Striker)

We were all very worried at the start of the season because one of our star strikers was injured after game one and was not sure she would complete the season. But lucky for us she came good and played nearly every game! She gave our attack strength, power and speed. Her ability to dart between players and create a lead is her hallmark. Rae is such a pleasure to play with on the field and better still she is brilliant to have a laugh with off the field!

Christina KLOMP (Midfield)

C - Competitive H - Half back R - Reliable I - Inspirational S - Solid. We love having you in the team Chris. It's been a great season. Just remember to be careful with your woodworking tools - hockey players need their hands!!!

Melanie LEIGHTON (Forward)

Mel, while not a full member of the team (although we wish she was), has filled in enough for us this season that she does get her own bit. She has scored some amazing goals when driving forward from her preferred inner and centre forward positions. She is fast, skilful and extremely fit (compared to the rest of us) which makes her a lethal weapon in masters hockey. Thank you Mel for helping us out in our moments of need which have been quite often this season!

Narelle MCMILLAN (Defence)

One of the kids in the team and a very reliable backline player for us. Narelle is tough in her tackles and poised when delivering the ball. Her work rate is admirable due to her fitness, speed and determination. Narelle's bubbly positive personality is infectious on and off the field. Unfortunately one injury kept her off the pitch for a few games. Hopefully you are fighting fit next year Narelle.

Kylie MISHRA (Goalkeeper)

Another sensational season from our gun goalkeeper throwing herself at the ball and opposition strikers with complete disregard for her own wellbeing. How else can we explain the weird neck/arm injury she seems to have acquired! Kylie marshals the defence with her booming voice and makes sure no opposition player goes unmarked in the D. We love you Kylie - fingers crossed you're fit for the finals!

Madeleine NORTHOVER (Forward/Midfield)

How lucky are we to have Maddy join us permanently this season. Beautiful on the inside and outside, Maddy's youth, speed and endurance have added to the wealth of experience in our team! She has been a pleasure to play alongside. And the bonus... she also comes with physiotherapy qualifications!

Donelle SMITH (Defence)

Donelle is that player you love playing behind you because "they've got this" when you inevitably don't. With a reverse stick trap stronger than most people's flat stick trap she commands the fullback line. Always cool, calm and collected (unless of course an opposition forward has the audacity to lift her stick and tomma against her). Donelle is an absolute pleasure to play alongside. Maybe next season we'll see Angry Donelle come out a little more.....it was hilarious, so we can only hope!

Susan WILSON (Forward)

Our left wing specialist who is always putting pressure on the opposition defence and waits patiently every game for the perfect cross to sneak a goal. A valuable team player who played consistently throughout the season. Her constant bubbly nature and energetic self, is always a positive contribution to the team on and off the field. Sue is a significant contributor to the club, always volunteering to assist whenever she can.

At the beginning of this season we thought we had a big squad and our days of fill-ins would be behind us. Well, that was wishful thinking. Prolonged periods of injury and illness have meant we have needed a helping hand to be able to field a full team. A big thank you therefore goes to Eleanor Hopkins, Fiona Power, Melanie Leighton and Charly Hogarth. To our umpires, Alex Rayfield, Eddie Swan, Mathilda Carmichael and Rohan Swan, thank you for your expertise and fairness and above all reliability to be there each week. And lastly a big thank you to Patrick Matthews for being our ever-present, patient, enthusiastic coach. It's been a tough season with injuries, but you have buoyed us with your pre-match, halftime and post match talks and the odd bottle of wine. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as we have.



O35 DIVISION 4 WOMEN

We have a really nice team of ladies who all enjoy each other's company on and off the field, so the year has been lots of fun, win or lose. On the field we have been a bit up and down, winning against the odds and losing when we should have won. **LOOKING TO BUY A KILLER GOAL SCORER.** Injuries seem to come thick and fast. Probably something to do with age and fitness. Never a full squad, just as well we increased our numbers this year. We have celebrated a major Milestone along the way with Maris playing 900 Games and although we lost the game, it was a good one. Thank you to everyone who came to help Maris celebrate and to Ross Hall for coming into the Coach's box to share some knowledge. As the team Manager, I would like to say thanks to the girls for a wonderful year. At the time of writing, we are fourth and about to start our final's campaign. Hopefully we will go all the way. Hope you will all come back next season but fitter please. Love this team Jan Davis. **STOP PRESS: Premiers 2018**

Lisa ANDERSON (Vets Co-ordinator/Wing)

Thanks to Lisa who is our Vets Coordinator and has done a terrific job. She keeps us up to speed on all that needs to be happen. Lisa also came down from Div 2 in the early part of the season, when our numbers were uncertain to fill a spot on the field before she had to return to her team permanently.

Natalie BROWN (Centre Forward)

Now the New Girl (It used to be Olive), Nat has returned to hockey after having her children and has brought her finesse to the team and we are so glad she did. Nat's talent is obvious by the way she holds her stick. She has that delicate touch. Lovely to watch.

Corelle COLEMAN (Inner/Left Half/Holidayer)

Corelle has been part of our team for several years and was just getting her 'A' game on when she had to choose between our finals campaign or a holiday in Canada. She chose the holiday. We will never admit it to her, but she has been missed.

Lindy COSS (Goalie)

Where would we be without this girl. She is the big loud, sometimes angry voice at the back, keeping the girls on track. Lindy is still sliding like she was 20 but taking a little longer to get up. Lindy has also been called on to keep for the Div 2 team from time to time and may get a finals berth with them as Kylie is injured.



Marie FARROW (Anywhere)

Thanks to Marie for coming to fill a spot early in the season when our numbers were uncertain and before she had to return to Div 2 permanently. Her position tells you what sort of player she is. Valuable.

Claire HADLEY (Inner/Half Back)

Our baby of the team who is always available for any outing - Party Girl. Claire had an annoying ankle injury at the beginning that gave her a late start to the season but she has come back fitter and stronger and does some good stuff, where ever we ask her to play. She is a good reader of the play and has instigated a few of our important goals.

Allison HALL (Right Half Back)

I love this girl's strength and reliability and read of the play. She is always where she is needed and is Lindy's backstop, saving many a ball on the line. Allison is also the fashionista of the team, bringing new headgear ideas to the hockey field.

Olive HASSELERHARM (Ollie - Inner/Left Half ack)

No longer the New Girl, (it only took 3 seasons). Ollie is playing her best hockey this year and covers her territory very well. Shame the season has come to an end, as she is just getting better each game and she is lovely to watch. She does not understand the meaning of the word 'give up', which has been a blessing for our team, but she tells us she is here for the social.

Gwenda HOGG (Inner/Cente Forward)

Part of the Blonde Ponytail Brigade - Holds the record for the fastest injury in a game. (30 seconds) Gwenda received the centre pass at the start of the game, passed it off, without moving and tore a calf muscle. (Out for 3 weeks) When not injured, she is our Gazelle with the Dynamo hit that we rely on to get the ball into the circle.

Maris MARGETTS (Fullback/2nd Centre Half)

Maris played her 900th game this year and for those that came to watch, she showed them just how good she still is. Maris is supposed to be fullback but we prefer to think of her as our 2nd Centre Half, backing Bec up and taking control across the centre allowing Bec to push forward. This lady just keeps getting better. Wish we could clone her.



O35 DIVISION 4 WOMEN CONT

Dee MURPHY (Left Wing/Anywhere)

Dee - Whose mothering interferes with her hockey. If it is not the little one splitting her head open as she is about to leave (making her late for the game), or her son telling her ride she has already gone, it's a wonder she makes it to the game. Guess the game is her stress release or at least the wine after. Dee has played many positions for us this year and does them all well. She is strong and understands her role in each place. She is also known as our goal sneak.

Theresa RAYFIELD (Inner)

Thanks to Theresa, our International Import for a game. Theresa came home from Bangkok for a visit and we put her skills to good use. Her ability to run all night and her smooth silky skills were appreciated by the team.

Rachel ROBERTS (Inner)

Rachael was our go to lady when we were down on numbers and always answered the call. Thank you Rach. We love the way you fit with our team. If you are thinking full time Vets next year, we would love to have you.

Jo ROSSO (Angry Ant - Right Wing)

We used to blame Lacrosse for Jo's hammy injuries but she gave that up, so now we blame the wine, but just because she pulls a hammy does not mean we let her leave the field, we make her hang high which has resulted in the odd goal or two. Good thing West Coast play on the weekend otherwise, her love of footy and long hours at work, she would never make the game. She is always going a mile a minute.

Jackie SCHONKEN (Left Wing)

Newcomer to the team this year. Knew very little when she came but with a yen to the learn the ropes, some coaching from her topside son and she is getting better every week and takes on the best of players, often successfully. Jackie has probably stolen Dee's crown as goal sneak and has won us more than one game this year. Well done Jackie. We are happy to have you with us. Her knowledge of the game has grown so much, on one occasion she nicely offered her assistance to the umpire.

Till - UMPIRE The Best of the Best who umpired for the 'Visors' each week and when she could not make it lined up someone else. Of course we used her coaching skills where allowed, but I think she kept coming back as she finds our 'old lady antics' amusing. We love this girl and thank her so much for giving us her time. We hope she stays with us long enough to wear a Visor herself. Also thanks to Evo and Justin for filling in when Till was unavailable. We appreciate you giving us your time. Having such good umpires on our sideline is such a bonus.

Conor SMITH (Inner)

Conor used to be the driving force on the right forward line but only managed a couple of games this year before she had to retire to await the birth of her 3rd baby. We are hoping that baby will be good and allow her to come back to the fold next year. Good luck with the birth Conor.

Susanna SNYMAN (Zandra)

Zandra came with eagerness at the beginning of the year hoping that her injuries would get better as she got fitter, but alas not the case, so she had to retire for the season to allow herself time to heal.

Kate SPARKES (Forward Line)

Think we only managed to play Kate once but she sure added some speed and strength when she was there. Will take them all on and can outrun most. Thanks Kate for being on stand-by.

Anna STEVENS (Left Inner)

The fullback that has been asked to play forward. Anna is new to us this year and adds to the blonde ponytail brigade. Anna is strong on the ball, fast and can run all day, which is great because she covers back and forward really well. Many a time Lindy has appreciated her presence in the defensive circle and a minute later she is helping out in the attack. We are so glad to have this girl in our team.

Rae THOMPSON (Fullback)

The Quiet Achiever - Maris' wing man. Rae is often fighting traffic to get to the game on time but that doesn't stop her from being focused on the field. Rae gets better as the season progresses and not much gets past her. Glad to have her back there helping Lindy guard the line.

Rebecca WEDDIKKARA (1st Centre Half)

This girl is amazing in the centre. Another of the blonde Ponytail Brigade. Without her we just can't quite keep it together. She is always there quietly controlling the centre. She looks about 16 and could probably play in the higher grade but we won't release her and she tells us she is happy with us. We expect her to defend and attack and she manages it very well.





O40 DIVISION 1 MEN

A bunch of old blokes who play to work up a thirst and tell stories, many of which are based in part at least on the truth. As always, it is all Scan's fault. Or maybe Todd's. Did you know Todd used to play for Raiders?

Todd BARRETT

Used to play for Raiders - think I may have already mentioned that. The rock at the back both in shape and playing style, has the best head fake in the game due to him practicing it every time he is about to hit the ball. Will never get all of his mojo back until he resurrects the skivvy. Cannot pass the ball to his right. Or see red headed centre halves.

Graham BRAID

New to the team and has spent most of the year scratching his head and wondering what he got himself into. Can run, is fit, scores the odd goal, provides lots of entertainment (not always intentionally), puts up with us, what's not to like?

John COOKE

Will he? Won't he? Will he? Won't he? Will he? Won't he...he did eventually, but should he have? That is the question. Has NEVER passed the ball to a red headed centre half.

Andrew CRIDDLE

Only played 348 games this year so is fresh as a daisy. Barman/clubman extraordinaire who gets lost during every game to the point that he can't make it to the sideline no matter how often he is called - may have to get him a support animal to help guide the way in the future.

Paul EARLY

The prodigal son returned with one leg and all the skills he had when he left. Brilliant to have Stringer back as he was always good at buying the first round and years of merchant banking have honed that essential skill to a fine point. Class player, excellent fella, struggled to fit in. Best mates with a red headed centre half, still won't pass to him.

Michael FARDON

Tall, amiable, skilful, so has yet to earn the trust of most of his team mates. Broke the team rule by regularly passing to the red headed centre half. Genuinely good bloke, so hard to sledge. Loves champagne hockey.

Warren FARROW

Woz - the new Clark Kent. When he puts on his glasses he looks like a mild mannered tax accountant who specialises in deceased estates, but when he takes them off and runs on the hockey field he back tackles like Charles Manson on a particularly bad acid trip. So maybe less Clark Kent and more Dr Jeckyl. Hope he is wearing his glasses when he reads this.

Mark LYONS

Clarrie is the oldest person in the team. He does not act, play, or look like it, but it is an incontrovertible fact. That's it really. He's completely old. Likes throwing overheads over red headed centre halves.

Simon MATHEW

Goodness me, this is a target rich environment. Had an ankle op to get cherry ripe for the season and then completely ignored his rehab instructions, largely because he has twin infants and was desperate to get out of the house (I assume - don't quote me), and as a result cannot run out of sight on a dark night. Had another ankle op and we'll see what happens this time...but I think we can all guess. Doesn't pass to red headed centre halves...or anyone else for that matter.

Edward NEESHAM

The People's Beard sensibly departed the scene early in the year but as always was willing at short notice to get stuck in when required.

Brad POTTER

ARE YOU READING THIS MATTHEW READ?????????
LEADING GOAL SCORER - 9 GOALS (at the time of writing - he probably stole a couple more in the last game or two) from a combined distance of 7.3m. Seagull extraordinaire, has his own trophy to prove it. Loves nothing more than a chat, a glass of deargodnottheshiraz and an inappropriate dance at Metros.

Matthew READ

See above. Joined the team to bring potency up forward. Succeeded only in becoming the butt of an elaborate joke where we all made sure Pottsy outscored him. Did drag right this year though...only once, but that is one more time than we have ever seen before.

Cameron ROBINSON

Set the scene early in the year by giving Mods their first win in two years, and never looked back. Was promoted to 3's but was struck by an unfortunate case of premature daylight savings time, which at least gave his family the chance to come and not watch him play...probably for the best. Will always be #2 to me, until we get a third keeper anyways.

Gavin SCALLY

It was Scans fault.



O40 DIVISION 1 MEN CONT

Andrew SCANLON

Aaaah, Captain Grumpy. Continually abandoning the team for a series of increasingly bizarre and random reasons, including a couple of games of 3's which I can only imagine fulfilled some inexplicable HockeyWA diversity requirement involving senior citizens and/or increasingly hairy hobbits. The shortest, slowest and hairiest man in the competition remains impossible to dispossess, other than by himself.

Mark WATTON

Women's 2s coach...enough said really. No wonder his hair has gone grey.

Stefan WILLETT

Is a red headed centre half.

Apologies to all involved really...I'd like to say hockey was the winner but it increasingly appears to be fighting a losing battle.



O40 DIVISION 3 MEN

We are the Gryphons from the Melville Hockey Club and we walk with our heads held high. We love the game and we play to win and this is our cry... Take me down to the Melville City where the grass is green and the girls are pretty, oh won't you please take me home. Take me down to the Melville City where the grass is green an the girls are pretty, oh won't you please take me home. **STOP PRESS: Premiers 2018**

Jarron BAKER (Snags/Striker)

Snags is a straight talking, high falootin' country boy who plays with his heart on his sleeve. He takes on every contest with gusto and adds a bit of sauce to the forward line. He owns the team mascot, Mindy the Sausage dog.

Murray CASSELTON (Muzza/ Right Full Back)

Muzza is a new member of the team who decided to join the Gryphons after many lucrative offers from other clubs. Muzza loves his fashion and is always impeccably dressed in matching outfits. He has a cracking hit which strikes fear into opposition players. Sometimes used in the short corners and as a cameo forward. Best known for his amazing hat. Muzza's Hat is a song doing well on the indi charts right now.

Geoff COOPER (Wristy/Inside Right)

Another new member and one of Muzza's brat pack. Wristy (as his name suggests) has many useful skills both on and off the field. He is a prolific runner and team ball mover in our midfield. Loves a beer, is handy in the showers and has a fantastic John McEnroe impression if the umps rob him of a decision.

Andrew CRIDDLE (Cridds)

Fill in and super guy who serves us all beers each week. A helpful liaison and interpreter between the team and the club. Thanks mate.

Stephen CRIDDLE (Criddle/ Forward)

Steve joined the team early on and was a handy forward. He had some knee problems and ended up being out of the season after round 4.

John DE'LANEY (JD/Goalie)

JD is a loose unit from the over 50s. He loves the boys game style and is happy to fill in when needed.

Alan EAGER (Big AL/ Half Back)

Al is the reverse Stephen Bradbury story of this year. He missed the first game and had been on the field for 5 minutes in the second game. Al made a tackle and then a raised ball flew into his thumb splitting the bone in half. Al was done for the season with barely a touch to his name. He is often seen, with a wistful look in his eye, supporting the Gryphons from the sidelines. See you in 2019 mate.

Timothy HEARD (Heardy/Ghost/Centre Half)

Timmy is our resident celebrity as he has his own advertisement on Nova FM. Despite this famous connection, Heardy loves to play with the boys. He is the lynch pin in the middle and controls all the play. Heardy is a long suffering Saints fan. He is a spiritual leader on the field and often says wise things at half time. Loves to sing the team song.

Justin HOLT (Holty/ Left Full Back)

The father of the Mighty Gryphons. One of the founding members and current Captain of the side. Holty fires up the boys each week with his cunning plans and words of wisdom. He has a unique ability to remember the players of the opposition as well as any unusual tactics they have and constantly comes up with ways to break them down. Always recruiting for the following season. Legend.

David JOSEPH (DJ/ Midfield utility)

Dave is a quieter member of the Gryphons. He is a link player that offers an outlet to players when they are under pressure. Dave always arrives with a big smile on his face and accepts whatever role he is assigned. A great asset to the side.

Bryan KENNINGTON (Flash/ Striker)

Bryan leads from the front. He takes on opposition with his burst of speed and is a goal magnet. Opposition players underestimate Bryan's moves and his ability to find space in attack. Runner-up in the division goal scorers with 13 goals. Bryan often strikes fear into opposition goalies. Loves a bourbon after the games and is taking style tips from Muzza on his fashion.

Matthew KING (Kingy/ Striker)

Kingy has had both a position change and an outlook change in 2018. He was Full Back the previous year and not really enjoying himself on the field. This year, the team recognised Kingy's ability as a forward and he





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hasn't taken a backward step. Klngy is often heard encouraging the boys to believe in themselves. He is a much improved player and a team favourite.

Simon KLASS (Klassy/Goalie)

There were rumours floating around of this shy but talented goalie. He played mid week but was rarely seen in daylight. The boys dug Klassy up from his mysterious hiding place and he joined the team. Now a regular member when work permits. Klassy takes on all comers in the circle. He runs a tight ship in defense and his calling to the defense is invaluable.

Richard MURRAY (Lunchbox/ Left Half)

Lunch is another newcomer and a massive fan of Muzza's hat. He turns up each week with a big smile and owns the right wing of the opposition. Lunch is part of the drive from defense into attack and is a handy foil for Holty in shutting down attack moves. Richard is cool under pressure and rarely gets beaten. Not a big singer of the song but he is learning.

Edward NEESHAM (Ted/fill in)

Ted loves his hockey and is always scamming for a game. Love his enthusiasm and his beard.

Ian NEILL (Chooka/ Right Half/ Inner)

Chooka is a quietly spoken Half Back. He brings along his own cheer squad of Mrs Chooka and baby Chooka each week. Along with Richard, Chooka is rarely beaten at Right Half. He launches attacks from defense and links up well with Heardy in the middle. Sublime drag skills and a precision passer of the ball. Had a slight injury concern mid year with some wayward nose hairs, but that has been fixed now.

Brett PICKERING (Monassa/Left Inner)

The young blood of the team. Monassa plays the game hard and is often given the job of taking on the opposition Inner in a head to head battle. He sometimes forgets to listen to his defenders but makes up for it in his ability to steal the ball from his opponent. From the hills where they breed them tough. Loves the song but dislikes Muzza's Hat.

Anand PILLAY (And, and, and/ Half Back)

Anand has a magical overhead pass which he uses to slice up opposition walls. Loves the camaraderie of the back line and is a valuable link in transitioning the ball. Anand loves to sing the song and is often the loudest and the first in the circle.

Sean PSZCZOLA (Black Mambo/Left Wing)

Sean is the other speedy forward and compliments Bryan with his running tank. Sean has been used as an Inner lately as he was filling in for some injured players. Great burst of speed and super finishing skills. Loves a good joke and takes tips from Muzza with his beautiful hockey vest that he wears with pride each week. Has ordered a matching hat like Muzza.

Cameron ROBINSON (Timber/ Goalie)

Filled in a few times early on in the season. Great bloke and skillful goalie. Controls the defense well and is calm under pressure.

Andrew SHORTER (Shorter/ Utility)

Shorter has played just about every position this year except Goalie (which he is really good at). Shorter has a mate called Gryphon Fat Guts who reports in a couple of times a week on the match reports. Gryphon is a massive fan of Shorter's field play and can often be heard talking up his exploits on a Saturday night. Founding member of the side. Loves to score and sing the song, which he co-wrote with Holty. Believes in simply putting the thing in the thing.

Rob TANCREDI (The Tanc/ Forward/Inner)

Rob is playing his second year of hockey. He makes up for his inexperience with sheer fitness and determination to succeed. Bayden Choppy must have taught him a thing or two as Rob holds his stick in an unusual manner. Give the Tanc a job and he will give it 100% effort. Rob is FIFO so he is here every couple of weeks.

Jeff WEST (Westy/ Kayne/ Striker)

Over summer Westy contacted Holty about putting the boys back together. He had a dream that if we collected the guys from the Div 2's who had been demoted, some of the more persuasive characters who had missed a year and grab some fresh talent, we would dominate the Division. Westy has been literally leading from the front and scored 15 goals for the season. He is a cunning strategist and a founding member. Is shy about singing in public but loves Muzza's Hat.

Kelwyn YEO (Roodog/ Utility)

Every week Roodog gets given a task. He is like Ethan Hunt from Mission Impossible. He plays like there is only 5 seconds to go before disaster strikes. The opposition groan collectively when they see Roodog standing next to them as they know they are in for a nightmare of a game. We love Roodog and everyone always wants him to play next to them as he makes us look good. Legend of the team, but has a problem with Fremantle players yelling in his ear.

After 4 rounds, The Mighty Gryphons were on 1 point and looking like being the 'club crabs'. At seasons end the team had climbed their way up the ladder to finish second with the highest goal tally. Last year the boys had a bad season. This year we have turned it around and have made the 'big dance' after crushing the top team 3-0 on the weekend. We will be doing our very best to bring home a Grand Final Flag for the club and the Gryphons. The team spirit has been the biggest change this year and the guys are a super bunch of Gryphons. We also managed to win back the Gryphon - Magpie trophy, which can proudly be seen at Buzacott near the bar. We sent those Magpie Crabs home to think again. Go The Mighty Gryphons.



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Well it was a tough year. Although we often found ourselves doing most of the attacking - getting into the D and slotting goals was more challenging. Notwithstanding we've got a good basis for 2019, bring it on.

Ray ACHEMEDEI (Special)

As Captain he did a better job than the guy who had the job last year, winning more of the toss than not - but who can forget the one he forgot to step out of the way of. As Team Manager he managed to keep the rest on the straight and narrow, no matter how hard they tried not to be. As a player well, what more can I say about myself...

Craig BARRETT

What can you say about Craig? I guess the first thing is that at least he made it to the first game this year. Unlike the great Matso Cup incident of 2017. This year Craig has really led the team, because unlike most of the rest of the team Craig has been reliable and available week in and week out.

John COOKE (Cookey)

'The Chemist', whenever we had to call on him he was always committed to helping us out. Skillful and solid no matter where we asked him to play, which was just about everywhere except goals, and I reckon if we'd asked he would have happily said yes.

John DE'LANEY (JD)

A strong and capable goalie, JD, like a responsible parent, is often required to clean up the mess created by others. He admirably marshals our resources in deep defence, and is committed to the club, team and cause with the bruises and injuries to prove it. JD has excelled this year with the heavy workload we have given him!

Derek DOAK (The Timber Guy)

Apparently he likes wood and he loves trees. It turns out however he also loves taking on defenders whenever he can and likes scoring goals. Pretty handy at both. And if there's one guy who had us regularly reaching for our Aussie slang dictionaries week after week it was Doakey.

Aki ETELAHO

Once again this season Aki demonstrated those Zen like qualities that have made him one of the anchor players for the Over 50's Div 1 team. Game after game his quiet, calm, unassuming manner provided the stabilizing influence the team needed to inch closer to a win. With only one actual win for the year, unfortunately the team didn't seem to take that much notice. Even though Aki showed his quiet demeanor during the games he did manage to pick up a couple of injuries during the year, the most notable coming from a possible rugby tackle which injured both hands/arms and the odd broken finger but that never stopped him turning up just before the whistle for his mandatory 60 second warm up (he is a stickler for routine, even sitting down and not starting the warmup if he happened to be at the ground early by

mistake). Being the versatile player that he is, Aki was able to showcase his keen attacking skills in the forward line as a winger of note, as well as being the rock solid defender that the team has come to rely upon. Another good year for a core member of the team.

Richard HOOKER (Hooks)

Every team needs a Rookie (loose definition: newest and young...est team mate!) and for this season that was Hooks. His youthful exuberance was indeed infectious. Hooks' run up front in the forward line is relentless. Sadly though, like all of us, the ball off his stick and the goal seldom came to a mutually satisfying union. His specialist areas of practice include liquor licensing and mediation, both of which were well utilised by a team full of grumpy old men who like a drink. Jenno especially welcomed Hooks as a fellow member of the bar(!?) and on many occasion was seen to seek his counsel over a glass or two of post-game red.

Michael JENSEN (Jenno)

For Jenno it's all about the red wine - nobody's quite sure whether his preference is a warming Cab Sav, a woody Cab Merlot or a fruity Shiraz... but it's always guaranteed to put a smile on his face. Now an official trendsetter in the 50 1's, having recruited at least 3 other 'classy' guys into the sophisticated red club (maybe because it doesn't show up if it gets spilt over our playing strip). Other than that, it's just another enjoyable year from the Melville stalwart, with a self-professed Queen Mary turning circle who favours positioning over running! The rock in defence! PS - and thanks for the half time talks (from those who were listening!).

Mark LYONS (Clarrie)

Like Gav and Cookey most weeks during the second half of the season, helping us out after playing 40 1's. Hate to see what he's like when he doesn't play with a hammy problem. Plays like he has all the time in the world and who could forget that cracking goal against WASPs, into the top of the goal from the top of the 'D'.

Geoffrey RANFORD (Ramma)

Ramma, poor guy, fell over and did a shoulder for the rest of the year. Although we missed the solid hits from the defence, when he could he came down to provide moral support and help with the drinks man after the games. Best of luck with the recovery mate - hope to see you out there next year.



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Greg ROSS (Gross)

A part of the under attack defence for the 50 1's this year, playing in various positions, he was always reliable. But on one occasion had a brain fade which saw him with a card, which presented the opposition with a flick (to the amusement of both sides on the day).

Gavin SCALLY

Like Clarrie and Cookey filled in whenever he could. Here's someone who has a daunting combination of being able to smack the ball hard, a huge reach and a soft touch. You could just tell most defenders and half backs weren't happy about tackling him.

Cameron SIMPSON-BINT

Think you know your Melville City Hockey Club trivia? Well, here's a question: Who received the most cards for the O50 1's in 2018? You might be thinking an Aki or a Jenno with a few too many crunching tackles in the last line of defence or maybe an Andy Starling, frustrated that some of his more subtle plays and strategies were going misunderstood. Wrong, wrong and wrong! The correct answer is Cameron Simpson-Bint!! Don't be fooled by the quiet, low-key exterior or sucked in by the amiable demeanour. This man is utterly committed to the cause, hard as nails at the pill and takes no prisoners on the hockey field. What the team hadn't quite counted on was Cam pushing the boundaries to incur the umpires' wrath quite so often. We'll all just have to put in a bit of work in the pre-season to help Cam soften some of those rough edges...

Andrew STARLING (Maverick)

What is there to say about Andy that has not already been said. When he wasn't cruising the skies above us, Andy was a welcome addition to the team this year bringing with him that steely endeavour to put the ball in the back of the net and an accent that required translation for the uninitiated.

Michael WATSON (Apples)

Runs less than he used to, which is a good thing, but never ever stopped trying or supporting the team and individuals. During this difficult season, when you look up to pass, Apples will be leading. When you look up 'team mate' Apples will still be leading.

Darran WILSON (Wildy)

While the Statue of David @ 5.2 metres is dwarfed by the Spring Temple Buddha @ 153 metres, Statue of Liberty @ 93m and Christ the Redeemer @ 38m, in this company he still possesses the largest tackle. And this season Wildy showed that David was a formidable competitive opponent to giant golden buddha or huge concrete Jesus. Wildy continued to dominate over the Goliaths but one naked man cannot take on a whole Philistines army. Week after week, with dwindling support to push the frontline into enemy territory, it was exhausting, but post battle he was happy to sink a couple of beers. Thankfully with clothes on.

Big shout out to Gav, Clarrie, Cookey. As the year went on injuries took their toll and these guys helped whenever they could. Looking forward to having these guys next year. Shout out to the 50 2's who also helped out when things got desperate.



O50 DIVISION 2 MEN

We started the year with more than 16 players but as usual were scrounging around, for anyone that either knew what a stick looked like or smelled vaguely of Dencorub, at the end of the season. The constant changes of position even had the national Liberal Party confused. Four weeks from the end of the season someone had a "light bulb moment" and we realised we would have to start winning games (aka WINNING) to get in the finals. After a crisis meeting, we hatched a cunning plan and sent Graeme on holiday (more about this later). It was a lightning blow but however - too little too late. It should be noted that the following may or may not represent the truth and editors of the players comments may or may not have seen anyone play and should not be relied upon if you are making any decisions based on these profiles. Editorial comment are in italics, as are comments from last year's unpublished account (which is still amazingly accurate).

Mr and Mrs Meacock - All great teams have a strong supporter base and we have great supporters. Our number 1 ticket holders and favourite supporters are Whip's mum and dad whose support takes the team to greater heights from a very low base in all weather. We love them dearly and admire them for enduring the vision of such a low standard of skill backed by our low levels of ability. They are the eternal optimists.

Reuben Bocking - Our number 2 ticket holder. Despite being a dog, and a spectator, Reuben has overcome these apparent drawbacks and been elected best on ground many times this season... read on.

Brad BOCKING

Brought a quiet confidence along to the game mainly being his faithful assistance dog to offer half time advice and pre-licked drinks bottles. Brad the bloke himself played in defence with a sense of duty and actually resisted the urge to become a forward despite the occasional drift into the wrong 25. Not once did we see him utter a strong word or helpful suggestion to the umpires this year. A consistent player who never gives up and is brilliant at picking the pocket of opposition players who try to get past him.

Graeme COLEMAN

Graeme "Ronaldo" Coleman - probably one of his best seasons for goal scoring since his junior days, if only the ones he booted in were counted. Graeme deserted the team on the run into the finals and was replaced by a ° size cardboard cutout of Borat salvaged from a video store. Unfortunately, the ruse was discovered after half time when the opposition realised he was in the backline. His preseason coaching and meditation retreat for the team set the scene for the season and was a demonstration of harmony (that is the snoring was in tune and sounded like the Ride of the Valkierie). We are going to miss this guy next year when his transfer to the Socceros comes through.

Derek DOAK

Stellar performance from Doaksie who has found his true calling in rounding up the cash after the game. Stolen by the ones mid year, he managed to sneak back when our team of sixteen had dwindled to the usual barely enough to avoid the forfeit. It can be a bit disconcerting having the Man from Snowy River conducting a round up on the field but in amongst the backdrop it looks quite normal.

Michael GIRDLESTONE

New to the team this year Girdy soon got used to the role and is often seen at Left Half where, if he cant get the ball he holds up the attack for the 2-3 minutes it takes for the forwards to think about coming back. Then he holds them up again for the 10-12 minutes it takes the forwards to actually get there. Girdy no longer believes in the cavalry.

Keith HARPER

The ever youthful Harps was up to his usual tricks this season and often seen sprinting over the backline like Phar Lap, having tackled 20 players but forgot to pass the ball. His control and penetration (and I mean on the pitch) was a joy to see, so hopefully we see more of him next year. Harps is front runner for clubman of the year by bringing home grown very tasty oranges for half time. Few have managed to eat one because Rodger woofs them all down before anyone else gets a chance.

Paul HETHERINGTON

Paul's first game in the team was in the jungle warfare training ground North of the river. We snatched defeat from the jaws of victory in that game and that, together with the 30 + temperature north of the equator that day, made for a less than ideal start. Paul has since slotted into the back line and clearly manages his expectations.

Greg HUNT

Ah the good Egg - provided a calming influence on those around him but that just lulled them into a false sense of security because in a straight line he has devastating form and skill. Now when he is required to turn at speed this is a different matter and resembles more of a snow plough when cornering. Egg is nothing if not a team player and accumulated a fair share of injuries this year nearly losing a finger when he got between Roger and a party pie in round 4. Egg also racked up a few good goals this year and somehow guided us in to being better defenders at the same time. Great work also on the recruiting in Graeme's absence and on half time speeches Greg, although they were rumoured to be written by Bob Catter.



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Michael JOLLIFFE

Regardless of how much research Mike does into the effect of alcohol on reflexes he still has the reflexes of a cat. His work in cognitive disconnection will undoubtedly earn him a Nobel as it is clear that by disconnecting the rational thought processes from decision making has allowed Mike's body to react to goal threatening situations without being troubled or slowed down by conscious decision making processes.

Stephen LLANWARNE

Team analyst and International man of mystery Stephen has an unerring ability to sort the truth from fantasy. Toward the end of the season he was able to use this ability and his analytical mind to provide a day by day assessment of our finals chances. Not sure if lightning strikes should be factored in though... Reduced work and travel commitments this year have left Stephen the time to provide much needed advice and spiritual guidance to those on the team that are struggling in all manner of ways, although they usually struggle more afterwards.

Patrick MATTHEWS

Pat is definitely a case of age and treachery bettering youth and talent. Patrick models himself around the Wombles of Wimbledon and quietly goes about the job on the field with no fuss. Pat's great touch with the stick often leaves the opposition wondering what might have been. Pat has put in a few goals this year and its great to have a functioning half back line that punishes attackers and sets us up for attack.

Paul MEACOCK

The General organised the unorganisable from the backline and could always be relied on to rob the ball from the opposition at the last moment with his deft touch. Whip's standout feature is that he rarely says anything critical about anyone, so this year has been a big challenge for him as he has witnessed some amazing debacles from the backline.

Bill MORRISON

Billy, Billy, Billy... What can we say about our key exchange player. Well some say he is more like the old party line exchanges - you know the ones you had to call up and wait a while as they patched you through to the right person. Billy sharpened up his passes this year and got in some gems, next year we are hopeful he will perfect it by passing to our team, should've gone to spec savers Billy. Late in the season archaeologist's came through with some good news that a T Rex had been unearthed with enough intact DNA to rebuild Billy's knees and nose so stay tuned for next year.

Roger NOTTAGE

Roger's contribution in rounds 15-17 have finally been recognised, by the Royal Society of Surgeons and he is now an honorary member. Likes a bit of niggles does our Roger but somehow is never upset and really irritates the opposition with his sly smile as he picks them up from the ground. Roger descends on the opposition like a Ninja - especially where party pies are involved and maintains the appropriate intensity when on the ground and not behind the goals taking a breather.

Steve SILVEY

Always running into space or pushing back to provide options for hit outs Steve has clocked up a lot of possession this year, (this may explain some things...) Steve has been one of the key pointy parts of our push from defence into attack and the opposition find him a slippery customer to deal with, particularly with his sunscreen camouflage. His clean approach to playing hockey will be the subject of next year's pre-season re-education camp where we hope he will adopt a more flamboyant style.

Colin SLATTERY

Cam started off with a hiss and a roar and it was quickly apparent that he was way too talented for this team. Fortunately the 1's took him back for a few weeks to correct his errant behaviour and he came back a changed man and now fits in perfectly.

Andrew SPEAR

Silver beard seemed fitter and faster this year but maybe the rest of us slowed down. His Richard Gere looks did help him score a few goals this year but he still had to buy drinks afterwards like a normal bloke. Great work in defence and certainly a good contributor.

Colin Slattery - A catastrophic wardrobe failure in round 1 brought Slatts' season to an early close. Slatts re-materialised on the sideline in round 18, sporting more hardware than the local Bunnings, a Versace cap and providing much needed encouragement from the side line. Hopefully he will be able to pre iron enough undies to get through next season. Here is last year's unpublished account... Slatts was having a great start to the year when disaster struck round 8 against Hale. Slatts was poncing around the backline checking himself out in his shadow when his waxed moustache got caught in his Gucci shoe laces sending him to the deck and messing up his Pierre Cardin perfectly moussed hairdo. The good news is that his ironed Fiorucci undies weren't messed. We didn't miss his lack of hockey skills but the game wasn't the same without his Hugo Boss cologne drifting across the pitch. Hmmm Special thanks to the parachute regiment of players that arrived to help us out in the game against Jon XXIII.



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Great bunch of guys, skill level varies from 1 minute to another.

When we get to play on a good ground, we complain the ball doesn't bounce! haha

Lorne ALDER (Right Wing)

Lawn - He fought with opposition, team mates, umpires, uniform officials, captain, spectators and his hamstrings. Came away smiling. Mad bugger!

Chris AVENT (Full Back)

Chris Non event - lasted 3 minutes then MIA for 7 weeks. Came for 1 game then got a head cold - Poor thing . Hockey appears too tough for him - weak as labour!

Carlo BONTEMPO (Right Inner, Full Back)

Crazy Carlo - Aptly named the Melville Madman - opposition knew how to push his buttons - never failed to respond. Played everywhere - often behind the goals.

Terence BROOKS (Goalie)

Brooksie - kept his end up well. Lengthy honeymoon affected his eyesight, to the point where, "white line fever" has a new meaning - Welcome Ange! Supporters arrived!

Michael COLES (Wing, Half Back)

Mike The Ghost - Ghosting up and down the left, Mike uses his stick like a guide stick and moves just as carefully.

Alan MARSHALL (Left Wing)

Alan - Left handed and left brained but playing with right hand - Al, defies sport science and opposition every week. Good aggression, especially with his team mates.

Ian MUNNS (Centre Half, Full Back)

Ian - Another glory seeker, buying votes/drinks every week . Played where he was told and excelled every time. Doesn't say much but his looks can kill!

Eric NELL (Right Half)

Eric - Motivated by continuous unjustified unqualified criticism (many tried and failed his methods), he continues to let his actions speak, over the top in effort. Coming from an uncorrupt country he continues to refuse vote offers.

Tony PATTON (Full Back)

Solid in the middle and at the back. Definitely paid for a lot of votes. Solid body but met his match against Kilimanjaro.

Mike PITCHER (Centre Forward, Inner, Right Wing)

Pitch Panther - Team pressure saw Pitch finally sacked from the running position and dumped in the middle (Andy Wood turned this spot into a static position). When he got there (23%) Pitch relished in the opportunities given to him.

Dean STONEHOUSE (Centre Half, Right Half, Left Inner)

Demon Dean - Self-appointed captain - made a big impact - when he felt like it! Played somewhere, sometimes, for short length. A pleasure to play for.

Andrew TOOGOOD (Right Wing, Half Back, Inner)

Andy NooGood - Or Andy Toogood! We were never too sure who was going to turn up. Selective hearing kept him on and on. Always gives his best.

Kenneth WILSON (Right Inner)

Kenny Wee - When he stopped it he was good. Certainly lifted the standard up front - a welcome addition, succumbed to Pitch's continuous verbal abuse - you will learn Ken - ask Andy Nohearing. In the Zumu mould when it came to acquiring votes.

Andrew WOOD (Left Inner, Centre Forward)

Andy in the Woods fired from CF and told to run, he lasted four minutes then he retired to coach/spokesman/orator/facebook commentor and arm chair scribe.

The Team - It all clicked (late in the season) when the leadership ignored Pitch's pleas and advice. Players stayed up and wide, we passed and we scored.

A good fun, frustrating season. We deserved to be in the finals!



O60 DIVISION MEN

MCHC MASTERS O60'S TEAM 2018. In 2018 we welcomed two new players from our 50's sides. Peter Dawkins slotted into Centre Half and gave us a strong defensive focal point and Matthew Hudson provided a much-needed turn of speed on the Right Wing. We started the season well and pushed last year's Premiers in the first game of the season losing by just one goal. We had a good list of players but as in past seasons we often had players away and we had a fairly poor run against the stronger teams in our grade. We managed a couple of draws in the first round but in the second round we tightened up considerably in defence and were competitive in all but one of those games. We won our first game and have moved off the bottom of the ladder and have avoided the wooden spoon this year. Our improved performance provided a pleasing improvement in our team cohesion and the team enjoyed most of our games even though we were not winning.

Gary BOWATER (Foward)

Gary Bowater - Forward. Gary is our Club President and it was a great boost to the team to have him available for most of our games. He is one of our key forwards and plays with skill and dash as he runs past several defenders at a time. He scored a great goal against Whitfords to set up our first win of the 2018 season. His mobility is of a great benefit for the team because he creates opportunities on the field that might otherwise be missed. Gary has great trapping ability and when he calls his team mates always try the honour the call as we know he will stop the ball and move to our advantage. Another great season Gary and we look forward to playing again with you in 2019.

Bruce CADD (Winger)

Bruce Cadd - Winger. Bruce is a valued member of the club and is a committed team member. He has played right and left wings for most of the season. Bruce always gives 100% on and off the field, at times assisting the umpires in their decision making. We are looking forward to Bruce putting on the boots again in 2019.

Peter DAWKINS (Centre Half)

Peter Dawkins - Centre Half. Pete's first year in Over 60's provided a welcome boost to the team. His skill, work rate and determination constantly amazed as he provided drive with his never say die attitude. He played a rock-solid role as Centre Half, providing defence and attack all over the field. Thanks Pete.

Tony GANZER (Winger)

Tony (Gonzo) Ganzer - Winger. They seek him here, they seek him there, they seek him everywhere. Where? Gonzo is actually an Australian abbreviation of Speedy Gonzales, so like his alter ego, you just don't know where he is going to pop up. However, when Gonzo does, it is to primarily create havoc by upsetting the opposition with his persistence in attack and on occasion, also the umpires, for a unique form of tackling. The 'what, who, why me' look on Gonzo's face when the umpire blows the whistle is priceless. Keep it up Tony, disruption to play allows some of us to shuffle back in position as we contemplate mounting a defence of sorts.

Pat HALL (Full Back)

Pat Hall - Full Back. Pat's contribution to the club on and off the field is well documented. He finds some of his valuable time to play in our team when not pursuing his other interests. He is a great team player and encourages players around him to keep going. He is part of a solid back line with Captain Kelvin. He is missing in action sometimes during the season with his 4WD trips, Legacy duties and watching his daughter and son play in our top teams. When he plays he puts in 150% effort. We hope he still has the time to be part of our team in future.

Matthew HUDSON (Winger)

Matthew Hudson "Matty" is a driving force in our team. Once he takes possession of the ball, we all expect big things to happen and he frequently delivers that pass or shot at goal that inspires the whole team. To watch him in full flight down the right side of the field is inspirational and gives the rest of the team to be enthusiastic to do our best too. Thank you Matty for your big smile, enthusiasm and friendship.

Duncan MACPHAIL (Goal Keeper)

Duncan McPhail - Goalkeeper. Duncan is a likeable, gentle and reliable member of the 60's. He missed a large chunk of the season whilst overseas and always does his best. He is a great bloke to have in our team.

Johnson ORR (Left Half)

Johnson Orr - Left Half. Johnson (Jonno) is well known about the club, not only as a Life Member, but as Manager for the ones. However, he still manages to find time for a run with the 60's Masters. Jonno fills the role at Left Half and although (like the rest of the 60's team) he might not be as quick as he once was, there can be no question as to his skills playing in that position. He holds the opposition wing at bay to relieve the pressure on the rest of the backline. Thanks, and well done Jonno.



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Peter OUDEJANS (Jack of all Trades)

Peter Oudejans - Half Back, Forward, Full Back. Like many of the players in our team Peter is a stalwart of the Melville City Hockey Club. Sometimes Financial Development Officer, sometimes Treasurer and all the time a great club member. An Accountant and Business Advisor by trade, Peter brings these skills to the hockey field, always putting the umpire's decision to audit and constantly counting back penalties and frees. When his legs allow Peter can play anywhere on the field but this season has spent time at Right and Left Half, Full Back and Centre Forward. We are not quite sure where his optimum skill lies but one day it will emerge. A great guy to have in the team and particularly likes a beer after the game.

Keith PLATEL (Inside Forward)

Keith Platel - Inside Right. Keith "the Flash" Platel is the one player on the team, when everyone is pegged, digs in deep and keeps us on track in the game. It is a pleasure to play next to him and watch his silky skills and even score a goal or two. Well done Keith on a fine season.

Bruce PORTER (Left Inside Forward)

Bruce Porter - Inside Left. Since Bruce joined the team he has played mainly as our Inside Left. Often amongst the weekly best players, Bruce is a strong player whose vocabulary does not include "beg pardon". This "controlled aggression" commands respect and he has been a valuable member of our team. Bruce has made a solid contribution over the season and took on a leadership role with the team until a Captain was officially appointed. He is always considering the effective make-up of team as it varies in who is available every week.

Geoffrey RILEY (Goal Keeper)

Geoff Riley - Goalkeeper. Geoff has not only been an excellent team member but is also the Master's Coordinator. For the team, and assisted ably by his lovely wife Mary, Geoff has run the finance of the team and umpiring schedules, played more than one position and proven to be an outstanding goalie which has given us that drive from literally the backline at times. Geoff is also a committee member and supplies expert opinion and drive at all times. As a team member Geoff is the best and has had a wonderful season and inspires us all as a mate and team player. It has been a great season for Geoff and well done from all us on the team.

Although our season was pretty poor overall, we have won a second game and greatly improved in the second round. Our final game was a well earned draw against Fremantle who were 6th on the ladder as we welcomed back Peter Dawkins from his European holiday. We can hope that next year with a full list available again and an influx of younger players we can become competitive again. It was important to appoint a Captain and belatedly we appointed Kelvin Woodward. Kelvin provided the leadership we were lacking earlier in the season and led by example. Great effort, Kelvin. We would also like to thank Eric Nell, Keith Harper, Greg Hunt and Chris Avent who all helped us out during the season when numbers were low or we needed a bit more firepower.

John SMITH (Half Back)

John Smith - Forward and Half Back. John has been our team Captain and Manager. A solid player at Centre Half and other positions, he is a highly skilled and experienced player. He uses his speed to position and pass well. John's versatility and strength of play makes him one of our valuable team players.

Leo WELTEN (Centre Half/ Inside Forward)

Leo Welten - Centre Half. Leo moved into the Centre Half spot this year to provide drive with his exceptional skill, experience and hockey instinct making it difficult for the opposition to take the ball. It's poetry in motion to watch as he ducks and weaves between opposing players. He knows the game and always has advice for umpires and fellow team mates. Leo is always in the thick of things providing drive and developing attacks which have provided the source of most of the season's goals. Thanks Leo for another great year.

Geoff WIDDICOMBE (Full Back)

Geoff Widdicombe - Half/ Full Back. Geoff is one of the younger guys in the team and is fast and strong in defence. Geoff can run hard up the field if the chance arises and he keeps opposing forwards under pressure. Most of his games were at Full Back where he combined with Kelvin and Pat on the field and their sensible rotations ensured the goal keeper had regular and strong support. Unfortunately, he was restricted to just 6 games this year due to a persistent shoulder injury. We look forward to next year and hope the shoulder allows your strong contribution again Geoff.

Frank WILLIAMS (Right Half)

Frank Williams - Half back. As with all old fellas, each year we seem to be slower, but wiser! Our Frank is able to play anywhere we ask him to. His preferred position would have to be right half, where Frank can take 2 steps and be past the winger, run up our right wing for 25 metres, pass the ball either to the right wing or pass across the circle for the forwards. Then he needs recovery time!! It is always great watching Frank getting ready for the game, "Chair, shin pads", "Chairs, shoes", "Chair, half time".

Kelvin WOODWARD (Full Back/ Captain)

Kelvin Woodward - Full Back and team Captain. Kelvin is the ever reliable, strong, hard hitting and unflappable mainstay of our defence. This year he also stepped up and took on the role of Captain, which he has done with confidence. Another fine year under the belt with hopefully many more to come.



JUNIOR TEAMS - COACHES/MANAGERS

Team	Coach	Manager
BOYS		
J5/6 A Promotion	Todd Elliott	Danielle Woods
J5/6 A Reserve	Geoff Cooper	Shane Herbert
J5/6 B	Jim Moncrieff	Yaz Hocking
J7/8 A Promotion	Erin Judd Naomi Evans	Donna Bindon
J7/8 B	Michael Ramsay	Roselyn Weller
J7/8 C	Daniel Penman	John Slater
J9/10 A Promotion	Sean Bentley Nick Page	Eric Hardy
J9/10 C	Jono Rayfield	Keith McGahren
J11/12 A	Matt Willis / Ryan Hyder	Simone Van Zuylen
J11/12 A Reserve	Frank Reynolds Josh Antoncich	Vanya Tierney-Sanchez
J11/12 B	Eddie Swan	Tammi O'Neil
GIRLS		
J5/6 A	Mike Fardon	Steve Woods
J5/6 A Reserve	Fiona Power Lauren Costa	Sherrie Lauder
J5/6 C (Maroon)	Nat Johnson	Fiona Mcauliffe
J5/6 C (White)	Sarvesh Shedbalkar	Julia Knight
J7/8 A	Taleisha Power Ash Power	Mel Farrell
J7/8 B	Abi Bell Eliane Gebauer	Amanda Spurling
J9/10 A	Jeff West Laura Gray / Mathilda Carmichael	Joel Fulcher
J9/10 A Reserve	Rohan Swan	Tim Richards Jude Jones
J9/10 B	Wes Stewart Justin Schonken	Laurinda Illman
J11/12 A	Casey Donaldson Jemma Green	Freddie Frichot Chris Cocks
J11/12 A Reserve	Larissa Blechynden Gemma Cowan	Storme John



J 11/12 A BOYS

The J11/12 A Boys team has had an exceptionally strong season in 2018. With many of the boys being a part of the premiership winning side from 2017, there was a solid base to build upon. The boys who came in to play in the J11/12 A division for the first time have all performed well and shown they were deserving of their place in the side. Again this year the competition lacked some continuity with the holidays, forfeits by other teams, weather and fixturing clashes with senior games, but despite this the boys have continued to improve. This season has seen the continuation of a combined training with the A Reserve group which has enabled the development of the wider J11/12 cohort. Having several of the boys playing in the Top Squad this year and being able to pass on their knowledge and push the others to improve has really accelerated the development of the whole group. The results of both teams are a testament to the work ethic of all our J11/12 boys. A huge thanks to Simone Van Zuylen for managing the team this year. Her work in making sure we get a team on the park each week is invaluable, and we wouldn't have been so successful without her efforts. I would also like to thank all the parents for their support not just this year but over the last four years I have been working with this cohort. It's great to have a talented group but it's even better to have a group who are all great people. Frank Reynolds and Josh Antoncich also deserve a mention for the work they have done with the A Reserve team and helping out at training during the week. It is great to see some of the fine young men from the Top Squad who are willing to help out and pass on their knowledge to the Juniors. Thanks also to Ryan Hyder for stepping in to run the side when I haven't been there, his knowledge and experience is something I'm sure the boys have valued. I wish all the Year 12 boys the best for their exams and what lies ahead, and I look forward to seeing everyone around the place next year!

Coach Matt Willis **STOP PRESS: 2018 Premiers!**

Ebrahim ADOLPHUS (Striker)

Playing his first season with Melville after seeing the light and leaving UWA. Knows where the goal is and has great hands to be able to receive, eliminate and get the shot away. The first half of the year Ebra played some really good hockey, training with the Top Squad and playing a few games of 2s. Unfortunately, a knee injury has kept him on the sidelines for the second part of the year. I'm looking forward to seeing a fit Ebra with a full preseason under his belt in Seniors next year.

Thomas BERGIN (Midfielder/Defender)

One of the Year 11 boys who have contributed greatly to our team this year. Playing in the backline and the midfield, Tom is a natural 'hockey player'. Has solid basics which hold him in good stead under pressure. Has been rewarded for his dedication to training with some opportunities in the Seniors this year, impressing many of the Top Squad along the way. Tom needs to continue to learn the game by asking questions and watching games, but also remember to back his natural instincts and play what's in front of him.

Regan BRIGHT (Striker)

I believe Regan has become somewhat of a cult hero around the club. His game has gone to another level this year after getting plenty of experience the previous year. Has some great elimination skills especially close to the circle which, combined with a turn of pace, see him getting into dangerous positions. Knows the press very well and has become a leader in that area with some of our less experienced strikers. Already playing a few Senior games, even trying out the midfield on occasion, and contributing, it'll be great to see your progression into Seniors full time next year.

Bradley DOWIE (Midfielder)

Stepping up from the J9/10's straight into J11/12A was a big step for Brad this year. While only slightly built, he is a great competitor who is always doing the hard yards to make sure he is on top of his opponent in the midfield. I'm sure Brad has learnt plenty from the Year 12 boys about how to go about his hockey. Something to work on for next year is being able to keep your stick on the ball and to keep improving on that push pass rather than the slap all the time. Well done!

Trent FOO (Striker)

After being one of the dominant players in the A Reserve team last year, Trent has made a seamless step into the A team this year. Has applied himself at training and always does the jobs asked of him in the press. Speedy, good stick skills and a knack for getting a touch in around the goals are great skills to have. Made a memorable Senior debut in the 3s, scoring a goal, which I hope is a sign of things to come. Keep working on your basics skills and learning the press. All the best Trent!

Dylan FORBES (Defender/Midfielder)

Another very solid season from Dylan. The first season in quite a few without any major injuries, which has shown in the way his performances have improved throughout the year. Often thrown at the back as free defender or taking the marking role on the opposition's key striker, which he performs well, his ability to read the game means he makes lots of intercepts and tackles. However, Dylan's skill set means he is just as comfortable in the midfield setting up attack and directing the team around. Has been one of the shining lights in the 2s this year and I'm sure the 1s isn't far off. Congratulations on a great Junior career, all the best for whatever the future holds.



J 11/12 A BOYS CONT

Brodie HOOD (Goal Keeper)

With our regular goalie, Zac, missing a handful of games this year it was a pleasure to have Brodie help us out. Unfortunately for Brodie he probably hasn't had the opportunities in the top grades due to the number of good young goalkeepers at the club, but he has definitely proven himself this year when called upon. Trains hard and has been a great part of the A Reserve team's good season, as well as filling in with a few Senior games this year.

Jacob JOHN (Striker)

Another of our speedy strikers and one of the fittest blokes in the team. Coming up from the J9/10s last year, 2018 has been a big learning curve for Jacob, coming up against the best Junior players in the state. Has come a long way with his knowledge of the press and is now much more comfortable having the ball on his stick going into attack. I'd love to see you give the drag flicking a real crack over the summer and make it a real weapon next year. Had a taste of Senior hockey so hopefully that drives you to keep improving.

Patrick LORRAINE (Defender)

Paddo has improved greatly in his first year of J11/12s. Playing outside half, he has done his job exceptionally well. Has improved his marking ability and still possesses an excellent upright hit to get him out of trouble. Paddo even managed to find himself thrown in as a striker on occasion this year, scoring a goal to boot. A great team player who contributes well to team discussions, especially those not necessarily about hockey. It will be great to see Paddo become a leader of this group next year.

Zachary MCKINNON (Goal Keeper)

Zac's season has been quite an interrupted one. Suffering a head knock and missing games through the middle of the year was quite frustrating for Zac, but he got his rewards with selection in the State U16 Schoolboys side. Zac has great talent as a goalkeeper and is very rarely flustered, has started training with the Top Squad and playing 3s, where he is doing very well. Something to work on is his communication skills and organising those in front of him. There are plenty of opportunities going forward for goalkeepers at Melville and I'm looking forward to seeing Zac make the most of those over the next few years.

Daniel PAINO (Defender)

Our reliable fullback for the last two seasons, Dan should be very proud of his time playing Juniors at Melville. A naturally gifted tackler who week in, week out takes down the opposition's best strikers. Not the hardest trainer of the group but has consistently shown up to work on his game. Scored a goal in a short, memorable stint at striker this year (possibly his first goal in Juniors?). All the best for whatever the future holds, Dan. It's been a pleasure to coach you, and it would be great to see you around the club next year.

Kyle POTTER (Defender/Midfielder)

Kyle is able to dominate games in J11/12s with ease when he is in the right frame of mind. A state representative early in the year and playing 1s consistently has been a big ask, but he has managed to put in many good performances. Has great hands which give him some great stick skills and tackles quite well. Moving into the Seniors full time will test Kyle's work rate and attitude but I have no doubt if he puts his mind to it he will succeed. It's been a pleasure to coach Kyle now for the last few years and see him develop the way that he has. Well done Kyle, bigger things await if you work for them!

Joshua SCANLON (Defender)

From the start of the season Josh was thrown into the backline, particularly at right and left half and has made the position his own after a number of years playing further up the field. Has an attacking mindset and often sets up the play on the outside with his elimination skills. A very dedicated trainer who has trained with the 3s and the Top Squad frequently throughout the year. The focus for Josh moving forward into the Seniors will be his ability to get the ball off his stick quickly and resist the temptation to dribble too far. You've seen up close how some of the elite players at the club train, so hopefully you continue to learn as much as you can and I look forward to seeing your improvements next year.

Justin SCHONKEN (Striker/Midfielder)

Scores goals seemingly at will in this grade, and something he is starting to transfer to the 1s as well (mostly due to the great service he receives). Often gets marked by two or three defenders, which meant he tried a stint in the midfield to try and break things up a bit. Sometimes gets caught trying to do the fancy thing a bit too often. Played in the WA U18 state team and has been rewarded with further selections after that. Lots of hard work awaits over the next few years, but I'm sure if you put in that work you will have the hockey world at your feet.

Wesley STEWART (Midfielder)

Wes has had a real break-out year in 2018. He kicked it off by making the state U18 team and has performed very well throughout a full season of 1s this year. Has a great work ethic and attitude towards improving and getting the most out of himself which should hold him in good stead. Plays a very solid role in the midfield in the J11/12s, setting up attacks and also doing the work in defence. It has been a pleasure to work with Wes over the last few years and I look forward to playing plenty of games with him in the future.



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Mitchell TATE (Midfielder)

Spud's tank enables him to run and run, sometimes playing three games in two days, and his work ethic never falters. Creates attacks by breaking lines in the midfield and then moments later can be chasing back to make crucial tackles in defence. At times needs to slow down a bit and be thorough with his receives and ball handling under pressure, especially when he starts playing 1s more and more in the future. Another of our U18 state reps who used that tournament as a stepping stone for a very solid season. Congratulations on an excellent Junior career at Melville, can't wait to play plenty of games with you in the future.

Aiden VAN ZUYLEN (Defender)

Aiden has had a really solid season this year. Playing as a halfback and fullback this season, he has continued to develop in both roles. Has a very strong running capacity which the team has used to create many attacks on the outside. Coupling this with his elimination skills has proved to be a potent weapon at this level. Has trained the majority of the year with the Top Squad and played a solid role in the 3s. You've got a great base to work from Aiden, but you need to keep spending time working on the basics, especially your passing and tackling. All the best moving into Seniors full time next year.

The J11/12A players and their parents would like to thank Matt Willis for all of the work he has done with the boys, not only this season, but over the last three years. When we get young AIS players come to Melville through the draft system, they don't always "buy in" to the club and its culture, especially given their heavy training workload with the national squad. We have been exceptionally lucky to have Matt, who has put in hundreds of hours developing our junior players, and setting a wonderful example for them of what is required to succeed at the elite level in this sport. It is fantastic that several of the boys now play alongside Matt in our top team, with several more training alongside him in the Senior Top Squad, and others aspiring to be there in the next couple of years. Look out Matt, they might be after your spot! Thank you again, your commitment to the boys and to Melville is sincerely appreciated.





J 11/12 A RESERVE BOYS

2018 has been a very enjoyable season for the team with a great deal of growth by all the players. The beginning of the season was, as usual, a time of the team getting to know each other and learning to play together, and it has worked out to be a very competitive team with a strong chance of playing in the finals. The weekly training with the A team encouraged good skill development and the boys need to be congratulated for their dedication to training during a very busy time in their lives. A particular thank you to our coaches, Frank Reynolds and Josh Antoncich, they have been so encouraging, enthusiastic and great mentors for the team, fitting in the games and training into their own very busy lives with work, uni and hockey! Thank you to you both. Thank you to our umpires this year - Josh, Eddie, Lara, Jordan and Matt - and particularly for the support from the committee at MCHC in helping with the manager's role during the season.

And of course to all the parents and supporters who have come along each week to cheer the team on each Friday night. Whilst the boys would have like to have finished further up the ladder, some of the games were brilliant and very exciting and the team should be proud of how they have played. It has been a pleasure to be involved with the team. All the best for the Year 12 boys moving up to Seniors next year, and to all of you continuing on with hockey. Vanya Tierney-Sanchez, Manager

Callum BROWN (Centre Half)

Callum's presence on the field became overwhelmingly clear as the season progressed. To start out with, it seemed that he was trying to find his footing; getting comfortable with the team and the process we wanted to play. As we delved into the bulk of the season, Callum began to show his true colours and we slotted him into our primary centre half position. Week in, week out he became our most dominant player, being able to win 50/50 contests, eliminate multiple opponents when needed, and protect the ball when receiving it into the midfield. He is a very competent player and should be pushing for a spot in the A-team next year.

Lochlann DOWNEY (Midfield)

Lochie is another one of our midfield work horses. Lochie is a coach's dream as he always listens to what is being instructed and constantly delivers on the pitch. Lochie's vision, passing, and composure on the ball put him on another level to many other players. He is one of our most consistent performers and one of our best defenders; something that doesn't get recognised as much as other facets of hockey. Lochie had been a rock for us in midfield this year. Great season !!

Blake GILLETT (Forward)

Blake is one of the quickest and strongest forwards in our team. He used both of these things to his advantage all season along with nice stick work. Blake has a gifted striker's touch and he is one of the few players who genuinely looked like scoring every time he had the ball on the end of his stick, something which he routinely showcased - namely when he scored 4 goals in a half of hockey! He has a temper that can sometimes get the best of him, but if he can work on that (which he has shown he can do), the sky is the limit for how far he wants his hockey to go. Excellent season Blake !

Joseph HART (Forward)

Joe or Jay Baruchel as we know him is, along with Bailey, another doppelganger in the team. Joe has constantly impressed and somehow managed to juggle Hollywood life and A-Res hockey consistently throughout the

season, a feat I'm sure has never been accomplished before. Joe is one of the fittest and fastest members of our team and constantly skins players as he beats them for pace. Fancy stick work and Inspector Gadget arms make Joe one of the toughest people to defend against on the pitch. We are going to need you in finals so clear that schedule!!! Well done Joe.

Brodie HOOD (Goal Keeper)

It would have been easy for Brodes to cruise through this season, saving balls and not trying to have an even bigger impact on the game. We were blessed to have a keeper willing to motivate the boys, pull off incredible saves and work as hard as he could to keep us in the game. He has an ability to change the momentum of the game by diving to save a certain goal, or by running out to shut-down an opposition break away. His form was showcased in a couple of A games, where he was able to hold his own. Good season Brodes, I hope to see you back next year in the net.

Gregory HYDE (Captain/Midfield)

The commander in chief himself! Greg ! Greg has been our appointed captain this year and rightly so! He has a natural ability to lead and inspire others when he chooses to. Greg has been pivotal to the success of this team and he and Lochie have anchored our midfield. Solid stick work and basics along with excellent defending make Greg a menace to any opposition. Awesome season !!!

Bailey KNELL (Midfield/Forward)

The first time I met Bailey I thought he had come straight from the Winter Olympics off the back of winning his third half-pipe gold medal. I was confused by Shaun White's sudden interest in hockey, but nevertheless I kept quiet. Bailey is one of the much-needed workhorses of our team. He has an ability to run out 70 minutes of hockey at 100% no matter what the circumstances. Bailey has great skill work and exceptional vision on the ball. He has been very important for us in the midfield and up front at times. One of the few players who make coaching that much easier. Awesome work Bailey.



J 11/12 A RESERVE BOYS CONT

Joel LAMBERT (Defender)

Joel was our utility player this season, coming to our rescue in many desperate situations. He started out assuming the half-back role, then moved to the mid-field, and may even have had a trundle up front too. By the closing of the season, Joel found himself playing full-back. His strength over the ball and his composure on the ball were two reasons why he was asked to play in this position, and he didn't let us down. After some tinkering, he was also able to play the free-defender role, this being vital for the success of our team. I hope that Joel continues to play on next year, and pushes for more of a leadership role for the younger players coming through.

Jack LLOYD (Forward)

Jack has had an up and down season and I think he would agree with me. Jack can be dominant on the ball when he chooses to be. A lack of confidence and/or frustration could be the cause of Jack's ups and downs, however as showcased in the game against Vic Park, Jack can play exceptionally well when he hits his rhythm. Jack's decision-making on the ball and vision make him a threat to any opponent when he's at the top of his game. Maybe less time spent on his phone in the change room and more time listening to myself and Frank could serve him well! Ha ! Well done Jack.

Oben MCHOULL (Forward)

Oben has been great for us all year, with his incredible touch and skills to match he has been threatening for us up front. Oben needs to work on leading properly in front of players. If Oben can work on this, his game will grow enormously. One of the silkiest players in our team when he has the ball, he has genuine striker's instinct in the attacking D. Well done Oben!

Ben MUNNINGS (Fullback)

Good season from Ben, finding himself in a bit more of a leadership position this year (against the coach's wishes but he's very persistent). We often spot Ben lurking around the back when the opposition have the ball, occasionally forgetting that he has a player to mark. Once reminded, he is quick to find this player, and doesn't let this player get away from him for the rest of the game. The sooner he learns to push up when we have the ball in the front 50, the sooner he will realise that he is able to be an effective defender before the opposition strikers even touch the ball, by limiting the space available for them to break away from a turnover. I hope to see him playing Seniors next year.

Daniel PAGE (Pagey/ Defender)

Pagey assumed the free defender role early in our season, and it was very easy to see why with his solid performances week in and out. We asked him to cover the hotline whenever the opposition had the ball, and shutdown a player breaking through our press. Within a few games Pagey had mastered his role; being able to cover the most dangerous areas on the field and intercept long-ball deliveries. His form was rewarded this season with 1 or 2 games played in the A-team. I hope to see Pagey push for a spot in the As next year as either a half-back or a core free defender.

Liam PAGE (Half back)

Liam was one of the most reliable in the team, being entrusted to stick to his role week in and week out. Every time we scanned the backline to see who was marking and who wasn't, Liam was always a safe bet to be attached to his opposite striker at the hip. Throughout the season, Liam emphasised working on his distribution not only to other defenders but also up the line to strikers. He has also made huge improvements in his ability to reposition around the back after passing the ball. His ball delivery and ability to carry the ball both still need work, but he is on the right track and should find himself being a core defender next year.

Declan PARKES (Half back)

This fiery young man worked tirelessly to ensure that his direct opponent never received the ball uncontested. Dec should be commended on his ability to stay in the contest, and not over-commit. He was also one of those players who you could rely on to stick to his role no matter the circumstance of the game. We valued him for his ability to mark tightly, and turn defense into attack when turning the ball over. I hope that Dec doesn't lose his determination and fierceness in his game because often that's what is needed to shift the momentum of a match.

Oscar SANCHEZ (Half back)

Half-way through the season Oscar was asked to change from a position he had been comfortable playing for the past 2 years to a position he hadn't played as often. From full-back to half-back, he made the transition with no complaint, adapting his game style to suit his new position. Oscar owned his right-half position. He was moved to right-half to utilise his over-lap abilities to exploit the opposition's left hand side. He not only fulfilled this role but was also able to sprint back when the ball was turned over. It has been a pleasure coaching Oscar for the past two years; I appreciate his commitment to the coach's game plan, and wish him all the best in Seniors.



J 11/12 B BOYS

Firstly I don't think I've ever had more fun coaching a team than I have had with these blokes this season. Sometimes they can certainly test my patience but the most rewarding thing has been just how far they have all come over the course of the year! I came into this season not knowing most of these guys but they have all exceeded my expectations - in fact we didn't even lose a game until the end of July which was a fantastic achievement! The boys have all worked really hard this season and their reward is a finals berth, and hopefully a flag! Coaching this season, however, has not been a one-man job. There are a few people who really helped me out throughout the season and need to be thanked: Tammi O'Neil who did an awesome job managing the side, sending out all the comms, organising fill-ins if needed and most importantly reminding me about anything if I ever forgot! Mark Lukan, who did a great job helping me out with subs and helping the boys out during games throughout the season, and also reminding me about the Eagles a bit too often for my liking! Mitch Scally, my trusty assistant coach in the second half of the season, who filled in for me when I buggered off to New Zealand to avoid an 8:30 pm fixture at Joondalup and who was also often there other weeks to pass on his (or is it actually Gav's?) wisdom! Tilly, Oben, Brad and Jordan who all umpired throughout the season, thanks guys. Apologies if I ever got too passionate on the sidelines. It's a tough job and you all did a great job! Max Harler and Tom Williamson who filled in for us on occasions throughout the season and also performed exceptionally well! It was particularly tricky for me as a coach when Tom filled in as it meant I had 3 Tom W's in the side! And lastly, all the parents who have been such a great support to me over the season. Thanks so much! Eddie

Conor ADDISON (Half back/wing/inner)

The first thing that comes to mind with Connor is pace! He is super fit and can run all day and has a really quick turn of speed when it is required. Was also able to slot in basically anywhere and play as a utility-type player which was really important. His best position was at inner where he was able to use his fitness, pace and skills in the midfield to work alongside Jaymon and Luke in creating the play. A really awesome season with a huge amount of improvement shown!

John ARGENT (Fullback)

I think of everyone this season, the improvement I've seen in John has just been enormous. He has been a key part of our backline and has saved us time and time again. He rarely ever gets beaten and works so well in tandem with Nathan at the back. In fact there were many games where neither of them were subbed off as they both were just too important not to have on the field. John also has one of the best solid sweeping tackles I have ever seen, most players would give away a free yet John was always able to come up with the ball, even when it looked like he wouldn't! Came to every training and always put in 110% effort, which as a coach is all you can ask! A wonderful season and expecting big things again next year!

Asher BLECHYNDEN (Wing/Inner)

Asher is the poke tackle specialist! When anyone has got the ball and Asher is nearby they are in trouble. He just was so good at hassling the opposition without giving away a free, which was really important to our side. Another really versatile guy who can play anywhere he is asked and does a fantastic job. Primarily played as a winger or an inner but was also sometimes used as a tagger, to shut the opposition's best player out of the game which he was able to do extremely effectively! Awesome season mate!

Hewett BROWN (Wing)

Another guy who has just improved so much this season, Hewett has played primarily as a winger and has been very unlucky not to have scored yet this season. As a

winger he is consistently getting to the far post ready for a deflection and is also linking up well with his inners and centre forward. Hewett always puts 110% effort in and that effort has paid off with huge improvement over the course of the season! Well done mate!

Zachariah COLEMAN (Right Half/Fullback)

I think for me the highlight of the entire year was Zac's celebratory dance after he scored his first goal of the year! Zac has had an awesome season and the improvement I've seen in him has been immense. He has become a reliable defender who can also push forward into attack and he is very flexible, he can basically play anywhere. Has also this season has been working on his push outs on short corners and has become a key part of our short corner battery. Zac is also always up for a laugh and has been an absolute pleasure to coach. Great season!

Aden LUKAN (Centre forward/Wing/Inner)

Another one of the 3 musketeers (Jaymon, Riley and Aden), Aden is a quality centre forward with an eye for goal. By far our leading goal scorer this season, Aden inherited the nickname 'Seagull'. Boasting blistering pace and often chasing down balls that anyone else would give up on, Aden is a nightmare for opposition defenders. He also thinks he is a bit of a joker and being an Eagles fan, would constantly remind me just how well the Dockers were going this season. Luckily late in the year I found out he is also an Arsenal fan so I had some return ammunition. Just please stop supporting Andrew!

Jaymon NEEDHAM (Centre Half)

One of Jaymon's biggest achievements this year would be that he may well have beaten the 'unofficial' J11/12 boys card record set by none other than Mitch Scally! Jaymon may not have been the umpire's best friend this season but his importance to the team cannot be overstated. Played centre half and was one of our key midfield cogs whilst also converting some very important short corners over the course of the season. Jaymon is a great laugh to be around and whilst he can sometimes be on a Hayden Ballantyne level of nuisance, we wouldn't have it any other way! Great season big fella!



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Riley NEEDHAM (Centre anywhere...)

Riley, Riley, Riley..... Where do I start? One of the most mercurial players I've ever come across, Riley makes the impossible look easy and sometimes the easy look impossible! He has great skills, runs all day and almost plays like a ruck rover, basically wherever the ball is, Riley isn't too far away! He is an absolute pleasure to coach and whilst sometimes intense on the field, he is an absolute legend! Great season mate, looking forward to seeing you in Seniors next year!

Morgan O'NEIL (Goalie)

They say goalies are a different breed and there is no exception here. Morgan is so laid back at times that you wonder whether he is awake in the goals, yet when you need him he is there. The amount of times he saved our butts this year and popped up with extremely important saves are too many to count. Off the field he loves a laugh and delighted in the fact that his coach was more likely to get asked for ID than he was. Also filled in for the A Res boys on a couple of occasions and from all accounts did a great job. Had a great year and hopefully that continues next season!

Luke SCATCHARD (Inner/Centre Half)

Luke played midfield all season and was one of our most important players. Not only is he extremely quick and skilful, he also has a very good hockey brain and positionally he is excellent! Did miss a game due to deciding he wanted to raid the cupboard at home for a late night snack, only to fall and sprain his ankle which wasn't ideal, and don't worry he did cop a fair bit for it from the boys! He also scored a few crucial goals this season both from short corners and general play. Worked extremely well with Jaymon creating a midfield dynamic duo! Expecting big things again next season mate!

Michael SIDAWAY (Wing)

Michael has played mostly as a forward this season, which is a change for him as he used to play as a full back, however he has adjusted really well. He put a goal in early on in the year and has looked likely again on several occasions. Positionally he has gotten much better, at the start of the season he sometimes got caught out a bit high but now is in the perfect position to provide an outlet to the midfielders and also an attacking goal scoring option! Did also play a game at half back and did well. Good work this year mate!



Well, what can I say other than it has been a privilege to manage such an amazing group of boys this year, they are a credit to Melville Hockey Club in how fiercely they represent their club!! A huge thanks to Eddie Swan for stepping up to coach this rowdy bunch of boys who always delight in taking the mickey out of him. Eddie dishes it straight back to them though, without even batting an eyelid. Eddie has done a great job in developing our boys into a well-rounded team and helping the less-seasoned boys immensely to improve from week to week. Bring on the finals... A big thanks to Mark Lukan for taking on the role of running the bench so Eddie could concentrate on what was taking place on field. And last but certainly not least a huge thank you to the parents who get the boys to training and the game each week, without you all we couldn't manage! Thanks again, Tammi

Nathan THOMPSON (Fullback)

Literally 'The Rock' of this team and along with John, he has formed a great fullback partnership. If I had a dollar for every time Nathan saved us at the back this year I'd be a very rich man! He is just so calm under pressure, often when he's the only man back and has three attackers running towards him, he still finds a way to save the day. Nathan is also the only person I've ever met to complain about being put at centre forward! At the time of writing this, he has not scored a goal this season but with three games left plus finals I am planning for this to change! A great individual season from a player with huge potential!

Thomas WALKER (Inner/Halfback)

After three games, I realised that I hadn't yet appointed a Captain for the side, and when I decided to do this there was one clear option! Tommo is a real leader amongst the team, tactically he is aware of what is going on and he wasn't afraid to pull the other boys into line. Well-respected and liked by everyone, Tommo has lead from the front, playing through the midfield and at half back. He is calm over the ball and has assisted in many goals, however, much to his own frustrations, hasn't been able to put one away as of yet. Hopefully this can change over the last few games. Great season mate!

Thomas WILKINSON (Halfback/Wing)

Another Tom W! Tom is another one who has improved so much that he is unrecognisable from the start of the season! Started the season primarily as a defender but has also been able to go forward and look very dangerous at times throughout the season. Has a really solid tackle and was a specialist at right or left half at shutting down the opposition's winger. A really versatile player who put together a fantastic season!



J 11/12 A GIRLS

Wow what a wonderful season our J11/12A girls have had this year! At the time of writing, they are undefeated! This is an outstanding achievement, the result of each player giving their best effort every week. This is attributable to our wonderful coaches - Casey Donaldson and Jemma Green - who have encouraged each player to improve their game with their positive manner and unique reward system at the end of each game!! We are very lucky to have Casey and Jemma, both successful Premier 1 players at the Club who have given up their precious spare time. It's a great example of when Senior players coach Junior teams, and we hope it has been as rewarding for them as it has been for the players and families. Thank you girls for making our new players, Rosalie, Shanae, Lou-Ellen and Hayley feel welcome. They slotted seamlessly into the team and contributed to our outstanding success this season. Thank you to Colleen Bentley for being manager at the beginning of the season and for her continued support throughout and to Megan Swan for organising umpires. Thank you to Chloe Power, Kate Cowan, Shaya Pillay, Lucy Cocks and Madeline West for filling in when we were down players. To our Year 12 players, we hope you take away many happy memories and friendships from your time playing Juniors at Melville and continue to enjoy playing this great game! Freddie Frichot and Chris Cocks - Managers **STOP PRESS: 2018 Premiers!**

Lauren ANDERSON

Lauren has done amazing this year as a striker and always makes sure she's giving 110% out on the field. We have watched her improve dramatically over the year and we can tell that all she wants to do is make herself a better hockey player as well. Lauren has a bit of sass to her and she makes us laugh every game! Thank you for all your efforts you put in this year.. including the double digit goals that have contributed to the team!

Abigail BELL

Abi has been one of our versatility queens this year, playing everywhere from fullback to centre striker. Her strength over the ball and ability to overlap at right half have been real assets to the team and her slick skills get quicker every week. Abi's joy is infectious, and she never fails to put a smile on her teammates' face. She has been an absolute pleasure to coach and we hope to see her out on the field in Seniors next year.

Caitlin BENTLEY

One of our game plans this year was to make sure there was someone on the post in attack... Caitlin made sure of this every game! Everything we asked of her was done with intent and effort. Caitlin found herself playing different positions on the field and that is a great skill to have... who knows but I think she may like playing halfback! Thank you for your commitment to trainings and games this year Caitlin and we can't wait to see you as a leader in next year's team!

Eva COCKS

Eva is the silent assassin of the team but beware, she has a mean tackle on her. Always putting her body on the line in defence and she chases her opposition player all over the field. Her best asset is her ability to run first on short corners, picking off the first hit with precision. Eva has improved so much this year and is well-liked by everyone in the team. Congratulations on a great year, Eva!

Lou-Ellen EDWARDS (Lou - GK)

Lou has had an incredibly successful first year at Melville, keeping guard of the net in Juniors and Seniors, even earning herself a debut in the Premier league side. An intimidating figure in goals, she has risen to every occasion with no fear of getting out to the top of the circle to do her job. We have all loved getting to know Lou and can't wait to see her in the maroon pads for many years to come! Congratulations on so many clean sheet games Lou!

Neasa FLYNN (Nassa)

A future leader for this team and the one person we can watch outrun every opposition player she comes up against. Neasa has had a full on year with hockey this year, competing in overseas competitions while training very hard to improve her skills. Her skills are incredible and unique, and make her an important part of our team. We hope to see her continue her hockey successes in the future and can't wait to coach her again next year.

Rosalie FRICHOT (Rosie)

Rosie never disappoints us and always has a smile on her face, even though we throw her in all positions on the field. She is a very versatile player and it has made her improve so well this year that she cemented herself as a Senior Women's 3s player. We could not be more proud of Rosie and her achievements this year in a new club. We hope to see her around more next year in Seniors as well Juniors. Thank you for your commitment and gluten-free brownies this year!

Hayley GREENWELL (Hayls)

Hayley has been without a doubt one of our most improved players this year, becoming a force to be reckoned with in defence. Don't be fooled by her small frame, she doesn't let anyone push her around and lays some of the best tackles in the team. One of her greatest assets is her speed, she can run down any attacker and her reverse pressure is something to be admired. We have loved having Hayley at Melville this year and we hope to see her move into a Senior team next year.



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Sarah HASSELERHARM

Sarah has been our playmaker at the back this year, her armoury of deliveries is second to none, giving her the ability to split presses in half and find our strikers. Don't be fooled though because she is no ordinary defender, Sarah has also put her name on the scoresheet playing striker and taking strokes. It has been wonderful to watch her confidence grow as she begins to take a bigger leadership role in the team. Sarah has unlimited potential and we can't wait to see where next year takes her.

Crystal HOBBS

If there is anyone that can pick off an attacker drag, Crystal is your girl. She has great ball handling skills and her defensive pressure is well-executed. As the second-last line of defence, Crystal is trusted highly to support the team and on any given Friday night she is an influential player on our team. We hope to see Crystal follow on into Seniors next year and continue to grow into an amazing player.

Isobel PIGGFORD (Issy)

Issy has had a rocky 2018, going down with glandular fever, only to come back and tear her hamstring. Despite this, she has kept a smile on her face all year and has been at every game eating lollies and supporting her teammates. Issy's ball control has improved greatly throughout the year, combining this with her hard running off the ball has seen her with plenty of opportunities in front of goals. Issy has been a joy to have in the team and we hope that next year she gets to spend less time on the bench and more time on the field!

Ashleigh POWER (Ash)

Captain Ash has gone from strength to strength in 2018 and it has been wonderful watching her grow as both a player and leader. Able to bend the ball like Beckham, Ash has been cool, calm and collected in the centre of the field all year, not allowing any team to come near her territory. Her ability to eliminate and give a forward pass has been one of the team's greatest strengths, while her

uncanny ability to save goals on the line has been outstanding to watch. Congratulations on an amazing season Ash, we are so excited to see you play in the Women's top squad for many years to come!

Amelia SWAN (Millie)

Millie, our most influential change of the year... moving her into the striker line and now we don't see our striker line without her! Millie's confidence has grown dramatically since the start of the year and even bagged herself a few goals! We are so proud of her achievements this year and her ability to work hard is second to none. She will constantly hassle opposition players to cause turnovers and never gives up. Thank you for being such a gem to coach this year Millie!

Jade VANDERZWAN (Jadey)

We could not be prouder of Jade and her achievements this year. She is a highly-gifted hockey player and has a great future ahead of her with hockey. Her skills are extraordinary and as a dynamic player, we can't wait to see her grow into an astonishing senior player in the years to come and as an influential leader. We wish you all the best with your hockey endeavours over the summer and can't wait to see you in the green and gold one day.

Shanae WARDROPE (Nae)

Voted vice-captain by her teammates in her first year at the club, it truly is Melville's honour to have picked up Shanae. One of the most selfless players we know, Shanae has begged to play while injured and even played in goals one week. Her strong tackles and vision over the ball are her greatest assets and have seen her not only play an influential role each week in juniors but also her cement her spot in the Women's Top Squad. We can't wait to watch Shanae continue to thrive in the coming years!

Thanks Casey and Jem :)





J 11/12 A RESERVE GIRLS

This season has been a mix of 'just about wins', hard fought wins and many losses. With these mixed results, we unfortunately didn't make the finals. This did not deter the girls in learning new structures and trying their best to put that little white ball in the back of the net. Trainings and pre-games were the social highlight for the team. They loved to chat, listen to music and catch up on a few days apart. With a couple of team dinners thrown in the mix, the girls have hopefully formed some lovely friendships that they can carry through to Seniors next year. We would like to thank Storme, for being a very efficient and helpful Manager. We would also like to thank the girls for continuing to play during a very stressful year at school if they are in Year 12. Finally, thank you to the families in supporting our team. We wish the girls success in their exams, Year 12 and future years in hockey. Gemma Cowan and Larissa Blechynden - Coaches

Eveleigh & Zoie ARTHUR

Ev and Zoie came from the 9/10s and filled in for us, as we didn't have a GK in the team. Thank you both for being amazing keepers and turning up every week and keeping our goals against to a minimum. We appreciate your commitment to our team.

India BILCLOUGH

Missing in action for the majority part of the season, but when she was present she added to the team's strength.

Madelyn COOK

Maddie is our big personality who always inquired for instruction and confirmation when needed. Maddie was a consistent attender to all trainings and games this year.

Annabel DRANE

Annie, you always found the correct position needed to put the goalie under pressure and to score goals. You are fierce, speedy and determined.

Madison HOLLANDER

Mads, our running machine. You used your running ability to your advantage on numerous occasions, breaking away from the defender and opening up our forward line.

Gabrielle JOHN

Gabby, you grew with confidence, skill and knowledge of when to distribute the ball at the right times in order to be effective. You always gave 100% on the field and never gave up on the will to win.

Dana JOLLIFFE

Thank you for taking on a new role this year Dana. Stepping into the fullback position is a difficult one and we are proud of your endeavour to learn, grow and shine.

Samantha KING

Our very versatile Sam. You can play anywhere you are asked, even your amazing game as our goalie. You are a champion Sam, for always giving your best, wherever you were played.

Phoebe MCWHAIE

Phoebe, you are a quiet achiever who would shine at the right times. You shone on the wing by entering the circle on numerous occasions and creating opportunities for others.

Luka MELLOR

Luka, you are our speedy, skilful midfielder or striker who can run all day. Thanks Luka for being a versatile option upfront, creating many opportunities in front of goals.

Cailey PICKARD

Cailey is our work horse of the team who always managed to chase down the opposition and put them under pressure. She always calmed the ship when needed.

Zoe POLGLASE

Zoe, our ever-reliable fullback whose team mates would always know you had them covered. You were every opposition's wall that needed to be broken. Thanks for an amazing season.

Chloe POWER

Thank you for stepping in to save our goals for two very crucial games this year. You are ever-reliable Chloe.

Mary RAJA

Mary, you have covered our post and scored at the right times during games. We love your enthusiasm and willingness to learn and grow as a hockey player.

Amy RIORDAN

Quiet and unassuming in her hockey skills and presence amongst her teammates. Amy will often pop up out of nowhere and make a saving tackle when needed.

Ellen ROLLS

Ellen Rolls is a perfect name for a player who has perfected the reverse stick roll to eliminate players in the centre half position. Thank you for controlling the middle of the field during the season.

Ciara THOMPSON

Ciara was a steady, consistent player who controlled the ball well in the defensive area. She lead the team and distributed the ball to her team mates.



J 9/10 A PROMOTION BOYS

2018 has been a great year to watch from the side-lines, and clearly evident as one that the boys have thoroughly enjoyed playing as a team. Guided by coaches Sean Bentley and Nick Page, the team grew from receiving an absolute annihilation from Vic Park in their first game together, to one that pulled together when the going got tough and managed to come up with the goods as the year progressed by winning most of their games throughout the season and are on track to play finals. The majority of the team's members played together this year at the Bunbury Carnival where they reached the finals, and also Club Championships - winning the Grand Final, digging deep as a team to beat WASPS.

As a parent it was fantastic to see how members of the club's top Senior Men's teams came along to training sessions and weekend games to assist Sean & Nick with the development of this team. A display of the solid culture that exists at Melville, working together to nurture the club's future. A massive thank you goes out to Dante Barrett, who stepped in for the first six games of the season to play in goals due to an injury to the team's regular goalie (Josh Hood). New to the club this year, we all hope that Dante returns to play in 2019 as he certainly has what it takes to make it as a top goalie. One more thanks from the team to Dan Page, our umpire for the year. Always steady in his decisions with a great understanding of the game. Cheers Dan! A few words from the supercoaches about each team member ...

Lachlan DRAKE-BROCKMAN (Defender)

Lachlan was tasked with becoming The General of the defence and he has relished the chance to do so. A player who is confident on the ball and who can read the play as well as anyone. Once he becomes more confident in his ability to organise the rest of the team as the free defender he will be well on his way to many years of high level hockey.

Ethan ELLIOTT (Defender)

After missing the first couple of games through injury, Ethan slotted into the full back position. Ethan's ability to punch through the line with his piercing slap hit has been the source of a number of attacking opportunities. Ethan's defensive positioning and tackling has seen huge improvement this season and is a testament to his willingness to improve.

Charles GORTON (Striker)

Charlie has become the utility of this team playing in multiple positions on any given day. Charlie has been a pleasure to coach and not once would he hesitate to make a change if it could benefit the team. Charlie's work rate is enormous along with his never give up attitude. If he can continue to work on his ball movement he will become a player look out for in the future.

Lars GROV (Striker/Midfielder)

Lars has developed his game over the course of the year, a player with a good level of skill. Every so often he will do something that demonstrates the talent that he possesses. A player who is dangerous around goals. The only thing holding him back from taking the next step to become a player who consistently performs at a high level is himself. Once he really pushes himself to work and improve he can become a really valuable player for his future teams.

Bailey HARDY (Defender)

Bailey is a player who always finds the ball and always looks in complete control. He possesses great poise and never seems to be rushed on the ball. He has handled playing through both halfback and fullback with ease. When Bailey realises that he possesses the ability to take a greater leadership role, he will have a very promising future ahead of him.

Maxwell HARLER (Striker/Midfielder)

Max has been a solid contributor all year, and it may have taken a position switch from midfield to star striker. Max has flourished as a striker, showing a killer instinct in front of goal (which sees him as one of the team's highest scorers) along with his strong work rate. If Max can continue to work on his drag flicking he can become even more of an attacking option in short corners. Well done, a great year Max.

Joshua HOOD (Keeper)

Josh is another player who missed the first few games through injury. He has improved immensely in many areas including position and game awareness this season. If you can continue to improve in your calling you will become a well-rounded keeper. It has been a pleasure to watch you improve this season. Well done Josh.

DARCY KNELL (Midfielder)

A player with silky skills who goes past players as if they weren't even there. A nightmare for Nick to coach as he still, to this day, gets him confused with his older brother. A great player to have in the team as he is a very consistent player who consistently plays a great standard of hockey. As he continues to develop his knowledge of the game he can develop into a midfielder who will be playing Senior hockey sooner rather than later.



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Brandon LAWRENCE (Striker)

Brandon possesses a left-right drag that leaves countless defenders in his wake. He is a player who doesn't like to be in the spotlight but one who would not look out of place in it. Brandon never tries to do more than he is capable of which is both a blessing and a burden. In the future if he can start to push the boundaries of his game and expand his game beyond his comfort zone, he will develop into a player who will be very dangerous to opposition teams.

Nicholas MASSIE-TAYLOR (Striker/Defender)

Nick always had an excuse to try and get himself out of post-training fitness, mostly it was his calf (or lack of). Nick has discovered some goal scoring form in the second half of the season which was good to see. Never a player who is always finding the ball (as he always complains about), but when he did it usually resulted in some positive play. As he gets older and becomes more mature as a player and person, he has the ability to be a player that will be valued in any team he plays in.

Daniel MOULIN (Striker/Midfielder)

A year that he will remember for a while to come, mostly due to the fact that he decided to run into a fence that resulted in a dislocated/broken finger, something that he now realises was not the smartest idea. A solid season being one of the team's main sources of goals, with an array of skills in his arsenal. Once he learns to use these skills at the right time and when to offload the ball he will become a very handy player heading into Senior hockey.

Coaches Nick Page and Sean Bentley have been a steady influence on this group of 14/15 year old boys who are quickly developing strength and skills which will set them up for Senior hockey. They work well together in influencing the changes needed in each of the players and as a by-stander it is great to see the enjoyment (or is it relief) that they get from seeing the team pull together some of the team play they have been working on. On behalf of the team & parents, thank you both for your time & effort and we hope that you can continue coaching throughout the coming years.

Ben POWELL (Defender)

Has been a solid contributor this season, Ben's physical presence down back and strong tackling make him a nightmare for any opposition. When he wasn't down back he managed to sneak some time in striker line, even managing to sneak a goal or two. If Ben can continue to work on his ball control, he will become a very strong player. Well done Ben.

Daniel WALLINGTON (Defender)

Daniel is a player who goes about his hockey in a quiet and simple fashion. Daniel always does as is required for the team, with great success. He possesses great qualities for a defensive player that can impact the game. Daniel has more skill and quality than he gives himself credit for and once he realises this he can take the next step to becoming a player who is one of the leaders of the team.

Thomas WILLIAMSON (Midfielder)

The engine for this team, quite often having to play the full 70 Mins at centre half. Tom's ability to be able to bring the rest of his teammates into the game is a great asset for the team. Tom has been able to make his senior debut along with playing some J11/12 games this season and not looking out of place at any stage. If Tom continues to work hard he can become that dominating midfield player that every team needs.



J 9/10 C BOYS

A strong season from this group of young men, finishing top of the table for the season. On a good week, these guys look unbeatable and go into the finals with one loss recorded for the season. 2018 has seen noticeable growth in maturity and application from this group with the each member contributing to the success of the team. Well done guys ... you can be proud of yourselves!

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Brodie ABRAHAMS (Forward)

Brodie has been a great part of our team this year. A willing runner who gets stuck into the challenge every week. Brodie seems to find himself in some great goal-scoring areas to both score and assist goals. I have seen Brodie steadily improve on all aspects of his game as the season plays out. Keep up the effort Brodie.

Harry ARMSTRONG-THOMAS (Forward)

Harry has had a great year in the forward line scoring his first goal too. His effort and willingness to learn and improve is admirable and he has developed into a strong striker with good presence. One area Harry can improve is wanting the ball more, as he has great skills and speed when he has it. Well done Harry.

Joseph BUNN (Halfback)

Joseph has had a very good year and has hardly put a foot wrong. He has been very solid in his role and his marking and tackling pressure is outstanding. Joe is able to transition well from defence to attack and is often a strong presence in attack. Great season Joe.

Dylan HARRIS (Forward)

Dylan is a passionate lad who gives his all for the team and loves the glory of scoring a goal. Another player who finds himself in the correct areas to score a goal, he throws everything into getting that goal for the team. Another great trainer that obviously has a huge love for the game, Dylan has worked hard to improve his technical skills as well as his tactical knowledge of the game. A brilliant lad who just can't wait to get on the field and give his all! Great season Dylan, a bright future is ahead!

Jayden KELLY (Goal keeper)

Jayden has been our goalie all season. He is a light-hearted lad who doesn't take things too seriously. However, it has been good to see Jayden getting more aggressive and using his voice to marshal the troops in defence. Jayden needs to continue to become more aggressive and mobile to make the goals his own. Well done!

James LATTO (Inner)

James was a great contributor to the game both on and off the field and always had time for a laugh. He was great in midfield and always looked to improve and ask questions. His work rate and desire to help the team was great all season, showing a fantastic desire to score. Well done!

Callum LEE (Inner)

Callum was a great influence in our forward and midfield group this year. He is probably the strongest kid in the whole grade and this worked to his advantage in a lot of our games. He uses his body well and has good pace off the mark when he needs to drive hard into the spaces. One area for Callum to improve on is to look for forward leads as he heads towards the attacking circle. Great season Callum.

Daniel MCGAHREN (Fullback)

Dan played as one of our main defenders this year. He has developed over the course of the season into a strong defender. His tackling and ball-winning skills have improved out of sight. Dan has played well all season and is a confident defender. Great season Dan.

Connor NEWTON (Forward)

Connor isn't the loudest player on the field but his actions and efforts are all he needs to show that he has great natural talent for the game. He gets to the right spaces frequently and works extremely hard all the time when he is on the field which is an excellent attribute for a striker. Well done Connor.

Corey RYNVIS (Halfback)

Corey has been solid all year in defence. Although he preferred to play higher up the field, he always did what was best for the team and became a very strong halfback. Corey has very good skills and has been great all season. Fantastic season Corey.

Lachlan SKINNER (Halfback)

Lachy is a coach's dream in the sense that he can play anywhere on the field and deliver a quality performance, no matter what. He is a natural leader and he took it in his stride and lead the boys well each week. His composure and decision making are mature beyond his years and his calmness under pressure is to be admired. Great season Lachy.

Riley STEPHENSON (Fullback)

Riley 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. Riley is also not afraid to travel forward when he has the space and close the gaps between the forwards and backs. Well done Riley.

Musa TARIQ (Halfback)

Musa was new to the club this year and has worked hard all season. He is a tireless worker and is not afraid to get stuck in. He has shown an incredible amount of improvement this year and delivered amazing performances on the field many times. Musa has had a great season and would love for him to come back next year.

A special thank-you to Jono Rayfield who coached the group to success this year. Jono's brought calmness and clear thought to the team when it was needed as well as letting the boys enjoy themselves.



J 9/10 A GIRLS

The J9/10A girls team came together from the A and A Reserve teams from 2017, with players and families spread across the Perth metro area. The girls started strongly and quickly established themselves at the top of the ladder where they have been a constant fixture. They have enhanced their training and team work by playing at their last Bunbury Carnival together, where they played off for 3rd place in the Championship. The game ended in a draw and the girls finished 4th according to their ladder position. With the results and game play the girls have established a good game base to go forward into the finals series.

Hannah CARMODY (Forward)

Played up from J7/8's for one game this year. Played up front and fitted into the team extremely well. A skilful player with great speed.

Lucy COCKS (Forward)

A fast closing-down forward who puts pressure on opposition defences. Always gets to the post and has scored a number goals this year for her efforts.

Kate COWAN (Forward)

Another powerhouse player in the team. Will put her body on the line to win the ball. Can lift the team with her determination. Kate has scored some great deflection goals this year as a result.

Kate EDWARDS (Utility player)

A versatile player who played a number of roles from halfback to forward. Can out-run anyone in the team for distance, even after running the City to Surf!

Ivy FILMER (Defence)

A fast, reliable defender who also reads the play well and is always first in front for the intercept. Has also developed in confidence and this has shown in her ability to pin-point the long slap pass.

Chloe FORBES (Centre half)

A hard working and skilful centre half and midfielder with a V8 for an engine. A balanced player, who will leave nothing on the pitch.

Lois-Jae FULCHER (Defence)

A solid defender, who has made some outstanding tackles in defence this year. Often under pressure, reads the play well and takes a clean ball. A big hitter who has developed control of the pass to work to the game plan.

Scarlett HUSTON (Utility)

Also played up from J7/8's for one game this year. Played in the midfield and forward line. A skilful player who contributed to the team's win.

Jayde JACKSON (Utility)

A strong and skilful, versatile player who can play anywhere on the field. A solid defender and with a mean goal-scoring tomahawk.

Saysha PILLAY (Forward)

A very skilful and versatile player, who can manage to turn defenders inside out with her stickwork. Played mostly up front and created many opportunities and outcomes for the team to convert this year.

Shaya PILLAY (Midfield/utility)

A skilful, disciplined player who can hold possession well through the midfield. Also plays as an inside forward, creating opportunities and creating links in the passing chain.

Chloe POWER (Goal keeper)

A trusty and reliable protector of the goals, with an unassuming reflex and reach for the ball.

Mikaela SPIRES (Defence)

A valuable, reliable player in our half line who has grown with confidence and always makes the right decision on the field. Her cover defence has been outstanding this year, closing down many break-away forwards with her speed.

Lara STRBAC (Defence)

Also a valuable and reliable halfback who has grown with confidence and will to learn. Lara has played a tightly controlled left half position this year.

Mathilda SWAN (Forward)

A versatile player who is a great contributor to the team on and off the field. Mostly played forward this year and reads the play well.

Kiara WARDROPE (Midfield)

Another hardworking midfield player who has grown immensely in confidence this year. A skilful player who reads the play well. Also played a pivotal role in our corner battery as one of our injectors.

Madeline WEST (Forward)

A skilful inside forward with great touch up front. Is a good distributor of the ball and will develop well with continued confidence.

Thanks to the coaches for the season, Jeff West, who was initially assisted by Laura Gray and subsequently Mathilda Charmichael. The girls have played some very attractive and mature hockey which is a credit to their talent, skills and the coaching they have received. The girls should all be exceptionally proud of their hockey and will be strong players and valuable team members in their next hockey endeavours. Thank you to all of our parents for supporting the team.



J 9/10 A & A RES GIRLS





J 9/10 A RESERVE GIRLS

Until Round 11 this amazing group of girls were undefeated. This achievement could be attributed to our lead super coach Rohan Swan or to the girls' individual talents with stick and ball, but I'm sure all involved would agree, it was the team spirit and the trust and care amongst this group that made the difference. These girls are an absolute credit to themselves. They have been positive, motivated, committed and had plenty of fun throughout the season. You couldn't ask for a better example of the great culture that Melville Hockey Club stands for. The girls trained twice per week. Tuesdays were focused solely on developing fitness. These days were great opportunities to bond and have fun while building endurance and strength. The sessions involved running, core strength exercises and circuit sessions, always with music blaring and the girls sporting a range of fashion statements like tutus and tiaras. The Thursday training sessions were a bit more serious and technical. There was strategy talk, skill development and set play sessions, all of which were translated into goal scoring in their Sunday matches.

We would like to thank Jude Jones who is new to the club, for her management of players, parents and coaches. You have been highly-valued Jude! Another huge thanks goes to Kylie Mishra for her outstanding organisation and coaching at the Bunbury Carnival and State Champs and her role as assistant coach. Vanessa Carmody for running fitness sessions and also assisting with coaching when needed. The ever-trustworthy Sarah Billingham for being available for all fill-in coaching and player support. Jaymon Needham has been our dedicated umpire for this team - and he never let the team down. We are so fortunate to have had you on board Jaymon! Thanks also to Zoie Arthur and Mikayla Wardrope who filled in as goalies when we needed them. Last but not least - Rohan Swan!! Thank you for nominating to coach these girls. Rohan had a very busy year on the personal front and yet remained committed to coaching. Rohan has brought such passion to the team and inspired these girls to want to win the grand final. We wish him and all the girls continued positivity and we are confident they can take it out.

Eveleigh ARTHUR (Goalkeeper)

The most amazing goalkeeper! Her decision making on the field has been exceptional and she has formed the critical piece of a defence that has only let in 7 goals this season so far - the best defensive record of any team in the grade. Ev has had some magnificent games, denying the opposition again and again to allow our forwards the opportunity to score and win games. Well done Ev - despite injuries you have had an awesome season.

Emily BILLINGHAM (Wing / Inner)

This year has been one of enormous growth for Emily (MB), her hockey, presence on the field and domination of the forward line has really come into its own. She can more often than not be seen streaming down the right wing, using her skills to beat defensive players and is becoming a handy inner as well. Emily has also been the other half of the team's 'cheer squad' making a positive impact on all around her.

Charlotte BUNN (Wing)

Charlie has had a great season this year, becoming somewhat the 'seagull' of the team. She has been one of the most consistent goal scorers of the season, perching herself right where a winger should be, to pop the ball in the net. She has worked hard on her body position this year with the goal of improving her strength over the ball, and is to be commended on her efforts.

Maeghan CARLSEN (Inner)

Maeghan has been our trusted and reliable inner throughout the season. Once on the field, Maeghan does not stop running and her work rate back into defence has saved us on more than one occasion. Her squeals of delight, as the ball comes her way has been a memorable feature of her game this year.

She has shown real commitment to her training and we have watched her ball skills and disposal rates improve steadily. Maeghan is a valued part of the team and we look forward to seeing her back next year.

Maddie CARMODY (Inner / Halfback)

It is fantastic to see Maddie back in hockey this year, bringing with her music, smiles and commitment. Maddie has steadily improved as the season has gone on, bedding down the role of inner through much of the season and switching to become an effective halfback towards the end of this year. Maddie's tackling and second efforts are a credit to her and she is a player who has put in 100% all season. We look forward to seeing Maddie continue to improve.

Milah CHANTER (Inner)

Ms Chanter is a long time Melville Junior. She loves her hockey, loves her teammates and loves life in general. Milah awed us in game one with her pace and skill on the left wing. She is always available for balls from the midfield and able to deliver dangerous shots on goals. We love your positive spirit Milah!

Natasha CHISHOLM (Fullback / Halfback)

Tash, Tashy, and Tashstar are some of the names she is known by. She really is an absolute dream player to coach. She respects her coaches and teammates, and always puts the team before herself. She listens to advice, acting on it immediately. She acknowledges her weaknesses and turns these into her strengths. She gives 100% at every training session, every game and every team talk. She may be quiet when it comes to voice but when it comes to commitment, Tash is as loud as anyone can be.



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Morgan IRVINE (Inner / Wing)

This girl can talk! We have loved her laughter and quirky comments, which have kept everyone on their toes. Morgan's ability to play both midfield and striker became more apparent as the weeks went by. She has the quick stick work to be a midfielder and the hunger to be a striker... making it tough for the coaching team to know the best fit. As the season went by, the hunger won out and she consolidated the striker role! We love her powerful shots on goal and the excitement as the shots hit the backboard. Morgan, don't ever lose that love of a goal!

Emily JONES (Halfback)

New to the club this year, Emily (MJ) has fitted into the team like she has always been there. Instigator of the 'cheer squad', her positive presence and work rate on field has been appreciated by all. She has patiently bedded down at left half for the season, giving us great strength and distribution from the half back line. MJ is developing great vision and distribution skills. We have loved having you on the team this year Emily.

Tara MISHRA (Halfback / Fullback)

Tara - Tara - Tara ... pace, reading the play and channelling are her hallmarks! She has provided so much versatility and strength in our defence this year. She can be placed in any position and will embrace it and dominate. Unfortunately for Tara, she has been plagued with some random injuries/illness this year. Testament to her character, she was always able to pick herself up and return to a game with her usual zest and charismatic cheeky smile! Thanks for the passion you have brought to both your game and teammates!

Georgia MUNNINGS (Halfback)

Georgia has had a strong season, so strong in fact at right half that the sub coordinator often forgot to give her a break throughout 70 minutes of play! At an estimate, Georgia wins the ball in 90% of the tackles she makes, to then run away and distribute with accurate passes. It has been particularly pleasing this year to watch the development of her play off the ball, working hard to make sure she remains an option for her teammates. Georgia has been a friendly and respected team player!

Grace MURPHY (Fullback)

Grace has been another star of our defensive team, steady as the sweeping fullback cleaning up in the middle of the D and running the ball out as the opposition swarm over her. Grace has personified 'being desperate in the D', frequently putting her body on the line as she lunges to save another ball or make another tackle. Grace has also made a debut role as a left wing, notably scoring a goal on her first outing in this position! Grace has shown great versatility and we look forward to seeing where this takes her in the future.

Olivia PATTON (Halfback / Fullback)

Well Miss Ollie, where do we start? Let's see if we can sum up how the entire team thinks of you... A leader, a team player and committed and kind both on and off the field. You love your hockey. You love a challenge. You are skilful and strong and just ooze with positivity... We could go on and on like this! You deserve success, Olivia. You have given your all to the team and your desire for this team to win the GF is evident. We hope we can do it for you. Good luck moving into the 11/12's - you will be an asset to them in more ways than one!

Sasha RICHARDS (Centre Forward)

Sasha - the tall blonde of the team who is right up there for winning the 'cheer leading squad' of squeals award! It seems as though she loves being on the sideline as much as the field sometimes with her cheering! Please don't ever stop, as this is both motivating and passionate. When playing, she has the knack of being in just the right place at just the right time to steal a ball and quietly pop it into goals... We would love some insight on how she manages to do this? She has been a pleasure to coach and an absolute role model!

Piper SUMICH (Inner)

Well - if you want to see a fitness machine operate with style, class and modesty - then come down and watch Miss Piper train and play hockey. She is an absolute motivation to the girls in showing them what hard work can achieve. She leaves no stone unturned when she steps onto the field for both training and games, pushing herself to the absolute limit, time and time again. Piper - you need to believe in your talent and you will go places that you haven't even thought of. Thank you for being a kind and caring team member and inspiring those that surround you!



J 9/10 B GIRLS

We started this season with a little team, struggling each week to find enough players, but as the season progressed, so did they. The kids welcomed two new players, their confidence and bond grew with each other and their awesome Coach, Wes, and Assistant, Justin, their skills improved and they really managed to thoroughly convince their supporters that they were a force to be reckoned with! Although Wes is very quiet, he always had something positive to say, as well as offering the team valuable gameplay strategies and teaching skills to advance their hockey. Thank you so much, Coach and Team, for a fantastic, exciting and sometimes nail-biting season of hockey to watch!

Zoie ARTHUR

One of our most consistent and outstanding performers throughout the season. Zoie has made numerous crucial saves that have kept us on our toes and the team in contention for a win. Zoie shows great potential and I'm sure that she is headed for a bright future at the club should she wish to continue with her hockey. Well done on a great season Zoie, continue enjoying your hockey.

Kymerlee BABB

Quite possibly the best quiet achiever we've ever come across. After joining us mid-season having never touched a hockey stick, Kymerlee has been nothing but a pleasure to coach. Her ability to listen and try things she's not necessarily comfortable with is to be admired. Keep working on the basic pushing and trapping and you'll be sure to see yourself playing some great hockey in the future. Well done on a great season Kymerlee, hopefully we haven't scared you off and will see you back playing hockey in future years.

Tabitha BLECHYNDEN

Tab has been one of our solid defenders this year who has played consistently well throughout the year. It has been pleasing to see how much she has improved since the start of the season, especially her strength over the ball in our defensive circle. Continue working on finding the wide passes out of defence and I'm sure we'll see plenty more of you in our Women's grades in the future.

Elena BODT

Well done on a very solid season Elena. Your ability to keep running and applying pressure all over the field has undoubtedly been a huge asset to the team. Keep taking little points from your future coaches and adding them to your game, you've got great potential. Make sure you keep enjoying your hockey and we'll be sure to see you around the club at some point.

Nikkola CHAMPION

Nikki has taken the role of self-proclaimed captain this year, and was certainly never short of self-confidence and providing the team with plenty of talk both on and off the field. Keep using those silky skills when going forward in attack. If Nikki takes on advice from her future coaches and applies them to her game, we'll be certain to see plenty more of her in the future. Well done on a good season Nikki.

Kate ELLEMENT

Another one of our very solid defenders for the year. It has been pleasing to see Kate step up and take a form of leadership within the team during the frantic passages of our games. Her assertiveness and consistent work rate has been a major factor to her game. Kate always seems like she is having fun and is prepared to put in the required effort. Keep working on your strength over the ball, especially in tight situations. A great season from you Kate.

Alessandra FLEXMAN

Alessandra has been a great team player to have in our group this year. Always making crucial tackles and looking to link short passes coming out of defence. Something Alessandra should look to apply to her game is using her passing accuracy to find longer passes, especially down the line from a halfback position. It's been great to watch you improve this year and I have no doubt you'll be playing some quality hockey in the future. Well done Alessandra.

Bianca JOHNSTON

Another quiet player within the team, however never shy to get involved and stuck in. It's been great to see Bianca using her physical presence in defence and her strength over the ball when we are in attack. She is always listening and taking advice on board which has evidently shown in her later games of the season. Bianca has been a great player to have in our team this year and we really hope to see you back playing in future years.

Georgia LAWRENCE

Georgia has been a very coachable player all season. Her ability to listen and apply that advice to her game will get her far in her hockey but also other life endeavours. Georgia has been quiet during some patches of the games throughout the year but when she gets involved her impact is crucial. Keep working on being involved all around the field and being an option to your team mates going forward. Well done on a great season Georgia, we hope to see you back again next year.



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Finnity MCHOULL

What a pleasure it's been coaching Finnity this year. Always paying attention, getting involved and giving her all out on the pitch week in and week out. Finnity has definitely discovered her strengths and used them to her advantage consistently this season. Make sure you don't lose that aspect of your game, but keep taking little points from your coaches and adding them to your strengths. Well done on a fantastic season Finnity, keep playing to enjoy your hockey.

Lily PRENDERGAST

While Lily has only played a small section of the season with us, one would not think so. For someone who has never picked up a hockey stick, what she has put out on the pitch in the last few weeks of the season has been nothing short of amazing. Please keep enjoying it and make sure you come back and play next year, you will be going places with the natural talent you have for the game.

Ruby QUARTERMAINE

Ruby should be proud of her efforts this year. She has stepped up as a more senior player of the team and has played some impressive hockey. Keep trying to apply a fast and accurate pass to your game to take your 'short gameplay' to the next level. Your short corner hitting and long distance passes have been a great asset to the team this year. A great season from you Ruby.

Alex ROLLS

Alex never fails to impress us with her bubbly personality both on and off the field, it has been a great characteristic that has kept the team cohesion at a good standard. Undoubtedly one of the hardest runners on the team, we can't fault Alex on her effort all year. Continue to work on those flat and accurate hits and it will be a great addition to your game style. Great season Alex, we look forward to seeing you around the club.

Lily SKIPSEY

Another one of our more senior players this year, Lily has had a very consistent season in keeping the team together and adding that small touch of class to our passing game. She has taken advice onboard very well all year and it has become evident in her style of play. Lily could be a potential top squad player, should she continue to apply advice given to her, as well as maintaining her enjoyment for playing. Fantastic season Lily.

Anna THOMSON

Anna has had a fantastic season this year. She continues to impress us every week with her tackling and strength around our defensive circle. I can hardly recall a time this year when Anna wasn't smiling and it's been great in bringing positive vibes to the group. Her encouragement and advice to her team mates has been great to hear and should be something she continues to develop and grow within her game. It's been a pleasure coaching Anna this year and I look forward to seeing her out on the pitch again next year.

Thank you very much to Wes, for being a fantastic and EXTREMELY reliable Coach and to Justin...the kids laughed a lot when they saw you!! Thank you to the parents, grandparents and friends for your commitment to this team. I know it's hard work sometimes making sure everything goes smoothly! Good luck to all of you for next year, hopefully we see you all again soon.



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This 2018 hockey season has been a pleasurable experience for everyone involved. Our enthusiastic and ever-so-patient superstar coaches, Premier 1 players Erin Judd and Naomi Evans, guided the team of sometimes no-so-focused at training 12-13 year old boys to finals. Even during some tense and physical times, these cool gals managed to keep the boys on track, teaching them skills, techniques and game play in a fun environment to become a formidable team. **STOP PRESS: 2018 Premiers!**

William BINDON

Will has been one of our most prolific goal scorers this year. Since the start of the season we have seen Will grow into a more confident player making him a dangerous forward to watch out for. He has become a skilful outside striker who can carry and eliminate with the ball into the circle. Will finds good spots in the circle and is able to put the ball in the back of the net. We look forward to seeing you scoring more goals in the future. Good job Will.

Travis CANNY

Trav has been solid in the goals all season. The boys have often relied on (and left) him to make saves that keep us in the game. It has been great to see Trav improve as the season has gone on. We can't wait for him to find his voice and a little more aggression. We know he's going to be an asset for future Melville teams and a challenge to future opposition teams.

EAMON COOPER

Swift skills, patience and smarts on a hockey field is something that must run in Cooper genes. Eamon has had a fantastic season, displaying a combination of great hockey talent and an attitude to never give up. As a third of our leadership group this year, Eamon has stepped up and found his voice as a leader, which was delightful to see. We can't wait to see him playing in Maroon for many, many years to come.

OLIVER COOPER

Oli has worked endlessly all season to keep his team competitive in many games of hockey. Oli has a hockey brain beyond his years and always shows initiative and creativity in how he plays. As part of our leadership group, Oli always remains cool, calm and collected in pressure situations (even when his coaches don't). He has had a tremendous season, playing legitimately every position apart from goalkeeper. He will definitely be one to watch for seasons to come!

Jason DOWIE

Jason "tomahawk" Dowie has been a regular in the A team this year and while he does talk too much at training he has been a good addition to our forward line. He would be the only person who is allowed to shoot a tomahawk from the baseline, as they are the most common shot he gets in. Jason has a very good ability to get shots away making him a striker to keep an eye on. Keep working on your positioning in the press to help you get more ball from the opposition and your forestick shots. Awesome season Jason.

Ethan FORBES

Ethan, our non-stop running halfback with a lethal 'cobra' poke tackle. You never give up Ethan, always chasing down the opposition, more often than not catching them by surprise before they reach the D. Your efforts this year have provided moments of inspiration for your team mates. We have never met a nicer player on the field, or someone who passes the ball to others when they have a free shot. Keep that attitude Eth, it will go a long way. Good luck for your hockey career!

Andrew GIBSON

Andrew has adjusted well to the new position of half back this year, after predominantly playing striker in previous seasons. We love his ability to attack from our defence with his right to left drag that is still unstoppable even though you know it is coming. It is great to see Andrew take this new position and work on improving his new set of skills, which does involve marking a player now. Great job Andrew, look forward to seeing how you go in the future.

Kirby HOBBS

Kirbs, what a player you have developed into this year! We have placed a lot of extra responsibility on you this year, both in the role of center half and as the last third of our leadership group. Kirby has had a stellar season, consistently creating dynamic plays through the center of the field, not to mention being the team's highest goal scorer, with 15 goals in 10 games to date. We can't wait to see how your hockey develops for the next few seasons, keep up the hard work!

Benjamin KING

Benno, the 'King' of all trades. With a penetrating hit from a 16, Ben has created significant plays for our team this year. Working well with his partner in crime Nicko, the defensive duo have definitely held the team on more than one occasion. Ben even loves to defend so much that he decided to give goalkeeping a go for a game, and what a potential star Erin saw! Keep working on those outlets Ben, and don't forget to be a little bit more demanding on your midfielders (that's the fun part of defending, finding your voice). Good luck for future seasons!

Jude MELLOR

Jude "Juice" Mellor has been a lively addition to the group this year both at training and games. Even though he does love a chat and a hot lap, he has added some spark to both our midfield and our forward line. Jude has some very silky skills that make him very hard to defend against and his ability to score goals is impressive. Good season Jude we are sure that we will see a lot more of you in Hockey WA's future.



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Aidan ROLLS

Aidan has been one of our key goal scorers this year. He started off as a halfback and has found his way up front as he always seems to be in the right spot at the right time to put the ball in the net. Keep up the good work Aidan, and keep pulling the trigger when you get inside the circle.

Timothy TAN

Mr Reliable Timothy Tan. Tim has been a great asset to our team this year. He has been a player that we have been able to slot into any position and he does a great job of it. He is a player that has basic skills at a high level, accompanied by great decision-making skills. Well done on a good, consistent season Tim.

Nicholas WILLIAMSON

Nicko, what a season you've had. We wanted to see a leader emerge this year, and wowiee have we seen that. You have passed on advice, knowledge and patience, often when your team needed it most. You have improved significantly this season, with your marking, tackling and elimination skills. The defensive pressure and cohesion you display with Ben is an exciting combination for this year-group's future. We look forward to hearing about you controlling many defensive set-ups at Melville for years to come. Awesome season Nicko!!!



when to breathe Donna, we could not have survived this season and thirteen 12/13 year old boys without you. Your time and effort is immeasurable and we are so grateful. On behalf of the team and parents, an enormous thank you to Naomi and Erin for your time and energy in coaching the boys. It is a big sacrifice in time and energy for both training and travelling all over the countryside to games supporting the boys whilst juggling your own team commitments. We are truly appreciative.

Another massive thank you to Roger Mellor who delivered an extra mile every Thursday afternoon, by providing a fitness and extra skills session for the boys. These weren't compulsory, but were definitely enjoyed by the boys as they kept coming back for more. Also thank you Jack Dowie for stepping in for Roger on those days he couldn't make it. Thanks to Chloe Forbes, Mathilda Swan, Dylan Forbes and their chauffeurs for interrupting their Saturday mornings and afternoons to umpire. You excelled in your professionalism, and managing 22 boys - We hope to see you again.

Thank you to our resident photographer Sunny Tan for your stunning photographs you made available to the team. A big thank you to all of the parents, family members and friends who came to the games to support the boys, and provided additional eyes to help with recording the scores. You are a wonderful group, and we hope to see you again in 2019. Lastly, to Colleen Bentley, a monumental thank you for your behind the scenes organising and late night emails. Your tireless efforts are what makes a professional club, we truly appreciate your work.

Donna: Where would we be without our manager?

Thanks for always telling us where to be, what time and



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From the start of the season, it was easy to tell that the boys were going to do well. They impressed me with their skills and their ability to work as a team. Although we lost two games in the first three weeks, it was clear that they had the skills to compete with all the teams that came our way. While improving their skill levels over the season, they have also gelled together as a team and that has given them the strength and commitment to lead to the fantastic results we have seen over the season. By far our best game of the season was a 7-1 win over Aquinas, when we played them the second time for the season. The first time, we narrowly beat them 2-1 in a very tight game. This is indicative of the overall progression and improvement from the boys this season. At the time of writing the boys are sitting top of the ladder with 2 games to go. The season is looking good but still a lot of work to do. As a coach the best part of this team has been the support shown by the families that have been involved, and this season they have all been fantastic.

Joseph COLEMAN (“Jo” / Forward, Inner, Wing)

I have had the fortune to coach Joseph for 2 seasons now. His skill development and understanding of the game has improved with nearly every game this season. I have not had to change what he does at all. He has been a goal scoring machine for us this season and continues to support his team in any way he can. There is never anything I can ask Joseph to do that he won't give a try, and that has helped his complete understanding of the game over the season. He continues to be an integral part of the team and always puts the team before himself. I am positive that Joseph will continue to develop into the great team player and hockey player.

Carrick DODDS (Half Back)

Carrick was injured for the first 5-6 weeks of the season. But when he returned his skills and speed were a great addition to the half line. His general skill and game play has improved out of sight during the season - he has become an integral part of our half line. He has been both a leader on the field and off the field, and has earned the respect of team mates and his coach. Carrick has the ability to do anything that he puts his mind to. I will always remember the tea parties I try to break up at training, in between runs around the hockey field for talking while I was. Carrick's involvement in the team has been fantastic and I wish him the best in his hockey adventures as he continues to develop his skills.

Lachlan FLYNN (“Lachy” / Goalie)

Lachlan has been a great asset to the team this season, not only have I learnt a lot more about Fortnite than I wanted to, he has been integral to the defence doing so well. If I had one wish it would be that he needs to command the D and be more aggressive in defending his goal. Lachlan has been a pleasure to watch play and grow as the season has continued. The other players look up to him and clearly enjoy him being part of the team. He has been an absolute pleasure to coach this season. I wish him luck in J9/10s next year and will try to keep tabs on his improvement.

Edward HART (“Ed” / Fullback)

In the first few games of the season, Ed decided to “intentionally” push the ball over the base line, without even hiding his intentions. This led to a few discussions that he needed to attempt to head for the sideline. Right from the start Edward showed great understanding of hockey, and his skills were very good. However, over the season he has really showed that he is a reliable and

effective team member. He plays his heart out every game and strongly supported his team-mates. It has been a pleasure to see Ed grow as a hockey player and really stamp his authority on any & all opposition team.

Jackson Harmsen (“Jacko”)

Jackson has been fantastic this season. He has done exactly what I have asked him to do with little question. One of my favourite memories and learning experiences for Jackson this season was when he set up 3 or 4 goals in a game and did not manage to put one away himself. This marked a huge change in his development as a hockey player. I feel that if he keeps to the simple things and excelling in these on the field then he will become unstoppable on the field. Jackson clearly lives and breathes hockey and is 100% committed to his team and the sport. His enthusiasm for his teammates and his team has been the shining light for him this season. His skills have developed really nicely and his team play has improved as well. I am positive that his development as a player will continue over time and that his skills and understanding will improve as well. Jackson has been an asset to our team this season and I look forward to him improving.

Mitchell HORROCKS (“Mitch” / Inner)

Mitchell has had a troublesome year with injuries and sickness, along with some family holidays. However, when he has been fit and well his skill and understanding of the game has been excellent. Mitch has shown the capacity to run all game and never give up - great qualities in a hockey player. Being an older member of the team, he leads by example and shows the younger ones how hockey is supposed to be played. If I was to ask him to do anything it would be to insert himself into the game more and increase his dominance in the midfield. Mitch has been a great asset to the team. He has developed a keen understanding of the game and what his role is on and off the field, he has been a pleasure to coach this season. I am sure his hockey understanding and skills will continue to progress as he moves into J9/10s.

Alex JONES (Inner)

Alex has consistently been a great performer on the team. His level of creativeness and excellent skills has meant that he has both scored a few goals this season, and has set up a few as well. Alex has developed his game understanding and his skill-set to be able to be a quality player on the field. His great character and always-determined outlook has led to him developing into



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a consistent ball carrier and distributor for the team. Alex always gives 100% for the team and this has been a real focus for his game development for the season. I am sure that he will grow into a great player for any team that he plays with next year.

Preston KNELL (“Presto” / Wing, Halfback)

I have had the opportunity to coach Preston for two seasons now. He continues to grow with his understanding of the game and develop his skills accordingly. He has some great insights into what it is like to be out there playing. Most of his suggestions are absolutely spot-on and this has been a great development in his game. Preston is always the first to speak up, he is also the first to listen and act on any feedback provided. He has been an excellent team member and a valuable member of the team. His willingness to do what is needed is never questioned.

Ross MILLER (“Injured” / Inner, Forward)

Ross managed to injure his head, foot and shoulder this season. The most memorable was when he was taken out by a goalie when running into the D. Ross has been a great addition to the team this year. He has always been willing to give his all for the team and has achieved an excellent level of skill. He doesn't need to be asked twice to do something and everything has been done exactly as asked. His enthusiasm and team-playing mentality has often led to him being completely tuckered out by the end of the game. He has also really become a great member of the team and when it comes to team players he has been fantastic.

Oscar NORDON-RAMSAY (Fullback, Wing)

Once again Oscar had the unenviable task of being the son of the coach. He reliably takes all the criticism that comes out after a bad game, or a less than desirable training. The one consistent comment made to him throughout the season has been to really want the ball and to make sure that he gets involved in all aspects of the game. Oscar has been an invaluable player throughout the season and has been able to play a variety of roles in the team. He never questions where he goes and is excellent at using his skills to be able to do what is needed. Oscar has been a great addition to the team and a valuable team member this season.

Lachlan PATERSON (“Hit it wide” / Halfback)

I am not sure if it is a nickname or a directive, but I always seemed to say Lachy and hit it wide in the same sentence over the season. Nearly every time he took the time to look and pass the ball to our players, the overall quality improved. Lachy has been the linchpin from our defence into attack. He has become the excellent and skilful player that he is, because he has improved his hockey understanding as he has understood his role in the team. He listens intently and always gives 100% when he is on the field. He has been a pleasure to coach and watch grow into an integral part of the team.

Cosmo QUARTERMAINE (Wing, Halfback)

Cosmo has definitely been a force through both the forward line and the half line this season. His positioning and game play has seen a huge improvement this season. Initially he was not able to make trainings on Mondays. However, since his schedule changed he has both improved on and off the field. He always has an opinion on what needs to happen, but also is very happy to take any directions that come his way. His hockey understanding and skills have improved this season and he has developed into a reliable and consistent hockey player for the team. He has also really grasped the concept of team play and realises his role in the game and always gives his all. It has been a pleasure to have him on the team this year and I am sure he will grow into a fantastic hockey player in the future.

Thomas STONE (“Tom” /Half Back)

Thomas has been an incredibly reliable and consistent performer over the season. His skills have been refined and improved over the season. The best part of his game has been his understanding of how to effectively and positively influence the play. I have been really impressed by his willingness to take any piece of information and recreate and implement on the field. I have tried to get him to resist the urge to migrate towards the middle of the field, and this has worked. Thomas has become a player that has been able to break the lines of defence and deliver the ball efficiently to his team mates. Tom gives his all when on the field, and has been a valuable member of the team this season. With very little change I am sure he will become a force to be reckoned with as he continues to develop his hockey skills.

Aiden WELLER (Fullback)

Aiden has been fantastic in our defence this season. He has been effective in his role as fullback. If I could ask for one thing it would be to be more aware of his positioning on the field, especially in relation to his other fullback. Aiden listens intently and 99% of the time implements any feedback provided. His overall skills and hockey understanding has improved and he is indeed a calming presence in the backline. He has grown into a reliable and essential player for us, I wish him well in moving up to J9/10s.

Overall 2018 has been a great season for the J7/8Bs, not only have they developed their skills to what I see as a higher level, their understanding of the game and how they fit into the patterns has been fantastic. I could not have asked for a better team to be a part of, I think I have been lucky to be their coach for this season. I would like to thank the parents of the boys turning up and supporting the boys at every game rain, hail and shine, great games and the not so great games. The most important part from a coaches point of view is that the boys have really enjoyed their hockey this season and I hope they can continue on their journey as hockey players and develop their skills accordingly. Special thanks to Ros for being Manager this season and the umpires we had this season have been fantastic - Michael Ramsay, Coach Michael has been a fantastic coach and mentor to all of the boys throughout the season. All the team has grown under his guidance and every child will move into their next season a better player thanks to his involvement and support. On behalf of all the parents and players, a special “Thank you” to Michael for all his efforts in leading the team throughout the season - Ros Weller, Manager



J 7/8 C (GOLD) BOYS

At the beginning of the season a group of Year 7 and 8 boys, along with several younger boys from J5/6 came together to form the Melville J7/8C team. The boys come from an assortment of playing backgrounds and ages, so it was always going to be a year of development for the boys (and coaching team). Throughout the season the boys just got better and better and whilst they didn't walk away with a lot of wins, they never gave up. The team has been coached wonderfully by the ever-positive and energetic Daniel, and assistant coach Rohan.

Zane BLOOMFIELD (Half back)

Zane has been a steadfast contributor to the team this year. His skills have improved throughout the season but most importantly so has his understanding of his role in the half back line. He is a good listener and responds well to advice. You have been a joy to coach this season Zane and with a bit more confidence on the field we may see some extra special things from this young man.

Daniel BROWN (Centre half back)

A player vote was taken for the captain's position after the second game and Daniel came out on top. The boys could not have picked a better young man to lead the team. He set the bar high in every aspect of his game. His speed and determination to win the ball at all costs are just two areas of his game in which he excelled. Daniel played as an attacking centre half back where he could display his silky ball skills and was like the "Energizer Bunny" - he just kept going and going all game. Well done Captain.

Zac BURVILL (Right Inner)

Zac was our first ever goal scorer for the year and you couldn't wipe the smile off his face for weeks. The dynamite little inner always found himself in the right place. He is the ultimate team player, always doing the hard yards to help out his team mates. Versatile would be a good word to describe Zac's game, you could play him in any position and he would shine. With his great awareness and goal scoring abilities, he has been an awesome asset to the team.

Ryan HALE (Wing)

The second of our new-comers to the great sport of hockey, Ryan took a couple of games to get his feet but showed with a bit of hard work and concentration you can mix it with the best. Playing on the wing and inner, he picked up the rules of the game quickly and was very unlucky not to score a goal. I hope Ryan will keep playing hockey in the future. He is an awesome little bloke who doesn't mind a chat and it would be great to follow his progress in the sport.

Isaac JACKSON (Half Back)

Isaac is the first of two players in the team that had never picked up a hockey stick before. He came to us very shy and reserved but we soon changed that. He now has the skills and the attitude to become a long-term playing member of the club. You can see he loves his hockey and if he continues to develop his skills, I think he will not only surprise himself, but he will also have made lifelong friendships with his team mates.

Zachary KELLY (Wing)

At the start of the season Zac put his hand up to play goalkeeper and did a fantastic job. But you could tell that he wanted to get out on the field and show us what else he could do. He played the rest of the year at wing and I was very impressed with his speed and stick skills. He was always ahead of the ball and found himself with a bucket load of space in front of him on many occasions and he didn't mind the odd shot on goal, too. Keep up the good work Zac.

Elliot LEWIS (Half Back)

This was the second year in a row that I have had the pleasure of coaching Elliot and again he proved to be an outstanding team player. Playing off the half back line, Elliot has shown major growth in his tackling and marking of players. Elliot's focus on the game this year has improved immensely but he can still be easily distracted by the J7/8 girls training on the next field. Love your work Elliot!

Matthew LIPPIATT (Full Back)

This young man is the type of player you can put anywhere on the field and he will always give you 100%. He loves to play up forward but seemed to show his real talent lies in the backline. His hard tackling and marking skills improved as the season went along, highlighting his position as a defender. Matthew also shows traits of a born leader. He was always thinking up new plays and ways to get under the opposition / umpire's skin.

Oscar LOCKE (Wing)

You want to talk about big hearts... Oscar has the biggest I have ever seen. Playing mainly in the forward line this season, you can see how much he loves the game and loves playing with his team-mates. With his long blonde "Thor" hairstyle and permanent smile on his face, Oscar made coaching fun. You have been a joy to coach the last two seasons and I look forward to seeing your progress throughout the years.

William PENMAN (Full Back)

William is the youngest member of our side but don't let his age fool you, he can still mix it with the big boys. Playing as a forward for the first half the year before spending 5 weeks on the side-line with injury, William found his place in the half back line where he really honed his skills. With his long hair and 80's headband William always gave his best every week. He really loves his hockey and embodies the spirit of why we play the sport... to have fun!



J 7/8 C (GOLD) BOYS CONT

Blake PRINCE (Full Back)

The heart and soul of the back line, Blake possesses the attributes to become a great defender. He is built like a water polo player and with a very powerful clearing hit he can deliver the ball from one end of the ground to the other in a split second. He worked really hard on his marking in the second half of the season which helped in keeping our scorelines tight. Keep working hard mate!

Shoma SLATER (Centre Forward)

What a super star this young man is! Be it hockey or cricket he can play. Playing as a centre forward, Shoma has an energy that I would love to bottle. He can run all day and also run rings around the opposition. His hunger for the ball is second to none and you can see that he always wants to learn more and more at training. I can see a huge future for Shoma in years to come and hope he chooses a hockey stick over the sand paper!

Matthew VERMEULEN (Goalie)

Commonly known as "Ironman", Mathew has been an outstanding goalkeeper this season and wow has he been a busy boy! He is one of the nicest young men you will ever meet and if you can get a word out of him, it will always be something positive. His keeping skills are steadily improving and with some specialized coaching I think we might have another "Clemo" on our hands. You have been a pleasure to coach this year Matty, keep up the good work.

Ganleon WONG (Wing)

What a surprise package this young man has been this season. He is built like "The Rock" but has the finesse of a violinist. He started out at full back but then found his calling as a wing man. His stick work and his ability to be in the right area every time was a joy to watch. Ganleon lets his hockey do most the talking but his first goal he scored was music to our ears. G Major effort Buddy.

I would like to thank a couple of special people who played a massive part in the team. A huge thankyou to Rohan Prince who was pretty much the second coach of the side. Without your knowledge and passion for the game I don't know what we would have done. And, to our team manager John Slater, thank you so much for all your organisational skills. Lastly, a big thank you to all the Parents and players. It was a tough year but the positivity within the side was amazing which made it fun to coach. Daniel Penman.





J 7/8 A GIRLS

It's fair to say that when we put our hands up to coach this year, we didn't quite know what we were going to be in for - it's easy to forget what it was like to be a Year 7/8. The girls were freshly into high school, emotional, full of energy and possess a need to gossip constantly. We learnt a lot about our girls, not only their hockey abilities. We learnt who their crushes were, who kissed who on the weekend and the entirety of their school days, week in, week out. Many seconds were lost waiting for silence, many minutes were spent lecturing the girls on being quiet whilst others were speaking, many interventions were had, many feelings were expressed, and many tears were shed. This group was the craziest, loudest and most energetic group of young girls we have ever seen.

With most girls being Year 7, they were mostly new to playing a structured hockey style, which proved challenging when coming up against older opposition. However, we have grown huge amounts together and by the end of the season we were holding our own. The group's ability to work as a team and get along so well together was admirable and unlike anything we have witnessed before. These girls are so inclusive of one another and although they needed to be reminded of many things over the season, this was never one of them. Having this strong foundation allowed for us to be able to implement our style of play on the girls and have them execute it in a uniform fashion.

The structures we have taught the girls this season are in line with those we have learnt at Melville during our Senior hockey and we aim to have them carry this through their Junior hockey with them and make that transition to Seniors in the next few years smoothly. You girls have challenged us greatly to keep things interesting and we hope that you have learnt some things from us that you can continue to work on in the seasons to come. You have all been such a pleasure to coach and we could not have asked for a better group of girls. We love you all and have so much faith in each and every one of your futures as hockey players at our club. We hope to see you around soon and continue to help you grow into the great hockey players we know you will all be! - Taleisha Power and Ashleigh Power

Sophie BILLINGHAM (Soph (Centre-half))

Sophie has been the core of our team this season. Most games saw Soph at centre-half due to her ability to drive forward with the ball as well as distribute it. Soph's skills are silky smooth and as a result she was often getting around the opposition with ease. Where Soph can improve her game is by lifting her head early when on the ball to look for that early pass, also by limiting her chat when the coaches are talking. Soph was selected in the U13s State Team going away at the end of this year. Great season Soph!

Hannah CARMODY (Han (Inner/Striker))

Another girl selected in the U13s WA team! Hannah is a little ball of energy, from constant chatter at training, running the entire field to then score in a game and leaving us struggling to formulate a running training that would result in her breaking a sweat. Her ability to be both a strong defensive player and dynamic striker saw Han slot perfectly into the midfield. She proved time and time again how she earned her state selection by gliding past the opposition and chasing back tirelessly. She can improve by working on her marking in the press, tight and goal side! Great job Han, you have been a pleasure to coach.

Ashleigh FARRELL (Ash (Halfback))

Ash has been a pleasure to coach all season. Her bubbly and kind personality has seen her slot into the team effortlessly and we have never heard a single complaint - not even during fitness! Ash has worked tirelessly to improve her hitting and passing abilities and it has paid off. The girls are now able to transfer the ball out of defence confidently and effectively and Ash has had a large role in this. To improve Ash should work on her strength over the ball, channelling and remembering to always mark goal side! Well done Ash!

Darcie FARROW (Darc (Fullback))

Starting off the year with selection in the U12s Schoolgirls State Team, Darcie has shone from the start. Darc has been our go-to girl for short corners this year (when we are able to get them). Her powerful and accurate hit made her our team's highest goal scorer for this season - whilst also being our trusty fullback. Darc has improved massively since the start of the season and adapted so well to the structure we are implementing on the team. Her job as marking fullback was crucial in our team's defence and many times she was there to make a crunching tackle and shut down play. Darc can improve by continuing to have trust in the abilities of herself and team mates. Can't wait to see what the future holds!



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Jessica HERON (Jess 2.0 (Striker))

Jess came to us at the start of the season straight from South Africa. Despite never playing on a full-sized field before, Jess slotted into our team very well. Her ability to control the ball saw Jess in striker this season, creating many opportunities in front of goal. Jess's cheeky personality made her very easy to get along with and she was often caught taking sneaky breaks whilst her team mates were planking. To improve, Jess should work on getting outcomes with the ball by keeping it on her stick and drawing the foot or free, also staying low on the ball instead of winding up a meter out from goals!! Great season Jess, you have been great to coach.

Scarlett HUSTON (Scally (Fullback))

Scarlett has taken on a key role in our defence this season. Her strong tackles and smooth skills in attack have been a huge asset to our team. Scarlett's bubbly and out-going personality was a great ice breaker for the girls at the start of the season, allowing a great bond to develop within the team. Her enthusiasm and endeavor made her a pleasure to coach, as well Scarlett's hard work and determination influenced the team greatly and saw her step up in commanding our team from the backline. In the future, Scarlett should continue to practise her tackling and channeling, as it will benefit her game greatly. Congratulations on your selection in the U13s State Team, and also on a great season of hockey. Good luck in the future!

Jessica LEIGH (Jess (Halfback))

Jess slotted into the team with ease, her sweet personality and natural hockey ability made her a great asset. Jess's versatility to play in the midfield as well as the halfback line allowed her skills and knowledge to develop with every game. Her work rate all season was phenomenal, always working back and staying in the contest. Jess was always seeking help and feedback, and it was so rewarding to watch her take it on board and apply it to her game. Next season, Jess should work on being strong over the ball. It has been a pleasure to watch Jess develop and watch her confidence grow. Well done on a good season Jess!

Brooke MCKENZIE (Brookie (Striker))

Brooke's polite and kind nature has made her a pleasure to coach this season. Brooke hasn't stopped improving from day one, taking on-board all feedback and suggestions given and applying them to her game. Her speed in attack and use of her skills has had a great influence in the striker line. It has been so great watching her grow stronger and more confident within herself. To improve, Brooke should continue to work on her strength over the ball and maintaining possession, allowing her to draw outcomes. Keep up the great work Brooke, we wish you all the best next season!

Many of our Juniors competed in the Annual Bunbury Carnival June long weekend 2018





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Grace NUTTALL (Grace (Halfback))

Grace came into our team from playing in the J5/6 C's the previous season and only in her second season of hockey. She was selected based upon her strong tackles in fullback at grading and her aggression and want for the ball. Grace has upheld this standard and found her calling mid-season as a half-back. Grace worked hard on the feedback we gave her and as a result was a very strong player in our backline. Her ability to mark players out of the game and meet the ball first was outstanding. To improve Grace should work on getting her head up before delivering the ball to ensure it goes to a team mate. Great work Grace!

Ellie POLGLASE (EI (Striker))

Ellie started and finished the season strong. Her maturity and ability to control the girls when we couldn't, was a great help. Ellie's commitment to training and her will to better her individual game, saw her improving every week. Her ability to break lines and use her speed, aggression and strength over the ball in attack has been great to watch from the sidelines. To improve next season, she should continue to work on her leading, moving into space and rolling out when she doesn't get the ball. Ellie has been a pleasure to coach this year, and we would love to see your confidence in your own ability grow in years to come. We wish you nothing but the best, and well done on a magnificent season.

Yvette RIGG (Yvie (Halfback))

Yvie is the other girl in our team that we never heard complain. Always with a smile on her face, Yvie's gorgeous personality made her a pleasure to coach. Yvie works tirelessly, constantly chasing back and applying pressure to the opposition. She is strong over the ball and able to perform crucial tackles at half-back. Yvie is also making great progress at developing her short corner push out, keep trying! To improve her game Yvie needs to stop putting herself under so much pressure! This would help her remain calm on the ball, allowing her to get her head up and make an accurate pass to her team mates. Well done Yvie!

Talia ROBERTS (Tals (Inner/Striker))

I think it's fair to say Talia always made training and game day entertaining. Her huge personality and need to constantly have a chat was challenging at times but also a delight to be around. Talia slotted into the team easily, with her ability to talk to anyone, enthusiasm and likeable nature. She finished the season having played almost every position, this versatility and desire to learn new things made her great to coach. Talia can improve her game by focusing on one thing at a time, often Talia puts herself under pressure before she even has the ball. Learn to be confident in your own ability, because you have such a bright future ahead of you. Keep up the great work, Talia.

Sienna ROBINSON (Sienna (Inner/Halfback))

Sienna has had a stellar season, being selected in both U12s and U13s State Teams- you go girl! Her ability to create space with her leads and exceptional ball control had her playing through various lines across the season. Her channelling and tackling skills have improved immensely, making her a very hard player to get past. Where Sienna could improve is being aware of her options, in particular, not always going forward. Having Sienna and the rest of our midfield look for a back option would open up our game a great deal. Well done on a fantastic season Sienna, hopefully we see your cheeky smile around soon!

Mikayla WARDROPE (Mikki (Goalkeeper))

Mikki has had a fantastic season, saving more goals than anyone could count. Her quick reflexes and mobility in goals allowed her to make some incredible saves. Mikki's commitment at trainings and determination at games has been wonderful to see, and with her inviting and down to earth personality, we have no doubt that she has a strong future ahead of her. Mikki's hockey will improve leaps and bounds when she gains the confidence to talk to her teammates during games, seeing her be able to organise her team will prove very influential in their success. You have been a delight to coach this season Mikki. Congratulations on your U13 State Team selection, and we wish you luck for not only your tournament but also in your years to come.

HUGE THANKS to our super coaches sister-act Taleisha & Ashleigh Power. You have been great mentors and coaches to our girls both on and off the field. The girls have enjoyed their hockey - we love your passion, commitment and positive energy. It's been great you've been able to pass on your hockey knowledge and experience and introduce the girls to current techniques, training drills and game strategies. You had a tough gig dealing with 14 x 12 year old girls simultaneously - one 12-year old is hard work!! Thanks to all the supporters around this great team of girls! We have a fab group of parents who support their daughter and every girl in the team. Special shout out to Bruce Vanderzwan and Craig Tate who helped out as needed during the season. Bruce ran a weekly combined 7/8 skills training session that benefited both 7/8 teams, plus helped five Melville girls prepare for U13's State Selection. Umpiring can be a thankless task but we had a good one this year - thanks Max Harler - nothing fazes Max, very reliable and happy to clarify rules to the girls as needed. Cheers to a well-earned summer break - looking forward to see what this great bunch of girls can do next year.



J 7/8 B (GOLD) GIRLS

What a pleasure it's been to watch these girls develop their skills and team work this season! We kicked it off with a 4-nil win, but then had to wait until round 5 for another victory. Pleasing stats were to follow and many a goal was saved, by our two talented and committed goalies, Beth Bond and Ruby Klass. The team worked hard at training and on game day, to sharpen their ball handling skills and setting up play. Many of our girls are tenacious ball-getters and along with some powerful hits, playing their position and applaudable work in defence, they worked well as a young team.

They have had fun at training, under the guiding hand of coaches Abigail Bell and Eliane Gebauer. A social highlight for these juniors was watching coach Abi play one Friday evening mid-season and feeling inspired by the J11/12s skills. Many thanks to all our parents who offered a hand at training, including Royce Bond and Simon Klass.

Many thanks to all our parents who offered a hand at training, including Royce Bond. Special mention to our friendly and reliable umpires Caitlin Bentley and Maddie Hollander. Also, the 5/6 girls who filled in; especially Lauren Blair! What an enjoyable, fun and helpful group of parents, coaches and players we've had!

Manager - Amanda Spurling

Beth BOND

Making up 50% of our Bond sister duo and one of our rotating goalies, Beth was an important part of our team this season. Her fantastic goalie skills were admired by all. We saw Beth grow as a player and increasingly use her voice to lead the team from the backline. It's safe to say that we were all grateful to have Beth as one of our goalies this year.

Meika BOND

One half of our superstar sister-duo, Meika played in our forward line this year. She would be seen tearing up the wing and using her skill on the ball to out-manoeuvre the opposition. Her strength over the ball and decision-making skills have improved tremendously this season - we are proud of how far you have come! Well done Meika.

Ashton BORGWARD

A reliable and committed team member, Ashton demonstrated leadership skills well beyond her years. Ashton's tenacity, strength over the ball and defensive pressure has shone through in every game without doubt this season, her hard work is valued and appreciated. We are looking forward to see where Ashton's hockey takes her.

Lexie COSGRIFF

Lexie has been an absolute pleasure to coach this season. With an infectious smile and kind nature, Lexie has taken on all advice given to her and we have seen her hockey skills improve so much. We hope to see Lexie continue to work hard at halfback - well done on a great season!

Shakira KHOSE

New to the position of fullback, Shakira's strong tackles and ability to mark her player was of great value to the team. We hope to see more of Shakira next season.

Ruby KLASS

Ruby's strength over the ball and determination in 50/50s has been such an asset to our team. Her skills both on the field and in the goals shows how versatile and talented she is. Ruby has overcome many challenges throughout the season and we are very proud of how resilient she has become. Congratulations on such a great season Rubes!

Caitlyn LEE

We didn't get to see as much of Caitlyn as we would have liked this season, but when she was able to play, we were always very impressed with her attitude and willingness to learn.

Rebecca MURPHY

We thoroughly enjoyed having Bec in our team this year. Being one of our quieter players she was reliable and consistent throughout the season. We loved how she always listened and implemented our advice. It was a pleasure coaching you this season!

Hannah PATTON

Hannah was a superstar playing in our forward line this season. Always chasing down the ball with her fantastic work ethic. In the future Hannah can work on being aggressive and beating opposition players to the ball. She was always super positive and we loved getting to know her this year.

Ava SPURLING

Ava was a super-reliable member of our team who we enjoyed getting to know throughout the year. Always at training and giving her all - made her a very strong member of our team. Ava played her position well in the forward line - doing her absolute best. We look forward to seeing her confidence as a player grow.



J 7/8 B (GOLD) GIRLS CONT

Dannielle SWINTON

Dani was our resident centre-half this year and showed off her great skill in distributing the ball. She is a friendly girl and a good leader - which shows on the field. We would like to see her be more aggressive on the field in the future.

Sacha TREASURE

Sacha has worked hard all season and we have seen her hockey skills improve tremendously. Her teammates can always count on her strength and powerful hits to clear the ball out of defence. We are looking forward to seeing where Sacha's hockey ability takes her. Well done on such a consistent season Sach - you have been a pleasure to coach.

Evie WOOD

Evie has proven to be a versatile young hockey player this season. From fullback to striker to halfback, Evie has demonstrated great skill and strength that we hope she continues to improve throughout her next few years in Junior hockey. Thanks for putting a smile on your coaches' faces with your sense of humour.



JUNIOR PHOTOS





J 5/6 A PROMOTION BOYS

Coach: Todd Elliott, Manager: Danielle Woods The season for the Boys J5/6 A Promotion Team saw a number of young players from a range of backgrounds and experience come together for the first time. We began defensively, then as the season progressed the team developed more potency in attack, winning as many as we lost and drawing a few. The ability to challenge and beat teams above us on the ladder was a credit to their determination. It was great to see the boys develop their individual skills and cohesion as a team as the season progressed. We look forward to working with the boys again and watching their progress in the future. Thank you to our supporters, umpires Ellie and Oben, and parents for their encouragement and support over the year.

Mitchell ATKINSON (Centre FW / Inner / Wing)

The youngest and smallest of the group, Mitchell is an investment for the future. His determination to improve and desire to score goals has seen him win us games this year and raise eyebrows for next season. Mitchell's natural ability to read the play and positional awareness made him an asset to the team. Mitchell joined the team in week 5, which can be challenging, but he adjusted seamlessly becoming equal-top scorer for the season. Floating throughout the forward line, Mitchell looks set for big things to come.

Jack CHAPMAN (Goalie / Inner)

Jack was a team player this season, dividing his time between goalkeeping duties and inner. A commanding goalie who also scored while on the field - versatility at its best. Jack improved in leaps and bounds as he has found a way to release all that determination, energy and capability from within. Good work Jack.

James CHEESEMAN (Goalie / Half Back)

James has shared the role of goalie for us this year, stepping in when no-one volunteered. Through hard work at training he has become a formidable goalie. His ability to remain calm under pressure is a true testament to his quality as a player. When not in goals, his ability to mark a player out of the game when playing half back is legendary. Part of a quality defence, James can be rightly proud of his efforts this year. James has shown huge improvement and we look forward to seeing his skills continue to grow in the future.

Liam CHEESEMAN (Half Back / Inner)

Liam is an inner who works well with the press, and as a half back is able to effectively take his opposing wing out of the game. Liam worked hard on his dribbling and passing skills and the results are starting to come with very competitive passages of play. Reading the game only comes from time on the ground and as this skill increases Liam will develop into a very competitive player.

Seth ELLIOTT (Fullback / Centre Half)

Seth always fills the toughest position in the team, that of son of coach and hence has the biggest shoes to fill. He has good skills and reads the play well when he is playing in defence. Seth worked tirelessly all season controlling the back line to keep the goals out. On occasion, Seth found his way to the forward line and drove the play from there. Seth works seamlessly with two rotating goalies to shore up the team's defence.

Xavier FITZPATRICK (Wing / Half Back)

Xavier played most of the season as left wing, quite often found in a great position on the post for a successful deflection. Xavier was a very dedicated team member, coming to every training session for the year and was always at the games early.

Fletcher HORROCKS (Half Back)

Fletcher has matured this year, has great skills, is very competitive, gives 100% and always applies himself to the job at hand. Fletcher primarily played half back with occasional stints in the forward line and as full back. His versatility and flexibility allowed his regular valuable contribution to the team. Great working with you Fletcher.





J 5/6 A PROMOTION BOYS CONT

Dominic KELLY (Right Wing)

Dom started the season full of speed and hungry for goals, leading to being the equal-top scorer for the team this year. As right wing his skill level has improved and he is reading the play well. Dom often surprised the opposition with his sheer speed and determination. He became renowned for his ability to out run the half back marking him and then quickly whip the ball into the goal before the opposition knew what had happened. Dom was often a target for the opposition goalie's frustrations requiring one quick trip to the doctors surgery this season.

Will MADDEFORD (Full Back)

Will's skills are improving year on year with a strong determination to defend. His ability to read the play and deliver the ball toward the midfield improved throughout the year. Will contributed to the solid defence that cemented our success through out the season.

William MCKINNON (Centre Forward / Inner)

A fine developing Centre Forward. Will loves to find space and distribute the ball through the forward line, normally straight at the goals which is an enviable quality for any hockey player, at any level. Will has a great future as a striker or midfielder for the Maroons.

Dominic RICHARDS (Half Back)

Dominic is a quiet achiever. A half back often running the ball up towards the forward line. Dom's finesse with the ball and unique ability to knock the ball forward often took the opposition by surprise. He is a valuable asset to the team. A successful season, hopefully to be repeated in 2019.

Finn ROBINSON (Wing / Inner)

Mr Consistency and a quiet achiever, Finn always brings his 'A' game to hockey on a Saturday morning and gives you 100% of himself week in, week out, no matter who we are playing. Finn consistently positioned himself well and did the simple things well. His quiet determination has seen him improve greatly over the season. Finn listens well and executes as required. His dogged determination is a credit. Well done.

Jacob WOODS (Centre Half / Centre FW)

Jacob started the season where he left off last year, full of enthusiasm and never short of a few things to say. He worked tirelessly to maintain his strength, speed, fitness and skill, reigning supreme over the beep test until Mitchell arrived and started giving him a run for his money. Jacob's skill level has improved greatly, particularly on turf. Jacob's attitude to the game and desire to improve will assist him in developing into a Maroons player to watch in the future.

Thank you to our parents and loyal supporters who brave all conditions to support us during the season. Mark McKinnon deserves a special mention as our team photographer - Thank You for all you do Mark! Josh Byrne-Quinn, thank you for your assistance at training and the games throughout the year, the boys really appreciate your guidance.





J 5/6 A RESERVE BOYS

Our 2018 Melville A Reserve boys team comprised a handful of players that knew each other having played the seasons before and some new to the grade, so a period of settling commenced while everyone got to know each other. Coach Geoff attempted to put them in spots they either liked, requested or were good in, while calmly managing their feedback! As the games went on there were some positive signs with good possession and individual skills indicating another good season of hockey. Certainly the skills and teamwork improved through the season but, as to be expected, so did many of the other teams. Despite their position on the ladder the boys continued to go out and play their best, and as spectators we all saw them playing well and celebrated their successes to help them enjoy it nonetheless.

Thanks to coach Geoff for continuing to work with their skills and their game know-how. His calm and positive manner has guided them through the season to come out of a disappointing results season with their love of hockey intact! Thanks also to Lily Skipsey for being our umpire all the way through - and her all-important chauffeur John (ie dad!), as well as Rosalie who shared duties initially too. Finally thanks to the parents for all being a social and supportive group, excellent orange suppliers and dutifully bringing the lads to training and games. Best wishes to all the boys in the off season (Summer 7's?) and next year. Hopefully many more opportunities to be teammates again.

Charlie BACKHOUSE

Charlie was used in many roles over the season, but was primarily a striker for the team. He led the goal scoring for the year for the team and showed particular spark near the attacking D when he had the opportunity. His skills allowed him to spin around opponents with apparent ease.

Max BACKHOUSE

Max played at both ends of the field - in goals where he did some great saves and as a striker. Max used his good ball control to hold possession in limited opportunities as a forward, as he didn't get as much supply as we'd have liked in his attacking role this year.

Finn COOPER

Finn spent most of the season at centre half where he reliably held the centre corridor. He improved his presence in the games over the year and stood up to the bigger bodies in the grade. He ran relentlessly - regularly finishing games bright pink in the face and completely exhausted!

Kian HERBERT

Kian used his strong tackling and pace as a striker and at full back, where he worked well with Chase. Although he played his best hockey at full back, Kian showed that he could be a real threat on the right wing where he carried the ball downfield to pressure the opposition. He also played in goals to soak up lots of pressure in some tough games early in the season.

Wyndham JOHNSTONE

Wyndham thrived at right half where he regularly took the ball off the other team. By positioning himself correctly, he seemed to pick off countless attacks. He also showed a great ability to run out a game strongly and make his tackles count. Although he played well as a half back, he has the versatility to play as a forward or full back.

Rory MCMILLAN

Rory is a talented inner with great stick skills who could run around almost any opponent. He particularly lit up in attacking moves, although he didn't receive the ball up the attacking end of the field enough in the season. He also showed particular agility and intelligence as goal keeper where he did great work towards the end of the season.

Jack PATMAN

Possessing the strongest hit in the team, Jack played well consistently as a half and inner. He gave the team great drive when he got possession in the midfield, as he had the skills, strength and composure to distribute the ball into the correct spots.

Pravilash PILLAY

Prav was a reliable left half who was effective at shutting down his wing. Despite his smaller stature, he was always strong over the ball and was able to use his good stick skills to hold possession and regularly win free hits for the team.

Archie RANDALL

Archie was a regular full back during the season, although he was rotated into the forward line for parts of the season. He was a remarkably consistent player who always gave 100% effort during games. His strong tackle denied many opponents shots at goals. Archie has the ability to read the play, and positioned himself well in defence, as a striker and at inner.

Corin RYDER

Corin looked comfortable in his role as a striker. He got into good position to receive the ball and put pressure on opponents with his ball carrying ability. In the second half of the season he regularly made defending opponents do some great saves - only a few centimetres difference would have led to a much higher goal tally in 2018!



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Taisei SLATER

Taisei got opportunities in almost every position during the year, playing striker, full back, inner and centre half at times. He showed that he could play well in all these positions and always offered support to his team mates. His versatile skills meant that he stepped up and did his role wherever required, which is a great asset for any coach.

Alistair SPARKES-MACDONALD

Alistair played mostly at left wing when he joined the team permanently about a third of the way into the season. He improved each game and was carrying the ball well on the wing, using his strength to maintain possession and then distribute across the field.

Chase TAYLOR

Chase shone when he moved into full back during the year, pairing up with Kian. Chase had a stronger presence than his medium size suggested and regularly denied opponents shots at goal - and he passed effectively to his team mates. A good season.

Well done everyone - see you all again!





J 5/6 B (GOLD) BOYS

A really fantastic season with these boys. They were all self-motivated and determined to play hard and win. The skills really improved over the season. They combined well in the second half of the season and results were good against mainly strong competition. Thanks to Kate Sparkes for being the assistant and fill-in coach; Yas and Ben Hocking for managing the team; and Ivy Filmer and Nikki Champion for umpiring. Thanks also to the parents for their help and support during both training and games. Jim Moncrieff - Coach

Samuel BEESON (Inner/Halfback)

Sam is very quick, has a big engine and reads the play well. Sam is always in the action!

Thanush DAIVANDRAN (Centre Half)

Thanush controls the play well from centre half. He has beautiful stickwork, passing skills and silky smooth ball control.

Isaac DUCE (Inner / Half Back)

Isaac is a fast and versatile player. He goes hard into every contest and gives it everything, every time.

Sage ELLIOTT (Wing / Centre Forward)

Sage is our most improved player over the season. Good to see a big smile on Sage's face during the back half of the season.

Luke HOCKING (Half Back / Full Back)

Luke has a strong hit and is constant and aggressive in his tackling. He is a dependable backman.

Alexander KERVIN (Left Wing)

Alex is always aggressive on the ball and doesn't take a backward step against boys twice his size. He is consistent with his push outs on short corners and is very handy in front of goals.

Taj LANGENBACH (Inner)

Taj is our pocket rocket with his blistering speed. He always comes off with a red face, as he has given it everything. Taj is handy on quick breakaway attacks.

James MIDDLETON (Full Back)

James is a mobile backman. He reminds me of myself before I got fat and slow! James has a strong hit and is great running out on defensive short corners.

Edward MONCRIEFF (Full Back)

Eddy is a strong tackler and reads the play well. He has a solid hit from defence and is a dependable backman.

Nathaniel RICETTI (Centre Forward / Wing)

Nathaniel has good ball control. He always gives 100% and is a great team man.

Benjamin SHEARER (Half Back / Full Back)

Ben has come to us from ice hockey. He reads the play really well, moves well and he is solid in defence. Ben has controlled aggression and a strong slap hit.

Harry SPACKMAN (Centre Forward / Wing)

Harry is fast and does big loping runs down the wing. He is a handy forward.

Brendan SPARKES (Centre Half / Centre Forward / Full Back)

Brendan is our smiling assassin and is handy all over the ground. He has a strong hit and is devastating on attacking short corners.

Alistair SPARKES-MACDONALD (Defender)

Alistair played a few games at the beginning of the season and was a solid defender.

Tomas WEST (Inner)

Tom is very quick, is always moving and he has a big engine. Tom also did great work as a goalie.





J 5/6 A GIRLS

The Girls J5/6A competition in 2018 was dominated by two teams: YMCC and Westside Wolves. At the time of writing, YMCC is undefeated, having scored 68 goals in 11 matches and is yet to concede. Why start with mentioning the competition? These teams provide a great benchmark on how well the girls have developed individually and as a team under the guidance of Mike Fardon. His knowledge, experience and calm delivery really resonated with the girls and it was great to see the skills and tactics practised at training and the Bunbury Carnival make their way into the games as the season progressed. While the girls suffered a very heavy defeat in round 3 against YMCC, even then the opposition coaches commented on the team's positioning and structure.

Fast forward 7 rounds and the return bout was a very competitive game, with the girls defending strongly, forcing the opposition out of their game plan and unlucky not to be the first team to score against them for the season. They followed-up with a fantastic 1-all draw against the 2nd top side in Westside Wolves; this time desperately unlikely not to score the winning goal in the last few minutes of the game. Not only did we have a fabulous coach (thank you Mike!) and great group of girls - we were also blessed with an awesome bunch of parents. They juggled schedules so girls with other commitments could train with the team, arranged for training shirts for the group, volunteered for jobs, shared lifts and on more than one occasion squeezed several parents under their umbrellas! They were very supportive of all the girls in the team and helped make 2018 a very enjoyable season - thank you!

Thank you also to LJ Fulcher, our primary umpire for the season and to Aiden who stepped in for us when LJ was unavailable! Lastly to the girls J5/6A - thank you for all of your efforts this season. It has been great to watch you learn and develop, be open to playing new positions (including Goalie!) and offer great support to each other. I hope you enjoy hockey and the Melville Hockey Club for many years to come.

Chloe BILLINGHAM

Chloe had a fantastic start to the season, scoring twice in the Ron Wilson Cup. She played in key mid-field positions for most of the season and demonstrated strong individual skills when in possession, particularly the roll to her forestick after trapping with her back to the defenders. A tactical move with a few games at full-back allowed Chloe to demonstrate strong defensive positioning and passing. Chloe has another season in J5/6s (her 4th!), and will be an exciting player to watch. Well done Chloe!

Parker BRINDLE

Parker is a natural defender who consistently denied opposition attacks throughout the season, with her early and well-timed tackling. She has great speed, which she uses to great effect when running out on short-corners and catching the opposition should the ball get past her. Parker has another year in J5/6s and will no doubt be a leading player in the team. Key areas of development for Parker will be to raise her eyes to ensure she finds her team-mates with her passes out of defence and developing her hit. Great season Parker!

Jaime FARDON

Jaime developed strong positioning at centre half over the season, controlling play through the middle of the field with her ball control and vision and regularly running back in defence. Her skills and development in this key position was highlighted with strong back-to-back performances against the top two teams in the second half of the season. Next steps for Jaime's development will be timing and weight of passing both square and forward. Great season Jaime!

Tayla FARDON

Tayla is a key midfield player who drove many of our attacking plays during the season. Her stick skills and ball control have progressed well, showing great skills to drag around players and roll both left and right after receiving the ball. A capability that developed over the season is regularly releasing the ball away to the right wing and centre forward. The next step for Tayla will be developing the confidence to drive into the circle and take shots on goal. Great job Tayla!

Lisinda JOHNSTON

Lisinda played in a variety of positions during the season, from left-half to right-wing. Her strong clearances from half-back were a feature of our more defensive games, particular once she developed an understanding of the best places to clear the ball. Lisinda's best game was against the top-side, where she made some great runs, controlling the ball into attack from right-wing. Next steps for Lisinda are to continue to develop her nimbleness with foot-work and skills on her back-stick side. Fantastic effort Lisinda!

Billie MINCHAM

Billie predominantly played on the right wing where she was regularly able to receive and carry the ball under control into attack. She has an uncanny ability to strip defenders of the ball and make a play for the circle. Billie's ball control has been a feature of her development in recent games, showing that the dragging practice at training is translating into games. Next steps for Billie will be to focus on her change of pace and making strong passes across the circle. Fantastic season Billie!



J 5/6 A GIRLS CONT

Chloe PATTON

Chloe was the team's youngest player. She played the majority of the season in the three striker positions and scored a memorable goal against Vic Park to help record the team's first win of the season. Chloe's positioning and passing developed a great deal over the season. Next steps for Chloe will be to focus on her first touch, ensuring she controls the ball when receiving, and further developing her ability to drag around players. Look forward to seeing Chloe's development with another few seasons in 5/6s. Great effort Chloe!

Alyssa READ

Alyssa played in a few positions during the season, from left half to centre forward. She approaches the game with a great enthusiasm and clearly enjoyed being part of a team environment. Alyssa's understanding of positioning was a strong feature of her development over the season and made a tremendous difference to her overall team play. She has good close in control and skills and was unlucky not to score a few goals from left wing and centre forward. Well done Alyssa!

Olivia SANDERSON

Olivia started the season playing in defence, and moved up the field into attack as the season progressed. The coach eventually got the message that she hated playing defender! Olivia has great tenacity with her tackling and was involved in numerous standoffs with the opposition as they fought for control of the ball. Playing at inside-left, Olivia showed a great deal of drive and good vision with passing. Next steps for Olivia will be to develop her close in skills and confidence with dragging around players. Good luck next season Olivia!

Bianca STANES

Bianca evolved into a classic utility player for the team. Her intent on the ball was unmatched on the team, which meant that she could play anywhere on the field. Bianca demonstrated great run and attack on goal, and was rewarded with multiple goals in the Bunbury carnival. She was unlucky not to score during the regular season. Bianca is still developing her skills to naturally drag around players, as well as making consistent controlled passes to our players, however this will definitely come soon. Good luck next season!

Xanthe WEST

Xanthe is a natural fullback and showed great development throughout the season. As the season progressed, her defensive skills and tackling showed two areas of improvement in particular - she developed her ability to tackle the attacking players early and when she got the ball, she more regularly dribbled the ball or cleared the ball wide to the least dangerous field position. This made a real difference to her game. Xanthe's next steps are to focus on her hitting and more consistently finding our players when passing. Well done Xanthe!

Madison WOODS

Madi was the ultimate utility player, with a strong preference for playing in goals. She played a little less than half the games in goals and is showing good developing of her goalkeeping skills to back up her natural ability in goals. Madi is also a naturally skillful player on the field, so she will have a difficult choice to make. As a fieldplayer, Madi's next step is to develop her vision and control for passing. Madi has another year in J5/6s, so will no doubt be a leading player in the team, either in goals or on the field or both. Nice work Madi!

As a coach of a J5/6 girls hockey team, my primary goal was to develop the girls' love of playing team sport (hockey in particular!). A key performance indicator throughout the season was the joy the girls demonstrated during training. We trained twice a week, missing only a few sessions due to very poor weather. I enjoyed every moment of my time as coach, which was largely due to the enthusiasm all the girls showed during training and games. I hope all the girls continue to play hockey at any level, with some developing into high level players.

Finally, many thanks to Steve Woods for his fantastic team manager and coaching assistant role during the season. I enjoyed working with you and look forward to staying in touch as our daughter's progress with their hockey!





J 5/6 A RESERVE GIRLS

With Fiona Power contracted as head coach for the 2018 season, Melville's J5/6 A Reserve girls already had the main ingredient for success. The girls came together for the first time at the grading carnival and came away with very few wins, but luckily the girls' desire for success was stronger than their fear of failure. Over the first few weeks the A Res girls knuckled down and worked on their structure, playing positions and leading into space. Hitting was the skill which we practised every week, and what started out as some 'interesting' techniques turned into every player getting that ball off the spot with some intensity.

Once everyone started to settle into positions, there was only one way this team was going, and it was into the winner's circle. Round 4 was the round for the Melville girls to take the whole 3 points, and they celebrated in style, with snakes and a box of Funsized Choccies! The season rolled on and the girls took to the hockey fields of Perth, showing other clubs how we make that backboard sing. Every single player in this team has grown into the game of hockey and learnt that this sport is at its best when you do what you can do for the team each week. You were a pleasure to watch in 2018 girls, and we hope you know how lucky you are to have played in such a cohesive team.

Lauren BLAIR (Wing)

Lauren you have enormous potential in someone so young, it's been an absolute pleasure seeing your natural affinity to attack the ball fiercely and your never give up attitude this season. Lauren your tenacity to finish off your runs down the wing with a last ditch attempt to score a goal by throwing yourself after the ball was always exciting to watch. Thanks for being a pleasure to coach. See you next year.

Abby BYRNE (Full Back - Half Back)

Abby, the stalwart in the backline, you were a pleasure to coach from the get-go. It was good to see you listen to particular advice and try your best to put it into action. You grew to know your position throughout the year and began making smart decisions in defence. J7/8s will be ready for you next year, so make sure you bring the same willing attitude and they will love you even more than we did!

Chloe CHEESEMAN (Full Back)

Chloe is one of the pocket rockets of team and is fearless and tenacious in defence. We have seen you improve in your clearances and tackles in the last line of defence and have come to rely on you in our back line. Thank you for helping out with goalkeeping this season, we have loved having your happy face in the team. Looking forward to seeing you play hockey next year.

Charli COSTA (Centre Forward)

Charli, it has been a delight to coach you this season and to see you try out different positions throughout the year. Your forward movement and skillset on the forward line have been exciting to see develop, especially your special drag and elimination skills. Thanks for being a great teammate Charli, we will be seeing a lot of you in Melville colours in the future.

Stella FOSS (Wing)

Stella, you were an absolute asset to our team from game one and it only got better. The best part about your season was when you started getting into the right position in front of those goals and driving that ball into the base line. You can 'one time' the ball very well into the back of the goal and you were always in the right position in order to do that. You are a fantastic hockey player Stella and have all the right skills to make an even better one in J7/8s.

Maya HATCH (Full Back)

Maya, your ability to one time the ball into the goal was why you started the season at striker. Fortunately, for us, you could also use the same skill when laying tackles and you soon grew to love the one-on-one opportunities which full back offered. The best part of the season was when you started to think about what you would do with the ball after you won the tackle, and it was fantastic when you started clearing the ball wide to the teammates. Your hard work will continue to pay off so make sure you bring it all back for next season.

Ari LAUDER (Inner)

Ari you have been our quiet achiever in the team this year. Always reliable at training and you have a softly-spoken way about you which unites your teammates when on the field. Your skills in the forward line have improved as the season went along, together with your confidence to carry the ball and pass going towards goal. It's been a pleasure to coach you this season and we wish you the best in the J7/8s next year.

Imogen LEIGHTON (Half Back)

Immy it has been a pleasure to coach you this season, we have enjoyed your energy and willingness to play any position, especially Goalkeeper, where you looked like you had fun under all that gear. Imogen you have natural ability and could slot into any position and give it your best, we look forward to seeing where your hockey future takes you. See you next year.



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Jasmine LEIGHTON (Centre Half)

This year was a breakout year for you Jas. Your willingness to listen and take on feedback was a key contributor to your improvement this year. You have settled into the role of centre half and once you started distributing the ball to your teammates it was fantastic hockey to watch. Thank you for always leading by example and turning up to every game with a smile on your face.

Caelee POWER (Half Back)

Where would we be without Caelee?! The best thing about having you in the team is the passion you have for hockey in general. You have a strategic way of looking at the game and you understand the important roles each position plays. It was good to see your hitting improve throughout the season as well as your slide tackles. We always knew you would play your position to the best of your ability and leave nothing on the field. Your practice behind the scenes on refining your skills shows in your games so keep at it for next season.

Savannah REPACHOLI (Inner)

Sav you have had a strong year of hockey and we have seen you develop into a competitive and speedy midfielder. It is wonderful to see you attack the ball and look to redistribute to your strikers, and always give second efforts in defence. Savannah you have a bright future in hockey, we hope you continue to enjoy your hockey in J7/8s next year. Thanks for a great season of hockey.

Erin WHEELER (Inner)

Erin you played many different positions this season and you made an effort to take each one in your stride. Over the season, you started to trust your decisions and just have a go, which helped you gain control over the ball and hold possession. It was pleasure to watch your game mature and we cannot wait to see what J7/8s holds for you.

Thank you very much to Sherrie and Gavin for managing our team, you were always there prepared for anything each week. Thank you to the parents of our team, it was great to have such a fabulous cohort to hang out with every Saturday morning whom wanted to same thing for our girls, which was the ability to have a go, learn something new, make some new friends, have a laugh and most importantly, build confidence in the meantime. This team was a dream to coach and we have the girls to thank for that. See you in 2019!!!





J 5/6 C (GOLD) GIRLS (MAROON)

The Melville Maroon J5/6 C Girls team nicknamed the Melville Marshmallows, started the season with most players moving up from Grads to experience raised expectations and more complicated rules and positions. Over the season each player further learned the value of teamwork, greatly developed their skills and knowledge of the game and most importantly had a lot of fun. They were led by their passionate coach, Nat Johnson, who spent many hours tirelessly training the girls and sharing her love of the game and the 'whiteboard tutorial.'

All of the players and their parents would like to acknowledge the time and effort that goes into volunteering to train a hockey team - thanks so much Nat! We were very lucky this season to have our two training umpires double up as assistant coaches, thanks to their amazing mentor, Kylie Mishra. Tara Mishra and Emily Billingham, thank you for not only being our reliable umpires, but also being a massive help to our team by coaching the girls from the side at games. Even when you weren't umpiring you still came to the games to help out which was greatly appreciated and we commend you for your commitment. Good luck with your own hockey, we hope you continue to umpire - thanks so much Emily and Tara.

Nicola BARNWELL (Defender)

Nicola is one of our hardest working players and is always asking questions about her position and what the game plan is. Her need to understand her position on a technical level, has slowed down her development, however enabled her to become a smart thinking player. It has also been a much-welcomed challenge for me as a fast talking coach as I have had to give explanation and ensure I've explained properly. With a boost of confidence and belief in yourself, you will no doubt become a vital player to any team, Nic. And thank you for slowing me down, it has been an absolute pleasure coaching you.

Sarah BLAKELEY (Centre Half Back / Forward)

Centre half is one of the most vital positions on the field, especially in a competition where most of the opposition sits in the centre of the field. It takes strength and confidence to play this position and most players have a hard time. Sarah was an obvious choice from the beginning. She has an amazing competitive nature with a strong commitment to training and an eagerness to learn. She is learning how to be a team player and can now confidently distribute the ball where it needs to go. Great season Sarah, good luck with hockey next season.

Summer BLOOMFIELD (Half Back / All Rounder)

Summer is a natural and talented player. She possesses all of the qualities and abilities a hockey player needs to be a strong asset to a team. She can play anywhere on the field and back up her fellow players with reliability. She can also run with the ball and distribute it perfectly to her team mates as well as auto play when we most need her to. Summer I love watching you play, you are very talented and once you find your strength, you will be hard to beat. Good luck next season, little champ!

Alexandria GEEN (Left Wing)

Alex is often in the mix of action in attack. She is very easy to coach as she follows instructions perfectly and is very good at holding position. Her ability to run with the ball makes her a perfect wing and she is one of the few players who is good on the left. With more training and

coaching she will develop into a strong versatile forward. Great work Alex, good luck next season and run to that post!

Hayley JOHNSON (Half Back / Wing)

Every team needs a reliable and versatile player, and Hayley is ours. In her second season of J5/6 C, she has become very strong and has developed into a consistently dependable player. She is a competitive player and a positive leader who has her teammate's backs, on and off the field. Her calls are becoming more constructive and this once-shy player has become a confident hitter often hitting the ball through everyone on the field. Good luck in J7/8s next season Hayley, but be careful with those hits into players' ankles. (Your coach is very proud of you)

Ivy KLASS (Defender)

Ivy is from a family of goalkeepers and although she is very strong as goalie, Ivy is developing into a very reliable full back. After a slow start, Ivy has now mastered sending the ball wide and has often run the ball up the sideline allowing her wing to play higher. She is becoming better at meeting the ball and applying pressure when needed. She is stronger on her right, but can play left if needed. As goalkeeper, Ivy is a natural and often attacks the ball. Once you find your balance Ivy, you will become stronger as a goalie, and as a defender, but keep watching the ball. Great season, your strength is your voice!

Annabel MCAULIFFE (Inner)

Annabel is our little crazy joker of the team, often lightening the mood with her big beautiful smile. She's had a tough time on the field, although she is always in the right place she often gets over-run by more dominating players. However, her little touches on the ball, often contribute to getting the ball forward and she has picked up the art of passing on angles. Her willingness to learn and her efforts to improve make her easy to coach. Hold your ground Annabel, great first season in J5/6 Competition.



J 5/6 C (GOLD) GIRLS (MAROON) CONT

Charlotte MCGREGOR (Forward)

Char is another strong forward who often runs the ball from half way into the attacking D, with ease. Her fitness is her strength and with a bit more commitment to training, she could develop into a strong striker. Our little trampoline star never stops trying and I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one who loves to watch her run alongside her teammates, always there to receive a pass. Good luck with trampolining and I hope you stick with hockey Char, but whatever you do, I know you will do it well.

Piper MCKENZIE (Inner / Striker)

Piper is our pocket rocket player. When she is switched on, she can score goals easily and her constant jabs on the ball, when well-timed can make her painful to the opposition. She is definitely a natural hockey player and there is no doubt that she will only become stronger as she grows. She is developing strength and aggression on her tackles and will most likely be the player that outruns everyone to the ball, often coming away with it. You are one of the most entertaining players to watch Piper, especially celebrating your goals. You will finish as Melville Marshmallows' top goal scorer for season 2018!

Arielle PLOTTKE (Half Back)

Arielle came back to hockey this season after some time away and it took her a few games to get back into the swing of things, starting fresh with basics. At first it looked like her height made it hard for her to get down low, however now that she has figured it out, Arielle is going from strength to strength and her tackles and tenacity make her a perfect half back. Stick with hockey Arielle, it's definitely your sport, great work.

Well it's over and what a long and strange season. We had the full house of interference this season, with yucky weather, the flu virus going through the whole team, a massive unwanted and definitely not beneficial break in the middle and an absolute fail on a suitable training night that suited everybody. However, we got through and we fought hard to the end. Melville White were fierce competitors and I just want to extend a huge thank you to Coach Sarvesh, for including some of our team at your Wednesday night trainings. Fiona McAuliffe, thank you so much for team managing for us this season. I know I'm not the easiest coach to work with, however I appreciate your patience and I



couldn't have done it without you. A big thank you to our wonderful parents, who showed remarkable patience with the constant changes of training nights. I appreciate your understanding.

Thank you to Simon and Ruby Klass who helped with our goalkeepers when you could, and to Max for filling in. (Simon, I took in some of your advice and applied to my coaching, thank you). It has been a long season and yes, I did take on too much in other areas of my life, but to see our players develop so beautifully, was worth every minute. Good luck everyone and hopefully you will be back next season at Melville. Thanks!

Bailey STAMMERS (Forward)

Bailey's speed when running with the ball has been her strength from the beginning of the season. When paired up with other strong forwards, she has the ability to run the ball all the way into the attacking D, effortlessly. With consistent training, a bit more commitment and a bit more strength on her passes and shots on goal, Bailey will continue to be a strong forward. It has been a pleasure coaching you over two seasons Bailey.

Charlotte STANES (Wing)

Charlotte has an amazing, gentle and happy personality. She's constantly laughing and smiling at her crazy, intense, over-competitive coach. She brings a balance to our team and is a pleasure to coach. She is steady with her approach to hockey and will develop in her own time. When she applies a bit of aggression and confidence she shows signs of talent, but can easily be distracted (along with the whole team). Thank you for bringing calm to our team Charlotte and calm to the coach.

Kimberley STONE (Defender)

Kim is the smiling assassin. She has developed into a very strong defender and is very versatile as she can play full back, half back and even goalkeeper. She is committed to training and eager to learn and works very hard when she's at training which transfers to her game. Once Kim adds intensity to her game and strength to her tackles, she will become a force to be reckoned with. Good luck next season Kim and keep that stick on the ground, it's your strength.



J 5/6 C (GOLD) GIRLS (WHITE)

Melville White has had a very successful season finishing as Champions for the Girls J5/6 C Gold division. This is an impressive result with the girls coming together for the first time this year and resulting from them very quickly bonding and working as a team. For the majority of girls this year was either their first or second year in hockey and some of the team were playing up from Grads after players moved to other teams at the start of the season. Despite often playing a player short or with younger siblings filling in on game day, the girls showed great spirit and determination to win games, resulting in a high spot on the ladder for the entire season. Many thanks are owed to our coach Sarvesh Shedbalker who was very patient and spent a great deal of time teaching the girls both skills in hockey and their roles in the team. Big thanks also to John Harmesen who acted as assistant coach, running training when Sarvesh was unable and helping on game day.

Tahlia BRASCHEY (Forward)

Tahlia is good at running and bringing the ball up to the D and she can receive any ball hit or passed to her which is why she is a great member in the team. Keep working hard and enjoying your hockey, Tahlia!

Cleo CHARLESWORTH (Right Inner)

Cleo is a great member of the team, she isn't afraid to get in and defend the ball and run it down to the goals. She is also a fast runner and can hit the ball hard. Cleo realises her mistakes and makes it a point to improve upon them. She has a fantastic learning attitude. It will be good if she improves upon her hitting and bending a bit more in her knees.

Amelie HARMSEN (Goal Keeper)

Amelie is the best goalie that I've come across. She is a ray of sunshine and is always on hand to cheer the team up and boost morale. Amelie can always be heard calling encouragement to her team mates from the goal line.

Amelie has saved so many goals that it's hard to pick a single most spectacular moment, she has had so many!

Imogen KNIGHT (Centre Forward)

Imogen is a great team member - she is strong, hard and shows the virtues of courage, commitment and unity. She congratulates people and is nice to all. Imogen saves and scores goals, she is never negative and keeps the team going. She is not only amazing on the field but in training it's a pleasure to have her around. I think we should all hope she is on our team next year! :-)

Isla LOCKWOOD (Defense)

Isla is a hard working defender. She consistently turns up at games and training and tries her hardest while being happy and friendly towards her team mates. Isla plays her defence role very well and is extremely good at stopping the ball before it reaches the D and has developed a very strong hit to clear the ball back to the centre. This strong defence has helped keep our opposition teams to low scores throughout the season and her contribution has been very important to making us a winning team.

Hazel MILLER (Left Half)

You're an amazing player, your pushing is very strong. You work with your team brilliantly. You've improved with your trapping and running. You communicate with everyone and are ready for a pass always. You are always ready to accept challenges and your fearless attitude helps you in snatching the ball away from the opponents. You will be a star player if you polish your hitting skills.

Manasa SHEDBALKAR (Right Half)

I like being in your team because whenever the ball is near you, you are always ready to take the ball from that player. In short corners you will always push it as hard as you can. You have very good dribbling skills and you control the ball very well. It will be good if you play your natural game and do not hesitate to take risks in showing your skills while playing as a right half. You combine very well with Sharlynn.

Sharlynn SIMON (Centre Half)

I noticed that you have a really good, strong hit on you. I really liked the way you look to the wings and hit the ball straight to them. It was interesting how you ran with the ball and manoeuvred it for quite a while and knew who to pass it to. A recommendation would be to call out to whoever you're going to pass the ball to. Good luck for your future hockey just in case we're not in the same team next year.

Olivia STEWART (Defense)

You are an AMAZING player and a real team friend. You are awesome at defence and attack and you know how to bring the team together. You are a great friend and hockey player and you should be very proud!

Sophia TANCREDI (Left Wing)

Sophia (the goal machine) is one of our key left wing players and the team's top scorer. She is a game changer. Many times we were down with few goals and Sophia quickly turns the game in our favour by scoring 2-3 goals. It is so good to watch her run with the ball while she is attacking. She can score more if she improves her hitting and ball control.



J 5/6 C (GOLD) GIRLS (WHITE) CONT

Aleeza TARIQ (Half Back)

Aleeza has improved a lot while playing half back and is better at controlling the ball and making stronger passes to her team mates. She is always ready to listen and give it a go, making her a valuable part of the team. Going forward she needs to improve her tackling skills which I am sure she will pick up quickly.

Rafaela THOMSON (Right Wing)

Rafaela is great at playing right wing. She has been doing very well even though she was not here for most of the season. It's great how she gets the ball much closer to the goal so then it is easier for us to score a goal. I also like how you are kind and supportive. Everyone really enjoys having you around. In the future you should maybe try sticking to your position when you play.



Melville White's successful and enjoyable year is due to the positive attitude and determined effort shown by all girls. They are very good listeners and keen to implement the skills in their games. This, coupled with the time and skills that both Sarvesh and John put in, made for a memorable season that was enjoyed by everyone involved.



2018 MINKEY / GRADS PLAYERS

GRADS TEAMS

Eagle Eye Leopards

Coach: Lauren Costa

Manager: Andrew Scanlon

Scarlett Costa
Brooke Peachey
Oscar Coghlan
Isla Gilbert
Poppy Huntrod
Caitlin Arbery
Hayden Horrocks
Timothy Scanlon
Oliver McKinnon
Lily Moore-Neesham
Evan Fitzpatrick
Rohan Sandhu

Rockies

Coach: Matt Read

Manager: Sarah Burgess

Adam Read
Eva Whitehouse
Leo Webb
Max Creighton
Georgina Brown
Esme Burgess
Charlotte Trotter
Olivia Trotter
Art Jauncey
Darcy Smith
Ruby Trezise
Jacob Richardson
Eve Branch

Sharks

Coach: Doug Brightwell

Manager: Vanessa Carmody

Joshua Brightwell
Joseph Dias
Kieran Ho
Georgia Serpentzis
Nikki Guerin
Oberon Smith
Cohen Luca Ducat
Eliza Cox
Angus McArthur
Ava Munday
Noah Karantonis
Lucy Carmody
Kian Truby

Rainbow Phoenixes

Coach: Vance Locke

Manager: Jessica Tarnowy

Sienna Pitt
Sam Locke
Ashlea Hocking
Benjy Chapman
Kaleb Elliot
Lachlan Hughes
Luca Sorci
Aiden Turner
Ella Walden
Brydie Tarnowy
Angus Eager
Andrew Blaire

MINKEY 3 TEAMS

Flaming Magpies

Coach: Pip Wenn

Manager: Paige Forbes

Reagan Wenn
Amelie Forbes
Alexis Forbes
Lucy Kelly
Zara Kent
Jack Gilbert
Isaac Bunce
Grace Shackleton

Melville Firecrackers

Coach: Simon Atkinson

Manager: Will Mitchinson

Liam Atkinson
Alyssa Mitchinson
Kelsi Travis
Bianca Sader
Alexis Sader
Easton Shearer
Breanna Penman
Lily Duckworth

Lightning Bolts

Coach:

Shayley McGurk-Davy

Manager: Alysia Ross

Will Davy
Lucas Prince
Max Ross
Riley Robinson
Lila Tabor
Olivia McNally
Lily Brown

The Green Dragons

Coach: Steve Brunt

Manager: Liz Brunt

Amber Farrell
Hayley Leighton
Jessica Brunt
Gavin Hale
Emmanuel Selim
Leah Newman
Isabella Ricciardone
Luca Ricciardone

Hockey Heroes

Coach: Scott Stevens

Manager: Stanes Family

Hayley Stevens
Annabelle Debenham
Lluy Stanes
Marnie Hogg
Sophie Beissel
Max Coghlan
Joey Huntrod
Heath Langley
Jala Green

Ninja Quokkas

Coach: David Taylor

Manager: Stephanie Elphick

Levi Taylor
Liam Taylor
Matthew Lawler
Thomas Lawler
Ben Elphick-McCoy
Rose Gregory
Matilda Cobill
Jake Oakley

Sharks

Coach: Lisa Somers

Manager: Ann-Maree Geen

Bridie Singleton
Ewan Geen
Temujin Bloomfield
Ben Somers
Lucy Middleton
Peggy Miller-Chalmers
Olivia Smith
Tillie Elliot

Thunder Strikers

Coach: Hayley Worland

Manager: Lee-Anne

Hellberg
Ella Smith
Sadie De Bari
Aida Worland
Brent Bottomley
Chloe Kent
Chelsea Hellberg
Charlotte Dempsey
Alex Cooper



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MINKEY 2 TEAMS

Lightning Bolts

Coach: Bec Luger
Manager: Jesse Elliot
Keira Luger
Josephine Hesford
Indie Morin
Molly Elliot
Maxwell Klass
Harrison Cooper
Aaron Webb

Dragon Fire

Coach: Matt Read
Manager: Alicia Langenbach
Oliver Read
Koa Langenbach
Flynn Whitehouse
Asha Peach
Caitlyn Newman
Alby James
Mila Herbert
Kirrily Pulford

Team Blaze

Coach: Todd Barrett
Manager: Julia Knight
Harvey Barrett
Nicholas Knight
Emily Sader
Lachlan Morgon
Finley Turner
Rylee Irvine
Eloise Lockwood
Sienna Mule

Dragons

Coach: John Harmsen
Manager: Alix Tancredi & Bree Harmsen
Kaia Harmsen
Evelyn Tancredi
Elijah Elliott
Kobe Taylor
Brodie Fleming
Nathan Forbes
Caitlynn Simon

Pocket Rockets

Coach: Dearne Plaister & Leanne Jarvis
Manager: Miranda Booth
Kyla Jarvis
Amelia Simon
Lachlan Harney
Luke Talbot
Kaden Barnes
Quinn Stingemore
Hollie Booth

Purple Dragons

Coach: Les Faulds
Manager: Peter Dias
Quilan Cooper
Joe Hunter
Edward Dias
Matilda Nicol
Alexis Alder
Thaneesh Daivandran
Eloise Power

MINKEY 1 TEAMS

Thunderboltz

Coach: Simon Kent
Manager: Mike Bunce
Taj Wenn
Ashley Kent
Keira Bunce
Vienne Shackleton
Fraser McMillan
Ryan Fitzpatrick
Claudia Plozza

The Fierce Dragons

Coach: Justin Gregory
Manager: Ken Roberts
Amy Gregory
Elise Moonen
Lauren Roberts
Indiana Gabriel
Charlie Ross
Amity Gabriel
Holly Wingfield
Noah Pickford

Wild Styles

Coach: Rich Williams
Manager: Rob McKenzie
Madison Williams
Grace Peachey
Joel Cooper
Archie Gould
Pippa De Bari
Toby Smith
Campbell McKenzie
Kirsten Blake

Rockets

Coach: Brendan Joss
Manager: Rebecca McNally
Xavier Joss
Noah McNally
Caitlin Blair
Liam Field
Emerson Taylor
Ivy Smith
Hannah Truby

Flying Foxes

Coach: Zanda Cameron
Manager: Renee Hughes & Lyndelle Stingemore
Tyla Coster
Max Brown
Henry Brown
Noah Nordon-Ramsay
Archie Munday
Georgia Stingemore
Ivy James

Fire Rockets

Coach: David Mincham
Manager: Erin Stocks
Kirby Mincham
Lincoln Mathanda
Phoebe Serpentziz
Flynn Dreverman
Freddie Argall
Florence Jauncey
Mikayla Stocks

Joey's

Coach: Tarryn Hughes
Manager: Mick & Michelle Kennedy
Xavier Hughes
Adelaide Bottomley
Belinda Bottomley
Braedon Bottomley
Mary-Jane Delaney
Jackson Kennedy
Sam Rushton

Gold Stars

Coach: Justine Griffin
Manager: Deanne Richardson
Evie Griffin
Annabel Beissel
Amelia Richardson
Caitlyn Wallington
Jack Nicol
Youri Karantonis
Abigail Suda



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