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2023 Yearbook



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Consistency and determination...

The 2023 cover design celebrates the Women Top Squad players, coaches and support staff, who started this season in a very different-looking way to 2022. The Melville Women 1s, 2s and 3s played in Divisions 2, 3 and 4 respectively. However, with consistency and determination and support from the wider club, the Women 1s and 2s finished Top of their respective divisions and thus were successful in promotion back to Premier 1 and 2 for 2024.

Congratulations!



Acknowledgement: Many club members have contributed to this yearbook with reports, player write-ups, photographs, awards and other information and content. We are grateful for the time each member/coach/manager/player put into the write-ups. If you find any errors or omissions please let us know and we will correct online version where possible. Janine and Jodi



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MCHC LIFE MEMBERS HONOUR BOARD

Melville City Hockey Club Inc. Life Members

Vic Dalton (Dec'd)	1959	Nicola Ogden	2007
David Spitteler	1969	Johnson Orr	2008
Peter Noad (Dec'd)	1971	David Timmel	2009
Ross Halliday (Dec'd)	1972	Graeme Coleman	2010
Brian Spitteler	1975	Pat Hall	2011
Max Currell	1978	Jan Davis	2011
Walter Meacock	1979	Bruce Cadd	2012
Keith Timmel	1980	Lynda Forbes	2013
William (Bill) Forward (Dec'd).....	1982	Wayne Hudson	2014
Sonia Bell	1983	Maureen Welten	2015
John Cole	1984	Gary Bowater	2015
Max Reynolds (Dec'd)	1985	Gavin Scally	2016
Sandra Grey	1985	Neil Ashley.....	2017
Hilda Klass	1986	Steve Silvey.....	2019
Barry Hancock	1987	Janine Tate	2019
Ian Deveson (Dec'd)	1988	Matt Read.....	2021
Devon Markham	1988	Bruce Porter	2021
Sue Niven.....	1990	Brianna Rennie.....	2023
John Pickering	1991		
Gaye Richardson (Dec'd).....	1991		
Norm Kidd	1992		
Wayne Atkinson	1993		
Catherine Bayens (Dec'd)	1993		
Graham Napier	1994		
Colin Willis	1994		
Maris Margetts	1996		
Keith Jackaman	1997		
Kingsley McGuire	2000		
Rob Walker	2001		
Merv Bennetts	2002		
Colin West	2002		
Jean Rate (Dec'd)	2002		
Betty Bennetts (Dec'd)	2002		
Keith Harper	2003		
David Porter	2005		
Hans Geers	2006		
Steve McEntee	2006		
Paul Meacock	2007		



Vale Beth Meacock - a true Melville City Hockey Club stalwart



MCHC CLUB ADMINISTRATION 2023



Patron George Gear, Mayor, City of Melville

Vice Patrons Wally Meacock (Life Member)
Colin West (Life Member)
Keith Timmel (Life Member)
Kim Giddens (MLA – Bateman)
Sam Lim (Federal MP – Tangney)

President David Timmel

Treasurer Brittany Lawrence

Secretary Janine Tate

Club Registrar & Club Records Colleen Bentley

Vice Presidents Brianna Coleman – Women
Royce Bond – Men
Vanessa Carmody – Juniors
Paul Coghlan – Business Partnerships

Assistants/Co-ordinators Geoff Riley – Assistant Treasurer
Maris Margetts – Assistant Secretary
Simon Mathew – Masters Co-ordinator (Men)
Marie Farrow – Masters Co-ordinator (Women)
Leon Platel – Minkey/ J3/4 Co-ordinators
Colin Willis – Life Members/MOFTA Co-ordinator

Facility Manager Graeme Coleman

Immediate Past President Gary Bowater

MCHC Turf Inc Hans Geers (Chairman); Geoff Ranford (Treasurer)

Windelya Sports Assoc. Representatives Alan Marshall – (Windelya President)
Mark Timmel – (Windelya Treasurer)
David Timmel
David Porter



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2023 season will be recorded as another very successful year for our great club.

This is borne out with a number of teams making finals and 7 out of the 13 teams who made Grand Finals achieving premiership glory. In areas such as governance and management the club has again performed strongly.

On the field our clear objective was to see our top Women's team return to Premier 1 Division and as outlined below this was achieved. A fantastic outcome by all those involved, the importance of which can't be underestimated. Unfortunately, Grand Final victory eluded the group however as displayed throughout the year they fought to the very end in a tight game.

Our Men's Premier 1 were looking to create history with a hat-trick of victories however, after a record-breaking season, they too went down in the final game of the season.

Club Activities

I think of our club as a vital community organisation that focuses on hockey, as opposed to a hockey club within the community and it was with this thinking in mind that your committee approached the 2023 season. With nearly 1,000 members in a highly competitive sporting environment, we must continue to evolve and grow and I'm very pleased with the progress we have made. A summary of the key areas follows. I think of our club as a vital community organisation that focuses on hockey, as opposed to a hockey club within the community, and it was with this thinking in mind that your committee approached the 2023 season. With nearly 1,000 members in a highly competitive sporting environment, we must continue to evolve and grow and I'm very pleased with the progress we have made. A summary of the key actions follows.

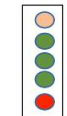
Performance Against Strategic Plan Objectives

Strategic Pillar 1:
Continued Prudent Management of the Clubs Resources – Financial and Human

How we will measure success?

1. Develop a 3 year Capital Management Plan by end 2021.
2. Audited financial accounts presented to the AGM annually.
3. Two short term projects undertaken annually to help advance elements of this plan.
4. Maximise cash reserves in accordance with budgets and future needs.
5. Skills database for volunteers defined by February 2022 (off 2021 data).

Status

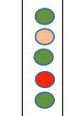


Comments

1. In progress
2. Completed
3. Lights over grass fields/turf
4. In line with plans
5. Yet to commence

Strategic Pillar 2:
Continually Improve the Quality of our Governance Systems

1. Publish an approved Code of Conduct by January 2022.
2. Develop a Risk Management Framework with mitigating actions by January 2022.
3. Ensure a new Constitution is in place by the end of the 2022 season.
4. Develop a Governance Improvement Plan by the end 2021 and implement by the end of 2023.
5. Have an updated suite (or those adopted by Hockey WA/Australia) of Processes and Procedures by the end 2022



6. Completed
7. In progress
8. Voted on at 2022 SGM
9. Yet to commence
10. In progress

Strategic Pillar 3:
Ensure Sustained on-field Success

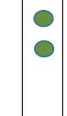
1. All junior grades having an "A" team (or equal) by 2024.
2. A second Men's Premier League premiership and inaugural Women's Premier League premiership by 2025.
3. Maintain Premier 1, 2 and 3 senior grades and a spread of competitive senior teams through the current linear structure.
4. Build from the current number of teams in Masters grades.
5. Build Minkey numbers to 240 in 2022; grow this number year on year



1. In progress
2. In progress
3. Women's 1 promoted
4. Achieved
5. Grew but not to 240

Strategic Pillar 4:
Continually Grow and Strengthen our Club Community

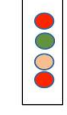
1. Planned social events that cater for all groups across the club are well attended.
2. Representation on a minimum two Hockey WA committees.



1. In progress
2. Achieved

Strategic Pillar 5:
Sustain our Success

1. Schools' programs developed in 2021 and implemented in Term 1 2022.
2. Ensure every Year 12 player is contacted, preferably in person, and asked to return to play senior hockey.
3. Ideal demographic shape developed in 2021; shape fulfilled by 2024.
4. Turnover at committee level at no less than 1 but no more than 2 per year.



1. Planned
2. Achieved
3. In progress
4. Is higher, but manageable



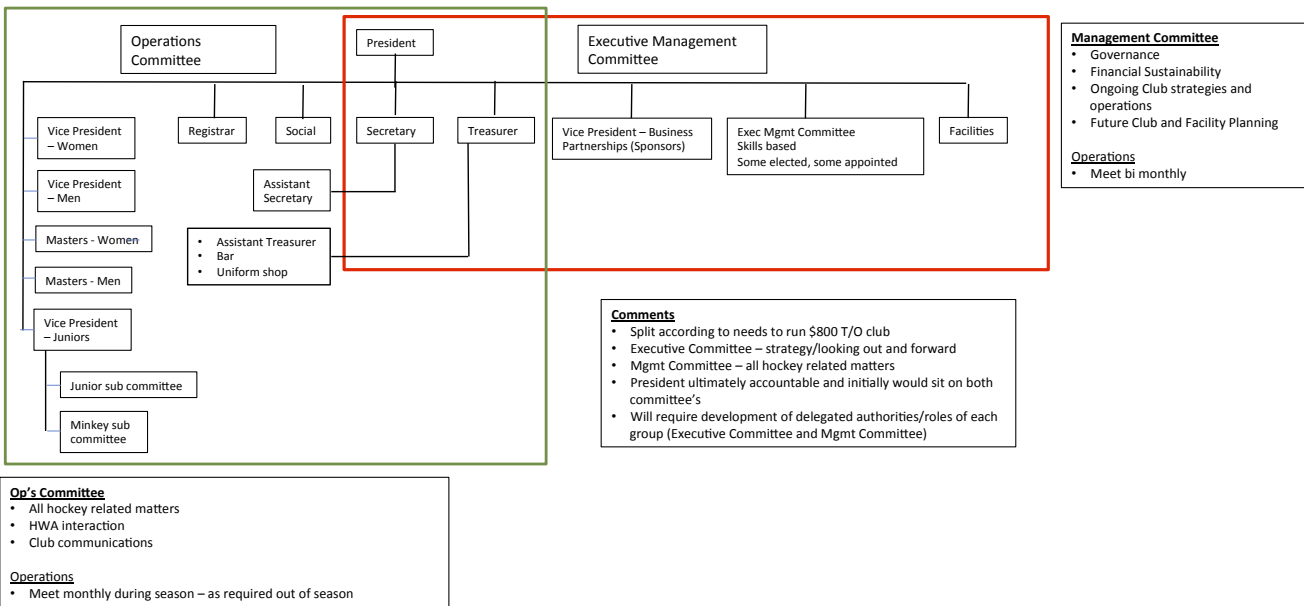


PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont

Strategic Plan – this excellent document continues to guide our core activities. Whilst progress against all pillars has not been as strong as we would like, we continue to strengthen our position within the hockey and wider community. The summary below shows our progress.

Committee Structure – in line with the competing demands of our sport and membership base, at the commencement of the 2023 season we opted to split the governance of the club into Executive and Operational Committees, with the slide below illustrating how these groups interact. These structures still require some bedding down, however I'm very confident that once fully established these committees and the people who sit on them will very ably guide us into the future. A future that will require a higher level of governance, professionalism and funding.

Committee Structure – to address the challenges we face



Club Events – a number of special events have again been held this year to support all the members of our hockey community. We continued the theme which we commenced in 2022 around the health of our members, with two sessions run in conjunction with Outside The Locker Room, an organisation which has partnered with Hockey WA and who focus on areas such as individual resilience, well-being, inclusion and respect. MOFTA again hosted a highly successful multi-cultural evening, whilst the club again recognised our First Nations people, hosting Curtin and UWA during Indigenous round. Life Member Pat Hall conducted another excellent ANZAC Day ceremony.

Governance – the various committees that run your club continue to observe high levels of governance and it was particularly pleasing to get through our first audit completed by new Auditors, Australian Audit.

Juniors and Minkey

Over 200 Minkey players and more than 300 Juniors represent our club each week. This wouldn't be possible without the tireless efforts of Leon Platel (Minkey) and Vanessa Carmody (Juniors) and their respective committees.

The importance of the Minkey program to the overarching sustainability of the club cannot be underestimated. It is well recognised that a club that has 200 regular Minkey players year on year will have enough flow-through to sustain a strong Junior program. This in turn ensures a good number of senior players to underpin the club.

Vanessa Carmody, in her first year as Vice President – Juniors, has brought a high degree of organisation, energy, and professionalism to our Junior program. In the highly-competitive sporting landscape we operate in, both inside hockey and across sports, Melville must and will invest more into our Junior program. Kirby Hobbs has worked tirelessly as Junior Development Coordinator, however we must do more. To this end we now have a small sub-committee looking at the deeper development of the core hockey skills within our Junior program to ensure that we build on the work being done by Kirby and maintain the solid flow of Juniors into State representative and Senior club teams.

Notwithstanding this investment requirement, I thank and congratulate the whole Junior Committee on another very solid season. Thanks also to the many coaches, managers and volunteers involved - Melville continues to be a highly respected club throughout the Junior Competition.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont

Senior Program

Women – 2023 may well have been a watershed year for our Women's program. Relegation from top division could have resulted in an exodus of players, including many talented and homegrown Juniors. Thanks to the efforts of our Senior Coach, Matilda "Tilly" Carmichael, and people such as Brianna Rennie, Steve Silvey and Russell Lee, this didn't occur, and we have achieved our pre-season goal of returning to Women's Premier 1 Division in 2024. This is a fantastic effort from all involved, not only the coaching staff but the players and supporters who rode every shot on goal, every penalty corner the opposition were awarded, every win and those nail-biting draws. You have done yourself and your club proud ladies, thank you.

The sustained success of our top team also requires those teams below them to have successful and enjoyable seasons, and our second Women's team achieved both promotion and grand final victory after a season in which they lost only one game, whilst our third team fell just short in both areas. Thanks to that group of players and their coaches in Casey Donaldson, Mark Lyons and John Cooke in particular. Deeper into the grades results continue to be positive, but more importantly a core group of ladies turn up week in, week out for the fun and fellowship that they enjoy together.

Men – our top men's side continued to be the competition benchmark and finished atop the premiership table for something like the 4th time in the past 5 years. After back-to-back grand final victories the hat trick eluded them, however this group of players and their support staff again did the club proud. There are many contributing factors to this, however when the next version of the club's history is written there is no doubt that the decision to hire Senior Men's coach Craig Wilson was a master-stroke, and this has been a very strong contributing factor to this success. Aside from his ever-supportive wife Hazel, no-one else knows the work that Craig puts into his team, our club and the sport generally. Such is Craig's standing in the hockey community that he was recently appointed coach of the Perth Thundersticks Men's team, and his thoughts and insights are regularly sought from coaches across the country and state high-performance programs.

Like our Women's program, the teams at the next level of the Men's competition and in particular the 2's and 3's continue to provide the necessary competition for places with the young 2's group making finals and the 3's topping an unbeaten season with premiership glory. Thanks in no small part to the efforts of coaches Andrew Starling and Patrick Welsh and their support staff and the coordination efforts of Royce Bond in the background.

Masters – Melville is well represented in both the Women's and Men's Masters competitions, and we thank Marie Farrow (Masters Coordinator - Women) and Simon Mathew (Masters Coordinator - Men) for their efforts week in, week out.

Turf Committee

Hans Geers and his committee continue to oversee the best-maintained and presented turf in the competition. As part of our ongoing maintenance program, we self-funded the replacement of the old lights with state-of-the-art LED lighting this season. The Club and Turf Committees continue to work very well together as we balance the need to build up our cash reserves for the next turf replacement whilst being cognisant of the increasing costs of playing hockey.

Thank you

On your behalf I would like to thank the following people or groups of people who have contributed to the running of the club in 2023:

Brianna Rennie – after over ten years of either leading or supporting the Women's program, Brianna is stepping away from the role of Senior Vice President – Women, but not the club. Brianna was quite rightly recognised for her fantastic efforts with the Women's program with Life Membership. Thank you for everything Brianna, your contribution will be sorely missed.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont

Paul Coghlan – Paul has successfully overseen the lift in the overall professionalism of our Sponsorship team and subsequent increase in sponsorship dollars that we have enjoyed in 2023.

Janine Tate – we said goodbye to Janine in 2022, but this time she is serious. A tireless worker at both committee level and also the Manager of the 2s Womens Janine will, I'm sure, be back.

Colleen Bentley – Like Janine, Colleen does a lot of unnoticed work in the background, including Managing the successful Premier 2 Women but has decided to rest up a little in 2024.

Your committee - who work tirelessly across the year and in the background, and in particular to those I haven't yet thanked, Treasurer Brit Lawrence, Social Coordinator Kim Welten and their support staff namely Maris Margetts, Geoff Riley and Jan Davis.

The Windelya Sports Association (WSA) and City of Melville have the confidence in us to allow us the freedom to run the facilities we are lucky enough to enjoy, and we thank them for that, and to Hockey WA, thank you for overseeing the running of the sport we all love so much.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge, on your behalf, our volunteers. Over 150 people, or close to 15% of our membership base, freely give of their time for over six months of the year. Without them/you we could not achieve the results and outcomes that we do, year on year.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being President of the Melville City Hockey Club and I look forward to working with and for you again over the next 12 months.

David Timmel, *President*
Melville City Hockey Club
September 2023

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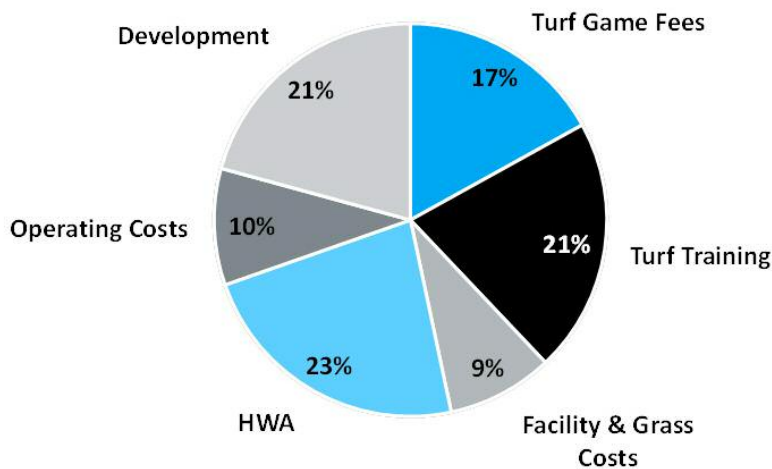
TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2023, the Club maintained a healthy cash position while increasing investments in facilities and players. With the help of local council, we were able to install new grass lighting and commence works for a new shed. The Club also put a greater focus on investing in the Senior Women's side through three imported players to help support our Premier League promotion, and the purchase of video equipment to benefit all players' development across Seniors and Juniors.

While we increased spending, we were able to keep the cost of playing as low as possible with only a marginal increase in fees for the first time in three years. This wouldn't have been possible without the support of Melville Turf through a dividend for the second year, and from our additional 2023 sponsors.

Below is a high-level breakdown of the Club's expenses for 2022, which will be relatively consistent with how players' fees have been spent in 2023:

2022 Fee Distribution



While we estimate to finish the year with a loss of approximately \$20,000, the investments made in 2023 will last for years to come and I estimate a closing cash position for the year of approximately \$180,000.

Thank you to everyone who helped me throughout the year and made my role as easy as possible, in particular thank you to:

- Paulette and Rae at Additions Bookkeeping Services, the Club would be lost without your work each and every week;
- Geoff Riley, Assistant Treasurer for monitoring the bar account and fees all year round; and
- the MCHC Committee, particularly David Timmel and Graeme Coleman, for making sure I know where the Club's funds need to go.

Brittany Lawrence, *Treasurer 2023*



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2023 MELVILLE TURF (INC) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Introduction

As another productive year passes, I sincerely thank the hard-working members of both the Turf Committee and support team for their continued efforts in maintaining the management and maintenance of our turf and its surrounds to an exemplary standard.

The committee has again been proactive in improving its facilities before they become less effective. Our lights were replaced with LED lighting which has not only significantly improved the level of lighting but also the quality. We continue operating the turf facility with a great deal of efficiency. Special thanks go out to Neil Ashley, Barry Hancock, Bill Morrison, Chris Avent and Graeme Coleman for their outstanding efforts in maintaining our facilities, Greg Hunt for overseeing the Turf Operations in general, Geoff Ranford in dealing with all matters financial, Olive Hasselerharm for her diligence as our personnel/HR coordinator and David Porter for the number of tasks he performs in the background. Also, to the myriad of volunteers and committee members whose skills we utilize in some way, but who I have not listed, thank you. We are extremely fortunate to not only have such great support across our Club but extremely lucky to have members with not only integrity, high level skills and expertise, but also their willingness to give up many hours of their time in supporting our Club.

In maintaining its high-level accountability practices, the Turf Committee, in line with normal practice has changed auditors for the 22/23 financial year. We await the full report from our new auditor's and are happy to release the findings to interested parties when they become available.

In his third year as President, David Timmel has worked diligently to maintain our high standards as a lead hockey club in our state. His hard work, financial management and general Club oversight this year period have been influential in maintaining and growing us as one of the power clubs in the broader hockey community.

Finally, it would be bereft of me to not acknowledge the ongoing support from the City of Melville whose employees work closely with our committees to continue to enhance our facilities.

In conclusion, to the Turf Committee which continues to guide me, an overall thank you for your outstanding support and hard work. As a Club we are set apart from other clubs with the quality of people assisting across all facets of Club operations.

Master's Carnival

Melville Toyota Stadium has been selected by HWA to host a large component of the Australian Masters Tournament for both men and women later in the year. This will be an exciting time for the Club but will require a significant input from the membership through assistance with turf maintenance, bar and kitchen helpers and general support over a two-week period. All volunteers very welcome.

Governance

- Committee Meetings: The Turf Committee met regularly at approximately monthly intervals which exceeds the minimum requirement of the Associations Incorporation Act. All Melville Turf (Inc) Committee meetings are minuted and provide detail of authorisations and assigned actions.
- Accounts are accurately maintained and audited annually.
- Constitution: In line with the recent change by the club to align its financial year to the calendar year the turf will over the course of 2024 make similar changes to its constitution with this change being put to members once completed.

Finances

- Melville Turf (Inc) Honorary Treasurer has again provided a valuable service in keeping our books in a highly organised manner and I commend the financial reports prepared by Geoff Ranford with input from David Timmel. The Profit & Loss (P&L) and Balance Sheets reflect that the turf continues to operate in a financially sound manner.
- The Turf Treasurer has continued to bill Clubs directly, contributing to ongoing savings.

Key Points

- Turf Charges: The Committee will be closely examining its cost base for 2024 and also against the charges from HWA.

Hans Geers, Chairman, Melville Turf Committee, August 2023



BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

In mid-2022 a small group of members with Marketing and/or Advertising experience was convened with the core focus of repositioning our sponsorship offering and to significantly increase the amount of funds raised. The sponsorship of any organisation must also represent a positive return on investment for those providing funds hence the renaming of this group from Sponsorships to Business Partnerships to be more reflective of the two-way nature of this investment.

Thanks to Paul Coghlan and this team of Ric Williams, Alan Meacock, Bonnie Meacock, Tegan McNab and Ben Rushton we are well on the way to achieving the goals this group set for itself.

This group were also tasked with looking at other revenue streams with an example of this being the development of "Social Membership" in 2023 and we thank those members who took up this option and are recognised within this Yearbook.

Through the efforts of Paul and the team they achieved the following:-

- Secured Melville Toyota as the new stadium naming rights sponsor for a 3-year period.
- Secured new sponsors for both our Women's and Men's top squads via Viva Wealth and All Foods respectively.
- Retained long time core sponsors in The Health Linc and The Pulse Property Group within the top squad program.
- Locked in existing or new sponsors with either increased funding and/or contract terms:-
 - o Reynolds Graphics
 - o Porter Commercial
 - o Hockey International
 - o Duracraft
 - o Ellann Finance (new)
 - o Night and Day Pharmacy and Priceline Pharmacy – Canning Vale
 - o Old Bridge Cellars
 - o Western Irrigation
 - o Kim Giddens – MLA
 - o Waste Water Services Pty Ltd
 - o Allsports Trophies
 - o Custom Mouthguards
 - o Moncrieff Reality
 - o Moonsail (new)
 - o Additions Bookkeeping Services (new)
 - o Porter Consulting Engineers

This group has been expanded and recently reconvened and will use the summer period to undertake the research and planning which then allows the club to proactively target other opportunities within the community.

Our offering is compelling including:-

- The Melville City Hockey Club is a very well respected organisation within both the hockey and wider community.
- Melville Toyota Stadium having circa 80,000 visitors per annum.
- Our 1,000 members representing an excellent cross section of the communities we live in.
- Having teams represented in the top Women's and Men's competition of the world class Hockey WA competition.
- Junior teams represented at all levels across the competition.

We sincerely thank those organisations for their ongoing commitment to our club and the significant role that they play in assisting us manage the cost of playing hockey and in particular the investment you allow us to into important areas such as our Junior program going forward.

To our members, please support these organisations whenever possible.

Thank you.

David Timmel

Acting VP – Business partnerships



SPONSORSHIP HONOUR BOARD

STADIUM SPONSOR

Melville Toyota Mark McDonnell

PREMIER LEAGUE MAJOR SPONSORS

All Foods Reece Grant
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PREMIER LEAGUE MINOR SPONSORS

The Health Linc Brad Potter
Pulse Property Group Di Addenbrooke
Zac Addenbrooke

GOLD SPONSORS

Reynolds Graphics Andrew & Jodi Reynolds
Porter Commercial Bruce & Cameron Porter
Hockey International Jinder Chouhan

SILVER SPONSORS

Duracraft Daniel McEntee
Ellann Finance Rod O'Dea
Night and Day Pharmacy / Priceline Pharmacy John Cooke
Old Bridge Cellars Jay Beeson
Western Irrigation Andrew Ogden

BRONZE SPONSORS

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Waste Water Services Pty Ltd Johnson Orr
Allsports Trophies Jan Davis
Custom Mouth Guards Shane McCamish
Moncrieff Realty Jim Moncrieff

IN-KIND SPONSORS

Moonsail Paul Coghlan
Additions Bookkeeping Services Rae Thompson
Porter Consulting Engineers Brad Harris

And all our wonderful volunteers who freely give up so much of their time to help our club run



SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT - MEN

This season Melville was back to fielding eight Senior Men's sides, with the "Marquee team" working out that grass is not for them. In what was an uninterrupted season now that Covid is behind us, I am pleased to report that out of those eight sides, five made it to the finals. This included all three Premier teams playing in finals. Four teams booked their spot for the big dance - Premier 1 Men, Premier 3 Men, Div 9 Gold Men "Scrubbers" and Div 8 Black Men "Marquee". The Premier 2 Men had a great season with a young team and finished in the finals. Our Premier 1 Men's team secured their fourth minor premiership in five years, but unfortunately did not make it a ThreePeat, but have had a remarkable 3 years. The Premier 3 Men also secured the Minor Premiership and title of Premiers for their grade. Congratulations to the Scrubbers and the Marquee men, who also won the title of Premiers 2023.

It was good to see all Melville Men's teams competitive within their grades and all still in the hunt to play finals in the back half of the season. Killa said two years ago that, "The men's program is heading in the right direction," and the foundations he left behind are now showing both on and off the field.

To Picko, Paul, Carpool, Maxi, Mitch S, Brett, Gibbo and Jason for managing teams this year, Ross Hall for coaching the lower teams, and all of those who played in the Men's program this season week in, week out, thanks again for your assistance throughout the year.

Massive thanks go to Craig, Stef, Andy, Andrew and Patrick for coaching our Premier teams. Managing the teams were Johnno, Alison and Mitch, and their assistance during the season was greatly appreciated.

I would like to acknowledge what a fantastic job all the people who support the MCHC do. There are so many to acknowledge but these include MOFTA, Graeme Coleman, Juniors playing Seniors (and their parents who are getting them to the games), umpires, coaches, managers, Andrew/bar staff, Sophie/kitchen staff, Turf Committee, Olive/turf staff, social events organisers, supporters, etc.

To all our sponsors, thank you for your support of the club.

Thanks to everyone, the Committee and DT for your support this year.



Royce Bond – Vice President - Men's Administration

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SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT - WOMEN

2023 we made it!

We started this season in a very different-looking way to 2022 and each team out with their own point to prove. Our 1s, 2s and 3s in Division 2, 3 and 4 respectively, our 4s and 7s pushing to back up yet another finals appearance, our 5s and 8s both being promoted into higher grades and as a result of a bit of a player shuffle, a lot of our 6s also playing up a team from last year. With six of our eight teams making finals and our 1s and 2s successful in promotion back to Premier 1 and 2 in 2024, it's been a massive year. All of our Women's teams should be really proud of their consistency and determination this season and I hope everyone also had some fun along the way.



We secured three Minor Premierships with our 1s in Premier 2, 2s in Premier 3 and 7s in Division 9 (Gold), noting our 1s and 7s also went through the season undefeated – huge effort! Our 3s in Division 4 narrowly finished in 2nd place and will no doubt come back ready to fight next season for a spot back in Premier Division 3. Our 4s once again made finals for an amazing nine seasons in a row, continuing to prove the depth we have through our middle grades at Melville. Our 6s also once again made finals which was a huge effort for a lot of the team also playing up a grade this year. Our 7s had their best season yet, and finally some reward for effort for coach Christian Gallagher who has stuck with this group and taught them so much over the last 10 years, to finally secure a Minor Premiership! Our 5s and 8s, while narrowly missing out on finals, also exceeded our expectations this season after both being promoted from last season and we can't wait to see what comes from these teams in the next few years.

Our success in 2023 certainly didn't just happen and took the support of a huge group of people, both on and off the field. On the field we saw some lower player availability this season with international travel and all kinds of social events taking off again, and a huge thank you to all the Juniors and also Masters players who stepped in most weeks to help field our teams. I hope the Juniors particularly gained a lot from the experience, many taking the field for Seniors for the first time. Together with the talented group of young players that consistently performed in our top teams throughout year, the homegrown focus of our Women's program continues to look bright. Thanks to Vanessa Carmody and the Junior Committee for your ongoing support of the Senior Women's program.

Our off-field teams this season worked extremely hard and it was great to see the teams reward you with some fantastic on-field results. A huge thank you particularly to Mathilda Carmichael for taking on the Head Coach role and giving the club and Premier group so much of your time again this season. The passion you have and effort you put into not just the 1s, but our top three teams as a whole, is something we at Melville are extremely grateful for. We have been so lucky to have you, and now you are hanging up the coach's hat we hope to see you back on the field in maroon over the next few years! Thank you also to the massive Off-Field Team behind Tilly and the Top Squad – Coaches Russell Lee, Steve Silvey, Matt Tate, Casey Donaldson, Mark (Clarrie) Lyons, John (Cookie) Cooke and Managers Colleen Bentley and Janine Tate. This season was truly a group effort and thanks to each and every one of you.

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To our Middle and Lower Squad coaches John (Cookie) Cooke, Loz Anderson, Bruce Vanderzwan and Christian Gallagher - thank you all for the countless hours you put in on a weekly basis. I also attempted to dabble in some coaching myself this season so thanks to the 5s girls for putting up with me! Thank you to our Team Managers for keeping everything ticking along - Larissa Blechynden, Ivy Filmer, Crystal Hobbs, Ellen Rolls, Kate Sayers, Rebecca Vanderzwan, Emma Bradley, Ash Chauvin and Vanessa Carmody.

From me, this is my last season as Women's Vice President after ten years. I'm really proud of what I have been a part of at Melville in the last decade, growing from a five team program to now a steady eight teams and providing opportunities for players of all abilities and ages at Melville. Personally, there are skills, friends and most importantly memories that I wouldn't have if it wasn't for this role and different experiences along the way. It has been really rewarding and I hope over this time I've been able to support or better the hockey experience for Women at Melville in some way.

Thank you to each and every person that I've had the pleasure of playing alongside, socialising with or just in general meeting over the last ten years – it's been great. I'm looking forward to still being around (and hopefully getting back on the hockey field!) next season.

Brianna Rennie - Vice President Women's Administration



MASTERS REPORT - WOMEN

Season 2023 has been another good year for the Ladies Masters Division with the Over 50s finishing minor premiers, the Over 35 Div 3 ladies finishing fourth and the Over 35 Div 1 and Women's 8s teams finishing just out of finals. Not quite the results we were hoping for after a stellar 2022, but certainly a season of consolidation with some fabulous hockey played and a great deal of fun along the way. Once again Melville Minkey proved fertile ground for recruiting new players and we welcomed a plethora of younger players to the fold. We look forward to welcoming more recruits next season as we strive for four midweek teams and seek to consolidate our place in Div 1.

The O35 Division 1 team, promoted from Division 2 after finishing minor premiers in 2022, had a solid first season, finishing sixth with 6 wins and 10 losses from their 16 matches. The Rae Blunt competition has been a serious step up from Division 2, with a number of ex-Hockeyroos and Premier League players participating in this grade. Injuries galore to key players have made this a very challenging year but, to her credit, manager extraordinaire Brianna Coleman, with her extensive hockey network, has managed to get a competitive team out on the park each week. It has been wonderful to welcome all of the new faces to our club and the joys of Masters hockey. A huge thank you also to the Melville Premier League ladies who have helped out – we hope to see you playing regularly next season!

The O35 Division 3 team, led by captain/coach Conor Smith and managed by Nat Brown, have had a great year on and off the field, finishing fourth with 9 wins, 4 draws and 5 losses from their 18 matches. In what has been the second year back for a number of the players in this team after extended periods away from the game, the team has really gelled this season and are playing some wonderful hockey. We wish the girls well for their upcoming finals campaign and, whatever the outcome, we are convinced they will be a force to be reckoned with next year.

Our O50s team, expertly coached by Vicki Silich and managed by Jan Davis, continue to dominate their grade and finished on top of the ladder with 12 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses from their 15 matches. 2023 has been the “year of the holiday”, with a number of the crew taking extended holiday breaks during the season and this, combined with injuries and a very limited pool of players to draw on, has led to some challenges fielding a team each week but we got there. Phew! With the minor premiership in the bag the ladies now look to repeating the success of last year with a repeat Grand Final win....no pressure!

Our weekend Vets team (Melville 8s) led magnificently by Vanessa Carmody (Captain/Coach) and Fiona Power (Manager) have had another fabulous season on the turf, narrowly missing finals on percentage and the victims of a very dodgy season-defining umpiring decision. The W8s finished fifth on the ladder with 8 wins, 6 draws, and 4 losses from their 18 matches, consolidating their place in Div 7 after being promoted last year. Great work Ladies!

Congratulations to all our milestone ladies – Gaye Edwards (600 games), Vanessa Carmody (200 games), Jo Rosso (200 games), Conor Smith (200 games), Madeleine Northover (100 games), Rachel Roberts (100 games) and Anna Stevens (100 games) and to our State Masters Representatives playing here in Perth in September - O34 Tara Bowater, O40 Charlotte Hogarth, O45 Vanessa Carmody and Elizabeth Stratton, O50 Fiona Power, O60 Susan Clark and Gaye Edwards, O65 Gail Anderson and Lindy Coss, O70 Maris Margetts, Coach O65 Vicki Silich, Manager O70 Colleen Bentley. Good luck!!

A big, big thank you to everyone who has helped out in the kitchen this season on Thursday nights. You have all done a wonderful job and the club is grateful for the assistance we have provided, to Sophie in particular, on a Thursday night each week. Well done everyone!!

Lastly to all our lovely ladies, a big thank you for turning up each week and making my job as Ladies Masters Co-ordinator so much fun. We love our hockey and we love our club! Go Melville!!

Marie Farrow

Women's Masters Co-ordinator



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MASTERS REPORT - MEN

Men's Masters membership reduced this season to around 100 registered players. We lost around 30 players and registered two teams less (O40 Div 1 and O60 Div 1). This, however, meant we had more players available for each team, though there were injuries throughout the season. We also had a few players come back and play after a hiatus which enabled us to nominate six Saturday afternoon Masters teams, plus one mid-week team (O40 mid-week), all proudly representing Melville with great spirit and post-game camaraderie, regardless of results.

There were slight changes to the team make-ups this season, with new players coming into each team, providing them with additional numbers but not the much-needed prowess, unfortunately. Looking out to recruit more aging Senior players who probably realise that they are not as quick anymore in their current grade. Minkey and Junior parents, please also come and join us next season ...

Overall, it's been a challenging but enjoyable year of Melville Masters hockey, and a privilege to share this with you all. We probably need to turn up more for the Thursday and Monday night trainings.

While all the teams showed much potential and promise, most were dogged with injuries, coaching, work and family commitments. Below are the results for this season.

O40 Midweek – 6th

It has been a struggle to get a team on the pitch every week. Surprisingly, Todd Barrett does manage to get enough players every week, some as late as an hour before the game start. This scenario did not help to put forward a strong side with young blood, instead anyone available was urged to come down and have a run. With three more rounds to go they are comfortably sitting at the bottom of the table with one win and three draws. No relegation in this grade. Hopefully our fate will change when younger players are ready and available to play consistently in this turf grade.

O04 Div 1 – 2nd (3rd overall)

This season is the best the team has performed since the last decade. Finished in second spot however lost in both finals, securing third spot. A formidable team when all players are available. Looked promising to snatch the Grand Finals. Probably next season.

O40 Div 3 – 2nd (GF – pending results)

This team started off in Div 2 and mid-season the division was split into Div 2 and Div 3, with our team being placed in Div 3. Finished 2nd in the group and will be playing in the finals. Good Luck to the "Mighty Gryphons".

O50 Div 1 – 4th (4th overall)

This team had an interesting issue this season where there were too many players available due to new players registered. This increased the "talent pool" and thus had a selection committee that chose the best available players every week. The players that did not make the cut were then passed on to O50 Div 3 and O40 Div 2/3. They have also achieved something that is quite rare in the MCHC Masters teams, where they scored many goals. This team has thus far scored 61 goals which is the highest in this division. Unfortunately, they also let in nearly half of that, which placed them at fourth spot on the ladder. Lost out in the finals securing 4th spot overall.

O50 Div 3 – 7th

Domino effect from the O50 Div 1 and some new players coming to the club. This season they hardly had a shortage of players. Unfortunately, that did not help, with seventh being their final ladder position.

O60 Div 1 – 9th

Having lost most of the previous season Div 1 players, this team was planning to play in Div 2, however they were placed in Div 1 by Hockey WA and it is not surprising that they are ninth in this 10-team division.

O60 Div 2 – 5th

This team has had mixed success this season. Finishing fourth on the ladder, tied on points but pipping the fifth team by goal difference. May have an uphill task to win the remaining two rounds to make it to the grand final.

Below are the players registered with MCHC and selected for the WA Masters State teams for each age group.

- O40 – Matthew Bottomley
- O45 – Matt Read, Doug Brightwell, Davis Mavunduse, Sarvesh Shedbalkar, Grant Watton
- O50 – Cameron Robinson, Deepak Chahil, Bruce Hancock, Simon Mathew, Brad Potter
- O55 – Stuart Campbell, Chris Kennedy, Mark Lyons, David, Ross, Michael Starling, Paul Loh, Darran Wilson
- O65 – Darryl Dedman, Peter Dawkins
- O70 – Keith Platel, Geoff Riley



MASTERS REPORT - MEN cont

Please join me in acknowledging the background efforts of our Masters team managers who've done a great job of organising everything needed (team numbers, umpires, match ball, match reports, etc) before and after each game.

- Todd Barrett (O40 Div1 & O40 Mid-week)
- Justin Holt (O40 Div 3)
- Cameron Robinson (O50 Div 1)
- Richard Hooker (O50 Div 3)
- Greg Hunt (O60 Div 1)
- Michael Pitcher (O60 Div 2)

Many thanks for your efforts, guys. Well done, once again. Thanks also to everyone who helped with umpiring.

Last, but not least, I'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. Best wishes to all and see you soon at the Melville Summer "Hockey 5s"

Simon Mathew

Masters' Co-ordinator (Men)

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MOFTA / LIFE MEMBERS REPORT 2023

It has once again been a very successful season for the Club both on and off the field. Both our top Men's and Women's teams currently sit on top of the table and many of our other teams are doing extremely well. With a bit of luck, Craig and his boys can do a "3-peat". This would be an amazing achievement if it happens. Good luck from everyone. A big congratulations to Tilly and her assistants and players for gaining promotion back to First Division. Well done girls, you have worked hard for this.

We again had our Pre-season BBQ after beach training in February and I am sure it was well-received by the players. Thanks to all those that came along and helped out with the cooking. During the year we also had our Multi-cultural Fundraising Dinner. Although not attended by as many as last year, it was still a very successful night. Thanks to Ranjith and everyone else involved in making this a great night. A special thanks to Barry, Neil and his team for keeping our Turf in top condition. The acquisition of our new shed for storage etc will be of a great benefit to the Club. Thanks to Graeme and his team for organising the shed.

MOFTA members support our Club by attending games, generally helping out, and catching up on Thursday evenings for a meal, drink and a chat. That is what MOFTA is all about. We now have 41 in the group with the addition in 2023 of Royce Bond, Paul Meacock, Daryl Dedman and Ted Neesham. Welcome to the group.

It is great to see some of the older Life Members following our teams and keeping in touch with the Club. One of our club's founding members and Life Member, Brian Spitteler, started a monthly catch-up for coffee for the older members of the Club, and this has turned out to be a great idea.

Reminiscing on old times and keeping in touch with the progress of the Club. Let's keep it going.

Well done David on another tremendous year by you and your committee. We must be the envy of other clubs of our success both on and off the field.

Finally I hope you have all enjoyed the season and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Colin Willis

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JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

As I sit here today writing the Yearbook Report on behalf of our Junior Community, I have immense feelings of **pride, gratitude and excitement**. I was also thinking, how do I structure this report. So I thought, why not be authentic and use my emotions as the structure?

PRIDE!

As a community we should all feel so proud of the Junior Community that we are part of. This year we had 22 Junior teams, consisting of over 400 players. We have a large contingent of regular goalkeepers, each of which were afforded specialised goalkeeper training. We had teams ranging from Division 1 to Division 5. Each team had a coach and a manager. Each team committed to training, and each player wore the maroon shirt with Pride. We had an incredibly enthusiastic Player Development Coordinator in Kirby Hobbs. Kirby supported our coaches and players to improve skills and game strategy. We partook in extra competition such as Bunbury and Club Championships.



I also feel very proud of the 2023 initiatives. The 2023 Junior season commenced with a new pre-season program called 'Sticks in Action'. Previously, the pre-season kicked off with various fitness sessions on the grass. This year, the Junior cohort were involved in the 'Sticks in Action' program, which combined skill development and fitness on the turf (the players didn't realise that they were doing fitness!). We had over 100 players register for this compared to previous numbers being about 25. Feedback from the players and parents was very encouraging. Players felt more prepared for grading and the start of the season.

In addition to the above, the 'Junior Skills Academy' was actioned throughout out Term 2 and 3. Kirby and his team of support coaches ran Monday skill-specific sessions. Kirby demonstrated and taught a range of different skills required in the game of hockey. He went back to the basics of the skill and taught the players step by step. This included skills such as tomahawks, overheads, jinking, bunting and many more.

In addition to player development, Steve Woods, in conjunction with our Minkey Coordinator, introduced new umpiring development sessions. Our young and aspiring umpires umpired the J3/4 games, allowing for confidence-building and preparation to umpire Junior Grades in 2024. This was introduced from the start of Term 3 and has been a fabulous initiative to allow for a 'softer' entry into umpiring for those just starting out. In addition to this, Steve Woods has produced a formalised Guide for Junior Umpires. This has been endorsed by all clubs. Steve has been a leader among the Perth Clubs and through his hard work, Melville is recognised as leader within the Junior umpiring community.

Rebecca Reeves also initiated an introduction to the J5/6 Program for our Year 4 players. These players combined with the current J5/6 cohort in a scratch match. A fabulous way for the Year 4 and Year 5 players to meet.





JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT cont

GRATITUDE!

Where to start... I am so thankful for the Junior Committee, Coaches, Managers, Parents and Players that all contribute to our Junior Community.

As we know, hockey is on the most part, successful through the volunteers. I am so grateful for the work of our 2023 Committee. Each and every week the Committee are replying to emails, problem solving, finding players. They also attend regular Committee meetings. Our Committee is:

Matt Read – Managers Co-ordinator
Steve Woods – Umpire Co-ordinator
Paige Forbes – Equipment Co-ordinator
Mario Sorci – Indoor Co-ordinator
Kirby Hobbs – Development Officer
Marie Farrow – J11/12 Co-ordinator (Girls)
Todd Elliot – J11/12 Co-ordinator (Boys)
Fiona Power – J9/10 Co-ordinator (Girls)
Geoff Cooper – J9/10 Co-ordinator (Boys)
Loz Anderson – J7/8 Co-ordinator (Girls)
Todd Barrett – J7/8 Co-ordinator (Boys)
Rebecca Reeves – J5/6 Co-ordinator (Girls)
Tarryn Hughes - J5/6 Co-ordinator (Boys)

Our coaches are forever at the forefront of my mind. If we were to calculate the hours they spend at training, games, travel to and from and game day preparation, they would commit a minimum 70 hours over the hockey season. This is an extraordinary amount of volunteer time. I am so grateful that they have amazing managers to support them. A HUGE thankyou to each person who coached a team this year, we are forever grateful.

Olive and her Turf Controlling team, this too is a huge role for our Junior Community. The Juniors either train or play seven days a week on our turf, and it is a massive job to co-ordinate opening times. Thankyou Olive and your team.

I would also like to thank Loz, who supported me at the beginning of the season as I transitioned into the Junior Co-ordinator role. It is a big (extremely rewarding) role, and I was like a deer in the headlights to start with, thanks for a great handover, Loz!

EXCITEMENT!

Oooh, what an emotion to conclude on. I am excited to announce that there are plans in place for an improved and formalised Junior Development Program at Melville. I am excited to see what the 2024 season holds for our Juniors and their development. Our Vision is to have the best Junior Hockey Program in WA and to be leaders in ensuring we develop all players and cater for all players' needs, whether that be the desire to play for Australia, playing simply to spend time with friends or anything in between. Watch this space!!

Also, for the coaches out there... or those wanting to learn to be a better coach, we have secured funding to offer a **Level 1 Coaching Course** here at Melville. This will be offered to our 2024 Junior Coaches.

One last thing on excitement – for those teams heading into finals! Good luck! Play with maroon pride!

Vanessa Carmody

VP Juniors (Junior Co-ordinator)



JUNIOR UMPIRING

In season 2023, Melville umpires officiated in over 250 matches across 20 of the 23 Junior teams ranging from J5/6 through to J11/12 (HWA provides umpires for the J9/10 and J11/12 Division 1 teams). Covering this many games across a season, with games ranging from Rockingham to Joondalup, requires a pool of dedicated umpires and umpire mentors, the support of coaches, managers and parents, and coordination and assistance from other clubs.

No club, regardless of their size and pool of umpires, can cover every game themselves. This season Melville umpires have covered 18 games around Melville for other clubs and this has been reciprocated for numerous away games. This has been successfully arranged via an Umpiring Co-ordinators group, which supports each other in providing umpires as well as supporting and mentoring umpires at our local venues. This group has meant we have avoided going to the "Whistlers for Hire" group on Facebook or finding a "volunteer" parent to umpire, and it has also helped increase the consistency of umpiring across the junior umpiring community.

Umpiring development and consistency between clubs was a topic discussed at length before the season commenced. A conversation on this topic over BBQ duties at PHS lead to our umpiring information evening for 2023 featuring former International Umpire Peter Wright. Peter kindly shared his knowledge and experience from Junior umpiring through to World Cups and Olympics, umpiring tips and strategies, answered numerous questions and shared lessons he had learnt from mistakes along the way. This was a great foundation to the season for our new and returning umpires.

Once the season commenced, we were again very fortunate to have two experienced umpires, Neil Ashley and Nikki Blowers, volunteer their time to mentor and coach our Junior umpires. They spent many hours on Saturdays at Melville or Bill Ellson, sharing their knowledge and experience to develop our Junior umpires. A HUGE thank you to Neil and Nikki! A big thank you also to all the parents, managers and families that transported our Junior umpires to/from their game in the first place!

This season also saw the successful pilot of a sub-junior umpiring program, where new umpires gained experience through umpiring at Minkey level. Thank you to Eleanor Hopkins and Leon Platel for their support of this program, which we aim to expand in 2024.

To our legendary Senior umpires that helped with numerous matches in 2023: Eamon and Oliver Cooper, Jade Vorenberg and Nic McCaughan – thank you so much for your support throughout the season! To Oliver McGill, Ross Hall and Scarlett Huston who were super-subs for some difficult to cover J11/12 matches – thank you.

Last, but not least, to our Junior umpires in 2023: Caitlin Arbery, Caitlyn Smook, Darcie Farrow, Dominic Kelly, Imogen Knight, Jarrad Fong, Jasmine Kaur Brar, Jessica Booth, Joseph Coleman, Joshua Brightwell, Luke Hocking, Madison Woods, Rafaela Thomson, Sally Curtis, Seth Elliott, Sophie Billingham, Xavier Fitzpatrick & Zara Gowland – congratulations on a great season and all your progress in 2023. I look forward to seeing you again in 2024!

Steve Woods

Junior Umpire Coordinator



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MINKEY REPORT



The newly-formed Minkey Committee started work early in the year, setting out to try and emulate the great work done by previous co-ordinators. Thankfully, the greatest marketing tool of all, word-of-mouth, is strong amongst our Minkey community and registrations were strong from an early stage. It was nice of the weather gods to play the game too, with the weather being conducive to kids' sport most weeks.

It was another successful season with over 200 players making up the 19 teams across the three grades. Even more pleasing was that all 19 teams started the season with a volunteer coach! Without parents/family members volunteering their time to coach, manage, help in the kitchen or even just assist their coaches, the program would not be the success it is, so thank you very much!!

It is great to sit back and watch how the kids have progressed - from the rolling mob that is Minkey 1, through to the full-field, 11-a-side games in Junior 3/4's! It is a credit to the coaches to see the time they put in and the changes from the start of the season. Thanks to the support of the Club and the Junior Committee, we were able to introduce some enhancements to the J3/4 season. These included Goalkeeper kits for all teams, umpires to help both the players transition and the development of new umpires, and an invitation for the Year 4s to attend a J5/6 training to begin their transition to the next level.

Once again we were able to run two of the popular Friday night fixtures on the turf. These are certainly a highlight of the season for players and parents (the bar is open!) and provide a true sense of community and what the Club is about. Thanks to Kirby Hobbs for arranging the attendance of Senior players when they were available, and to the Women's 1s team for assisting with a change to their fixture.

Such was the enjoyment of the many players, the Club was able to enter teams into the Hockey WA Fuel to Go & Play Goldstix Carnival on Sunday 25 June. Three enthusiastic Minkey teams took to the fields at Alderbury Reserve in Floreat to compete against many other clubs. They all wore their Melville kit with pride and sported maroon face paint and ribbons. There was a Melville HQ tent sent up with maroon and white balloons and the Melville flag was flown with great pride. The day was a real success as evidenced by the large smiles on all the kids' faces. It was a great opportunity for them all to play intra-club hockey and experience something new!

On a personal note, I would like to say a massive thank you to Committee members Emma Bax and Eleanor Hopkins, who put their hand up early to help out with the new Committee. Their amazing drive, passion and hard work ensured the season ran smoothly and successfully – great work ladies! Also a thank you to Jason Tate who assisted with the early morning set-up each week, and to Roh Weddikara for stepping in while I was away.

The Minkey Committee

Leon Platel – Co-ordinator

Emma Bax – Minkey 1 & 2

Eleanor Hopkins – Junior 3/4





CLUB GAMES MILESTONES 2023

600 GAMES

Chris AVENT
Gaye EDWARDS
Ben RUSHTON

500 GAMES

Edward NEESHAM

400 GAMES

Ashley RANFORD

300 GAMES

Josh ANTONCICH
Aimee CLARK
Tim GEERS
Erin HALL
Stephen LLANWARNE
Mitchell TATE

200 GAMES

Caitlin BENTLEY
Douglas BRIGHTWELL
Vanessa CARMODY
Ashley ELLIS,
Michael FARDON
Warren FARROW
Crystal HOBBS
Justin HOLT
Simon MATHEW
Daniel MOULIN
Jaymon NEEDHAM
David OGDEN
Joanne ROSSO
Conor SMITH
Tori WADE

100 GAMES

Larissa BLECHYNDEN
Zane BLOOMFIELD
Zac BURVILL
Travis CANNY
Joseph COLEMAN
James DAY
Seth ELLIOTT
Melanie HOBDAV

Mitchell HORROCKS
Dominic KELLY
Zachary KELLY
Callum LEE
Bonnie MEACOCK
Madeleine NORTHOVER
Lachlan PATERSON
Hannah PATTON

Eildih RAYFIELD
Rachel ROBERTS
Aiden ROLLS
Anna STEVENS
Michael SYMONDS
Kiara WARDROPE

50 GAMES

Amy ABERNETHY
Liam ATKINSON
Andrew BLAIR
Sarah BLAKELY
Rohan BRAID
Jon BRETT
Georgina BROWN
Jessica BRUNT
John CHRISTIE
Oscar COGHLAN
Scarlett COSTA
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Breanna PENMAN
Charley PETERSEN
Brett RANKINE
Holly REED
Thomas ROBINSON
Kate SAYERS

Timothy SCANLON
Paul SCHUTZ
Benjamin SOMERS
Ben STAINES
Alex THOMPSON
Charlotte TROTTER
Lucas WALLINGTON
Leo WEBB
Zion WILLIAMS



MAJOR CLUB AWARDS

MAJOR CLUB AWARDS - SENIOR

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:

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 one or more club members who have done an 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.

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 outstanding 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 City Hockey Club. It is the club's highest award for service below Life Membership.

MAJOR CLUB AWARDS - JUNIOR

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 **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.



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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
Janine Tate & Jodi Reynolds	2018
Maris Margetts, Peter Oudejans, & Mathilda Carmichael	2019
Lauren Costa, David Porter, Matt Read	2020
Susan Wilson, Brianna Coleman and Allison Hall	2021
Bec & Roh Weddikara, Steve Woods and Marie Farrow	2022

HLADKY-BAYENS AWARD

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

Russell Lee	2012	Graeme Coleman	2020
Sean Ranford	2013	Nic McCaughan	2021
Janine Tate	2014	Andy and Jodi Reynolds	2022
Kyle McNess	2015		
Graeme Coleman	2016		
Andrew Criddle	2017		
Wayne Hudson	2018		
Colleen Bentley	2019		



MCHC JUNIOR AWARDS 2023

Team	Player of the Year	Additional Award
J 11/12 Division 1 Boys	Jacob Woods	Coach's Award Fletcher Horrocks
J 11/12 Division 3 (B) Boys	Jack Chapman	Most Improved Hayden Eckermann
J 11/12 Division 1 Girls	Hannah Carmody	Most Consistent Jaime Fardon
J 11/12 Division 3 (A) Girls	Sally Curtis	Most Improved Abby Warburton
J 9/10 Division 2 Boys	Jarrad Fong	Coach's Award Logan Dunning
J 9/10 Division 3 Boys	Lachlan Braid	Coach's Award Leo Webb
J 9/10 Division 5 Boys	Lachlan Hughes & Alex Kervin	
J 9/10 Division 1 Girls	Madison Woods	Runner Up Chloe Billingham
J 9/10 Division 3 (Gold) Girls	Zara Gowland	Most Improved Imogen Knight
J 9/10 Division 5 Girls	Lilian Hough	Most Improved Charley Peterson
J 7/8 Division 1 Boys	Andrew Blair	Most Improved Ewan Geen
J 7/8 Division 3 (Gold) Boys	Stuart Bilney	Most Improved Kyson Fairhead
J 7/8 Division 5 Boys	Alastair Goodsell	Most Consistent Harrison Cooper
J 7/8 Division 1 Girls	Brooke Peachey & Rishika Kharola	
J 7/8 Division 3 (Gold) Girls	Zara Kent	Runner Up Hayley Leighton
J 7/8 Division 4 Girls	Sophie Beissel	Most Improved Mila Herbert

Team	Award	Award
J 5/6 Division 1 Boys	Most Improved Heath Dunning	Coach's Award Garth Van Riet
J 5/6 Division 2 (Gold) Boys	Player of the Year Cameron Hough	Most Improved Joshua Piggott
J 5/6 Division 4 Boys	Player of the Year Jackson Kennedy	Coach's Award Toby Smith
J 5/6 Division 1 Girls	Player of the Year Grace Peachey	Coach's Award Ivy James
J 5/6 Division 2 (B) Girls	Player of the Year Olivia (Gerry) Perry	Coach's Award Lauren Roberts
J 5/6 Division 4 Girls	Player of the Year Isla Williams	Coach's Award Genevieve Brenna

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MCHC JUNIOR AWARDS 2022 cont

Junior Loyalty Awards: Presented to the players in their final year of Juniors, who have shown loyalty to the Club and the sport of hockey by playing ten or more continuous seasons.

Travis CANNY
Hannah CARMODY
Ashleigh FARRELL
Darcie FARROW

Scarlett HUSTON
Brooke MCKENZIE
Jude MELLOR
Hannah PATTON

Aidan ROLLS

Award Winners

Mount Waverley Hockey Club Trophy:

Most Promising Yr 12 Progressing to Seniors

Sienna Robinson

David Porter Trophy:

Outstanding Season for Junior Goalie

Madison Woods

Ian Halliday Trophy:

Junior Player Scoring Most Goals (23 goals)

Temujin Bloomfield





MCHC SENIOR AWARDS 2022

Team Fairest and Best Awards

Award Winners

Club Champion:

Fairest and Best - Men's top side

Jake Staines

Club Champion:

Fairest and Best - Women's top side

Shanae Wardrope

Premier Division 2 Men

Andrew McIntyre

Premier Division 3 Women

Madeline West

Premier Division 3 Men

Joshua Antoncich/ Matthew Bowater

Division 4 Women

Meg Huston

Division 5 Men

Liam Colgan

Division 5 Women

Caitlyn Smook

Division 6 Women

Ciara Browne

Division 7 (Gold) Men

Ben Clark

Division 7 (Gold) Women

Elizabeth Woodberry

Division 8 (Gold) Men

Will Mardon

Division 8 (Black) Men

Kenrick Armitage

Division 8 (Gold) Women

Alyssa George

Division 9 (Gold) Men

Graham Braid

Division 9 Women

Emma Bradley

O40 Midweek Men

Cameron Robinson

O40 Division 1 Men

Chris Gilbert

O40 Division 3 Men

Sean Pszczola

O50 Division 1 Men

Bruce Hancock

O50 Division 3 Men

Glen Templeman

O60 Division 1 Men

Paul Meacock

O60 Division 2 Men

John Christie

Rae Blunt Pennant Women

Charlotte Hogarth

O35 Division 3 Women

Rebecca Weddikara

O50 Division Women

Dee Murphy

Senior Highest Goal Scorer Award:

James Day - 34 goals

Caitlyn Ogden Memorial Award:

Senior goalkeeper who displays the greatest commitment to the club

Ashley Ellis

President's Award:

Jan Davis & John Cooke

Hladky-Bayens Award:

Members displaying most commitment to club

David Porter



SENIOR AND MASTERS COACHES & MANAGERS

Team	Coach(es)	Manager
Premier Division 1 Men	Craig Wilson, Assistant: Stefan Willett	Johnno Orr
Premier Division 2 Women	Mathilda Carmichael, Assistants: Russell Lee, Steve Silvey, Matt Tate	Colleen Bentley
Premier Division 2 Men	Andy Starling, Assistant: Andrew Scanlon	Alison Pace
Premier Division 3 Women	Casey Donaldson, Assistant: Mark Lyons	Janine Tate
Premier Division 3 Men	Patrick Welsh, Assistant: John McKnight	Mitch Scally
Division 4 Women	John Cooke	Colleen Bentley
Division 5 Women	John Cooke	Ivy Filmer, Larissa Blechynden, Crystal Hobbs
Division 5 Men	Stephen Gibson	Mitch Scally/ Brett Rankine
Division 6 Women	Brianna Rennie, Lauren Anderson	Ellen Rolls, Kate Sayers
Division 7 (Gold) Men		Jason Tate
Division 7 (Gold) Women		Vanessa Carmody
Division 8 (Gold) Men	Ross Hall	Maxwell Harler
Division 8 (Black) Men		James Pickering
Division 8 (Gold) Women	Bruce Vanderzwan	Rebecca Vanderzwan
Division 9 (Gold) Men	Ross Hall	Nicholas (Carpool) Edwards/Paul Schutz
Division 9 Women	Christian Gallagher	Ashleigh Chauvin, Emma Bradley
O40 Midweek Men		Todd Barrett
O40 Division 1 Men		Todd Barrett
O40 Division 3 Men		Justin Holt
O50 Division 1 Men		Cameron Robinson
O50 Division 3 Men		Richard Hooker
O60 Division 1 Men		Greg Hunt
O60 Division 2 Men		Mike Pitcher
Rae Blunt Pennant Women		Brianna Rennie
O35 Division 3 Women		Natalie Brown
O50 Division Women	Vicki Silich	Jan Davis

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PREMIER DIVISION 1 MEN

Season 2023: In the heart of Perth, where the 12 Premier Men's Clubs meet in the weekly battle of elite hockey competition, there exists a story of determination, unity, and relentless pursuit of excellence. The Melville Hockey Club's top Senior Men's Team embarked on a remarkable journey during the past season, etching their names into the annals of sporting history: achieving a Club record regular season : **18W : 0D : 4L : (54 Premiership Points) over the 22-round fixtures : Minor Premiers.**

From the beginnings of training sessions in the heat of Summer to the electrifying moments on the field, where goals were scored and defences stood firm, the MCHC Men's top Senior Team endured countless challenges that forged their mettle. Through sweat, tears, and the camaraderie that can only be found within a team, they pushed their limits to chase that ultimate success. Topping the table in the elite competition in Perth is no small feat; it's a cauldron of talent, where the finest athletes in Australia gather to compete, pushing for individual improvement and team glory. But this team, driven by their passion for the sport and a shared vision of success, proved that they were more than just contenders; they were champions in the making.

In 2023, our key pillars of success remained : Skill and Technique : Tactics and Strategy : Fitness and Conditioning : Team Cohesion/Connection : Coaching and Leadership : Goal Setting : Adaptability : Sportsmanship : Continuous Learning/Growth Mindset : Support System (Club)

During this season, we were able to continue evolving the group's playing personnel, debuting Joe Huston (Maroon-man-now), Oliver McGill (from Tamworth) and Callum Lee (GK) in the Premier 1 grade, while also welcoming ready-made National Development Squad player Davis Atkin (from ACT) to our mix.

The group would like to say a special thanks to Stefan Willett (much more than our stats-man), Andrew Starling and Andrew Scanlon (leading the 2s group) and Jono Orr (Managing Super-star) for their many hours of both seen and unseen effort in facilitating our Top Squad to perform at their best. Physical Conditioning leadership provided by Amac, Rossco and Mitch Pace took our group from January --> September in prime-playing-fitness.

I would also like to say a big thanks to the 2s playing group who are a big part of the success of the group as a whole. Unfortunately, we can only pick 16 each week and many pushed for selection at various times of the year and only just missed out by a whisker. Their on-field success is a testament to the hard work they also put in. Noting meaningful contributions from Jacob Woods (8 games), Oliver McGill (6 games), Wes Stewart (3 games), Dan Moulin (2 games) and Callum Lee (1 game) : over the 1s season.

As you turn the pages of this Yearbook, we invite you into a taste of the moments/characters that make up our Top Senior Men. It's a small insight to what can be achieved when a group of individuals come together as one, fuelled by their love for the game and club, and the pursuit of an "A-Game".

Craig Wilson - Coach

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PREMIER DIVISION 1 MEN cont



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PREMIER DIVISION 1 MEN cont

DAVIS “Wavy Davey, Dave-o” ATKIN

Position - Midfield

Davis joined us this year following a very successful campaign in the 2022 Hockey One competition representing ACT. Watching the flare he brought to this competition sparked plenty of excitement amongst the boys in the 2023 pre-season period. We knew he would fit right into our team after hearing his awful pre-game joke on the evening of his Melville debut. Whilst neglecting to tell anymore jokes from that point onwards, he instantly became a vital link in our midfield. He has some of the cleanest basic skills in the Premier League and is a very hard person to get past offensively. Off the field, he continues to inspire current and future generations of players using his large social influence to promote LGBTQ+ presence in elite sports. Excited to see where this young bloke's career ends up! Onya Davey.

JAMES “Daisy” DAY

Position - Free Defender

The longest milk straw, with a diet that screams anything but pure health and wealth (with the lack of vegetables and nothing but sausages in a bun and Fire Engines from Metros). The 6' 8" praying mantis hails from the land of the Canberrans, where he's perfected the art of the drag flick that has time and time again created success, alongside elite tackling form that has fortified the back four defensive unit and solidified his spot as the number one defender in the league (after Killa's departure). Daisy's form does not only exist on the hockey field, his dance moves are the basis for his elite footwork in chasing tackles and the many training sessions at Metropolis Fremantle clearly benefitted his career, and our club thanks the fine establishments (Benny's and Hugo's) for facilitating extracurricular training regimes.

Daisy is genuinely hard working and great person to be around, he never ceases to put smiles on people's faces. Thank you for being a part of the club Daisy, maybe next year your spelling skills will level up to match your PCA abilities.

SAM “Sammy” GEERS

Position - Striker

A dedicated League of Legends player who has a side gig of hockey. Sammy is always up for a great chat about pretty much anything and is always keen to help those in need.

Sam was missed when he had a sweet overseas work gig, but slotted back into the team on return, making an impact on the scoreboard. He reached the 200 Premier League games milestone during the year.

TIM “Timmy” GEERS

Position - Midfield

Tim is the chief of the midfield. He's always presenting in the middle and yelling at Rossco to give him the ball. Tim controls the tempo of the game with his leadership and voice. He has great hand skills to open receive and break lines, and also a variety of passing skills to eliminate players. With the occasional overlap he can have a lethal tomla at goal.

Great season Timmy!

ROSS "Rossco, Bossco, Blanket, Mosh Man, Patty's Son" HALL

Position - Centre Back / Roving Tagger / any position opposite Blake Govers.

This year Ross broke the record for the most Premier League games in MCHC history! An amazing achievement!

On and off the field, Blanket continues to display the key traits and work ethic of a born leader. Always uplifting the boys with his communication while putting his body on the line for the betterment of the team, he made many crucial intercepts, tackles and stops which in turn resulted in attacking forays and goals. Congratulations Ross on a fantastic achievement this year and we look forward to many more seasons in the maroon!

KIRBY "Kirbs / Stove Top" HOBBS

Position - Striker

Kirby has had another solid year in the Premier 1 competition, adding to his craft as a young striker. He has a great ability to post up and roll, creating havoc for all opposing defenders. Kirby has a great knack of making the impossible look very easy, with clever deflections and arial traps followed by a quick shot on goal being a highlight for all to witness. Kirbs also has the potential to be a significant leader within the Top Squad, contributing with great input during group discussions that adds value for the team moving forward. A highlight during the 2023 season would have to be two goals against Curtin, through which he stamped his authority on the game. Kirby has a bright future ahead, and we all can't wait to see the "Stove Top" light up venues around Perth. Bring on 2024!



PREMIER DIVISION 1 MEN cont

JOE "GI JO, Husto" HUSTON

Position - Fullback

Husto plays as a defender in the top squad, and he has the blue collar work ethic that everyone admires and passion that is above all else. He gets along with anyone and everyone, whether he has known you for 20 years or 20 minutes. GI Jo is part of the Australian Defence Force, which has taken him all over the world serving the country, he even represents the country in hockey at the Defence Games, where he is obviously an integral part of the squad. It's hard to find a more cheerful, down to earth, genuine person than Husto.



RYAN "Rizza" HYDER

Position - Forward

Rizza is a staple amongst the experienced and potent strike line of the top squad, and has continued his consistent contribution throughout this year. Rizz has drawn upon his extra-curricular activities such as bingo, backgammon, lawn bowls and aerobics to hone his skills up front, leading to contributions to the scoreline both directly and assisting as readily as ever. Rizz offers both composure as well as finesse when needed, resulting in an ever-reliable stick to find under the highest pressure situations on the ball, and utilises a keen understanding of the game to dictate play and influence the game when pressing. There have been calls this year for Rizz to un-retire the stirring of the pot, though a string of medical bills due to broken opposition ankles renders this trump card firmly in the back pocket for now. We are all looking forward to whether this and many more crafty skills will be unearthed over the coming seasons to remind the younger generation of the experience and expertise Ryan holds.

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PREMIER DIVISION 1 MEN cont

NICHOLAS "BDN, Nicko" MCCAUGHAN

Position - Goalie

Nic's importance to the team this year could be overlooked when you look at the talent in our backline and assume the ball didn't get to him much. It's quite the contrary, with Nic having one of his best seasons at the club. Nic's energetic nature translates to his goalkeeping and he's quick on his feet to scramble and make multiple saves in one play. Also putting time in to coaching the next generation of goalkeepers, Nic is a true clubman. Great season BDN.

MITCH "Pacey, Paceman, Pace-a" PACE

Position - Outside Half / Defender/ Flank Half

Paceman is a reserved character. If you wanted to find out about the latest fashion from Stateside Sports, he would be the guy to go to, being Ross Hall's prodigy employee.

Beyond his fashion, his year has been filled with Australian Hockey5's highlight goals, hitting back-sticks and fore sticks in the roof, and corners from all around the pitch (because you can score from anywhere in 5's).

Pacey's silky elimination skills coming from the left sideline into the circle and hitting off his right foot into the goal is a common trait from this outside half. After a subtle tune-up in regards to Paceman's marking, anything that has come within an arm's length has fallen to his stick and been stolen away.

TRENT "Terracotta" POTTER

Position - Right Half / Wing

Running for 3rd-best Potter at the club (closely behind Brad and Vicki), Trent is the quintessential right half, focused on his attacking role (supported by his heat map showing that he's spent more time in the opposition's D than our own). Trent's had a long and beautiful friendship with our captain, Tim Geers, but his hockey has gone to new levels since the arrival of Lachlan Sharp (The Big Dog). The numerous coffee dates, golf tee times and tennis bouts with The Dog resulted in a more and more intimate relationship (at Tim's expense) where Trent was able to enhance his hockey ability picking The Dog's brain. He has cemented himself as a highly-regarded attacking right half that also controls both Ds with his sharp hand-eye coordination and luxurious off field diet prepared at the Health Linc mansion.

Trent, over the course of the season, has thrived on tough contests and has been elite in the back four, cleaning up 'sticky' situations and rolling into the midfield (in between haircuts) to show Tim what he's learnt off The Dog.

ASHLEY "Ashman" RANFORD

Position - Electrician / Midfield / Defender

Ash has played consistently within the top team this year as well as doubling up each week in the 2s. Sold himself out to his beloved F45 for the new Cultstop, still yet to complete a proper push-up, however. Ash's flexibility to play both midfield and defender means he has fitted in wherever the team needed. Reads the game well and has a solid passing range along the ground and in the air. He has consistently tried to improve his game during the season through his enthusiasm for the video review every Tuesday. A very nice corner which saw him scoring at 100% efficiency in the 1s this year. Great season Ash and look forward to what next season brings!

FRANK "Frendly, F-Train" REYNOLDS

Position - Halfback

Frank had another great season this year as one of our trusty halfbacks, showcasing his unique skills offensively and relentless one-on-one tackling on defence. When the F-Train's wheels are in motion, Frank loves to "stir the pot" with a variety of body and stick feints, consistently outplaying all opposition in his path. Frendly is also one of the main elements to our Top Squad's great culture, always seeking ways to make a more fun and positive atmosphere for our team, on and off the field. Frank has also played every game for the past five seasons, and has doubled in all but three games for the 2s this year. He is also one of the first to volunteer for Junior sessions and kitchen duties, demonstrating how valuable and cherished he is, not only to our Top Squad, but to our entire club. Another goated season in the books for the GOAT himself. Well done Frank!

LACHLAN "Sharpy, Big-Dog" SHARP

Position - Midfield

It was great to see the "Big-Dog" back out on the field in Melville colours this year, although only for a handful of games. It was great to see Sharpy integrate effortlessly into our midfield and make an instant impact for our team. Even when Sharpy wasn't out on the pitch, his efforts off the field in helping expand the knowledge of our group by giving his insights on how we could improve was something that we all valued and appreciated. His involvement with the club doesn't stop with the Men's Top Squad, Sharpy was also generous enough to hand out some sticks to some of the Melville juniors, something that they will remember for a lifetime. Looking forward to 2024, the entire Melville family is eager to see Sharpy back to full health and pushing for that Olympic selection.



PREMIER DIVISION 1 MEN cont

BEN "Stainsy" STAINES

Position - Attacking Midfielder

Considering all that is happening in Ben's world, like adapting to family life, his national and MCHC hockey requirements, and building a house in Goulburn, it is a wonder he finds the time to help his free-loading brother Jake with a roof over his head! This is a true reflection of Ben's family-orientated life and how much he cares about those around him. As we have all seen, Ben's hockey skills and knowledge are continually developing and providing him with every opportunity to be front of mind for Australian representative selections, we hope that all his hard work can be rewarded soon! His hockey skills are on display for all those that come and watch, however something that may not be widely known is Ben's joke armoury - take the time to ask him for a sample - just don't expect anything PG! Benno, we look forward to the many years ahead with you, Kate, Spencer and any other spawn you two bring to the world and more importantly to the MCHC community! We love ya mate!

JAKE "Jakey, Jake the Snake, Snakey, Snake" STAINES

Position - Striker

Affectionately known as Jake, Jakey, Jake the Snake or Snakey, unsurprisingly Snakey has been a standout up-front all year for the 1s boys. His ability to create opportunities for the team from nothing, to win one-on-ones, and his knack for scoring the most unlikely of goals is an absolute asset. However, let's not talk about the seemingly easy opportunities that must bore him, as he decides to make them look complex, too. Throughout 2023, Jakey has been an incredible asset to the squad on and off the field and we look forward to what he'll continue to bring in the years to come.

MITCHELL "Spuddy Tart Mart" TATE

Position - Midfield

Spud has continued his growth as a valued member of the 1s midfield in 2023, playing all 22 round games and starting 17 of them. Spud is well known for his pre-game cup of tea in the changeroom, and some other pre-game 'rituals', and can often be seen polishing off more than one dinner at the Club on a Thursday night. On the field, Spud puts the engine in engine room, providing our midfield with energy, speed, and moments of sublime skill... just not when it comes to tomahawking. Always good to step in at late notice for the pre-game joke, Mitch is also a prime target for the occasional roast, but always takes it in his stride. Speaking of stride, Mitch produced the video highlight of the year when sprinting 50 meters to make a last-ditch defensive tackle, before forgetting the actual tackling part. Jokes aside, Spud is a much-loved member of the Melville Top Squad and we look forward to another big season ahead for him in 2024!

MATT "Willo Woke Willie" WILLIS

Position - Everywhere (Striker)

Matt has had another good season, playing every position on the field but GK (that day might come one day). Matt knows how a hockey turf should be watered and can pick a turf straight away if it hasn't had enough water on it. The way Matt is going and with his fitness level, he will be playing 1s for another 10 plus years. Or he might be out umpiring international hockey games, as he got his badge earlier in the year. He has made the Thundersticks again this year and we look forward to watching him carve up teams like he has done for a long time.



PREMIER 1 GAMES MILESTONES 2023

250 PREMIER LEAGUE GAMES

Ross Hall, Ryan Hyder

200 PREMIER LEAGUE GAMES

Sam Geers, Tim Geers

100 PREMIER LEAGUE GAMES

James Day, Ash Ranford

50 PREMIER LEAGUE GAMES

Mitch Pace, Ben Staines

DEBUT

Davis Atkin, Joseph Huston, Callum Lee, Oliver McGill



PREMIER DIVISION 1 MEN cont





PREMIER DIVISION 1 MEN cont





PREMIER DIVISION 2 WOMEN

2023 was a successful year on many fronts, with the 1s women earning their place back in Premier 1, winning the minor premiership in Premier 2, and the 2s women following suit regaining their place in Premier 2. The 3s unfortunately fell one game short of making it three from three, however the work the entire group have put in as individuals, teams and a squad, has been nothing short of impressive. At the time of writing this all three teams have progressed straight through to their respective grand finals which is an amazing feat. The results have spoken for themselves, but the continued development and evolution of players as individuals and leaders has been really pleasing. To see Juniors transitioning into Seniors, Seniors moving up the grades and contributing strongly and players earning state selection have been highlights throughout the season.

Individually, congratulations to those who debuted for Melville 1s in 2023, Shaya Pillay, Maddy West and Madi Woods, and those who earned state team selection across various teams during the season: U18 Gold, U21 and National Futures Group - Sienna Robinson; U18 Black - Scarlett Huston, Hannah Carmody and Mikayla Wardrope; U15 Gold - Madi Woods; and U16 Schoolgirls - Jas Kaur Brar. Whilst club hockey is where you start your hockey journey and where you play regular matches each weekend, it is so pleasing to see you all achieve and have these opportunities to take part in National Championships.

Thank you to all the players who have turned up each and every week for training, games and other events across the season. You are the reason I coach, and I know the huge effort and commitment you all make to be part of this group alongside other commitments in your life. Thank you for being such a wonderful group to coach and I hope you have all enjoyed your hockey this season and taken something out of it. Whilst I won't be coaching next season, I will be a keen supporter of each and every one of you, and I know the club is well placed for continued success in years to come.

I certainly do not do this on my own, so thank you to the team of coaches, managers and supporters of our Top Squad - Russell Lee, Steve Silvey, Casey Donaldson, Mark Lyons, John Cooke, Matt Tate, Colleen Bentley and Janine Tate. Without this group of people we would not have had the success, organisation or fun that we did this season! Your contributions to the group and myself are extremely valuable and appreciated.

Finally, to Brianna, whilst earning Life Membership may make you feel old, it shows how much you have contributed to the club from a young age, and the impact it has had. The Women's program is in such a strong position thanks largely to your hard work, so thank you!



Mathilda Carmichael - Head Coach **STOP PRESS May Campbell 2023 and Runners Up 2023**

Hannah Carmody

This year Hannah has taken her hockey to a whole new level. Her fast pace and stick skills make her very dangerous in the attacking circle which is shown by her 11 goals this season. Hannah's selection in the WA U18s team this year was very well deserved. On and off the field Hannah has a fun and bubbly personality and brings a lot of energy to training and games each week. Hannah has a bright hockey future ahead of her and we can't wait to watch her shine!

Aimee Clark

Aimee is one of the most intelligent, hardworking and compassionate humans you will ever meet and whose on field tenacity and skill is only matched by the kindness and support she shows others off the field. A true believer in our place being in Premier League, her passion to see us get back up this year was felt each week and helped drive those around her to step up. Aimee's game day impact is also magnified by her loyal fan base who show up each week and are the number 1 supporters of this team. Thank you Aimee and cheer squad, we would not be heading back where we belong without you!

Briony Clark

Bri has had a great season, moving between positions. She has been reliable defender, not letting anything get past her and her passing ability has been unmatched. Spending some time in the forward line and scoring a few goals was also incredible as she had to step up when we needed her. Bri's composure on the ball and communication to her teammates has been especially helpful this year and her guidance has been greatly appreciated. It's been a pleasure playing with Bri this season and can't wait for next year.

Paloma Cuadrelli (Palo/J-Lo)

One of our Argentinian imports who arrived part way through the season and has been a very welcomed addition and valuable asset to Melville this year! She is the ultimate team player having an exceptional ability to play in every line with ease. Her silky skills can eliminate three people at a time and she's known to score goals from anywhere. We have all thoroughly enjoyed her friendly nature around the club and hope to see her in the maroon and white in the future. Please come back next year!



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Florencia Diaz (Flor)

We were lucky enough to have Flor join us from Argentina this season, and now we can't imagine our team without her. On the field Flor gives 100% every moment of the game. A stalwart in defence, she is a lethal defender with the ability to attack the game when going forward. Her ability to create turnovers both on intercepts and tackling, and turning it into a goal-scoring opportunity has become her signature move. We love watching her dispossess the opposition and find our midfielders and strikers up the field with pinpoint precision. Her passion and love for the sport and her teammates is evident every week. Off the field Flor has become an integral part of the Melville girls. She is always smiling, making the most of every moment, and when she's not enjoying our Perth beaches and coffee, she's cooking us Argentinian dinners. All the Melville girls will be cheering for her loudly as she travels to Belgium to play, and excited to hopefully see her back in maroon next season.



Chloe Forbes

As a player you are a fighter. You make me want to join in your battles and I love that. Without the ball your communication is precise and helpful and you are always in the right spot. Always with a smile even the days you are tired, your energy is contagious. Thank you for that! It's been a blast sharing this year with you.

Liza Giacomotti

We didn't quite know what we were in for the first time we met Liza at training as she was on crutches! But luckily she wasn't off her feet for long. Liza is an energetic and exciting human and player, bringing a whole new attitude and style to our game. Quick with a laugh, a tomta and new skill or phrase to teach us, Liza has been a positive addition to our team. We still have so much more to learn from the multitalented Liza (including the empanada recipe) and we look forward to her adventures in Australia in the off season bringing her back in our direction for 2024! Vamos Liza!

Jemma Green

Jemma has had an awesome season this year! She is a valued member of our team with the ability to play in all lines. She is always very strong over the ball and often nails goals from the top of the D. Jem is a very solid player in the midfield and is always very calm and composed. Her commitment to the team doesn't go unnoticed and it'll be great to see her playing again next year.

Emily Grosser (Rabbit)

THE Emily Grosser! Rabbit has been incredibly reliable for us this year, only letting in 9 goals over the entire home and away season. Despite many games where the ball has been in our defensive half only a handful of times, her unwavering support has encouraged us to keep striving to be our best. Rabbit brings a huge amount of energy and we love having her as part of our team.

Erin Hall

It has been an absolute delight playing with Erin this season. Her encouraging words on and off the field always lifts the team's spirit - rain, hail or shine. She is a tough defender to beat and we can always rely on her to keep the ball from the opposition. She possesses the strongest hit I've ever seen and impeccable vision of the whole field paired with her overheads, makes for great passes as well as attacking opportunities. I don't know where we would be without you, Ez.

Kimberley Hocking

Kim's silky skills are second to none in both our team and the competition. She has gone from strength to strength and shows it with her ability to score, her quick goal shots and her speedy pace. She makes it easy to get the ball to her and we always have confidence in a good outcome. It is a pleasure to play alongside Kim with her big smile and bubbly personality!

Scarlett Huston

Scarlett, how nice to have a teammate like you, always smiling and happy. I am very proud of your growth this season, you have done very well. Your contributions in defence have been valuable and especially in important games! You have a promising future. Good luck.

Nicole Jacobs

Nic's remarkable speed, coupled with her instinct for reading the play, makes her an invaluable asset to our team. Whether she's intercepting opponents or propelling the team forward with her exceptional skills, Nic's impact is undeniable. Her relentless work ethic is unwavering, evident in every sprint and every well-timed pass. She's not just a player; she's a machine. Even a mid-season injury couldn't slow her down. Nic's determination shone as she powered through challenges and returned even stronger. Well done Nic on a fantastic season!



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Shaya Pillay

Although she's very quiet, Shaya's presence in the backline is exceptional. You can always count on her to have your back. She will use her speed to run back and defend on a turnover and be right up in our attacking half the very next ball. Shaya has taken a major leap this year in her skill and confidence and we are very lucky to have her at Melville. She is a pleasure to play with!

Sienna Robinson

Not only are you a great player, better than that, you are a really beautiful person and soul. I like the way you go forward no matter what is in front of you. You fight for every ball, and you defend your shirt like a warrior. Keep playing, keep training and keep growing. You have a huge capacity to achieve every goal you want to. But first of all, have fun doing what you choose.

Monique Sader

Sader is an extremely talented and crafty player, especially in front of goals. Pulling off moves that only she could manage. In one of her games for us this season, she scored a HUGE 6 goals. Playing alongside Sader is fun and entertaining, but also amazing to watch. With her speed, skills and impressive goal scoring abilities, we have been lucky to have her up front for part of this season!

To say I'm proud of this team is an understatement. They stayed to fight the big fight and with their loyalty, resilience and determination, they have succeeded, with one more goal to achieve this season (at the time of writing). This happens with a committed team of players, including those that filled in for the 1s -Monique Sader, Georgia Hardman, Madi Wood and Maddy West -and of course the support of the whole top squad. Thank you to the coaching staff -Tilly, Russ, Matt, Steve -especially for leaving some lollies for the players! It's been fun even when it's been stressful. Also to Casey, Clarrie and Cookie. Thanks especially to my partner in crime Janine -couldn't do it without you.



A special thanks to our top squad leader Til. It's been an amazing ride the last seven years that you and I have been working together -firstly in juniors, then Women's 3s and the last 4 seasons in 1s. I've learnt a lot and thoroughly enjoyed it. You've been amazing for this team, the whole squad and the club and we will miss you being in charge. I know you'll still be around to support the girls just as we'll still support you over the summer on the cricket field (still not sure about the pink though!). All the best Til and a big thank you for everything.

Colleen Bentley - Manager

Victoria Wade

Tori is full of energy and is always smiling. However, this energy changes the second she steps on the field. Tori is so ruthless and tough when playing. Whether it's pushing the 5m rule in a press, sprinting down the line to get a ball, tackling a defender or continuously moving in the D to get goals, Tori always puts in 110% effort. Her work rate is outstanding and it's something that everyone in the team aspires to. Tori is such an asset to the team and it has been a pleasure to play alongside her this year!

Shanae Wardrope

Anyone who knows Shanae knows it's true that good things come in small packages. Always smiling and happy, Shanae is a valued member of our team both on and off the field. She is our pocket rocket up front, full of skill and grit, forever beating 3 opposition players along the baseline. Her actual age probably brings the average team age down, but her perceived age (Grandma Nae) significantly raises it. She's a true hard worker and her understanding of the game helps her to set up (and score) goals pretty much every week. She's a leader, a great role model to younger players and a true club person, having co-coached our Junior 11/12 girls this season. We are so lucky to have Shanae in our team and look forward to what's ahead.



PREMIER DIVISION 2 WOMEN cont





PREMIER DIVISION 2 MEN

A challenging season after about 50 years of Top Squad experience moved onto other things. This shifted responsibilities onto a new generation and they slowly accepted the mantle and rose to our expectations.

Thanks to Andrew Scanlon - calming words, different perspective and focus beyond the technical aspects - could not have made the season-long improvements without you. Support from Craig and the senior leadership group was more important than ever, Frank and Ash doubling nearly every game - what an effort. In all we selected 31 players - a big thank you to all who played when asked.

From relegation prospects, we clawed our way up to a finals berth, thanks in the main to a tight defence and consistent goal scoring by Amac and Ash. But no yellow flag - next year!!

Stef (aka Hockey Whisperer) made an early significant contribution. He mentioned group communication and considering how I engage with the much younger generation - so we changed. Viber got a workout and we moved onto YouTube clips demonstrating visually what can be confusing on a whiteboard, and left the group, under supervision, to analyse their own matches via Veo. (Thanks Steve Woods).

In the 2s this year we had wins and losses, but the priority was learning and improving, not specifically right and wrong, as a group ready to support the 1s when required. I believe we achieved that.

CLUB TEAM SELF!

Andy Starling - *Coach*

Ethan Elliott (Boulder)

Great improvement this season. Solid contributor and strongest player in Top Squad. Can already rocket drag flicks naturally - imagine what will happen when he practises.

Bailey Hardy

Part of a strong defence at both fullback and half back. Returning from surgery last year with a rigid mask, he showed no fear - diving for intercepts and never dodging a tackle. Confidence improved all season, even attacking the D a few times.

Kirby Hobbs

Playing 1s and 2s and managed to score a few memorable goals in both teams, always trying to lift the team effort at training. Great to push around at training but in a game needs to learn to use his strength to help put more shots on target. Kirby helps the future Melville stars through the Junior hockey program whilst studying full time - a busy year. Good luck in 2024.

Joseph Huston

His presence has been a breath of fresh air. Strong presence in the back 4, influencing teammates and dismantling attacks. Cleans up better than a CIA cover-up - created confidence in the group and a new found level of determination.

Darcy Knell

His game went up a level this year - permanent and more dominant role in the mids. Last year he overcame adversities - like leaving his handbrake off and his car rolling away. But he drowned his sorrows at Edison's and entered 2023 a new man. Darcy became a reliable player, an outletting option for the backs and the mids' tightest marker. Next step will be transition into a goal scorer. Great year.

Callum Lee

First year in Top Squad and many significant performances. Made a 1s debut and kept a clean sheet there, too. Constant chatter during games, at training, in fact all the time. Will be exciting to see his progress next year.

Rhys McDonnell

Showed his versatility all season, playing in every line for 2s and 3s. His poke tackle is either all stick or all ball, and tight marking makes him a challenge for any opponent. Very quick attacking or defending.

Oliver McGill

New from NSW via the Willis connection. Great addition to the group. Quick one liners and knowledgeable hockey brain. Managed a 1s debut and a goal in 2s.

Andrew McIntyre (Amac)

Still the quickest and fittest. Beard getting a silver streak but stand-out forward yet again. Sets the workrate bench mark with Darcy and is always positive. Great work off-field running the fitness sessions. Another solid season.





PREMIER DIVISION 2 MEN cont

Daniel Moulin

If there is one guy you can depend on to be a pain for the opposition (and his team mates, sometimes) it's Dan. Got a bit quicker this year which helped with counter attacks. Although he does not score often (ironic for a striker) he did score a couple of crucial goals. Always a pleasure - enjoy Scotland!

Ryan Pace (Doc)

A heavy work load meant "Doc" only played half the season this year, creating opportunities for the forwards and scoring five goals himself. Able to navigate through a crowded midfield and contribute every game despite no sleep or practice.

Nicholas Page

The Rock. Not sure how many times he ran down corners with either his stick, leg or foot, but seemed to revel in the contest. Work restricted his training and playing a little, but still a great contributor and a pain for all 1s forwards on a Tuesday session. He has a mini-me in Bailey, so no rest for Willis in sight.

Harrison Parkes

Consistent year becoming a leader in a young group. Super friendly off the field but that only extends to the white line - competitive as any. Harry combined this with a level of stereotypical flair only matched by the style of his car. Cool, friendly and respectful - but a strong will to win made him a great teammate.

Ashley Ranford (Ramma)

Whether you need a light fitting installed or a goal from a corner, Ash is your man. Top scorer and midfield playmaker in 2s whilst holding down several roles in 1s - loves his long overheads, many of which resulted in goals.

Frank Reynolds (The Goat)

Weekly double-up at half back - go-to player with tight defence and attacking option. Set the bar for youngsters to emulate. Pace and dribbling created the goal of the season against Freo.

Joshua Scanlon

Big man at the back. At the start of the season Josh was playing something like soccer and rugby with a hockey stick but he got lighter on his feet and tackled less with his shoulder, soon becoming a key member of the defence. Played free defender and half back and offered a strong attacking option with his accurate overheads. Minimal yet strategic running, he quickly became a group leader promoting player development at training and his video analysis sessions. Hope his game continues to develop.

Wesley Stewart

FIFO at the start of the season but became a vital part of the defence once he was able to train and play consistently. Moved into free defender and with accurate passing and quick feet was almost keeping up with Ash, almost. Such dominant play was rewarded with 1s selection heading into finals. Great to have him back full time.

Thomas Williamson

He returned from Germany and made an immediate impact. First into the forward line and then a more familiar role in mids. Good to have him back, up-skilled and confident to ask questions and offer opinions. Tommy will make a dominant impact next year after pre-season improves his fitness and speed.

Jacob Woods (Woosy)

Second year in Top Squad and made some good contributions. Created an outcome for the team against Vic Park and managed a run of several 1s games. Always a good runner, now ready to use that mobility to influence every game he plays.





TOP SQUADS





PREMIER DIVISION 3 WOMEN

After some heartbreak last year of just missing out of finals and being relegated out of Premier 2 Division, focus was put on developing new players and younger players and redeveloping our senior players to come together for 2023 in the hope for a successful season. The group spent time learning new structures and set plays with expectations of challenging each opposition we come up against. Throughout the season, we had many highs (and limited lows) including a 9-0 win with eight different goal scorers! We lost a few players to injury; however, I cannot fault how this team have come together as a successful group that is full of kindness, laughter and positivity.



Throughout the year, I have seen this group of players gradually outclass their opponents and continue to put all my plans into action, however, the most inspiring thing to come out of this season is how much the group has developed individually, not just in the hockey aspect. I have never coached a group of players that have been so positive to each other, especially having some new faces to the team and club. Every member of the team made Petra, Kyra, Erin and Madi feel like they have been playing in this team for years. It makes this job as coach all worthwhile in the end, to see everyone having fun and enjoying hockey with their friends. Hopefully, as you are reading this, not only did we win the Minor Premiership and achieve promotion into Premier 2 Division from Premier 3, but we have another gold pennant to add to the Melville Hockey collection. If not, that is our goal for 2024.

Special thanks to Mark (Clarrie) for returning to the team for 2023 and providing the group with the positivity and drive to finish off every game, all with a smile on his face. I appreciate all the effort you gave to the ladies for 2023, even when you had to rush off to your own hockey game, it doesn't go unnoticed. Lastly, thank you to our amazing team manager, Janine. You are always going above and beyond for us as well as the Club as a whole. We appreciate all the extra work you put into this team. On a final note, I want to congratulate every player that stepped on the field this year for the 2s. We worked overtime all year and no matter how much I asked from the group, they continued to take on feedback and turn up every session ready to go. I wish all the success to this team in 2024 and beyond.

Casey Donaldson - Coach STOP PRESS May Campbell 2023 and Premiers 2023

Megan Bargiev

It might have been short-lived but we caught a glimpse of the good old days when Meg returned after having little Archer last year. She slipped seamlessly back into her VC role and we loved having her confident calls and slick tackles back on the turf. Meg unfortunately sustained a calf injury six games into the season, but we still appreciate seeing her and Archer cheering on from the sidelines! Bring on next season.

Montanna Barnsby

Montanna encourages teammates around her and is always giving it her all out on the field. She's a great role model to her teammates and loves to crack a joke. I love how calm and collected she is, and how she gets the ball and takes on defenders, skilling them all so she can put a goal on the board. Once Montanna has the ball we know that she's going to do something with it. I've had a great time playing with Montanna this year and hope to play with her again next year.

Caitlin Bentley

Caito has had a big impact on the team this year, she always brings the best attitude and commitment to every game. She constantly supports her teammates and her

communication around the field is consistent. Always with a smile on her face, Caito keeps the team together. She has had an amazing season this year and I wish her the best for next season.

Grace Bowyer

Gracie, grace, Sarah's sister, is our systematic solid defender. Grace is reliable, whether always saving the day at training and bringing the balls, or saying yes to helping other teams out, she will always give 100% in a game and put her hand out to help out at the club. She is tenacious and has a killer hit (try and trap it, mids!). Grace, thank you for being such an honest and dedicated club member and teammate.

Sarah Bowyer

Sarah has been an integral part of Melville City Hockey Club for many years and has continued to show her dedication to each training and game play. Sarah's speedy runs through midfield allow for easy attacking play which every team member thanks her for! It's always a joy to play with Sarah and good luck with what's next for you and hockey.



PREMIER DIVISION 3 WOMEN cont

Megan Green

Meg G has been a strong addition to the midfield in 2s this year, with her ability to use her skill and determination to pick the right points of the game to 'play on', and positioning herself in advantageous spots. She is a focused and encouraging player which makes for a great teammate and friend. Whether she is screaming at you to pass her the ball when she is in the perfect position or making sound effects when she's on the ball, she is always a joy to play alongside.

Georgia Hardman

Georgia (Geo) has been a crucial player for the 2s team this year as a key midfielder who has proven her versatility in our defence at times. Her ability to receive the ball under stress in a tight area and then distribute it out is one of her many skills and I really enjoyed playing with her and learning from her along the way. Geo works super hard and does a fantastic job of lifting the intensity of the team in all training and game days, and I can't wait to hopefully play with her again next year!

Lucy Lefroy

Lucy has had a wonderful season this year. Playing as a striker, she always leaves everything she's got on the field. You will often see her use her speed and skill to break the lines of the opposition. With her upbeat personality, she is a joy to be around on and off the field. Thanks for being a great teammate.

Sophie (Rosie) McCaughan

Wow Rosie! What a season she's had, that is before she dislocated her knee right with two games left to play. Rosie is lively and bubbly, always seen with a smile on her face. She is an important part of our forward line, scoring many goals! She also always remains calm and collected when on the ball and if the ball is lost, she works hard for her teammates to help out through chasing the ball down. Rosie brings an enormous amount of positivity and energy to training and games. Her passion and enthusiasm to learn and absorb more and more about the game each training session is motivating. Her hard work continues to pay off with her diverse and amazing skills shown during games, as she effortlessly takes on opponents and wins! She is greatly loved by the whole team and often provides us all with some good laughs. Rosie is a truly inspiring person on and off the field!

Bonnie Meacock

Although Bonnie only joined the 2s halfway through the season, she brought so much energy and tenacity it seemed like she had been there all year. Bonnie's skill and speed make her strong in the backline and dangerous through the mid and forward lines - I have never seen someone take off so fast! Bonnie's fitness is also admirable, backing up two games every weekend is no easy feat. Well done Bonnie on an amazing season, can't wait to see what you will do next year!

Erin Pickering

Erin is another Junior who has debuted into Seniors this season, and what a debut it's been! Erin has been an incredible addition to the team with her inventive skills and easygoing attitude. She has really stepped up in the second half of the season with her ability to rotate through the midfield and forward line and finished the season with a cracking hat-trick and a brilliant goal of the year. She is always so lovely to everyone around her, so please keep being you, Erin!

Tara Porter

Tara for most of us is more than just our captain. She brings experience and knowledge to the field, and is the first one to put a smile on your face by her quick comebacks. Her speeches before a game put fire in everyone's belly and sometimes even a giggle. I love playing with Tara, she not only wants the team to win, but to help those around her. From the outside she looks like she can do anything...until she does the coin toss!

Monique Sader

I'm so happy to be playing with you again up in the forward line, honestly one of the funniest people to play with. Missed seeing you score insane goals and your very interesting way of tackling! Honestly, I'm always sick to hang out with you on and off the field. I can't wait to play again in the next season.

Kirsten Silvey

Kirsten is a great leader who many of the girls look up to. She's never afraid to use her voice to set everyone up on the field and let us know anything we can improve on. I admire her determination, grit and her ability to never give up. She left us for a little while as she went off on a European adventure, but returned to play finals. Thanks for your contribution this year, Kirst.

Petra Verster

When it comes to Petra, she's a real firecracker on the field as one of our strikers. Her crazy speed and non-stop pressure on the ball turn each attack into a showstopper. Petra's got this knack for being in the perfect spot and nailing those goals flawlessly, making her one of our top goal scorers. Petra's been quietly owning it this season, taking her skills to a whole new level. Well done on a great season Petra!

Victoria Wade

Tori, your speed and skills have been a terrific asset to the team this year! You are always happy to play more than one game in a weekend and help everyone out which is greatly appreciated and proof of how big a teamplayer you are! You always show kindness and determination on and off the field and you are a great role model for the younger players in the squad. I can't wait to see what the 2024 season brings us!



PREMIER DIVISION 3 WOMEN cont

Mikayla Wardrope

Mikki has had a great season in the net. Her encouragement and communication has been a pillar of strength for the team. Her skills have continued to improve this season and we have loved watching her develop. Mikki was selected to represent WA at the U18 National Championships, but unfortunately got injured at the tournament, cutting her season short. We can't thank Mikki enough for her efforts and are excited to see what next year brings for her!

Madeline West

It has been such a pleasure to see Maddy grow as a player and leader this season. She has such a wide range of hockey skills, natural instincts for game play, and a work ethic that is unparalleled in our team. Above all of that, she is a supportive and consistently kind teammate and club woman who leads by example, no talk needed. When we see Maddy step up with the ball and drag through the opposition, we know we are in safe hands. The truth is that our team's success would not have been achievable if Maddy wasn't a part of it. Anyone who watches on can see this woman has serious skill, don't second guess yourself Maddy. I look forward to seeing where you take your game next year! Well done on a fantastic season.

Kyra White

Kyra has been a wonderful addition to Melville this year and an absolute pleasure to play with, both on and off the field. Her cool, calm and collected attitude coupled with her first class stick skills have seen her become an invaluable member of the back line and cemented her place in the 2's. Not to mention her deadly drag flick, which has seen her score more than a few slick goals off short corners - and how good was that toma!! Congrats on a fantastic season Kyra :)

Madison Woods

One of our youngest on the pitch and the most crucial! Madi has made her mark as our fierce keeper in the goals. There's not much that can get past Madi when she's standing strong, conceding only a total of 9 goals throughout the season! Saving the team's bacon on several occasions, she's a young gun making her way into Seniors in the best possible way.

Once again, it's been an honour and a privilege to support such a great bunch of girls, as well as two fantastic coaches in Casey and Clarrie, on the sidelines. I'm so proud of the whole group and the determination they have showed to achieve our goal for the year - to be promoted back up to Premier 2 next year. Not only did they achieve that goal, they did it with lots of laughter and smiles on their faces - which, after all is said and done, is the main reason most of us continue to be involved in sport. To have FUN!

Thank you to the players from the 1s and 3s who helped us out during the season: Briony, Jess G, Erin H, Jess H, Meg H, Scarlett, Serena, Shaya and Georgia. The whole Top Squad has put in a mammoth effort this year, and the results on the field are testament to everyone's commitment to both their own team and the club as a whole. Thanks also to Colleen, who does the lion's share of the managing admin for the Top Squad - sometimes I feel like I'm just along for the ride! I really appreciate all of your hard work, Col!

A very memorable season, girls, for all the right reasons. Congratulations, and can't wait to attack our new challenge in 2024!

Janine Tate - Manager





PREMIER DIVISION 3 MEN

2023 - Premier 3 Minor Premiers and Undefeated regular season record - certainly has put a smile on my face and this season will for many more reasons too. I made the decision at the end of last year to slow down my hockey and step back from playing with the topguns in Premier 1 heading into 2023, however as soon as this happened Ricca and Royce were onto me! I got roped in almost immediately to managing the Ultimate Ressies crew which consists of a bunch of blokes I wasn't sure could be tamed.

I was right, there is no stopping in-depth umpire feedback, no chance of getting subs done in an efficient manner if that person wants to stay on, and certainly a lot more "coaching" by our players to the opposition than I am used to, but it has made for a year full of laughs and I've enjoyed every minute.



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Joshua Antoncich (Anto)

Anto's presence as a midfielder has been impactful. His subtle yet strategic moves on the field have consistently impressed, embodying his calm and composed nature. Anto's knack for precise passes, flawless interceptions, and tactical positioning have been the backbone of our team's success. His quiet leadership and unwavering commitment have uplifted the team's spirit on the field. Anto truly comes to life after the game with a red tin in hand, it's the only time you hear him speak! Here's to the unassuming maestro who lets his actions on the field speak volumes.

Matthew Bowater (Hatty B)

Definitely the most vocal person on the team - you can hear him wherever you are and he has contributed 70% of the "Quotes of the Game" this year. Hatty B showed from the outset that he can score a field goal or a clutch PC flick, and he's not afraid to get to those diving deflections at the cost of the skin on those big forearms. Congrats to Matty B on being our Coleman Medal winner, you have been a huge asset to this team and the positive energy is contagious, leading to guys running quicker than I have seen in years at times! Great work on a ripper year with the Ressies, earning the most outrageous cards for the year along the way.

Josh Byrne-Quinn (JBQ)

In keeping up with the tradition of recruiting 30+ year olds, the Ultimate Ressies secured another recruit in JBQ who, whether it's selling houses or selling candy to the opposition, always nails it. He's been a welcome addition to the forward and midfield lines with his pace and skill and has also been doing his best to support his housemate Cheesy B both off the field with rent and on the field with goal assists. One can always rely on JBQ to bring positivity and good banter to the group, and it's been great having him with the team this year.

Liam Colgan (Card Master)

Liam has had a strong season, being a regular resident in the Ultimate Ressies (3s) and 4s teams respectively. Liam was a paragon of defensive ability with his committed tackles, letting opposition know at the best of times through big body checks. Building on this, Liam was able to be in compliance with the midfield/forward lines drafting up multiple phases of attacking play from halfback. Overall, Liam can be proud of his outstanding performances, pushing beyond the mundane 'red tape' of being just a defender and drafting up attacking plays each game. We hope Liam keeps improving, as he was constructive on the impact he made this season. You're a precious commodity within the Ultimate Ressies, Liam!

Ethan Elliott (Boulder)

Ethan has been one of the most reliable people in the team, whether that's been in the forward line or the midfield. With opposition bouncing off him, when Ethan has the ball he seems to always find a way to get value out of any situation. It was a great season this year Ethan, and hope to see you getting more snaggers next year and solidifying your place in 2s, too.

Ashley Ellis (Old Mate)

The big dog got his call up to the Ultimate Ressies this year and has not disappointed. Loves a beer as much as he does playing with his mates! He has held down the fort with a high turnover of defenders in and out of the side all year. The confidence we have had in the backline knowing Ash is there makes our job all that much easier. Great season, great keeper and all-round great bloke!



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Bailey Hardy (Two Chains)

Two Chains was brilliant when called upon for some assistance in the backline this year. His determined tackling and ability to not stop running, even if it's on the spot during his second game on a 30 degree day, is a testament to his character -brilliant teammate! Thanks for helping the Ressies dominate in defence in 2023.

Fletcher Horrocks (Fletch)

Fletcher came into the 3s squad this year as he is no doubt one of the club's future stars. In game 1, he immediately showed why he had been selected, and that he was not 'out of his depth' - asserting pressure in the forward line and linking well with the more experienced members of the squad from the off. Unfortunately, he has not been available for selection as often as would be preferred but has still shown positive improvements throughout the season. Fletcher epitomizes the attitude of what we want to see from young players in our sport, and we all hope he is rewarded in future seasons for this. Fletcher has speed, skills and is continually improving his smarts, taking on feedback positively at every juncture. Don't be surprised to see him race up the teams in the coming seasons. A fantastic young man and an asset to the club.

Jordan Hunt (Jordi)

Eight years between games for Melville, and 80 seconds into the game Jordi had made an impact already, setting up a short corner we converted! The Southwest hockey league has been terrorized by him for the last 5-6 years and his ability to dominate individuals 1v1 was on full display at the club for his one game "cameo" in 2023! Looking forward to the next time we see you in Maroon.

Darcy Knell (Real MVP)

The First Guy to poll 9 votes in a game for the year -and against Curtin, too!! Darcy has had a great year, joining us in 3s as a welcome addition to the midfield when called upon to help, providing pace and sharp ball-handling, combined with quick eliminations and 1-2s around his defender. This season has been his best yet and I've had great enjoyment in seeing him continue to grow as a player and great bloke, cheers for rocking up with a smile and dominating.

Rhys McDonnell (Rugs a Million)

Rhys is faster than 95% of the squad (which isn't saying much given the lack of pace elsewhere). His pace, fitness, youthful energy and versatility to play across the lines have made him a very important part of the line-up, week in week out. Constantly putting opposition wingers in his pocket, I can't remember too many occasions where Rhys was beaten in a 1 on 1. Jumping between the 2s and 3s, Rhys has had a very solid year and wasn't shy to put his hand up to play both games. Some work on his disposal and clearing his beam-it debt on time would turn Rhys into an elite. Another great season mate!

Daniel McEntee (Dmac)

A key forward for the team, he has used his knowledge of the game and sheer speed to out-class most defenders he comes up against. (Which is quite impressive for a bloke with some grey hairs!) Known for his fast breaks

and inspirational goals, he brings great wisdom and leadership to the team. Been a great privilege to play alongside the Goat.

Dmac's still got a few more premierships to get in the 3s before he leaves for the Masters!

John McKnight (Hooksy)

John "Hooksy" Hooks, born in 1912, has brought a much needed older voice and level of experience to the young group in their 30s. Hooksy has the unmatched talent of pacing the game. When he wants to speed up the pace, he uses his quick skills to eliminate. When he wants to slow the game down, he is a solid bounce board in the midfield. We were devastated when Hooksy went down with an injury, but he has continued to lead and direct the group with his voice and is an integral contributor to this group maintaining the path.

Kyle McNess (Killa)

Took a year off from hockey to run around on concrete instead. Not for me -but thankfully didn't totally hold out on hockey, and when he did grace the pitch to help us out when short, he delivered some brilliant long balls from full back, chirp at the opposition, along with detailed feedback submissions to the umpire. Cheers Killer!

Harrison Parkes (Hazard)

Harry unfortunately was promoted to 2s this year, seeing him grow and develop into an even better striker after a great year in 3s last year, but luckily enough we got a few games out of him in 2023 and he even came down as emergency sub to one game. This speaks volumes about the great bloke he is and we were lucky to have him when he played up front for us. Thanks for helping out when called up Harry, absolute Legend.

Sean Ranford (Rod, Sen, Ramma +)

He is first picked in team selection each week for laughs with the boys and to fill the team diversity factor for the required redhead. What Roddy lacks in pace and hair is made up for by bringing versatility in filling positional voids, accompanied with a simple game style, but also hitting some attacking 45 balls. We can only hope next season brings more overheads trapped by his forehead.

David Richardson (Richo)

Richo has been a great help playing in the midfield this year. Unfortunately only filling a few games this season due to work, but always looking the best on ground when playing. Always been sharp on the ball, providing attacking skills to help through to the forward line. Hope we can have more of his hockey skills in the future in 3s!

James Robinson (Jimmy)

Once he heard of his brother's exploits of 2022, James came out of retirement to put in his bid for Melech of the Ressies in 2023. Starting off slow but strong, he showed us that he still has great ability with the stick in hand, delivering brilliant passes and ensuring a newish looking stick didn't leave the pitch in the same condition either. Unfortunately, his season was cut short, but I hope to see James get back on the hockey pitch in maroon soon, giving his brother feedback as usual.



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Thomas Robinson (King Of The Ressies)

Last year's Best & Fairest and self-proclaimed 'King Of The Ressies' fell short this year on the medal count due to his passion for the Pilbara red dust and a good ol' fashion pump station, meaning he played roughly half the season. What he did, however, bring to those games was an ever-reliable defence and the ability to put a small forward 'In His Pocket' and keep him there right next to his ever-trusty vape (which at times had everyone wondering if we were in a changeroom or a blue light disco). In all seriousness, a solid defender who brings a wealth of knowledge and trust to his teammates - thanks for the memorable quotes throughout the season.

Joshua Scanlon (Buffalo)

Scanners playing 3s this year was brilliant and frustrating all at once! Brilliant in his ability to consistently put his hand up every Thursday to play 3s as well as 2s, frustrating in that he couldn't just get the goal against Guildford he should have snagged the first round. He has certainly seen a great improvement in his hockey as the result of hard work and consistently training hard. Thanks for a great contribution this year Buffalo, the defence held tight all year with your assistance when called upon! PS: Sorry for shouting at you while I was dribbling the ball - I really shouldn't do two things at once.

Wouter Spruijtenburg (Bob)

Has enjoyed a successful season coming out of retirement. Wouter certainly hasn't lost his touch, displaying skillful and slick hockey all year. Always bringing a laugh and smile to the team, Wouter is best-known for his voice messages sent to the group, often being very hard to understand but nonetheless extremely worthwhile listening to. Wouter brings a wealth of hockey knowledge to the club and a very positive attitude. He is a pleasure to have around.

Matthew Tate (Muddy Tart)

We picked up Matt in the mid-season draft and has made an immediate impact on and off the field. Being the only bloke in the league who can throw an overhead further than Sean Ranford has been lethal, along with a deadly flick off short corners which has provided some important goals along the way. Seeing him enjoying hockey and having fun has been a delight this season!

Mark Timmel (The Defensive Dynamo and Referee's Rival)

Picture this: The field is your stage, and Mark Timmel is the ultimate defence magician. He's got moves that make opponents question their life choices. Mark's second job seems to be 'Referee Debater Extraordinaire' -he could negotiate a short corner into a penalty corner if he tried! While he's not setting any land-speed records, his game IQ could outpace Usain Bolt. Mark is like that dependable sidekick in a superhero movie -he might not fly, but he's always there when you need him to save the day. We're pretty sure he's hiding a cape in his kit bag!

Patrick Welsh (Paddy)

This year the 3s men were very fortunate to not only have Pat come down and play but also coach. I should add - Ricca will still take all the credit if we manage to win the flag, though! Paddy's leadership also extended onto the field as he led the midfield group week in, week out. The white headbanded man often came steaming in at half time telling Stick and Matty to stop giving the umpires lip service, to no avail. Thanks for the season Paddy!

Elijah Wesley (Wes)

A welcome addition to the 3s side this year, Elijah (Wes) showed promise up front. Displaying skills through his pace, ball speed, and canny ability to penetrate the D, Wes consistently kept the opposition on their toes. Wes was key this season, as he didn't just bring his lethal ability to create space and opportunities up front; he brought back some much-needed youth to the aging 3s side. His capacity to run out full games without the need of Mitch's goodie bag (Deep Heat and Panadol) also served as an inspiration to his more seasoned teammates. Keep up the good work Wes!

Maverick Yow (Mav)

An Ultimate Ressie veteran -Mav has been a consistent leader within the 3s for many years and hopefully many more on the horizon. With the introduction of baby Quinn and a broken hand -he has missed a few games, but upon return made his usual impact with aggressive overlaps at right half and brilliant delivery of the ball forward under pressure.

Nicholas Zubrowski (Zibba)

Zibba has been a star striker for our team. His ability to beat players and yell at the refs is second to none. Without Zibba's contributions this year we would not have been anywhere near the same team. A highlight of Zibba's season was when Matty B paid for his Thursday night lasagna. Another highlight was when he decided to shoot from the baseline in every game. Well done Zibba on a great year.

Legendary crew and proud to have been in charge of them this year, but it also could not have been done without the support of players from 2s and 4s always putting hands up to help out and fill in when guys scored box seats to go to the footy instead of playing. This club has a lot of great guys who are happy to help and go under the radar with their contributions - one of these is our legendary Manager, Mitch Scally. A HUGE THANK YOU for this year from me, you're a genuine legend of the club already - thanks for the support and keeping us all in check and full of Lollies.

I also should add - thank you to my lovely wife Emily for the support this year in "stepping back from hockey" turning into a similar amount of time each week at the club, now just on a Thursday night...

Special year to be remembered - great work and thanks to everyone involved along the way!



DIVISION 4 WOMEN

2023 has been an enjoyable and successful year for all involved with the Ladies 3's team. We moved into Division 4 at the end of last season due to the linear relegation of the top team. This meant we were surely to be one of the stronger teams. We started preseason way back in February with an impressive turn out. It was a good effort for all as we started on the need to face the challenges for the season. This included the wish of the club and all the top squad to regain their position in the division ahead.

The season started well for us with 6 goals scored in each of our first 2 games against Lions and Curtin. It became obvious and would turn out that we could score multiple goals with Lizzie leading the charge as our leading goal scorer, supported by the team around her. We were always going to be competing with Reds as the team to beat to regain Division 3.



Our first game against them came as we played our third game for the season. The result was a hard-fought nil-all draw. We continued in fine fashion for the next 7 games and the first bye had us with no losses 1 draw and 9 wins.

We played Wasps in our 11th game and unfortunately we were unable to secure the win against them, in what turned out to be an unlucky and close game losing 1-2. This was our first loss for the season. We dusted ourselves off and continued to try our hardest winning the next 2 games. We then faced Reds again. We were still on equal pegging with them as they also had lost a game. The fixturing did not allow us to double up for this important game as per usual. We were against a strong side and whilst going down a couple of goals early, really started to work into the game playing as the better team in the second half. We were to lose in the end 1-3. The last four rounds had us dominating the remaining games with a growing intensity being shown. The girls kept their heads up and decided they would control only what they could control and win those games. We finally finished second on the ladder by one less win. We had 15 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses for the season. We ended up with the highest goal differential of all teams with 51 - 61 goals for and 10 against. This is a tribute to some of the amazing forward play, but also to our very strong defence.

I truly enjoyed coaching the 3's again this year. The group really supported each other and I am truly thankful for their support and respect shown to myself. Personally, I am so thankful to Tilly for her support, and how very well all the coaches and OFT worked together. With the inclusion of Casey as the 2's coach being good for them, we found ourselves working closely together coordinating trainings and selections.

We owe a lot to all the fill-ins, to allow us each week to put a competitive team on the field. They came from the 2's team, Masters, from Juniors, and 4's players.

I would like to thank many people:

- The entire amazing player group.
- Colleen Bentley as our amazing Manager I truly thank her for her support and contribution during the season.
- The dream OFT that has surrounded us all. Tilly Carmichael, Steve Silvey, Russell Lee, Casey Donaldson, Mark Lyons, Janine Tate and Matt Tate.
- To Bonnie Meacock as Captain and Caitlin Bentley for stepping up to lead as our vice and acting captain. Also, all the leadership group, thank you so much for your support.
- The core group of team. I truly thank you. All of you have been a delight to coach. We had an amazing group of ladies and just great people. There is a brilliant combination of young talented juniors, experienced great players for the club and a developing skilful and future leadership group.
- Thank you to Madi Woods and Kim Pickering who played as our brilliant goal keepers. With both doing many double ups. Madi for the 2s and Kim for the 4s team.
- Casey Donaldson who played for us a number of games.
- Caitlyn Smook who earned the selection in the later part of the season coming from playing 4s
- Also, to Lauren Healey who stepped away from playing but then came back to help.

At the time of writing this we are in the Grand Final having defeated Reds in the Semi Final in another close game ending in extra time and strokes. Hoping we can finish the season strongly and gain reward for all our efforts.

John Cooke - Coach STOP PRESS Runners Up 2023



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Caitlin Bentley

Caito is the team's stalwart, the team's inspiration, the team's go to captain! She has an air of understated excellence on field, plays her defence role with ease and can literally excel 0-10 past her opposition. Caito has been an amazing player throughout the season and always rocks up with a smile. She has brought up the whole team with her commitment and effort. Caito keeps the team together and has had an amazing season. Congratulations and I wish her the best for next year.

Mikayla Blackham

Mikayla's been a welcomed force in the striker line with many assist and helping to cement the team's position at the top of the ladder! Her calming nature on the field makes for a valuable teammate. Her skills allow her to surpass multiple players on the run helping the 3's team average almost 3 goals per game. Well done Mik.

Jasmine Kaur Brar

This was Jasmine's first year in seniors and what a year it's been! As a defender Jas holds her own against opposition strikers and keeps her composure when in sticky situations. Can we also take a moment for Jasmine's epic hits -she makes them look so effortless and powerful which has resulted in her first senior goals. It's been a real privilege watching Jasmine grow with her skills and confidence on the field. I'm excited to see what Jasmine's hockey career has in store.

Stacey Bruce

It has been a pleasure to play alongside Stacey this season. Stacey works hard and shows great commitment to the team, both on and off the field, on game day and training day. We acknowledge and appreciate just how much time Stacey commits to hockey and to Melville, and she always gives it her 100% effort and we truly love having Stacey as part of the team for that reason. Stacey is a very determined player on the field, working hard to get that goal. Stacey's perseverance in the attack and hunger for the ball has been a great benefit to our game. Hope to see you again in the 2024 season!

Casey Donaldson

Casey was supposed to have the season off so took up coaching the 2s team and eventually was persuaded to play Masters midweek. It also came to be that Casey then played for us at the back end of the season. We have benefited from her experience around the field and those PC hits that have resulted in as many goals as games played. Thanks Casey for the enthusiasm, the encouragement and the banter (and helping the umpires) that you have brought to the team. It's been fun.

Megan Green

After a great debut season in 2022, Greeny cemented her place as an integral part of the Melville 3s line up in 2023. Although mainly playing in the midfield, Meg

showed her depth and versatility as a player who can step into any position. Her pace and never give up attitude gave her the opportunity to step up into the 2s also. On and off the field Meg is a fabulous teammate who always brings with her positivity and leadership. We look forward to seeing you back in 2024!

Lauren Healey

Lauren is a friendly and easy going teammate, who brings a smile to every game and is an important part of our team. Her hard work rate on the field has even bought her a few goals this season! Her composure on the ball and determination in all games are something to aspire to. Lauren has had an outstanding year and I'm sure we all can't wait to see what she brings next season!

Jessica Heron

Jess, your kindness and hard work has made you a fantastic teammate during the 2023 season! It's been a joy playing alongside you. Throughout the season, we have seen you grow in confidence, taking more risks at training and during games. Your willingness to play different positions has also been a massive asset. Your versatility has truly made a difference. I have no doubt that you will continue to achieve amazing things in the 2024 season!

Meg Huston

Meg Huston is an incredible midfielder who can always be relied upon. She continually positions herself to make the perfect tackle and provide goal scoring opportunities. Her spectacular skills with the ball allow her to maintain possession when facing the opposition. As well as her individual skills, Meg is a selfless team player, making her an asset to the team. She is a supportive and energetic player both on and off the field. Meg's ability to distribute the ball is marvellous to watch, and it has been absolutely amazing playing with her!

Serena Matthews

Serena is our kind and caring teammate, and she will even tell you when you have done a botchy patch up job on your knees! Serena is a gal of firsts and many things such as - scoring her first goal; drinking a cheeky rose after a game; strapping her feet continuously (and never complaining); and carrying the masks around. Serena is the teammate you want to play with now and for years to come.

Bonnie Meacock

Bonnie has been an amazing player and captain over the 2023 season. As an important asset to our defence, she makes awesome tackles and uses skill and speed to eliminate the opposition. Bonnie's commitment, positive attitude, ability to step up when needed, and her support and communication on and off the field make her a great leader. It has been an absolute pleasure playing alongside such a brilliant teammate and I wish Bonnie all the best for next season.



DIVISION 4 WOMEN cont

Kimberly Pickering

Kim has had a great debut season at Melville this year. It's been so good having her as a goalkeeper for half of the 3s season doubling from the 4s. Kim just might be one of the kindest people I've ever met, full of positivity and encouragement. Kim has saved our backs many a time, and I am proud of how much she has progressed this season. There is still much more to come from Kim and I can't wait to see what she has to offer next season.

Zoe Polglase

Zoe is an essential part of the team and has been a great person to play with. Whether it has been attacking up the line or defending the goal under pressure she is always there to do so. Zoe is an encouraging and supportive teammate, always putting herself in the frontline, making key tackles in do-or-die situations. Zoe is a determined and strong player and it has been great playing with her this year.

Kirsten Silvey

Playing with Kirst this year has been nothing but lovely! Her hockey season started off with a bang, that is until she decided to leave us all here in Australia and take a lovely trip around Europe (no hard feelings Kirst, although I am still jealous!!). However, she came back and skill-wise it looked like she never left. A true leader, she guides our defence with ease, playing with composure, and confidence over the ball. Her voice can always be heard. She is a versatile and reliable player whether it is taking part in short corners with her powerful hits or our 'dumb-dumb' variation (otherwise known as Hollywood), or busting her butt to defend. She is a truly talented fullback, always looking for a way to better herself, despite giving 110%. Her fun and bubbly personality also makes it so easy to be around her on and off the field.

Elizabeth Stratton

Lizzie is our goal-hungry striker who gives her all every game. Never will you see Lizzie walk off the pitch without grazed knees. Lizzie's highlight for the season would have to be her hat trick allowing us to win 3-0 against UWA, and her iconic happy dance afterwards! Lizzie keeps the team fired-up and motivated and I have greatly enjoyed playing with her this season.



Georgia Wade

Georgia or more commonly known as 'G' has had an exciting year on and off the field. Off field G snuck in a wedding earlier in the year and European honeymoon. All this fun and pasta eating didn't stop G coming back just as fit as ever and playing a lot of brilliant hockey. Always hungry in the D to go for the goal or force the short corner. G is such a valuable forward who always brings energy and enthusiasm to every game. One of our speediest players, she uses her pace well to dart through and beat players. You'll also often find G driving the backline and using her aerial skills to beat the opposition. Look forward to many more years of playing with you G.

Kiara Wardrope

Kiara the quiet achiever on the pitch. She delivers week in and week out even with her FIFO schedule. One of our hardest workers off the ball as well as on the ball. She has clean skills that push her all the way into the 'D'. Can't wait to see her confidence continue to grow and become a dominate player.

Madison Woods

Madi is a junior who has developed into our women's top squad over the season as a goalkeeper. She has strong enthusiastic communication skills and her commitment to seniors training is amazing to see even with her junior and state trainings to attend to. It is fantastic to see Madi grow over the year, and it will be amazing to see Madi continue to progress over the next few years in seniors.

This team has had a great season and deserved the reward of promotion but unfortunately have fallen one game short. Hopefully they will get the reward for effort and take out the premiership. Cookie has been an

amazing coach for this team (as well as coaching the 4s) and we are lucky to have him. Thanks also to the rest of the top squad OFT, the support has been great. I have loved being a part of this team again so thanks for having me.

Besides the 18 regular players of this team, we have had another 16 players take the field. Thanks to Lucy Lefroy, Caitlyn Smook, Maddy West, Meg Bargiev, Montanna Barnsby, Chloe Billingham, Grace Bowyer, Erin Pickering, Monique Sader, Jordanna Beynon, Jess Gallimore, Rosie McCaughan, Rose Pearce, Tara Porter, Petra Verster and Kyra White.

Well done girls! Colleen Bentley - Manager



DIVISION 5 MEN

After making finals last season, we started off the season as the inspiration for the 3s, leading at the top of the ladder until the mid-season break. It was at this point in the season that we realised that our status as high-performance athletes was mainly at the bar and not on the pitch, as although our attendance at off-field events was always high, the attendance on-field dipped through injury, half-marathons, and ski trips. Throughout this, we maintained our status (alongside the 3s) of leading the club in most beers bought on a Thursday night and kept the vibe of our side as immaculate as usual, regardless of the results. Big thanks to Calhan, Fletcher, Stick, Ramma, Richo, Jimmy Welten, Jimmy Rob, Mav, Joe, Ethan, Rhys, Oggie, Timber, Jason, and Paddy for helping us out throughout the year. In the end, injuries and travel might have gotten the better of us, but a good year overall on the field, and a great year off it.

Sam Carmody

Sam is yet another Narrogin boy who has come to the club this year and was initially going to be in 5s but used his surname to get promoted to the 4s. He showed glimpses of brilliance when he was able to play this year, but due to gaining a knee injury on a night out and then some illness/travel, he was unable to play much this season.

Liam Colgan

This year Liam was very controlled in his anger and aggression, using it to great effect. Oops, sorry that was the 3s write up... Liam started the season strong, nearly getting himself reported in 5s in Round 1 and consistently attempted to fire up the team both verbally and physically, but this often ended up with him in the naughty chair, and Mitch at fullback, a result no one should ever want. Other than that, though, his contributions on the field were highly appreciated, especially by Gibbo as he didn't have to run as much. His short corners were a weapon of attack for a team with strikers who can't score and as a result of this, he was relegated to the 4s flicker in 3s, and refused to flick with the 4s at training as Gibbo never learnt how to trap without bunting and no one learnt how to push straight and fast. That said, Liam has doubled up pretty much all year for us and even told the 3s to bugger off as he would rather play with us at Warwick, instead of with them at Guildford. I'm sure he regretted this after the game as the umpire on that specific occasion (who we will not name) may have caused some angry ranting on his behalf in the very family-friendly 4s group chat.

Daniel Conlan

Dan really flourished this season in his role as self-appointed fines master and has continued his skill both on and off the field. On field he is always marking that one 18 year old striker and, based on rumours throughout the side (spread by him), he also is seen commonly on a night out with 18 year olds and checking their IDs. He has led the 4s with aplomb off field and has consistently rocked up to games hungover and playing the best hockey he ever has. To further point this out, he deliberately was sober for a game and was quite comfortably the worst on ground. Dan, you've had a great season both on and off the field, all we hope is that next year you come to the correct ground, unlike at moments this year.

Eamon Cooper

Eamon (midfield Cooper twin) has stepped into playing 4s full time this season after helping us out last season and has had a big impact on the team. His ability to hold onto the ball when in traffic flabbergasts us and the opposition and leaves us scratching our heads as to what has just happened. Thankfully, later in the year, he shaved his head, and although he looked a little like Sid from Toy Story, we were all very thankful as it gave us a way of telling him and Ollie apart. This was vital due to Gibbo then deciding to play them both at inner to confuse everyone. Great season Eamon!

Oliver Cooper

Ollie (halfback Cooper twin) has stepped into playing 4s full-time this season after helping us out last season and has had a big impact on the team. His ability to hold onto the ball when in traffic flabbergasts us and the opposition and leaves us scratching our heads as to what has just happened. Ollie got himself sent off by John Carney as Ramma had said something and somehow John thought they looked the same. This is very confusing to us all as Ollie has hair and weighs about 4kg but somehow it happened. Great season Ollie!

Ashley Ellis

Our 2s GOAT, what a journey by Old Mate. From Div 8 to Prem 2s, Ash showed everyone that you can drink as much as you want and still achieve your dreams. He is an inspiration to many through his hard work on the field, and in setting up Dan Conlan with girls who he can't seal the deal with.

Christian Gallagher

Christian made the step up to 4s this year and immediately had an impact with his presence up front, and his hit. Unfortunately, he proceeded to tear his groin in 5s and miss a large amount of the season for us, but in the parts of the season he did play for us, his impact was massive.



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Stephen Gibson

Gibbo continued his efforts from last year in coaching/babysitting, and after being called out as the second-best accountant in the team, he refused to let AJ back in. He took this jab to heart and nabbed our game fees from us throughout the season before we could say hi or get our second leg through the door of the change rooms and this continued on-field as well. With the sudden and saddening defection of Jason de Wind to Southern River, Gibbo had a new fullback partner in Liam, and very early realised that Liam likes to attack, and that he doesn't have to move far, or fast. Gibbo took a step up from last year in terms of buying more beverages for the boys but has spent so much additional time at the club this season that I think he sees the Cooper twins more often than his own kids. Great year this season Gibbo, hopefully next year we have a goal from you for our team, instead of in our own net.

Robert Harris

Rob has added to our large Narrogin contingent in the 4s and provided a lot of run in the midfield. This was countered by the fact that he missed every 3rd game to go run a half marathon instead of running with the boys, and by the end of the year, when he did play, he ran into the opposition and off to the naughty chair instead of running for the ball. Just like his fellow Narrogin boy in Josh, he was commonly late to games but usually his partner was there watching, so Dan played well.

William Johnson

Will came into our side full-time this season and helped provide a target upfront, and a threat on corners. Sadly for him, Liam stole all his corners, but he did win and score a stroke early in the year through putting his head down and dribbling past the entire team. Will does need to learn when to and not to wear his undershirt as whenever it was freezing cold, he never wore it but when the old boys Liam, Gibbo, and Brett were about to have heart attacks due to the heat, he always had it on. Although he might not have gotten the goals this season, he improved game on game and finally got that second goal of the season that he'd been deserving. Great season Will, and looking forward to seeing you take that next step next year!

Preston Knell

Preston ensured that we kept up our track record of having one member of the Knell family in our team after Bailey didn't return after last season. His season was highlighted by his goal against Mods that was a magical touch past the goalkeeper to keep our finals hopes alive. Hopefully we see you back again next season Preston!

Jaymon Needham

Somehow last season, Jaymon only earned one card, and this season, he came into it wanting to change that result. He faced firm competition from Liam, but ended up coming out on top. His tackling ability and general clumsiness did improve this season but the side effect of that has led to his mouth opening wider and his anger being more widespread. This was highlighted by nearly doing a Logan Pow and breaking the tech box window, but thankfully, he is a lot weaker than he looks. He did lose some of his ability to get cards throughout the middle of the season, leading to him boasting about not getting a card during a bye round but this did return towards the season's conclusion once we were properly chasing finals. Jay played a vital role for us in the middle of the park (when he wasn't sat in the naughty chair) and his line-breaking runs were a highlight of his game this year. Hopefully next season, we can see more of Jaymon on the field and not just the sideline, but thank you for supplying our fines meeting, alongside Liam.

Joshua O'Brien

Josh decided to start this season with us from the beginning instead of just rocking up to play finals like last year. He looked like he was on for a blinder of a year after Round 1 with a tommy from the baseline into the top corner, but that sadly is where his season peaked. Josh played the equal most games for us this season but didn't score after this blinder and as such, is a true Melville striker. His commitment to the team can never be doubted (much like his inability to rock up to a game on time) and he has been ever-present up front, running around like a headless chook and creating the chaos up front that we need to disrupt the opposition. Fingers crossed next season Josh's goal scoring continues throughout the season and not just for Round 1.

Declan Parkes

Dec started the year in the 5s and doubled up for us whenever he could, being a versatile player for us this season, playing through all three lines. While very small in stature, he makes up for it in personality and a lack of fear, commonly displayed when he decides that the game is getting a bit boring, so he goes and annoys the biggest bloke on the opposition. Thankfully for us, there has been enough entertainment in 4s this year with others getting carded and some horrible umpires (cheers 3s boys!), so he has kept his composure -unless he is entering the attacking D where he panics like his brother.



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Brett Rankine

After Brett's demotion from the Scrubbers last season, he was granted the nickname "Angry" after he attended a Scrubbers training session and attempted to exact revenge on them for this grievance by tommaing the ball at the queue of people lining up to have shots on goal. Off the field though, Brett is like a father figure to a lot of the team due to his age and their youth, thus he purchases many rounds throughout a season, until he gets "the call". Brett finally has settled into one position and got his Alzheimer's under control, although the old man in him has gotten the better of him this season, with one such occasion being where he missed a 3rd quarter at UWA due to the old man bowels needing to be emptied. Brett, if you can keep your Alzheimer's, anger, and bowels under control next season, maybe the Scrubbers may ask for you back!

Jonathan Rayfield

Ummm how to explain Jono's year...We started the season under the impression that he was going to be FIFO for the season (which was incorrect), and well, that's kinda what ended up happening. He returned from being offshore with a haircut that made him look like a Ginger Lord Farquaad and he played the character to good effect, allowing his ego to let him boast about keeping a clean sheet in a match where the opposition didn't enter the attacking 25. Unlike one of his many messages this year about matches he's going to miss, we'll keep this short and sweet but well played this season Jono, hopefully you return next year and can play more than half the season!

Mitch Scally

Mitch has come back into 4s this year from yet another injury-forced hiatus and you can see the impact he had on the team this season. He's played every position except for in the net, which is probably for the best, based on how long it takes him to get off of the ground when he falls over. His best moment this season was when he had a goal disallowed, called for a sub so he didn't get himself sent off, and then played some of the best hockey I have seen for about 8 minutes, until he ran out of gas. That's where the high points stop as he didn't repeat this at all for the rest of the season. Hopefully you survive the fines meeting unlike last year Mitch, I have a feeling you have a few fines coming your way.

Michael Symonds

Symo this season shocked the world due to being on time, and even showing up two hours early for a game! Thankfully for us, we had a few more wins than his mighty Kangaroos, Symo has been influential for us this season in a kind of centre half/centre forward/fullback role? It's hard to give Symo a position, he floats about the pitch like a kid in minkey, following the ball and spinning in circles. Symo's best moment this season though was stealing Mav's hattrick and since this date, Mav is yet to return to play for us.

Elijah Wesley

Elijah came to the club this season and has split his time between the 3s and the 4s, but with all the success we have had, he has still sadly been unable to learn the team song. Instead, he claps like a seal which is highly entertaining, and I highly recommend viewing. He's been very unlucky this season and has gone goalless, but his movement off the ball and pressing has been next level.



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2023 can be regarded as a successful for the 4's team.

We had a completely new look team with many unable to play again because of relocation or work. We had only 6 players of the 14 that were regular players for us last year. There were therefore many players promoted from the 5's last year. One or two returning players to the club, but also several juniors entering the team.

Considering this high level of change the team has done well. Achieving 4th on the ladder, matching the performance from last year in ladder position. The season started with some challenges, with only 1 win from 4 games. However, they were strong teams with 3 of those 4 teams finishing in the top 4. We responded the next 5 games with 4 wins and 1 draw. Momentum was growing and confidence as we also got used to playing alongside each other.

The first bye break we had achieved 4 wins 3 loses and 1 draw. The next 3 games before the general bye we evenly achieved a further 1 win 1 draw and 1 loss. We had further changes to our team and some unavailability from others. Rosey relocated to Kalgoolie for her practical assessments. Also later in the season Mon was injury struck and out for the season.

Following the general bye, we played strong teams and had 2 further losses and 1 draw. However, we went on to win the last 3 games of the rounds. We achieved finishing 4th position by one win, to qualify for finals. This was a great achievement with new team members coming in, many of whom were juniors. We finished the season with only 4 regular players from last year. We overall had 8 wins 4 draws and 6 losses, with a positive goal difference of 6. 26 goals for and 20 against. Interesting to note as we lead into finals that we have only ever lost by 1 goal to the top of the ladder team Hale, who are unbeaten.

I feel privileged to coach this group. They are an amazing group of individuals, with just an amazing attitude towards each other, and to myself. Thankyou so very much for our captains Riss and Crystal. Also, to Ivy for supporting them many times over as an additional manager.

Naturally I also want to thank Brianna for her support and working together as a coach for the 5's. Helping with selections and solving things when there was a lack of availability. Also, to thank Loz and her support generally and with selections also. Brianna is finishing up this year with her role as Vice President and coordinating the Women's divisions. She has done an amazing job over the last 8 years and should be proud of the successes and growth and development of the entire senior women's teams.

I am particularly proud of the core group supporting each other when it has been so difficult with unavailability and injuries. I also am very proud of all the fill ins from the Vets, the Juniors, the 3's and the 5's.

Jordanna Beynon (Forward)

Jo is definitely one of our most valuable forwards. Her positive force on the team is unmatched. Her energy, resilience, and perseverance are truly infectious. Jo is always up for a chat and creates an uplifting and supportive atmosphere during training and games. Her presence on the field is truly inspiring, and she plays a crucial role in our team's success. Everyone admires her skill on the post. keep up the fantastic work!

Chloe Billingham (Mid)

Chloe transitioned to seniors this year and absolutely thrived in the midfield, each game she emphasised her presence and increased her strength over the ball as the season progressed. Unfortunately for the team, Chole was knocked back with a nasty illness that took her out for multiple weeks. Evidently, she came back with silky skills and speed. It has been an absolute joy watching the Billingham sisters on the field together (as well as Sophie umpiring). Chole's highlight this year included an exhibition of her skills weaving through multiple players and slotting in an amazing goal to top it off!

Emily Billingham (Mid)

Emily has had a brilliant season this year. She has been the glue that has kept our mid field together. Emily's confidence and composure in the midfield has given our team many opportunities moving forward on the field. Her ability to make space, work around multiple players and move the ball forward with ease, shows her skills in reading the play, which supported our connections going forward. Her constant bubbly personality has also made playing with her such a fun time. I am looking forward to seeing you in the striker line one day hopefully soon!

Larissa Blechynden (Defender)

Ris is a force to be reckoned with in our defence! She is a skilful and reliable fullback, able to make good decisions under pressure and clear the ball with ease. Larissa truly is an all rounder! She is a consistent member of our training squad, and an essential part of the team's organisation doubling as a team manager and occasionally, a motivational speaker/ assistant coach (which came in handy when games clashed and Cookie couldn't coach). She is also a great communicator



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whether it is guiding the junior members in our team or putting on her teacher voice advising her senior teammates. Ris between her communication, her ability to run back, and her game awareness, she has played a crucial part in our team's ability to get into finals. She should be proud of the season she has had. Good job Ris!

Monique D'Amato (Mid)

Monique is a very friendly teammate who is always so easy to talk to. She is always happy and smiley and this makes everyone else smile. It's her vibrant personality that infuses our team with energy. Mon plays with both her heart and her head. She's always putting 100% into the game showing her dedication and commitment to the team. Mon is always an inspiration to the younger girls. Our team is extremely lucky to have such an individual. Unfortunately, Mon tore her meniscus on the cusp of finals and her presence on the field has been dearly missed. We wish you a speedy recovery and hope to be back on the field with you soon!

Ashleigh Farrell (Defender)

Ash has been an integral part of the team and has played an amazing season this year. This girl plays hockey with so much passion, drive, and confidence that I know for sure she can go so far. On the field it was always nice to know that you could rely on her to not only run back to defend but use her speed to help attack as well. I cannot forget to mention the strong hit she has on her, hitting from one side to the other of the field. It has been such a pleasure playing with Ash.

Ivy Filmer (Defender)

Ivy is an amazing asset to our team, bringing a unique spark to our defence. Her ability for reading the game, combined with her speed, adds a special edge to our gameplay. Ivy shines as a hard worker on the field, consistently putting in second or even third efforts, which significantly elevates the game. Whether it's a critical interception or a speedy clearance, Ivy's got it covered. Her dedication to the team's success shines through every time she hits the field.

Amy Fullarton (Forward)

Throughout this year, Amy, a fresh inclusion in the Melville 4's lineup, has undeniably proven her worth as an invaluable addition. Her remarkable ability to navigate through defenders in our forward line, effectively securing a significant number of goals this season, stands as a crucial factor in driving our team's accomplishments. Her powerful hit during short corner situations is a force to be reckoned with, inspiring respect from all quarters. We are so grateful you joined us this season, and we hope to see you again next year!

Crystal Hobbs (Defender)

Crystal has had a fantastic year in the back line. Her skill on the ball is unmatched, saving our team time and time again from any breakaway opponents. Crystal's ability to defend as well as attack through impressive runs up the field, has been a great asset to the team. Crystal went above and beyond in her role as captain, she provided a supportive and a warm environment to all players on the team, especially junior fill-ins. Thanks for a great year.

Natalie Matthews (Defender)

Nat has such a large presence within team, always uplifting everyone with her light-hearted and easy-going nature. She has been a super reliable asset to our backline regularly making tackles at pivotal moments in the game. You can frequently catch Nat running up the side-line creating ample opportunities for the team forcing her way through many players at a time. Through the last half of the season Nat has even made a few appearances in the mid field showing us all the silky skills she possesses. It has been fun playing with such an enthusiastic player, thanks Nat!

Airi McDonnell (Mid)

Airi is an amazing and hardworking player. She comes to every game putting in 100%. Her fast pace and quick skills make her such a valuable player and an amazing asset to the team. Her confidence to take on the opposition and her second efforts show how much she has grown as a player. Airi always has a smile on her face and never fails to amaze us with her skills. Great season Airi, I can't wait to see you further your skills and become a fabulous hockey player.

Brooke McKenzie (Defender)

Brooke is not only a great friend, she is also an inspiring player that always has a positive mindset. Her determination to run hard across the field motivates her teammate to run just as hard. She had great shots on goal and used her amazing skills to eliminate defenders. Brooke is a hardworking and valuable player to the team!

Panashe Mudimu (Mid)

P is mid everyone wishes they had in their team. She is always focussed on the game and is always friendly to her teammates. The attitude she brings to both training and games is always enthusiastic, and she is a great asset to any team she plays for. I have only played 1 season with her, but she was welcoming and kind from the first time I met her, always chatting with someone and having a laugh. I hope to play with her again next season and am sure she will return from the off season turned on and ready for anything.



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Rose Pearce (Mid)

Rosey has been one of our key midfielders this year. Her strength on the ball and ability to take players on has seen Rosey set up many attacking and goal scoring opportunities. Rosey may be small but she is a fierce hockey player. Off the field Rosey is kind hearted and her bubbly personality always makes all of her team mates smile and laugh. Unfortunately for the last few games of the season we have been without Rosey while she has been away on prac, her presence has been greatly missed and we all look forward to having her back next year!

Kimberly Pickering (Goalie)

Kim became our permanent Goalkeeper this year in 4s and played a huge part in stabilizing the back line. She brings her absolute best to each and every training session and then replicates that in every game. Kim has proven to be an incredibly competent and skilful keeper against some really challenging teams. With plenty of expectational saves and dives throughout the season, she will do whatever it takes to not let that ball in. Your bubbly, caring demeanor brings a smile to your fellow teammates and your encouraging words on the field motivates the girls to continuously work hard for each other. We appreciate your hard work as our goalie and you are a very valuable team player.

Claudia Sader (Forward)

Claudia, what a pleasure it has been to watch you flourish over the course of this season. You've become such a dominant player in our forward line, truly cementing your spot in the 4s. On behalf of the team it has been such a joy to play alongside you. You're a delight to be around on and off the field. Your energy, speed and kindness is unmatched. What best describes the type of player that you are is that you are "silent but savage". With your ability to chase down anyone or anything, ball or player, the opposition is always taken by surprise at how well you attack the going forward; you seem to creep up on them without a sound. We cannot wait to see where you go in the future of the game. Thank you for this season Claudia!

Caitlyn Smook (Defender/Forward)

Caitlyn was an absolute asset to the 4s team this year! Stepping up from 11/12As Caitlyn represented Melville with loyalty, pride and passion week in week out. We loved watching Caitlyn grow over the course of the season and seeing the boost of confidence on and off the field. Without a doubt Caitlyn always had a ripper game and would astound the sideline with her amazing defensive skills. All your hard work Caitlyn definitely doesn't go unnoticed by all your team mates on the sidelines, so thank you. Excited to see you continue to flourish!

It is a true strength of this club to always be able to put a competitive team out on the park. We owe a lot to all those amazing fill ins that have allowed us to have the opportunity to now be playing finals.

Please can I thank

- *the core group of players that form the 4's team*
- *Larissa Blechynden and Crystal Hobbs as co-captains, and Ivy Filmer supporting in management role.*
- *The significant fill ins coming from the Vets Lauren Anderson and Maddie Northover, 5s Courtney Fullarton, Kate Sayers, Sarah Gilbert, Holley reed and our Juniors Caelee Power, Ash Farrell, Airi McDonell, Talya Fardon, Jaimee Fardon, Seniors Claudia Sayer, Tilly Carmichael, Piper Sumich, Caitlyn Bentley*
- *To 5's Coach Brianna Coleman, with Lauren Anderson in support*
- *Lastly, big thank you to our regular umpires Kirby Hobbs, Sophie Billingham and Scarlett Huston.*

Thanks to Cookie for once again taking on the 4s (and 3s) coaching role. We appreciate the time and effort that you put into every training session and game day, especially your detailed write ups for our pre game chat. Your calm and composed nature has allowed the team to head into every game positive and confident!

We should all be proud as to what we have achieved this season. We aim to keep winning and see how far we can go this season.



DIVISION 6 WOMEN

The 5s were promoted to Division 6 in 2023 and we had a huge opportunity and challenge ahead of us, to be a competitive team in a grade that for so many years was held by our 4s, and what a year it has been! We somewhat pulled together a brand new team this year, with a mix of 4s, 5s and 6s from 2022 and also introduced some returning faces. Naturally it took us a few weeks to settle as a group, but throughout the year the girls played some great hockey and hopefully learnt a few new things too. At times this season we threw some different structures at the girls and the way they embraced the back 3 formation in particular was amazing to see -scoring 3 goals in each of those games after struggling to find the net the few weeks prior!

Unavailability was a bit tough for us this year and we certainly couldn't have made it through the season without our young (and not so young!) ones stepping up to fill in throughout the year. Thank you to our regular juniors Airi McDonnell, Caelee Power, Charli Costa and Sharlynn Simon for helping us out this year. Also to young ones Ella Blythman-Kirk, Jaime Fardon, Tayla Fardon, Ash Farrell and Brooke McKenzie for having a run and Loz Anderson, Maddie Northover, Amy Fullarton, Ivy Filmer, Larissa Blechynden, Sarah Gallimore, Izzy Gurbiel and Piper Sumich for doubling up or jumping in also when needed.

Thank you to our trusty Managers Ellen Rolls and Kate Sayers for stepping up this year and keeping the team running smoothly.

Overall it was a great experience to coach this group of girls in 2023. Finishing mid table there is plenty of potential in this young group to be a finals contender over the next few years. We look forward to seeing what the girls can achieve together in 2024 and beyond.

Amy Abernethy

Amy (when on her feet) is an attacking force to be reckoned with. She is a leader in our striker line and is part of a group of attackers who are in sync consistently and have each others backs. Amy is always in the right position when needed, switching sides of the field to open a lead and sprinting back into defence to mark her player and prevent a turnover. She always gives 110% effort at trainings and helps to create and score goals on the field. Amy is a valuable player in our team and it is always a relief to look up and see her in position to run onto a ball passed out from the mid-field or attacking line.

Ciara Browne

It has been a pleasure to have Ciara as part of our team. She comes to training and games with a smile and gets in and does her best. She will run all day and seems to just magically appear right where you need her. She is a selfless team player and she has done amazing this season.

Maeghan Carlsen (Mae)

Maeghan is a determined and resilient player who always comes to games with her best attitude. On the field she is quick and considers her passes, and off the field she is supportive and encouraging. Overall, maeghan is a skilled player who gives her best effort to the team, both on and off the field.

Madeline Carmody (Maddie)

Maddie continues to show her strength and determination in every game this year! Stepping up from the backline into the midfield was quite some change for Maddie, she handled the new role so well it felt like she had been there all along. Maddie always put in the second effort to make sure there was nothing left in the tank. We hope to see you again next year Maddie!

Milah Chanter

We can all agree that we were glad to see Milah back on the field this year! Milah was one of our wonderful forwards, also dabbling in the midfield throughout the season. You could spot her running up and down the wings, running onto and sharing the ball with her team members. It was amazing watching Milah's confidence and speed grow as each game went by!

Lois Jae Fulcher (LJ)

LJ - toughest of them all,

She knows how to play ball.

Dominates every game

Even with broken ribs she remains the same.

Always bringing the motivation,

With her hard core determination!



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Courtney Fullarton

Courtney has been one of our strongest defenders this season. With her outstanding hockey skills and cracker hit, she has been a crutch in the backline, always being in just the right spot for those back transfers. Courtney shows great versatility in being both a solid full back and feisty attacker during those short corners. Her ability to hold her ground with such level-headedness against the other team makes her such a delight to play with, her cheerful attitude being a bonus as well. You have had an amazing season Courtney and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Sarah Gilbert (Gilbo)

When it comes to the hockey season, Sarah's been an absolute powerhouse. She's been giving it her all the whole season and is a massive part of the team. Sarah is a great part of the leadership in our team, always encouraging the juniors who have stepped up or just supporting the others in the team. She is a great player, and it is an honour to play alongside her. Sarah is not all about the grind -she knows how to kick back and enjoy a good time too. Off the field, she's all about hanging out with her teammates, and you'll often catch her with a drink in hand. More often than not, she is encouraging everyone to participate in the social events. It just shows that she's not just about the game, but she's also about enjoying the ride and making memories with the team. Cheers to Sarah for being a ripper!

Charlotte Hogarth

Whilst she may be the oldest in our team she sure knows how to play some bloody good hockey! Without Charly making her killer saves and calling us into line we would not have been able to give the other teams a run for their money. Charly also brings such a bright and bubbly energy to the team off the field and we were so incredibly lucky to have her. Fingers crossed we can convince her to play another season with us to ensure we can keep her young.

Brittany Lawrence (Britt)

As centre half Britt is the reliable and skilful player you want on your team. She reads the play well, keeps up communication on the field and is always composed over the ball. It has been an absolute pleasure to play alongside Britt and have her on the team, thanks for always rallying the girls for social events or post game drinks. We're looking forward to see you trapping any pass & throwing overheads next year after training with the scrubbers through the off season!

Grace Murphy

Grace, A strong key player in our midfield and backline. Her ability to get back and defend as well as stay strong in her tackles was an asset to the team this season. Grace is a great team player who didn't lose

determination during games, her willingness to take on any role in the midfield or backline made her a great versatile player. Thanks for a good season.

Olivia Patton (Ollie)

Ollie!!! i loved playing in the defence line with you. You are a strong defender with amazing hockey knowledge and skills, you always put in 100% effort. You are a great team player

and are always positive, i don't think i have ever seen you angry on the field ever!! you are always so pleasant and a joy to be around.

Holly Reed

Holly - Over the last few seasons Holly has moved from the back line all the way up to the front line. Every game she consistently heads the press forcing countless turnovers. When she isn't leading the press, Holly is racing up the field to pick up a long ball and skilfully eliminate the opposition's defenders. Holly has been such a positive person to have in the team both on and off the field. It's safe to say she has well and truly cemented herself as an attacker being the teams top goal scorer for the season!

Ellen Rolls

Ellen, as one of our awesome forwards, has been a strong, competitive and driven player, with her skills and confidence playing a big role in the successes of the team. She is an amazing member of the team that continues to shine on the field and inspire everyone she plays with. Taking on many roles; striker, changeroom DJ, and amazing team manager, the team has seen just how much of a leader and reliable team player Ellen can be.

Kate Sayers

Throughout the season, Kate has proven to be an essential player for our team along with her side hustle and manager and bubbly personality! Her exceptional stick skills, agile movement, and keen understanding of the game has consistently driven our team's performance. Whether creating scoring opportunities or intercepting opponents' passes, her contributions have been instrumental for our teams growth this season. Well Done superstar!

As a team we were lucky enough not to have just one coach but two this year Brianna Rennie and Lauren Anderson (Loz). From all us we would like to say thank you for the time and effort you both gave to the team! Thank you for putting in so much time and effort into all our trainings and late night games, no matter the temperature! Individually we can all come away from this season knowing we all improved our skills and playing style in hockey.



DIVISION 7 (GOLD) MEN

This season was a rollercoaster of epic proportions. We danced with the titans and came out on top, showcasing our prowess against the league's best. Yet, in a plot twist worthy of a suspense thriller, our own calendar availability became our Achilles' heel, leading us to trip over the underdogs. Only our squad could boast of besting the best, then scratch our heads at an unexpected hiccup with the bottom team. Truly, in the tale of 'David and Goliath', we've mastered both roles with flair!

Luke Beeson

The stalwart in defense, an immovable force when he's on the field. While his commitment is unshakable, concussion concerns played spoiler this season. Here's to hoping for clearer skies and safer plays for Luke next time around!

Benjamin Clark

The sentinel at full back with skills so flashy they almost distract from that, um, 'unique' haircut of his. But hey, when you play as brilliantly as he does, you've earned the right to any hairstyle, no matter how questionable. Off the field, he's the epitome of a nice guy. Just a word of advice: challenge his on-field prowess if you must, but never, ever comment on the hair. Here's to another year of spectacular dribbles and dubious trims!

Jack Hallam

From half to inner, his game got a 'clear' boost post-laser eye surgery. No more guessing games; now he spots the ball with eagle-eyed precision! Cheers to Jack, who proves it's never too late to get a clearer view of the game!

Brodie Hood

The 'timeless' guardian of our goalposts. With a season performance as consistent as a wheelie bin catching all the neighbourhood's trash, he's proven to be our safety net time and again. Despite sporting a look that suggests he's been defending goals since field hockey was invented, don't be fooled - he's not quite 55. Here's to Brodie, who reminds us that age is just a look, and class is eternal.

Callum Lee

The upper echelon goalie who moonlights as our wingman. Bursting with youthful energy, his antics aren't just confined to the field. Who else can claim the title of KFC bucket annihilator right before a match? Here's to the guy proving that wings work both on the field and in a meal!

Brodie Linfoot

Our 'occasional' half back, on that unique FIFO schedule - gracing us with his presence one-third of the time. While his match fitness might be a topic of team banter, there's no doubt about his skills. When he's not dazzling on the field, he's wielding tools as a true tradie. And though he bears an uncanny resemblance to Jon Snow, we're all secretly hoping his attendance won't be as unpredictable as Westerosi winters. King of the North and our hearts!

Ben Lister

Our luminous presence on the field. It's been said that his bald sheen is there to blind the opposition, making those dodgy tackles a tad more deceptive. And when it comes to sledging, he's in a league of his own! Opponents might dodge his stick, but there's no escaping his cheeky chirps. As they say, if the tackles don't get you, Benji's sledging surely will.

Jared Malacari

Once the jack-of-all-trades, he's now claimed half back as his kingdom. With a defence as unyielding as a fortress wall, opponents find themselves stumped more often than not. Here's to the steadfast sentinel who rarely skips a beat!

Jaymon Needham

The legend of the fill-ins. Not only did he net a match-winner but managed to deck a kid shortly after (oops!). And while the police made a cameo, we're assured it was 'unrelated'. Cheers to the man who keeps the drama high and our spirits higher!

David Ogden

With skills flashier than a disco ball and banter that's equally dazzling. While he's known for lighting up the field, there was that one time his groin protested a bit too loudly. Here's to the master of moves and mischief, minus the mishaps!

Declan Parkes

The dynamic all-rounder who's often been borrowed by the upper league, testament to his undeniable prowess. Once known for his fiery temper, he's turned a new leaf this season, choosing composure over confrontations. Not a single fight in sight, which might make some wonder if we've got an imposter on our hands! But it's truly Declan, just seasoned with a little more chill. Kudos to him for reminding us that growth happens both on and off the field.

Zac Scharenberg

Our vibrant young whipper-snapper! With energy levels rivaling a caffeinated squirrel, he's always on the move. Boasting goof-tastic skills at the inner position, he's the future and the zest of the team. Here's to endless runs and never-ending fun!



DIVISION 7 (GOLD) MEN cont

Jason Tate

Our favourite inner/wing 'presence'. While his contributions on the field might be...ephemeral, off-field, he's the seasoned old-timer sharing tales of yesteryear (probably when he was more spry!). With a permanent spot on the bench that might as well have his name on it, here's to the team's unofficial dad, juggling balls and bedtime stories!

Jay Testar

A forward with a strike as fierce as thunder, though the target sometimes feels more like a suggestion. His fitness? Let's just say he's in 'unique' shape. Still, when Jay's on the prowl, you best hope that ball doesn't find the net!

Daniel Wallington

Our dependable half back. While his game-time might be squeezed between other commitments, when he's on the field, his impact is unmistakable. Quiet by nature, Dan lets his stick do the talking, proving that you don't need to be the loudest to make a difference. Here's to another year of Dan's understated brilliance.

As this wild ride of a season wraps up, we've learned two things: expect the unexpected and that we're consistently inconsistent. Cheers to the highs, the oops moments, and the promise of more unpredictable fun next season. Sticks up and here's to the next adventure!



DIVISION 7 (GOLD) WOMEN

Metro Senior Turf Team is what we call ourselves. In 2021, our Metro's Women's Div 1 team hung up the grass boots and decided to play the Senior Women's Turf Competition -we still call ourselves the Metro team. We are Melville 8 and choose to be lowest hierarchy of the Women's team so that we can have lots of different master's Age Women join our team - no grading required (trailing is so overrated). In 2022, we were top of the Table of Division 8 and were promoted to Division 7 Gold. Sadly, we narrowly missed finals this year (goal difference only). We were final worthy, having drawn or beaten the sides above us -we were so disappointed missing out. We outclassed many of our opponents in more ways than one. We were more skilful (of course!) but mostly, we were much, much funnier, and entertaining than the other teams. Often there were random outbursts of laughter during the game (or even while carrying the ball) and players mimicking Hertzberger tommas. Some of the younger teams did give the 'you are weird look'. However, where we really outclassed all opposition was the quality of friendships and community in our team. We truly are blessed with a team of amazing women. Firstly, a huge thank you to Darci Farrow for being our number 1 umpire in 2023. Darce you are an incredible umpire, and it was our good fortune that we had you this year!! To the newbies, Janet, Dr Fi, Meagan and Bondy -4 absolute ripper newbies that enriched the friendships even more. Congrats to Meagan for playing your first ever game of hockey this year and culminating your successful year with a goal in our last game. A huge shout to all our fill ins this year, particular Zara (Janet's daughter) who played many games for us...our old bodies loved having you! Also, to Chloe (Fi's daughter) who is simply an outstanding goalkeeper and a fabulous fit for our team when Kylie can't make it. Coco, thanks for helping us out when Kylie has her little adventures overseas! We will be back better, stronger and funnier in 2024 to take out the minor premiership!

Lisa Anderson

Lisa is one of our most versatile players, making solid contributions all season wherever she is playing. Inner (sometimes both at once), halfback, fullback, striker only Anna has played more positions this season! Lisa's ability to get around the hockey pitch is still only second to her ability to get around the world on holidays and the golf course. She has a calmness on and off the field, a quick wit and an ability to not have a hair out of place after the game. A finely tuned athlete, Lisa manages to never get injured. Lisa has a very full social calendar and we are lucky that she fits us in when she is home between Dockers games, Christmas in Julys and entertaining her family and friends. Effortlessly stylish I think we all aspire to live like Lisa!

Jessica Bond

"Bondy" as she's fondly known in our team has taken on a number of roles this year.

First role is as a key midfield player in our team. She goes about her work on the pitch in a quiet efficient manner supporting our strikers and helping in defence. 2023 has seen a solid performance from her and its clear her confidence on the pitch is growing each year.

Second and more important role is pre match cheerleader in charge of the 1,2,3 Melville chant. How hard could it be? Well Macca, the previous incumbent set the bar at a very low level. Bondy, not learning from her predecessor's mistakes has continued this season with a series of uncoordinated chants often punctuated with the odd f**k. Needless to say they were perfect. Our team is about having fun and we'd start the game each week laughing.

Your third role as event host, was performed brilliantly at our fabulous Christmas in July party. It's great to see

someone so devoted to their role and team. Purchasing a property which has a function area is going above and beyond and we all appreciate it!!!

You are a lovely lady and we all look forward to many more years of hockey and fun with you.

Vanessa Carmody

Ness is a passionate and determined member of the team and wants nothing but success for everyone involved. Through the highs and lows she consistently shows up for the team and tries to keep a level head, which can be difficult with some (need not be specified) umpire decisions. Ness did not stop running all season, despite injuries. She fiercely charges into the attacking 25 with one thing on her mind, get the ball in the net. We are lucky to have you, Ness

Fiona Connelly

Fiona, Fi or most known as Dr Fi (because we already had a Fi in our team) joined our weekend team this year. We scored big time! Janet and Dr Fi were incredible additions to our team. Dr Fi, your tenacity, your strength, talking off the ball and all round hockey talent was loved by each of your team mates. Everyone loved to play around you! You are such a busy person with a young family and demanding job, we are so grateful that you chose us to spend some of your precious time with. Aside from being a hockey extraordinaire, we couldn't have asked for a better fit to have in our team. You are caring, kind, funny and then funny again, you laugh at Ness's and Liz's jokes on field and are a great person to car pool with. We loooovved having you and we can't wait for you to play many more seasons with us! We love you Dr Fi!



DIVISION 7 (GOLD) WOMEN cont

Marie Farrow

Marie -where to start! Our ever loyal 400 plus gamer. Our Centre half who works her butt off on the field. From the fast sprints to her ever-famous poke tackles, to super goals from the 45 angle on short corners. Marie is not only a fabulous and reliable player, but she is also an even better human. She is kind, thoughtful, selfless and puts everyone before herself. Marie, we cannot thank you enough for all you do on and off the field. We are all lucky to call you, our friend!

Janet Gowland

Janet is an absolute asset to our team- not only for her incredible strength and skills up front, but she has to be one of our most committed and determined players this season. She loves a hustle and is never scared to throw her body on the line in an attempt at goal!

Janet is such a strong and skilful player who always shows up with a smile and drive to win. It has been great to see her and Zara working together as a dangerous mother - daughter duo up front! We look forward to seeing more of it next year!

Thanks for a great season Janet- we love playing with you.

Meagan Huston

Meagan is our "hockey virgin" - a mature aged recruit who after decades of watching her hubby and 5 now adult children play hockey decided it was finally time to pick up a stick and give it a crack! A quick learner and with a can-do attitude she has come along in leaps and bounds weaving her way down the left and right wing with ease. An injury to her shoulder because of a fall in the warmup a few weeks ago threatened to derail her season but, like the trouper she is, (and with a little bit of help from physio daughter Meg!) Meagan managed to get back out on the pitch for the final game saving the best for last and scoring her first ever goal - woohoo!!

Congratulations on a fabulous first season Meagan!!! You have been an inspiration to us all and reminded everyone just how fabulous hockey is. Can't wait to see what next year brings for you.

Christina Klomp

Chris is our quiet achiever and ever reliable defender. Helping control our half back line all season, she is seemingly cool, calm and collected at all times. I never saw her get flustered or question a dubious umpire decision. Instead, Chris can be seen to knuckle down, get even stronger over the ball and even more determined. Her dedication to our team goes beyond her on field performance, she effortlessly creates an environment where everyone feels supported and motivated. She is great for a chat and her kindness and friendship has contributed to an extremely welcoming team. We are so glad your 'glued shoes' held on for another season.

Melanie Leighton

Mel is our tenacious, highly skilled player carving up through the midfield and forward line. Mel is super quick and will get to any pass, intercept or tackle in her region. Mel has the skills to take the ball from an opposition player and turn it to our advantage. She manages to make the smallest touch on the ball super effective. We missed Mel when she went on a family holiday but when she returned with the most incredible tan it looked as if we had recruited an amazing import to our team. Mel is an absolute terrier on the field, but always has a beaming friendly smile for us when she comes off.

Kylie Mishra

Literally our last line of defence, it can't be understated how valuable Kylie is to our team. She has saved our bacon more times than we would like to admit. If the competition ladder was based on least goals conceded, we would be preparing ourselves for the grand final.

But not just our superstar goalie, Kylie is also much like the conductor of our orchestra. Reading and calling all the play, she organises the defence and has a steadying voice that can cut through any chaos. We thought all of this was to make our jobs easier -most of the time it is, but Kylie has become so good at it, there has been at least one game where she hasn't needed to touch the ball at all...

Fiona Power

Thoughtful of others on and off the field, Fi epitomises what it means to be "a good sport" never a bad word to say, regardless of sometimes tense game situations. An unassuming player, Fi bedazzles us every week with her beautiful skills, and almost a form of telepathy the way she works seamlessly with her team mates and always seems to be on for the pass. Fi consistently reaches and wins the ball in almost every contest that she enters. Our fearless right half, always considered, always consistent, and no doubt a favourite among the entire team.

Rachel Roberts

Our speedy right wing has had an injury interrupted season, but we have finally got her back for the last few games. Rachel gives us huge drive in the forward line, and is just as committed to our sprint to the bar after each game for our important game debrief. Thank you, Rachel, for persevering with us through this season despite its challenges, and we look forward to next year!

Anna Stevens

Anna is a pleasure to play with she's always willing to give any position a go and her versatility through the midfield/ backline has benefited our team this season. Her unorthodox one-handed playing style is always effective against the opposition and she manages to come away with the ball everytime. Love having you in the team Anna keep smiling



DIVISION 7 (GOLD) WOMEN cont



Kimberly Welten

Kim was missed at the start of the season due to her travels in Europe. She had some injury struggles on her return but has still been making great leads in the forward line and when taking on the opposition. Kim loves the club and puts a lot of passion, commitment, and time into helping out.

Susan Wilson

Susie comes to the game with 5 layers on and takes 1 layer off after each quarter, taking her a quarter at a time to warm up! She is a versatile player, playing both defence and attack. Susie is very capable of popping a goal in when on the forward line. When in defence, she is patient, calm and very annoying to the opposition strikers, as he casually puts her stick in and stops the attack! Susie is such a joy to have in team!

Elizabeth Woodberry

Liz is a force to be reckoned with on the field. Her speed and agility make her a valuable team member, and her work rate is unmatched. She's always pushing herself to be better, and it shows in her performance on the field.

Liz is also a devoted mum. She brings her gorgeous girls to every game, and they are our biggest fans. Her dedication to her family, sport and work is truly inspiring.

It is great to have you in the team. Your work rate and determination have helped us all to nearly make the finals.



DIVISION 8 (GOLD) MEN

New season, new team, same old 6s. Nobody is more consistently inconsistent than the 6s, will we absolutely fold against the bottom side or dominate the game against the top side? All we do know is that each week we have no idea how it is going to shake out. Might also go with the fact half the time I never knew who was going to turn up each week (FOR THE LOVE OF GOD PLEASE RESPOND TO THE POLL, IF YOU TAKE NOTHING AWAY FROM THIS SEASON EXCEPT RESPONDING TO THE POLL IT WOULD BE WORTH IT. WE LIVE IN THE MODERN AGE, I POST IT THE SAME TIME EACH WEEK AND I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT, YOU'VE DONE IT BEFORE. WHY IS IT SO HARD TO RESPOND?!), from scraping together 11 with a sneaky 4th double up to 17 blokes turning up, the team's numbers and players were almost as inconsistent as our play.

The middle child of the clubs bottom feeders, we don't have the glitz and glamour of the Scrubbers or the access to talent each week like the 5s, we are a real working man's team, powered by Export, a cheeky Maccas on the way to the game and the belief we were better than the other team each week while losing 9-0. Could we have played finals? Sure, but that wouldn't be in character for this team that would require beating the bottom teams and we sure as hell don't do that. Still won enough games that we managed to figure out the words to the victory song.

A promising start and a rough end to the season, our finals chances just out of reach, but was never truly unobtainable, we almost made it but tripped and face-planted at the very end, much like my idea to use Beem. From starting the season with five guys from the previous year, adding a whole new crop of fresh blood, we certainly played our brand of hockey and never out of any game...except "The Canning Incident". In true Melville style, the Export never stopped flowing win, lose or draw.

Samuel Beeson (Inner/Wing)

Playing his first games of senior hockey this year, Sam has certainly made an impression, asserting his authority in the best way by averaging about 1 green card a game. Was it ever deserved? Not really. Keep working on those tomahawks, Sam, I taught you well young Padawan.

Merlijn van Bokhorst (Left (Oatmeal))

The flying Dutchman, who runs like he has eaten a full zinger box before the game. I was always asked each week where Merlijn went, disappearing mid-season without a trace. Well, he's off on the farm now to a happier place, just had to let him go. He can eat his porridge in peace in the green fields in Harvey.

Daniel Brown (Halfback (Young Dan))

Was Dan's head ever really in the game? His questions were more focused on, "Which organ would you have be immortal?", "Why does my chest hurt?", "Why can't I wear track pants in a hockey game", or "Do I really have kitchen duty?" When he actually focused on the game we would get some miraculous plays, followed by a seemingly two second time delay on all decisions. He does have a lot to think about.

Zac Burvill ((Other Zac) Halfback)

Ghost of the groupchat, nobody really ever knows whether Zac will turn up each week. Doing some off the grid living, he only uses burner phones to communicate at precise times if you are lucky. The Unabomber would be easier to find each week to play a hockey game, maybe you could teach him some hockey?

Travis Canny (Goalkeeper (Trav))

If Travis actually spoke up he'd probably have quite a bit to say, as we left him out to dry all season, usually you don't let in 9 goals in if your defenders are terrified of you. Travis was probably the most switched on out of the entire team, which means that he only had a few brain fades this season, markedly better than anyone else.

Jack Chapman (Midfielder)

Jack was late-season "recruit of the year", filling in all the gaps with the injuries and "extracurricular activities" of everyone else. He got to have the joy of playing Senior hockey against Rockingham, Southern River and Canning, a real great introduction to what it's like to be a quick midfielder in this grade of hockey.

Blake Gillett (Wing (Humpty Dumpty))

Improving on last season, he turns up before the second quarter starts. When Blake can get to the game and strap himself together with duct tape and rubber bands, and tie back his aqua man hair, he'll pull off some miraculous runs reliving the glory days at Wesley where he didn't need morphine to get out of bed; before heading right back to the bench to eventually stick himself back together. Be glad there aren't drug tests, because whatever you're getting from the hospital to play games is probably not legal.



DIVISION 8 (GOLD) MEN cont

Maxwell Harler (Centre Forward (Captain Crystal))

Max misses more backhands than your dad, despite taking just as many shots. Scoring nearly half the goals this season...with 98% of the shots taken. Has convinced himself it was a good idea to try and take on the whole team from the push off, like most things he does, ambitious but rubbish. Really tested out the integrity of opposition goalkeepers' pads and the strength of the goalposts, he really is doing a service. Rub a few more crystals before the game and he might finally put some balls away.

Mitchell Horrocks (Inner (Fletcher...Mitch sorry))

Mitch is the most even-tempered person you will ever meet, unless you are a bad umpire. Specifically, if you are an umpire who has just made a terrible call, he will let you know by absolutely belting his opponent, proceeding to get a green and throw his arms up in the air, shake his head and glare. Sounds specific, but it happened at least three times this season, he's there to let you know he's watching and does not appreciate it. When Mitch is not making umpires miserable, he's one of the only people who can run out full games, must be all the built up rage.

Brandon Lawrence (Wing)

Brandon put in a stronger preseason than any of us, he went out and studied in Norway. The prodigy returned from his sabbatical to do the real important work, Division 8 hockey. His sister has attended more games than he is, might be in competition for his spot next year. He is quiet enough, though, that he could have been there playing the entire time and just popped his head up to say something and the whole story could've been a lie. Probably too polite for that.

Jared Malacari (Halfback (Younger Jared))

Judas... sorry, Jared, returned for some games even after the whispering of the devil tempted him away. When he wasn't counting his silver, he came back just to relive the glory days of losing games to teams we really should be beating, some things never change. Always ready to play (dependent on the Fremantle game) we reminded him too much of his team, showing potential but always "next year".

Daniel Mander (Fullback (Bald Dan))

Super coach Dan, willing us to a tremendous 0-9 loss against Canning, he knows what he's talking about, just nobody else really does. Sure, it's probably great advice, just a bit too complex for our luddite hockey brains to understand. The only person on the field who deservedly can criticise the umpiring properly, he'll give an in-depth analysis into why they are bad while in the middle of a game, which they are sure to appreciate.

Will Mardon (Fullback (Big Willy))

Big Willy at the back certainly came in swinging to tackle anything in reach. Having been denied a run early in the season at centre forward, he took it upon himself to prove that he could take on any person going for quick runs, just to let us know he could. Having the qualities you want in any fullback - a strong hit and a big body - he is the archetype of a fullback, he certainly is the most intimidating player out of all of us despite being one of the quietest.

Azman Mashor (Midfield (Azy))

Azman goes feet first into any situation, literally. I've never seen someone slide tackle so often in a hockey game and never manage to pick up a card, it is a wonder to behold. Calm-headed and pragmatic, with spurts of reckless abandon, makes him the perfect fit for our team. He had an unlucky year injury-wise, but that comes with the territory, nobody puts their body on the line like Azy.

David Ogden (Utility (Oggy))

One of the few people who could actually explain hockey to us in a team chat, instead of all of us talking over each other saying things we should be doing but never do. If we actually listened to him, we'd probably be playing finals, but listening is for good hockey players and his first experience in the lower grades has most definitely shown him that.

Lachlan Paterson (Halfback)

Lachlan raises the look of the age of our team by probably an average of five years despite being one of the youngest. The stress of the world has really gotten to Lachlan as it looks like his three kids and the rising interest rates are really weighing down on his hairline... Long and lanky, he's always getting to the ball first and acts much more experienced than he is, must be a trade-off.

Jarrad Peters (Halfback/Fullback (Old Jared))

In the first few weeks of MVP voting, nobody really knew each other's names, so "Old Guy" was the name given. Past his prime, Jarrad still manages to show us up week to week by actually being capable of tackling the opposition - a rather rare skill to find. The most positive bloke out there, he'll have a smile on his face win or lose, rain or shine. If the captain wasn't just by default the manager, it most definitely was Jarrad, the spiritual leader of the team.



DIVISION 8 (GOLD) MEN cont

Zac Scharenberg (Inner (Mullet))

Zac was an absolute workhorse, but just take that horse you're picturing and add the most glorious mullet you've ever seen. When he's not cosplaying as a 1980s AFL star, he's running rings around the opposition, usually taking them on more than once just to let them know. Having a propensity to stir up the opposition by generally just being better than them, he's always on the edge of making his opposing player swing. You can take the boy out of Southern River but you can't take the Southern River out of the boy. (P.S. Zac if you are reading this, please don't leave for the higher grades.)

Alex Thompson (Centrehalf (Peptides))

Peptides would disappear some weeks, sometimes with reason, sometimes without. Rumour has it he's feigning a need for medical attention and prowling the wards of hospitals all over the city, with a bottle of bleach in his hand ready to dye the hair of any nurse he fancies. Our man in the middle, taking on the role of enforcer, doing the most important job - taking out the opposition's most capable player. Should he have a few more cards? Sure, but the umpires never saw.

Aiden Weller (Fullback (Milf Hunter))

If anyone is aware of any lawyers who are good at getting you off the hook, contact Aiden, he'll be needing your services with the matches he gets online. He is very good at getting traps, always on the lookout for the next one to pick up. With a concerning lack of self-preservation, he will jump head first into every situation, with or without alcohol involved. Aiden is rock solid at the back with just enough danger to make it interesting, both of those qualities make him desirable on and off the field.

Thank you to Luke for umpiring and supplying us with Juniors.

Thank you to Ross for the training and advice we tried to listen to.

Thank you to Criddle for supplying us with our lifeblood.

Thank you to Nick for training Travis and running the techbox.

Thank you to Royce and Jared for making the transition to manage this team as easy as possible.

Finally, thank you to all the guys who played this season, it was a pleasure to captain and manage you all. All the little idiosyncrasies made a fun team to play with and there was always something new each week. I hope to see many faces continuing to play through the off-season and return next year.

- Maxwell



DIVISION 8 (BLACK) MEN

Having had a taste of the 40's in 2022, beating Todd's team on a regular basis surprisingly lost its appeal, and the decision was made to return to the Senior Grades where we could challenge ourselves against quality opposition on a more regular basis. Having had a bit of a dry spell from our flag winning ways -we decided to implement our version of "Ange Ball" affectionately known as "Old Ball", which basically just means running slower and hurling more abuse at Opposition, Umpires and one another.

The year saw something like 33 players (including five different 'keepers) come through our "system" (at an average age of 44.8), some savouring whilst others wilting under the pressure, but ultimately we were able to secure a comfortable return of second place on the ladder. The year presented many challenges (political beliefs aside), mostly fielding a team each week, and I would like to thank the blokes from the 40's 1's and 2's, Scrubbers as well as future 1s superstar and already the best player in his family, Adam Read, for their constant "enthusiasm" in helping us meet this challenge throughout the year with only one "strategic" forfeit required.



Having managed to topple first-placed UWA in the Semi, we head into the GF with the usual Marquee fanfare, and all we would ask is that the Club provide us with a small tribute in the form of a guard of honour and minor pyrotechnics display to inspire us as we walk onto the GF cauldron and as recognition for all that we have achieved in putting this Club on the map.

Kenrick Armitage

Just like Barbie who needs one, so does the Marquee side. This year has been a tough year for our side with numbers dwindling each week. Blokes like Ken, who would rather go and play volleyball with a few mates than commit to playing hockey with an ever-successful team. When he does play, you will find him running harder than most due to his young age, and to make up for his lack of finesse. It's not a year of hockey unless there is some fear of Ken actually terminally hurting himself trying to run through the occasional goalkeeper or making a less-than-textbook tackle. Always a good bloke to have on your side even if he does purchase his shoes from Lorna Jane.

Craig Downey

On the lookout for a more skillful competition after playing for Barrett's mob, Craig took a wrong turn and ended up with us instead. Starting in defence, he has drifted forward through the season in a quest for something that mostly eluded our strikers -goals. With his willingness to have a drink and a bit of a sledge of his team mates after the game, Craig has proven to fit in the team nicely.

Chris Gilbert

Started the year advising he was keen to play both 40's and Marquee grades when he was available. Little did we know that meant work took up 70% of most of his weekends and injury another 20%, but for those 10% that Chris was available he was a trooper...and by trooper I mean one of those Civil War era scenes of the trooper with the bandage round one eye, a crutch under the arm as he hobbled over the battlefield, but still when that whistle blew you knew you were gonna get 100% (of the 13% his body was capable of providing) and for that we were appreciative. Ashes banter aside it was great to have Chris' contribution (when able) and we hope he can ditch the crutches and front up for a flag.

Brendan Joss

As Brendan Joss' LinkedIn bio mentions, he is a highly-regarded member of the Exercise Physiology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation community in Australia. That is very impressive, and is a good thing, because as our starting left half he is not even ranked in the best 4 or 5 half backs in the Marquee team. He is the quiet achiever in the Marquee dynasty that can be counted on for his defensive efforts, lack of any form of hair line, and being too polite to have any quality banter. While we really appreciate everything that Bear brings to the team, he does give the "don't you know I am a Dr" vibe, so he is mainly appreciated for bringing Xavier to the games so we have someone to talk to on the bench. Hopefully the Dr can use his expertise and motto of "Less Pain & Improved Function, Faster" to repair his own hamstring that turned into overcooked linguini when we needed him the most in finals. Well done on a great season and look forward to having Dr Phil back in 2024.



DIVISION 8 (BLACK) MEN cont

Russell Lee

Having been sacked from his job a couple of years ago and watching his successor do what he couldn't and win a premiership flag (actually two flags), Russell begged the club to, quote, "give me another go, I need this, please, please, please." Reluctantly, Tilly Carmichael answered his prayers and soon enough Russ was given the job as water-boy for the Women's 1s side. The condition to his employment was to not talk to any of the players and certainly give no advice or coaching tips to them. Word is that Tilly only got Russ in so she could sack him after a year, so they should now go on and win a couple of premierships themselves. Smart.

The only good thing Russ did all year was invite the Argentinian international, Flor, to umpire for us, that was until Ben ruined it by.....well.....being Ben!!!. Anyway, we look forward to the success of the Women's 1s while Russ looks forward to finding a new job. Oh, and Russell played a few games and may have scored a goal or two this year...I forget.

Davis Mavunduse

When you look up reliable in the dictionary, there is a picture of Davis. Week in, week out, Davis is ready to give 110% to his team. He is a great teammate and someone you can count on and quite frankly too nice to even pay out on..... which is a shame.

James Pickering

What can I say? It is always an honour stepping out on the field with "Picko". 2023 season, Picko showed that he is as deadly at clearing balls from the backline as he is at taking the shorts. Never one to back down from a tackle, he wholeheartedly commits and holds the full back position like a vicious pit bull. Do not let his soft voice and easy demeanour fool you - on the pitch, El-Picko is a craftsman with the stick. Sure, he will miss a few tackles here and there, and yes, let a ball slide in now and again, but that's the game plan - give the other side a false sense of victory.

Always giving 110% in every game, be it for his own team or showing up for the midweek O40s. It truly has been a pleasure playing with you this season. Let's do this again next year.

Leon Platel

Leon, or the 'enforcer' as he likes to be known, is one of the two defensive rocks the Marquee team is built on. As with any 120kg rock, when someone runs into it, it hurts. Now Leon isn't like a normal rock, he doesn't wait for people to crash into him... He's a proactive rock... and regularly hurls himself towards oncoming attackers whether they have the ball or not.

Similarly to Watto Jnr, Leon fancies himself as a bit of an umpire, and isn't shy in politely requesting an explanation if he feels an injustice has occurred. Thankfully for all involved, these injustices are few and far between, only occurring about 12 times each game. Leon is the only team member left that can actually overhead the ball, which comes in particularly handy when the rest of the team get sick of Picko (the other rock) undercutting every sixteen yard hit.

Lastly, Leon finally gave something back to the club this year by taking on the coordination of the Minkey program (and then subsequently delegating every single task), however rumours are rife that he negotiated a six figure salary to do so. Great year Leon.

Matthew Read

This year Matt became the second-best Read to play for the Marquee team. Matt is now more like the Happy Meal Toy. What the team wants is the burger and fries (aka son Adam), but with it comes a crappy book (aka Dad Matt) that no one really wants, but you get it anyway. This is most evident in the group chat, "is Adam available this week"....

Thanks Matt for chauffeuring Adam to our games, the team appreciates it, and great to see Adam has learnt the art of passing in hockey, not a trait he inherited from his father.



DIVISION 8 (BLACK) MEN cont

Benjamin Rushton

A veteran of over 600 games, it would be easy to try and define Ben's career by latching onto his moniker of "Angry" and his appearance in front of the tribunal two years ago for decapitating a 15 year old, but that wouldn't be providing a true insight to the enigma that is Ben Rushton.

Having to deal with three (Rushton) kids, it can only be described as a miracle, and should be applauded, that the worst description the league could come up with was "angry", and that he hasn't decapitated more kids whilst taking the "Ray Rodrigues"(*) path to enlightenment. This spiritual journey all undertaken whilst holding down Right Half, and in the knowledge that he could be thrust into the forward line at any moment as a result of the regular absence and/or injury of Marquee "forwards" Russ and Roh and expected to run.

Whilst maybe not hitting the highs of his season a couple of years ago whilst on the "juice" (the "F45" years), he continues to be one of the most dependable and probably overdue for individual honours in the squad, and his drive and creativity on the field, whilst dealing with the torrent of abuse due his advancing age from both opponents and teammates alike, should be applauded.

We love him as a teammate and as the "grandfather" figure of the team.

(*) refer HWA tribunal meeting Case # 99-0520-069

Brad Wake

Brad is a quiet, unassuming type. You would hardly know he was there, even five minutes before the game when he is just parking the car to get his kit on. Known for barking orders from the net, he keeps his defence in check with a whisper here and there. A reliable, honest and solid teammate who can pull off save of the season from nowhere.....when he isn't injured. Cheers Wakey.

Grant Watton

Chat GPT is a wonderful tool.

Grunter is a player who possesses a considerable amount of skill in the thrill to be chased to play. A player who has potential on the field, but unfortunately, their Masters State representative attitude and "all about me" playing style hinder their overall performance. Their playing fashion of doubled socks, glove and wrist band, coupled with a state bag, often blinds them to their actual abilities, resulting in a lackluster contribution to the team. Additionally, their tendency to wait for others to invite them to play, combined with a lack of initiative in terms of running and movement, severely limits their impact during matches.

Great season Grunter !

Roh Weddikkara

What can we say about Roh that can actually be published?

Roh scored four goals in one game and still lost the golden stick to a guy who played less than half the fixtures, but to his credit, set up the decisive goal in the semi (having completely botched a one-on-one with the keeper five minutes earlier). Plus he introduced the weekly votes into the online world - which is even easier for him to manipulate now.

Good year Roh!

Richard Williams

Rich started the year very quietly off the field, having discovered the errors of his ways pushing for a move to O/40's, it took Rich a few rounds to come up with some new post-game chat! One thing that never changes with Rich is his desire to take to the Quarterback role and direct every play -funnily enough most plays involve keeping it short, and going through the middle ie (like most Quarterbacks) Rich needs to involve himself in every play! Honestly though, Rich controls the middle and provides an important link throughout our team. It is rare for Rich to miss a week and if he does, it certainly won't be to a soft tissue injury, as his preference is to administer the slide tackle rather than risk injury by overstretching for the ball just out of reach!

It is great to know Rich will be funding our wind-up, given he hasn't paid game fees all year -apparently the modern world of bank transfers still eludes our fearless leader.

It wouldn't be a season wrap-up without the usual thank yous. Quite simply, it wouldn't have been possible to achieve what we have this season without the support of those guys who were happy to double-up and help out when we were short (most weeks), including guys who had never played in positions before. It was great to see Adam develop in front of us, and unless the club steal him to park him up the grades, I think he will be a regular in future years. Finally, as always, thanks to our families (wives, partners, mistresses) for letting us sneak out at random hours throughout the weekend and the occasional "training", and again, it is great to see the kids (not sure whose...) run out at half time to have a hit, whilst we administer the oxygen masks.



DIVISION 8 (GOLD) WOMEN

This year started with many challenges, a new playing group, new personalities to learn, and coaching players who had never really been exposed to structure and complex press ideals. Plus trying to coach to unlearn wrong individual skill sets and to install basic ideals that can be built on to improve strength and confidence in play. I get great satisfaction from seeing many lightbulb moments happen where skill sets that players don't realize they have come into fruition on the field, and it is performed seamlessly and without having prior thought. For me as a coach this has become evident in the back half of the season and more recently where the team has been put under pressure and responded with strength and confidence. We now go into a finals series with many challenges to face, but we can do so knowing that any team we play can be beaten on the day and we have proved that time and time again. Whatever the outcome over the coming weeks I can be certain everyone has given there all, and that as a coach is all I can ask. I would personally like to thank the following for their support this year. Emma and Tegan from the 7s and the others from that team that filled in for us it was really appreciated. Plus Sharlynn from the juniors who has a bright future ahead in hockey, thank you. To Bea and Alyssa who stepped in to take over the managers role in Becs absence thank you. And to Rebecca for being such a great manger this year, you took on the role and embraced it perfectly and I could not honestly ask for any more. I would like to give a special mention to our goalie Bryanna who has been awesome this year, and in spite of not training still manages to make stunning saves.... WELL DONE BRY!!! Finally to all my ladies thank you for making the season what it was, and I look forward to what we may achieve in the upcoming finals series.

Emma Bradley (Full Back / Outside Mid)

Emma, our reliable "sub" that actually just plays for us every week! You know our structure better than most of us and we love having you. Join us for real next year? Em managed to get thrown around into every position but makes it work and does a great job at it.

Beatrice Clifford (Attacking Mid)

Where would we be without Bea! She is a cracker in the midfield, always there to rely on and holds the team together! Bea is always happy to yell at us (with love...sometimes...) to give us directions on where to be or rally the press together. Bea scored some beautiful goals this season in the short corners and managed to get through the season with only 1 card from the umps! Great season, Bea! We love playing with you!

Alyssa George (Striker)

As our top goal scorer Alyssa has had a great season and is a key forward to our striker line, always making a break down the side line and is an expert at converting the goals. She brings a positive energy and drive to the team, congrats on an awesome season!

Madison Hollander (Outside Mid)

Maddie has developed such a high level of skills over the season with each game getting better and better. She is always up for a laugh and chat and is such a pleasure to have around especially with her willingness to learn. Her roll outs over the season progressed so well and now being able to get passed opponents with her level of skill and speed is amazing. Maddie we love having you on our team!

Eliza Keogh (Striker)

Eliza has come a long way with her skill set, bringing out her elimination skills and taking on multiple players on her runs! Eliza is always positive, supportive and hard working in the forward line, juggling hockey with her prac her skills have grown in leaps and bounds. It's been a joy playing with you Eliza!

Samantha King (Full Back)

Sam has had a great season in our backline and has always been there to save our arses when it's needed. She is always thinking ahead during games and sending off quick passes which is an awesome skill to have! Sam works hard at training and always tries to put her new skills into games which can be seen in her awesome transitions across the back. It has been a great year having you on our team Sam!

Ruby Klass (Full Back)

Ruby is our firecracker of the team, she says it how it is and is always throwing sass Bruces way! Ruby is a committed defender who has always been strong with the ball and determined in all the games, even when she falls over (damn the metal leg!!!). Ruby can party hard the night before a game and still show up with a smile on her face with a story to tell, it's been great playing with you Ruby!

Janezza Lymbery-Joyce (Outside Mid)

Nezza is always there on the outside mid ready with her skills. She has really good roll outs which enable her to get the ball past opposition players and off down the line. She is always coming to training and games with a smile even when she ends up with a fractured finger before the final rounds. Nezza as always we love having you on our team!!



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Bryanna Martin (Goalie)

B, what a great season you had. You saved some great shots on goal this year and we always love to see your little happy dance in the full goalie gear kit after a tremendous effort. You never let the team down and are always there to yell from the goals to let us know what's going on. We love that you know the press and structure better than the rest of us, even though you stand in the goals!

Aili McMahon (Full Back)

Aili mans the fort from the back line. Although her lungs don't always agree, she puts in all her effort each time which is all we can ask for. She has saved us a lot when the ball is heading her way and does a great job getting it back to the forwards. Thanks for a great season Aili!

Catalina Palazzi (Defensive / Attacking Mid)

Cat was another new player to the team but has slotted into our structure amazingly, she works hard for the ball, distributes it with purpose and brings a positive energy to the team. Cat plays in one of our positions that requires the most running, it's a wonder how she never runs out of legs. Well done on a great season Cat!

Shakira Parsons (Outside / Defensive Mid)

Shak was new to the team this year and we are so lucky to have her! She is a great addition to our midfield playing in outside mid. Shak would have to be the kindest player on the team and is such a delight on and off the field. She picked up Bruce's crazy strategies in her stride and with a smile. We look forward to playing with her again next season.

Talia Roberts (Full Back)

Talia is a silent assassin. You never know when she will be at games but when she is, she always brings her level of skills to the table whether it be in the back line or outside mid. She is always ready for a chat and always has crazy work stories to share. Talia, it has been a pleasure having you on the team this season!

Alex Rolls (Striker)

It's been great to watch you develop as a player this season! You can really see how much you have improved over the year - well done! Alex is always up for a chat on or off the field and always brings good energy to the team. You've done a great job playing in the striker line this year!

Annabelle Standing (Striker)

Annie is one of our committed forwards. She has some mad skills that are perhaps too good for our team, but we are lucky to have her! Annie always brings some fun energy to training and games, is always up for a chat and eager to score some goals! Congrats on a great season!

Meggan Stone (Outside Mid)

Mother Meg!! May have stepped down as manager for the season but sure didn't step down from the teams motherly figure! Your skills throughout the middle are always saving our butts and we are not sure what we would do without you. Leaving us in the finals rounds was rude but you are most forgiven by everyone because of your awesome contribution to goals scored from short corners. We love you as always Meg!

Rebecca Vanderzwan (Striker)

Bec loves the left wing almost as much as she loves to go fast, she is a reliable key forward who has played consistently throughout the season. BVDZ is always working hard as the team captain and manager to prepare the team for games, thank you for your hard work!

Thanks for an amazing season ladies, as a first time manager you guys have made my life somewhat easy. You have all been a part of my weekly routine so it's going to be weird not sending a message into the chat each Monday morning and then chasing you all up for the rest of the week. It's been a joy watching you all grow with your hockey but I won't be missing all my jobs I had to do! A big thankyou to JD who was our seasons umpire, you put up with all of Bruce's comments and corrections, we will need to have you back next season as I don't think we could replace you! Finally a big thank you to Bruce, the reason we got as far as we did this season was because of you, all the time, planning and effort you put into this team did not go unnoticed. We all have so much respect and love for you as our coach (even when you yell from the sidelines), there's no other coach like you, and we shall carry what you have taught us throughout our hockey careers.



DIVISION 9 (GOLD) MEN

After the thrills of 2022, the return of the Oscar-nominated hit story, “Scrubbers -All or Nothing” was back, bigger and better than ever. This year saw the Scrubbers embark on their marquee trilogy-defining series titled, “Scrubbers -The Deep and Long Redemption”. The story of the 7’s is so popular now that you can find the lads’ exploits available on your local streaming service (Netflix and Amazon to name a couple). As always Scrubbers = Beers, Boys, Bucket Hats.

After the epic highs of last season, culminating in a devastating loss in the grand final, the lads were determined to get back on top (we like being on top). With the heartache at having not made it across the line last year, the lads strapped themselves in for another epic quest for glory. With the team’s chief sponsor, Emu Export, in tow, and their bucket hats firmly affixed, the Scrubbers once again sought to write themselves into Melville folklore as champions of the highly respected and well-renowned Division 9 (Gold) League. Little did this motley band of lads know, was that this season would be their greatest test of character, teamwork, skills, and the ability to down Export cans that the team had ever come across. Now just as the team straps themselves in before every game, do so yourself and let the Scrubbers take you for the ride of your life!

With the heartache of 2022 behind the team, the Scrubbers continued their tradition of preparing for the next season by taking part in the Summer hockey league. However, before the season started, the front office of Nic and Paul were left shocked when Scrubbers god-father, general manager and creator of the famed Scrubbers bucket hat, Royce, announced that he had purchased a boat and declared his love for the seas over his love-child that was the Scrubbers. What would become known as the “great neglect” cascaded into further pre-season troubles for the team. Despite managing to keep the core team together once again, Paul and Nic found efforts to recruit and be active in the summer transfer market hampered by a club directive to help the weaker and less impressive 6’s team.

Things were made worse when last year’s mid-season signing, Mitch Scally, pulled a “Brett” and decided that his life would be better somehow by playing for the 4’s. Sadly for Mitch, while he still has his bucket hat, his reputation as a Scrubbers legend is forever tarnished -unless he comes back, of course. Despite the meddling and setbacks, the boys hunkered down and managed to strengthen the squad depth, injecting fresh blood into the team. The Scrubbers welcomed Zac Kelly and Matt Lippett, who stepped up from the Junior squads. Headlines were made across the league when long lost son of Melville Hockey Club, David “Oggy” Ogden, declared his intentions to return to the club, with the express desire to play for the Scrubbers. The list was further enhanced with the late addition of unknown quantity David “Dave” Mundy, who having been a long-term admirer of the Scrubbers for several years, decided that his best chance of winning a flag lay with the Scrubbers. With Export cans and bucket hats in tow, the Scrubbers, led by Coach Ross “Mosh-Man” Hall, were ready to take the league by storm.

Or so the Scrubbers thought. A less than impressive start to the season saw the team winless after six games, with a total of 2 points and an unspeakable thrashing by UWA. Despite retaining the core of last year’s team, the Scrubbers struggled to send out a consistent team early into the season. The team’s first win wouldn’t come ‘til round 8, when the lads hit their straps to demolish the weaker of two Freo teams 6-1. From there inconsistencies were still apparent, losing the next game against the stronger Freo side. At this point it was crunch time for the Scrubbers, they had a choice, lay down, accept their fate, and activate star-fish mode or pull themselves up from the mire that was this season and come back from oblivion.

Who doesn’t love a great comeback story though? And come back the Scrubbers did, with ten games left in the season, the Scrubbers won seven of them. Week by week, slowly the lads crept up the table, harder than Carpool creeps on nights at Metros. Playing off a mantra of living by the basics and COMMUNICATION instilled into the team by Coach Mosh-Hall, the Scrubbers got back to what they do best: drinking winners’ beers. With the team finally pulling together and playing their self-coined “sexy hockey” brand, the Scrubbers dipped into the transfer market to bolster their depth, welcoming Gabe and AJ into the side. There was even a place for ole Boat Captain Royce, who after running his boat aground several times, finally realised that his love of the high seas could never compare to his first love, the Scrubbers.

With the regular season coming to an end, the Scrubbers propelled themselves from 2nd last to sitting 3rd on the ladder. The comeback was truly ON. Peaking at just the right time, the Scrubbers marched their way through the finals to find themselves once again contesting for the greatest prize of all time: the Division 9 Championship. If 2022 was the year of the “dominant” Scrubber, then 2023 will forever be known as the year a band of motley delinquents went to hell and back, finding themselves on the cusp of eternal glory once again.

A big thanks to Ross and Kinder for the coaching efforts over the season and to all those who took the time to fill in for the team across the various levels of the club.

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Jarron Baker (Snagz) - Winger

One of the Scrubbers' most passionate team members, Snagz always gave 110%. Operating as a utility player across the team this season, Snagz was brilliant in his ability to play in attack, the midfield or backline when needed (and sometimes when not needed). Flying across the pitch, many would wonder how a man of his age could apply such immense bursts of energy throughout games. Snagz's passion and voice were invaluable to the team throughout the season. It was great to see Snagz limit his actual flying skills this season, keeping both feet on the ground in matches. Snagz was missed when he jetted off to Italy for five weeks, but it was good to see the team's form improve during this time, winning all five of the matches while Snagz was away.

Royce Bond (Ole Sea Captain) - Winger

The Godfather of Scrubbers, was here, there but not everywhere the Scrubbers were this season. Taking ANOTHER step back from the Scrubbers to focus on.....being VP? Sailing his Yacht? Working? We're not really sure but we know there's a boat involved somehow. A strong push for selection in the second half of the season, though, saw Royce throw himself back into selection for Scrubbers, playing well and finding a few goals when needed. Operating on the wing this season, Royce took many half-backs by surprise with his swift movement and somewhat decent dribbling skills. It was in front of goal though where Slim-ting VP has made his true mark, scoring and stealing a few goals again this season. We hope the culture-king of the Scrubbers is back in fine form next year.

Graham Braid (The G-Train) Inner/Wing

Where St Kilda had Fraser Gehrig, the Scrubbers had our very own "G-Train" in Graham. Last year's team champion, the G-Train was back at it again for the Scrubbers this season. The silver fox outwitted the opposition with his fast and nimble skills. The "Mister-Consistent" of the side and a key focal point in the team's attack. The only real shame was that Carpool worked his best to deny Graham a chance to be the team's top goal scorer this year. A note as well to opposition players who dared to foul, nudge or poke the G-train, always finding themselves on the sharp end of a "steely-grey" stare and a few choice words. Always the "Unit" of the side, Graham puts the rest of the team to shame with his levels of endurance in games being next level. The G-Train is a machine!

Lachlan Braid (Better Braid) - Fullback/halfback/forward

When the Scrubbers were short, the call went out far and wide, and Lachie Braid, the "better Braid" and apprentice to his old man Graham, responded enthusiastically. When he wasn't playing double trouble in the forward line with his old man, Lachie was down the back reinforcing our ageing back-line. Besides drastically altering the average age of our squad, Lachie was a commanding and calm presence at the back.

James Cowe (Spearmint, Rhino) Halfback

After last season where he split his time being an announcer and playing for the Scrubbers, Ole Jimmy the Spearmint Rhino hung up his mike and finally got down to using his voice full-time in the Scrubbers...much to our disdain. Interestingly, this led to James' priorities shifting again this season:



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1. Accidentally procreating a human being.
2. Finding 100 ways to yell at a teammate to "mark up".
3. Being the most passionate person on the field.
4. Getting angry at mistrapping untrappable balls
5. Throwing dollar bills -for the last time? ,òπ
6. Doing everything to "Make The Scrubbers Great" again
7. Having bigger dummy spits than a baby, even throwing more toys out of the pram than his unborn child

Between all this, James managed to play another season at halfback for the Scrubbers, keeping opposition wings quiet and yelling at them anytime they made a mis-timed toma near his head or yelling at his own defence when he had to run out at the short corner. One thing you can guarantee with James is that he will run out hard and transform into the actual spearmint rhino on the pitch.

Andrew Criddle (Cridds) - Centre Half/Fullback

In every great dynasty, there is a grizzly old veteran who is there every year to get the team through it on and off the pitch. In the Scrubbers case, that is Criddle. Off the pitch, he was tops at making sure we were kept in good company with the red cans. Another solid season from Andy in both defence, midfield, and forward across 10 different teams in the club. A vital player in the team with his pinpoint accuracy and his ability to nick the ball away from an attacker at just the right time. A calm presence on the pitch that set up many a successful attack for the team. Is experienced at attacking short corners whilst pivotal to the team. Also, a big thank you for keeping the boys hydrated with high-quality H2BEER week in and week out.

Phil Cutter (Salt) Cutter

Within his first two games he played a total of five minutes on the field, which you would think was a part of the West Coast training squad. Man has the hamstrings of noodles -but fortunately after telling Phil to stop seeing the West Coast physio team -helping some mates who found themselves out of a job -Phil found himself set in the side. Outside of that, Phil has had a good season, playing across the backline and halfback, when the body catches up, he will be a mainstay in the Scrubbers team for many seasons (if those hamstrings hold up).

Nicholas Edwards (Car-Pool, Pork Chop) - Centre Forward

Self-appointing himself Captain for a third season running, Carpool has been determined to protect his goal-scoring record from last season. Never has a player before begged, borrowed or stolen goals in a game like Carpool. It was great to see ole P-Chop add to his game this year, illustrating to all that he could defend as well as attack, pressing and chasing opposition fullbacks into mistakes, he even incorporated a drag flick to his game (even if it moves at the pace of a turtle). One of the guys to be first down to training, Nic showed a strong

commitment and passion for the team, delivering focused team talks and always reminding us how to play "our game".

P.S. Big thank you to Nic's mum for ensuring 'El Capitano' arrived at each game on time and that every team member got a ride too. Top prize for "Team Player of the Year" -Not you Carpool :)

John Harmsen (The Best Harmsen in the Club) - Fullback

John stepped up from part-time fill-in into season regular this year. When John wasn't tripping over goalie bags and getting told by his physio to stop being a baby and go and play, when John stepped in to play, he gave 110%. His experience and skills at fullback provided our backline with excellent strength-in-depth. Keep up the hard work mate and hope the man flu doesn't strike you "again" this season.

Gabriel Hartland (On His Knees) - Inner

Oh Gabe.... where do we begin? One of our mid-season signings, Gabe eventually found his way into the Scrubbers squad after setting his lofty sights on a place in the 4's squad. Exclaiming to the squad before his first game that he, "likes to run", he slotted into inner and a few other places, running himself so ragged that he was constantly found on his knees during and after games, gasping for air. All that aside, it was great to see Gabe commit to the art of hockey, getting down to training, seeking advice from those around him and doing everything Rosie demanded of him. #Cradle-snatched

Michael Kaczmarek (Wing)

Our very own man from the Navy, he seemed to betray all that by being a wingman. Never terrified to go full speed at any player, unless it's a 4ft tall goalkeeper or someone actually hitting the ball. Michael's had a great year, returning to hockey despite being outscored by Blake, the most important goal of his season. Developing from just running, to running AND tackling. Can't wait to see what new skill he develops next... but then he might just be a bit too good for us!

Zachary Kelly (Little Z) - Wing

Another member of the Side Quest brotherhood, Zac quickly caught on to the key word at training, COMMUNICATION!!! Bringing More Knives out than a Daniel Craig movie, Zac's sharp four-eyed reflexes harried and frustrated half-backs...though this only happened when he'd show up the game at the right time and place. Barring that, Zac's first season with the Scrubbers was eventful with goal-scoring moments against WASPS and Rockingham. We hope to see him back next year, but who knows what his availability will be? CHECK THE GROUP CHAT MATE!



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Kieron Lawlor (The Chrome dome) - Inner/Winger

After injuries cruelly curtailed his campaign last season, Chrome Dome was back at it again! Making a record-breaking signing for the Scrubbers with a freshly retired lad who is still fitter than everyone in the Scrubbers combined. Another one of the infamous members of the "Atta-Dads" gang, Kieron was tireless in his efforts at inner this season. Forming a strong partnership with the G-Train on the right side of the field, opposition inners and halfbacks found themselves on the backfoot constantly due to his dribbling and smart passing. Chrome-Dome's haul of 7 goals in the season to date is the shiny return on what has been a sparkling season for Mr. World-Wide. As a member of the Atta-dads gang, special mention has to go to Kerion's recruiting efforts, specialising in signing high-calibre AFL players who have retired from sub-par, dream-crushing footy teams.

Matthew Lippiatt (The Matt Hatter) - Halfback

Making the move up from Juniors, Matt provided fresh blood and athleticism to our midfield. Playing as a halfback on either side of the pitch, Matt would come off the bench and run the opposition into the ground with his youthful energy. Matt's special "talent" was his unprecise nature of letting his teammates know if he was available for games. Like his skills on the field, Matt knew just when to ghost himself in and out of the side.

Paul Loh (The Shut Out) - GK

He's a real Keeper! The team's rock at the back, Paul's cool composure, quick reflexes and strong voice played a vital role in the team's defence all year. With the team under the pump more than ever this year, Paul was called on frequently to pull out the stops to keep the Scrubbers in the contest. Off the field, Paul was crucial in maintaining hydration levels in the team with the all-important red cans. A massive highlight was ole Paulie copping the ball inside his pads, injuring his knee, but playing a blinder through the match.

Ross McBride (The Real Doctor) - Halfback

Finally stepping out of the shadows of the "other Ross", Dr. Ross finally usurped the title of the "best Ross at Melville". It was great to see one of the infamous "Atta-Dads" return again this year. Still the team doctor, despite an instance where he allowed a paramedic to overrule his own medical advice (BAD ROSSCO, BAD!). Ross continued utilising that giraffe-like reach he has become famous for...even using it in one instance to ensure a small child left the field in more pain than his patients usually have after a consultation. Closing in on his third full season of hockey, Ross has come on in leaps and bounds in terms of skills, whipping out his backhand when opposition players least expect it.

Such is the life of a half-back though, it was ever apparent in Ross's efforts to find a way into the forward line and he did just that, supplanting himself at Centre-forward during five minutes of chaotic play against Freo, which saw him clock off two goals with relative ease...Ross's recruiting efforts have set such high expectations that the team fully expects the 20 players jumping off the sinking ship that is the West Coast Eagles to be wearing a Melville jersey next year. Top marks to Ross for becoming familiar with the kitchen staff at Melville inside and out of the kitchen. Ross gets smashed in the googlies at the club and by his well-fit missus back home.

Nic McCaughan (Big Dic Nic - Kinder) - Forward

While Nic's love of the Scrubbers shined ever-so bright this season, his number of appearances was curtailed due to "that other commitment". As always though, when Kinder played, Kinder scored. It's just a shame that his goal tally on and off the field is much lower these days. Hopefully next year...Nic sees the light FINALLY and comes to live out his field playing days with the Scrubbers. Thanks for not having any "cute emergencies" this time round though! We're all sure that everyone (besides Carpool) would love to see you take out the highest goal scorer gong.

#HEDOESNOTSCOREWHENHEWANTS

David Mundy ("Dave" Mundy) - Inner

No that's not a typo or you having a stroke, it's THAT David Mundy

Who said you couldn't teach an old dog new tricks? After years of persistent transfer rumours and carrying his previous team, the final leg of this "Atta-Dad" trifecta came home to roost at the Scrubbers. After trading in his footy boots and purple guernsey for a hockey stick and the beloved maroon, Dave found his place at inner in the team. Picking up the skills of hockey with ease, many in the team reckoned that Dave had missed his true sporting calling by plying his trade playing AFL over all those years. While not having played enough games to win the famous Maroon-low this year, there is a solid bet to be had that round 4 of this season will hear the phrase "D Mundy -3 votes" echoed across the room, with Dave tearing the Rockingham opposition to pieces on the day. Despite his appearances being limited due to commentary and "footy" commitments, it was always great to see Dave coming down to support the boys during the season.



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David Ogden (Oggy, Mosh-Man Wannabe) - Forward

There were big hopes for Oggy when he took the field for the Scrubbers at the start of the season. When Oggy wasn't spending his Sunday on extracurricular activities, he was talking up a big game with his Curtin 1s experience and coaching advice, and we thought we had found our X-factor. Really if by X-factor you mean a bloke that came to training twice, played five games and then left for another team...then yes, that's X-factor. Oggy agreed with his wife to play Scrubbers, two weeks later he was playing 5s. Thanks for the two goals and coaching mate, but there's only room for one Mosh Man in this team.

Andrew Robertson (Robbo, The Rampaging Scrubber) - Fullback/Centre Half

****DISCLAIMER -NO CHILDREN WERE HARMED BY ROBBO IN THE MAKING OF THIS YEAR'S SEASON****
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After a breakout debut season for the Scrubbers last year, the "Rampaging Scrubber" was back to his best, instilling fear into opposition forwards young and old. The PTSD of opposition teams was evident this year, as many a forward knew to back out of a challenge when they heard the booming sound that has become synonymous when Robbo is about to roll right through a bloke, laying a scintillating tackle. It was great to have Robbo back this year...but Hockey WA has reported a decrease in the number of junior players playing across Division 9 this year due to safety concerns.

Paul Schutz (Schutzzy) - Inner

A second season as the gaffer didn't detract from Paul's hockey or wood-chopping skills this season, it actually improved them! Paul likes nothing more than "Getting Wood". One of the team's hardest runners, putting in a solid shift every game. As inner, Paul was crucial in the link-up play that made up our attacks. You would always feel sorry for an opposition player though, if they tried to take the ball off ole Schutzzy...as any attempt to do so would likely result in snarling remarks and a slew of strong tackles to follow. There's no better sight than Paul chopping down an opposition player and then berating both refs and said player for softness. Even better is when Pauly ACTUALLY lands a clean tackle, wins a free and still throws his hands up in question and dissent of the call! When he wasn't creating goals for his teammates, he managed to score a few as well this season.

One of the notorious "mouth brothers" this season, our fearless leader would occasionally find himself sent from the field for his lively debates with umpires and opposition players alike. Though off the pitch, Schutzzy would be the calming presence in the dugout during team talks.

Kieran Smyth (Mr Whipped) - Fullback

A key player at the back this year once again (when he wasn't getting married). Thanks to a few more fullbacks in the side, Kieran didn't have to play every second of every game we had! Mr. No-Nonsense (except with the umpires) at the back with his approach to defending, Kieran's strong voice helped with keeping us organised, but not overturning corners. This year Kieran doubled down on his talent for umpire communication, despite his best efforts though...he did not once find himself sent off for trying to explain the rules to officials. A shout-out to his performance against Kwinana Tigers, if it hadn't been for the lights going out and Kieran being forced from the field by a paramedic, he might've had his best game all season.

PS: We hope the anger management classes get better than this year.

Zion Williams (Big Daddy Z) - Wing

THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND, THE LORD OF THE SIDE QUEST!!! The Big Daddy Z, after a few too many side quests, reluctantly returned to play another season of Scrubbers, building upon the steady progress he made last year. The highlight of the year for Zion must be retaining his title as "Big Daddy Z" in the face of some awkward opposition from "Little Z" - Zac...Oh, and you could argue that improving on last year's goal tally of 1 to 3 goals deserves some recognition. When he wasn't completing side quests, Zion took up his place on the wing, snapping at the heels of the opposition halfback, pressing them to result in effective turnovers for our side.

Alexander Wragg (AJ, FightClub) - Forward

I remember my first beer. AJ was the Scrubbers' mid-season signing (the upgraded version of Mitch Scally). Amongst the goals and the fists during the season. AJ was a valued fighter in the team....too bad we play hockey and not boxing. Unlike his injured counterpart Snake, AJ was able to finish off a session on and off the field.

Maxy...if you are reading this....which we know you are.....we're the better Melville team ;)



DIVISION 9 WOMEN

Honestly not quite sure where that season went... But what a season it has been! Undefeated across all rounds even with the confusing split in divisions part way through the competition, our Division 9 Women managed to finish off as minor premiers and serious contenders for the trophy heading into finals! We had our core group back together again with a couple of new additions that slotted in as if they've always been here. Looking forward to great success in the finals from here!

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Elise Bahemia (Elise/Centre Forward/Wing)

A strong contender for the best & fairest, Elise has had an amazing season. She can often be heard deciding how many goals she intends to score each match, before living up to those promises during the game. With each round she played Elise has made it clear that she is a key ingredient in the formula that had Melville 7's finishing their season at the top of the ladder. Thanks for an amazing season Elise - can't wait to do it all again!

Keziah Barns (Kez/Wing)

What a delight it has been to have kez join the team and we honestly can't believe this is your first year ever playing hockey! Kez shows so much willingness and enthusiasm to learn. She is a bit of natural when it comes to being in the the right places at the right time and cannot forget the fact she started scoring goals in no time. Kez always has a smile on her face and is full of positivity and friendliness, Thanks for a great season and being such an incredible team mate, we hope to see you next year!

Emma Bradley (Em/Centre Half)

Emma is the most reliable person on and off the pitch. She holds the centre well driving us forward and being the first back to help defend. Often you see her taking free hits well outside her position because she is determined to get us in the circle. Her excellent push out has assisted and scored many goals. Off the pitch she has the hard task of organising us but she does it with style. Emma is always willing to fill in for any team, even if it means 2 extra trips to Warwick in a week from Rockingham! Thanks for your hard work Emma, we would be lost without you! Literally (thanks for the maps!)

Ashleigh Chauvin (Ash/Inner)

Ash has truly dominated the inner position this year. Always bringing her determination and skills to every game. Her persistence and never give up attitude always pays off when chasing down the opposition. Always managing to keep them on their toes never knowing

which way she will turn with the ball. She brings a great sense of humour and energy to the team and we'd honestly be lost without her! Thanks again for co-managing the team for us this year, it certainly makes life easier when we know you guys have everything sorted for us! Hope to see you back again next season Ash!

Melanie Hobday (Mel/Wing)

Mel, one of our most reliable team players! She's impressive on the field, chasing the ball down like no tomorrow and always gives everything she's got. Mel's attitude and friendliness light up the team, we're so happy to welcome her back after becoming a new mum to Teddy. She's done amazing bouncing back into the season and we're all looking forward to her strong plays for our upcoming finals.

Paige Hudson (Paige/Goalie)

From her position as goalie, when Paige isn't stopping goals she is observing the game, looking for flaws in our gameplay. She combines this with her many years of hockey experience to pickup any mistakes we make as a team on the field, and is constantly giving us valuable pointers on how to improve, making her an essential part of our team. She always has good advice, whether it be about strategy or gameplay, this has definitely contributed to our (so far) undefeated season. She also never fails to point out the opponents mistakes which helps us plan our attacks, and gives us a good laugh. Thank you for another good season as our goalie Paige!

Hayley Lyons (Haylz/Wing)

It was so nice to welcome Hayley back into the team this season, and she fit right back in, it was honestly like she never left. With the ability to know just where to be on the field she always left herself open for the perfect passing opportunities. Small but mighty! Never underestimate what she can do, which the opposition did plenty of times much to our delight! She also had plenty of tips and tricks to share which is always welcomed. Thanks for a great season Hayley!



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Sophie McMellon (Soph/Half)

Sophie has been a joy to play with this season once again! Her enthusiasm and determination makes her a formidable defender on the field, especially if the opposition gets her fired up!! She's been a valuable player this year, always in the right spot and never giving up. Not only do we appreciate her skills on the field but her nature off the field makes her fun to be around off the field as well! Thanks for another great season Soph and here's to another next season!

Tegan McNab (Tegan/Half)

Tegan what a season it's been! Forever inspiring us with your team talks and pump up music before the games. Then pulling us into line on the field with your great guidance in the press and calls on where to pass the ball. Without you we still wouldn't know which direction to go (let's be honest we still struggle with our left and rights some days). But your strength in defence always keeps the opposition guessing and we love the personality you bring to the team! See you again next year!

Eilidh Rayfield (Eilidh/Fullback)

Welcome to the team Ayley! Sorry Eley, Eli, ...EILIDH!!

Eilidh returned to MCHC after many seasons as a junior player and a few years away in Melbourne. She has been a fantastic addition to our team. We fully appreciate her skills and composure at full back, as well as are her design skills for our short corners! Not to mention the fantastic train content...Eilidh- you'll be sorely missed next year. If Sheffield doesn't work out, we'll more than welcome you back with open arms!

Serena Ricciardone (Serena/Half)

Serena, what a dynamo! We were so happy to see her return to the team this year because she brings so much strength and presence to the team dynamic. Whether it's chasing down the opposition, or helping us know where we need to setup on the field, she always makes the best calls and is such an important asset to our defensive line. Plus just an all round fun person to be around! Thanks for coming back this year Serena, and we hope you stick around again for another season!

It goes without saying how incredibly grateful we are to have Christian coaching us again this year. Despite the fact we drive him absolutely crazy, we certainly couldn't have made it this far without his guidance and just hope we can finish off this finals campaign to complete his 5, 7 or however many years plan it is these days... If anyone deserves this premiership it's him! Thanks also goes to our regular fill-ins Dee and Meg! You're both amazing and honestly a part of the team (seriously like you actually aren't allowed to leave).

Also special mention to our regular umpire Russell who keeps us in line each week and of course our amazing support squad who come cheer us on all the time. Sometimes it's probably more for entertainment value than actual hockey skills but if we can make you laugh then that's got to be a good day out right!

Monique Smith (Mon/Fullback)

Mon what an incredible season! Always our reliable fullback we'd be lost without you. But seriously you've had an amazing season! Pretty sure we even saw you sneak over the halfway line a few times. Your great team attitude, amazing tackles and tenacity to chase down the opposition does not go unnoticed. It's so fun playing alongside you and watching your confidence build over the years. Looking forward to where next season takes us and the toughest choice of all.... beanie or visor?

Dannielle Swinton (Danni/Inner)

Danni is always the first to put her hand up to help out the team in any way she can and is a fabulous asset. Her signature blue hair and super speed make her stand out on the hockey field. We currently have a running bet to see which colour her hair will be next (or we should). Thanks for a great season Danni!

Anneliese Turner (Anneliese/Wing/Centre Forward)

Anneliese is a true dynamo on the field, bringing an incredible energy and enthusiasm to every game. Her remarkable versatility is an asset to the team, allowing her to seamlessly contribute across various positions. Nevertheless, it's on the wing where Anneliese shines, attacking strongly and keeping the defence players on their toes! Her efforts forward are often rewarded with some great assist into the D or with a glorious goal! This year has been another fun and successful year for our team and Anneliese has played an important role in the team!

Jasmine Vico (Jas/Half)

Jas is a reliable player and is always there when you need her to be. She is so dedicated to the team, unfortunately jas was injured early in the season but even though she couldn't play she would always show up to the games and support us from the side lines. Jas you really are a great team member always bringing a positive attitude and making everyone smile. Thank you for all the support and for another great season.





O40 DIVISION 1 MEN

The O40 Division 1 team had an outstanding year, showcasing their skills, ailments and dedication to the club. Throughout the season, they consistently performed at a high level, finishing an impressive second place. The team's season took an unfortunate turn in the preliminary final, where they faced a strong opponent and fell short of reaching the grand final.

Thank you to the following players for stepping in to help out through the year - Ken Armitage, Brendan Joss, Russell Lee, Paul Loh, Azman Mashor, Simon Mathew, Davis Mavunduse, Richard Murray, James Pickering, Cameron Robinson, Ben Rushton, Brad Wake, Richard Williams, Roh Weddikara, Darran Wilson. Looking forward to next year.... enjoy the rest and rehabilitation. **STOP PRESS Guth Ardagh 2023 and Runners Up 2023**

Michael Ashley

Solid year. Used all his good corner hitting filling in for pickos mob in 87th grade. Probably cost us the prelim final now I think about it. I could write about his tackling, passing, team work, discipline etc..... but that would be blatantly lying, so I won't.

Todd Barrett

Todd is very strong in the defence. He moves the ball from the full back area and feeds it to the forward's in no time. As always he has been fantastic in organising and managing the team. Thanks Todd and look forward to play again.

Matthew Bottomley

Matt was parachuted into the O40Div1's following Paul Coghlan's injury mid-season. Matt quickly made an impact and his contribution to the team and club has been greatly appreciated. Hopefully we can find a home for Bott's at Melville in 2024.

Jon Brett

We can use many different words to describe an athlete. Not to flatter our man, but for someone in his 40's, Jon is just as agile and graceful as a teenage sensation. He makes a great defender because of his awareness and energetic presence. Jon deserves all the roses for his commitment to the team and the game.

Douglas Brightwell

Doug impresses with his continued commitment to the club and to the games. I would be hard pressed to find another player who is always up for a game. It has been equal pleasure and pain playing alongside you mate. Keep it going!

Steven Brunt

Steve is a unique player in the team with an ability to fit into many areas along the front line that generally involves running where the rest of the team prefer a gentle stroll on a Saturday afternoon. Why he feels the need to run around with such vigour is a mystery to the rest of his teammates, but it is an attribute that everyone none the less appreciates. He is a very respectful and mild-mannered member of the team, and we are all genuinely hoping that he scores a goal sometime soon.... it has been a pleasure playing with him again this year and look forward to it again next year.

Deepak Chahil

New to Melville, Deepak very quickly fitted into the team's style of play...as well incorporating his own (back tackling, early passing and generally just running). We are fortunate Deepak chose to play with Melville this year and we look forward to him joining us for years to come.

Paul Coghlan

Paul started well for an old boy, enthusiastic, somewhat frivolous. Training with any team he could and brought this into games and put in some excellent performances. However, just when you think you are ahead of the game, age kicks in and ended what was set to be a great season. Some say unlucky, I say soft.

Craig Downey

Craig backed up his debut season with another solid year. Playing mid week and marquee just to keep sharp, Craig was a key contributor each week. Sick of Todd dictating terms, Craig stepped up into the role of game day organiser. The early decision to dump Todd from the short corner battery in favor of Sticky endeared himself to the team. Pleasure to play with such a versatile player who always gives 100%.

Chris Geers

Geersy was undecided on whether he was going to play in the weekend team this year, but after a couple of early season wins he decided to commit. Except for when we played the top team on grass. And for our first final because he had a "conference" in the Yarra Valley. Geersy had a great year playing midfield after a failed Nat Fyfe like experiment last year playing forward. Geersy is always good for a laugh and hopefully he is back next year.

Chris Gilbert

The pup of the team, Gilly never disappointed to show the rest of us oldies just how old we are. Whether delivering the ball to the forward line, or just getting impatient and running it in himself for a goal, Chris always gave it 100%. Congrats on another killer season, Mr Gilbert.

Ross Hopkins

Thanks for a great season Ross. Although you were rarely at full fitness, you probably scored the most goals for minutes played!



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Matthew Read

For the second consecutive year (potentially a lot longer), Matty battled through injuries. Despite this, he was a regular on the park in 2023. True to form, scored the hard ones, missed the easy ones like a true veteran. Matty had a great year with the team and was his ever-reliable self. A pleasure to play with and the front runner to take over team management when Todd calls time on babysitting a bunch of emotional old blokes.

Sarvesh Shedbalkar

Versatile and always reliable... Sarvesh had another solid year. His ability to dispossess opponents, and intercept passes has been instrumental in our teams success this year. It was a pleasure to play alongside him.

Kulvinder Singh

Kulvinder ("Kul") Singh has put in some stand out performances for the O40s 1s this year. Causing havoc for opposition defences with his skillful playing style and gaining his fair share of player votes along the way. Well done Kul!

Vhinodhan Veerapalan

New to the team this year, Vhinod (V) fit in straight away. He is as follicly challenged as most of the rest of us. V possesses a great overhead and has the ability to hold the ball and ride many tackles especially the "clumsy" stick tackles. He regularly plays in the Half back line and has great vision to be able to find the searching pass through to the strikers. Has a good sense of humor so based on that alone he has found a place in the team. Great Season V.

Grant Watton

Watto is a player with great skills, ball control, skillful striker, great ability to read the game and penetrates the opposition circle in no time. He has the right temperament and does not get carried away with any negative play by the opposition. Always polite true gentleman and encourages the boys with positive words. Watto it has been a pleasure playing with you... see you next season.



O40 DIVISION 3 MEN

The Mighty Gryphons fell just short of glory in 2022. As I write this, we are poised for Grand Final Glory in 2023. The boys played some fantastic hockey this year and deserve to be favourites in the Big Dance this weekend. Time to win it at Fletcher park. Well played lads.

Scott Bessen (Sex Panther/halfback)

60% of the time, Sex Panther works every time. This year is more so than ever as he had a lot of work commitments, leading him to miss 40% of the games. When Sex Panther is on the field, the team hums with cohesion. His stopping power and the ability to turn defence into attack is an asset to the team.

Murray Casselton (Muzza/Fullback)

Muzza is the glue that makes things happen. He runs all the game day paperwork and sorts out the cash for the umpires and wind up. Muzza also hits the ball like a pro and joins the short corners for our number 3 variation. Took a mid season training hiatus to the Greek islands and came back with some tactical Mediterranean plays for the finals. Needs to look left as he can be like Zoolander on the 16 yard hits.

Geoff Cooper (Wristy/ Inner CH)

Majestic ball movement as he cuts his way through the opposition ranks. Wristy plays with passion and strikes fear into the opposition with his deft skills. Can raise a crazy eyebrow and be heard passionately discussing philosophy with his opposite number on the field. Scored some amazing goals this year.

Nathan Davis (Batman/ CH Striker)

Batman was falling to bits like Bruce Reid from the 12th man tapes at the start of the year. Managed to get on the park for the last 7 games and made an immediate impact. last year's fairest and best is a handy inclusion into the side as we approach the grand final. Loves to lead the team song in the middle and sings with gusto.

Timothy Heard (Hardy/ Striker CH)

The veteran of the team whos shows the way with his precision passes to team mates in better scoring positions. Old man Heard fleeces opposition defence with his stumble step shuffle as he lines up the gaps in the backline to slot a goal. the team adjusted to his shyness by having tactical discussions where Hardy huddles. Loves the song as much as Batman.

Justin Holt (Holty/ Fullback)

The leader of the Mighty Gryphons. Inspires the boys each week with tactical analysis of opposition players, often adding obscure information from previous encounters to the game day scenarios. Keeps the Gryphons in line and leads from the front both on and off the field. Holty inspires the Gryphons using far eastern meditation and mindfulness techniques to make them complete players of the masters competition.



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Bryan Kennington (Bryhann/ Striker)

Bryhann is a pacey forward who uses his bursts of speed to out manoeuvre the defence, he teams up with Jethro to create multiple scoring opportunities each game. Bryhann is the injector of the ball into our penalty corner variations and a handy player around the mouth of goals. Love a jacks and coke and singing the team song with gusto.

Garren Knell (Darren with a G/Utility)

Garren inspires the team with his willing smile and ability to break the lines when controlling the ball. He is given a variety of roles each week and switches his tactics accordingly. Stopping opposition strikers as he tags them like the legendary "Mr Pinchy", or breaking apart the zone as he moves the ball from defence into attack, Garren is a must have player each week. Known for his culinary skills at team events too.

Azman Mashor (Assman/ Inner)

Assman is the Rockstar of the team, often arriving in designer gear and exuding supreme coolness in his every move. Assman joins the team this year and has been an amazing recruit. With 4 rounds to go, he tore his hamstring badly and is recovering in time to help lead us to glory in the Big Dance. Did take a while to catch up with the rule changes from the last decade and was prone to playing on into the circle from free hits. Can score multiple times in a match.

Richard Murray (Lunch/ Mid-inner)

Lunch loves to eat food. He is a calm, studious fellow and will give inciteful words of wisdom regarding player movements and tactics within the match. Wherever lunch plays, the opposition suffer as his supreme ball skills and tackling ability make him a feared opponent to face. Lunch is the link between defence and attack like the link between breakfast and dinner. Everyone needs lunch.

Brett Pickering (Monassa/ Utility)

Monassa is a beast on the field. He was nurtured as a baby Gryphon as an 18 year old and knows the tactics of the team like the back of his stick. Monassa fiercely attacks the lines and is not afraid to crash into teams when in control of the ball. He links with the back and forwards and is often involved in attacking plays that lead to goals. Monassa sings the song with gusto and will be leading by example come Grand Final day.

Jeff Powell (Jethro/ Striker)

What a season Jethro has had, gone is the player who kicks the ground in disappointment at missing a goal. Emerging is a genuine attacker who has scored a truck load of goals this year. Jethro has synergised himself with the other forwards and has a beautiful cutout pass to Bryhann that decimates the backline. Has amazing ball skills and can hold up the play while waiting for reinforcements to arrive. A contender for the fairest and best this year and will lead the Gryphons to a flag in 23.

Sean Pszczola (Weapon/ striker/ Inner)

The Weapon is fierce and intimidating to opposition players, his game face is scary and his ability to outpace and shift the ball into attack is feared by all. Weapon is a quiet, unassuming man off the field but someone to be unleashed on gameday to watch the carnage unfold. Weapon has been inspirational this year and will be a big part of our victory this weekend.

Dharren Selva (Lone Ranger/Utility)

The Loner Ranger forms a link with Roodog to stop the opposition right side from gaining momentum. Using deft deflections and his closing speed to cover their attacking moves. Dharren gets up close and personal to their playmakers and gives them no room to move. He reads the play well and anticipates moves before they make them ready to intercept and turn defence into attack.

Glenn Simon (Gandalf/Goalie)

Like the Legendary Wizard of Middle Earth, Gandalf shall not be passed. He is constantly giving instructions to the defence on incoming threats and will meet attackers head on with sliding tackles. Gandalf is the master of the D and does not let the enemy forwards ever have an easy shot. Without Gandalf, we would not have such a miserly defence. A vlean sheet is on the cards this weekend as we strive for glory.

Kelwyn Yeo (Roodog/Everywhere)

The Legendary Roodog chases the ball like an excited Jack Russell, like the super dog that he is. He is tenacious and will not stop in his pursuit. Roodog runs out on the short corners and steals the push out on occasions. He tags like superglue and sprints away with the ball on the stick, leaving opponents exhausted. Roodog often asks for special missions in the game and takes pleasure in making opponents having a bad game to remember. He would be in their dreams at night and they would be sweating.

The Mighty Gryphons for Premiers 2023. What a great bunch of blokes. We play a clean brand of hockey and move the ball majestically from defence into attack.



O40 MIDWEEK MEN

As it's said each year... a cast of thousands, some quality hockey (on occasions) and a great bunch of blokes. Unfortunately, as our average age increases each year, the opposition teams are injecting a significant number of younger players into the competition. It was a tough year on the field, however enjoyable playing alongside old/new friends. Thank you to the following players for your contribution: Andrew Criddle, Davis Mavunduse, Dom Reay, James Pickering, Todd Barrett, Matthew Read, Grant Watton, Douglas Brightwell, Cameron Robinson, Edward Neesham, Jon Brett, Michael Ashley, Brett Rankine, Aki Etelaaho, Kieron Lawlor, Craig Downey, Mike Fardon, Deepak Chahil, Simon Mathew, Brad Potter, Glenn Simon, Kulvinder Singh, Mark Lyons, Warren Farrow, Chris Geers, Andrew McIntyre, Chris Gilbert, Russell Lee, Jarrad Peters, Vhinodhan Veerapalan, Chris Kennedy, Steven Brunt, Paul Coghlan, Stephen Gibson, Brendan Joss, Paul Loh, Anthony Ricciardone, Benjamen Rushton, Sarvesh Shedbalkar, Stefan Willett, Stuart Campbell.



O50 DIVISION 1 MEN

This year the 50s have had a cracker of a season. Made the finals and finished with an impressive 61 goals for the season, 9 more than the next closest team. We welcomed to new kids to the team, Chris Kennedy and Stu Campbell. Always great to have cameos from our international import, Biggys. We also missed having Gav Scally on the field providing his predictable banter - I understand the team sponsor (aka Pottsy) is keen to sign Gav up as the 2025 international import. Watch this space!

Stuart Campbell (Stu)

Stu is one of the new kids on the block at Melville this year and it has been awesome you and Chris decided to make the switch. Some of the lads in the team have been able to attract sponsorship deals this year including Stu's Mr Sheen package. Good luck with next year's sponsorship, it certainly makes it easy to find you on the field.

Paul Early (Stringer)

I remember playing with String 20 years ago. The Paul Early I remember had the crisp passing, the ability to thread a pass strategically between a forest of opposition players, instinctively know where his opposition winger is lurking, and able to provide a killer overlapping counter attack. The thing about playing with Stringer these days is it feels like I have gone back in time. String still plays the same way today, even after smashing his finger (maybe even twice), destroying his knee (maybe both), and who knows what other things he has done to his body.

Mike Fardon (Fards)

Always affable and never one to attract a card, Fards has endless energy and is one of the most reliable attendees in the team, being immune to the joint disease and injuries that threatened to cripple the team late in the season. Not afraid of a lifted ball, he loves to accelerate and slap them out of the air. A highlight was his goal against Mods in which his trademark burst of speed saw him entering the top right shoulder of the D at high speed to latch on to an elevated diagonal cross from the left corner, first-timing an unstoppable, searing drive into the back of the net. Great season.

Warren Farrow (Waz)

Completing 15 pen pictures for my junior boys, detailing all of their great individual skills, abilities, effort and application made me realise that there is really very little I admired about Warren's game in 2023. What I do admire about the Waz are his creative accounting and excel spreadsheet skills plus his ability to finance and deliver a very good cheeseboard and cold beer after a Saturday game at home.

I'll miss those skills over the summer but do forever remain jealous of his speed, his evasive skills, his inability to play at any other speed than 100%, his touch, his tackle, his quirky shots at goal, very odd angles but never losses hope, his chirp, his lip and his sense of humour. On reflection he's actually not a bad teammate, I guess.

Bruce Hancock (Hank)

'Hank the Tank' is one of the reliable fullbacks in the team. Supposedly we have 2 more good fullbacks plus a good GK, however the goals against does not justify the effort put in every weekend. Go figure.....

Somehow this misfortune is heard to be attributed to the reduced love (hugs) which has affected him emotionally. Always gives his best in any position on game day. Good luck for nationals and lots of hugs next season.

Chris Kennedy (Chris)

Chris was a new addition to Melville and the O50s team this year, having joined from Newman Knights. He immediately had an impact in the striker line with goals and strong runs, his pace being an asset. As well as being a strong contributor on the field, he's a good guy off the field as well. Glad to have him with us!

Dennis Loffell (Dennis)

Dennis maintains the 'nicest guy on the team' award again this year. This is before the game. During the game it's a different story. His 100% effort on the field now needs to extend off the field. Looking forward to have post game beers with you next season.

Mark Lyons (Clarrie)

I genuinely feel sorry for Clarrie charging around the field like a 20-year-old cleaning up after us all time and time again but then that's what makes Clarrie the cracking player that he is. Whilst cleaning up our missed traps, poor passing and generally poor decision making he also manages to drive the team forward through visionary passing and in many cases charges on to receive the next ball. Has been known to arrive slightly late to the odd game in Singapore full kitted out in thongs and ready to go, but still seems to have the same signature impact, well almost. Yet another outstanding season from Clarrie, except for his groin, it did not have such a good season.

Simon Mathew (Simon)

Persistent injuries have plagued Simon over the years and this year was no different. Simon has awesome close in skills and can see and do passes not many others can....and this year more of his shots hit the target. Wore bright orange shoes, seemingly to garner more best player votes, but still seemed to go unnoticed....even with his limp. A great team mate who has but two wishes.....more balls to be passed to him and absolutely NO public displays of affection!



O50 DIVISION 1 MEN cont

David Ogilby (Biggsy)

Biggsy swans in to Perth from time to time to grace us with his presence. Three long loping strides and he's traversed the pitch. Seems to have it all together and then his end of season WhatsApp comment gave us window into the depths he's sunk to since moving away: "Strangely, playing with you guys is a highlight of my year. Cheers."

Brad Potter (Pottz)

Small Town Big Chip has had another stellar year. The self appointed broker of the year has a golf game that has gone to the next level. However, he has got into a bit of trouble on the golf course as he has a habit of intercepting other golfers putts before they go in and then tapping them in himself. Doesn't go down too well with the Royal Perth members. With his own putts he hasn't missed one from less than 1 foot in 10 years. More than 1 foot however, not so good. It's the hours and hours of effort he puts in that doesn't go unnoticed. I don't know where he finds the time. In fact, nobody knows. It's a mystery. Even retired people don't find as much time to play the amount of golf Chippy does. Chippy is bloke that we can only stand back and admire from afar.

Cameron Robinson (Timber)

Timber - I actually don't know why Timber is Timber - could it be his tendency to go down - I didn't quite know who to ask to confirm that :) Timber the back bone of the team the last bastion of our defensive strategy left us all in lurch mid season when he selfishly forgot his loyalty to the team and club to leave us mid season to play for the Australian masters team in NZ.

The rest of the team had to soldier on having turned down the opportunity to be selected for Australia stating club commitments!

David Ross (Rossy)

It has been good to see Dave back playing more than the odd cameo as in recent years.

A typical game for Dave; when his team mates are running around trying to score goals from left fullback. He is at the back like a rock in the churning ocean refusing to succumb to the relentless pressure. Driving back countless attacking waves. He has however been known to occasionally get a bit bored with it all and give the ball straight back to the opposition. This however is no more than a cunning plan to catch the other side unaware and get in some more tackling practice.

Good to see you back and playing most of the games this year mate!

Andrew Scanlon (Scanners)

Scanners, a resilient male athlete, weathered the field hockey season despite enduring injuries that restricted his mobility. His unwavering commitment to the team remained a constant source of inspiration. Scanners, though limited physically, showcased his strategic brilliance and unyielding spirit, earning deep respect from teammates. His determination exemplified the true essence of sportsmanship, leaving an enduring impact on our field hockey season.

Andrew Starling (Andy)

The Flying Scotsman whose body can cope at 33,000 feet but not so good at sea level. Still played the great team role by blowing the whistle in games. Missed his technical and strategic nous during game breaks. Get the body right for next year Andy.

Michael Starling (Mikey)

"What do these things have in common...? Giza, Charlene, Toblerone, Bermuda, Love, Mikey..."

(oops I think that should be scalene)

Yes... You're right, and wee ones at that.

You'd think old dogs would be able to understand this simple concept, but NO, we need reminding every week! A super guy, chilled, skilled and filled with passion for his sport.

He has a rare vision to find the simplest but perfect pass while sending his opponent in another direction. I've enjoyed playing with you in one of our most productive masters years. Cheers Mikey!"

Stefan Willett (Stef)

"They say a good red gets better with age, with Stef this has not been the case.

Season full of injuries and more tantrums than Nick Kyrgios.

Hockey stick has been seen flying on many occasions on & off the pitch with the odd umpire getting a serve.

Bring on season 2024

Darran Wilson (Wildy)

Wildy had a great year, considering his injuries, and there were a few!

Held together with a combination of neoprene, tape and blind optimism, he made the most of his tight stick work and silky turns. Reliable as ever, he successfully made it through another season!

Next years challenge, go one better in the finals so we play in the GF and find nick names for the two new recruits (Chris Kennedy and Stu Campbell).



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True believers or general hockey wonks may recall that the 2022 season ended in tears for the 50/3s. After much promise of not just making the finals, but having a real impact, things went wrong, horribly wrong.

So as the sun rose on 2023 we were certainly motivated, but also realistic. We've all been around the block a few times. Everyone realised that to make that final day in September, quite a few things need to go right.

Just as well. Our best hockey was actually very good indeed. Some might even say potentially flag-winning standard. But our average hockey was totally meh, and our bad hockey was ... well, so bad that we managed to keep Whitford in points and out of the relegation zone. Seriously.

Craig Barrett

Craig's reliability and leadership in defense are more than well known. Equally, he's had some competing issues in recent years, what with several injuries plus the whole Jacinda thing. With the former NZ PM having moved on though you would think Craig would be freed up for much better availability, right? Wrong. Serious injury struck in the off-season, keeping Craig out of action for basically half of the 2023 winter. Fortunately, after a strong recovery, he slotted back in as if he had never been away. Not just into the 50/3s either, but the 60/1s as well. We've been warned they are on the warpath.

Brad Bocking

Brad's reliability and consistency on the field are great assets for Melville Masters. However, there is a bit of a skill to easing him away from tennis as summer sport tapers off – let's just say Brad doesn't put in a huge hockey pre-season. But once his mind is on the job, Brad is all about devotion to the team, on the field and off. Enjoys a drink or yarn with the best of them. (Hey, he can even soak up a conversation with Ted for a good half an hour.) But it was the end of season drinks and drowning of sorrows that really brought Brad's team commitment to the fore. After a bit of discussion, the get-together was organised for a Saturday afternoon (while other teams were... ummm... playing finals) with a crystal clear start time - "from about 4pm". Brad, however, took the "about" to a new level. He arrived two hours early. Sat there at the Norfolk from 2pm and had a few quiet drinks until the rest of the team arrived. Love your work mate.

Andrew Criddle

This guy is no ordinary clubman, of course. Known and admired across the club for his efficient running of the bar at Morris Buzacott (with the famous "Criddle Pour" providing particular value for wine drinkers in particular), Cridds is all about the team on the field as well. He slotted in beautifully at full back (where the 50/3s had a big vacancy to fill after Ramma hit the big 6-0) and was more than handy with a few runs at centre half as well. Just don't be too OCD about doing a full head count any time before the game. Plus there's no point in starting the pre-game address (always a massive feature at 50/3s level) any earlier than about 3.28pm. Even then there's a fair chance Cridds will be just pulling into the car park. Fortunately, with all his experience he can quickly get a handle on whatever complex strategy the brains trust has devised for that particular game.

John De'Laney

Last year's review for JD finished on the intriguing note of umpiring. The suggestion seemed to be that this area could be really flourishing for JD over the next 12 months or so. Well, flourish would be an understatement. Look, we love his work in goals and always will, but to be perfectly honest, it's almost impossible to get hold of the bloke outside 50/3s game time on a Saturday. A drink after the game? Sorry – have to umpire. Other social gatherings? Nope – need to earn that Level 3 qualification. Let's just hope that badge comes through in the off-season so normal transmission can resume in 2024.

Scott Forbes

Members no doubt take a deep breath when getting to this name in the annual review. Since being welcomed out of retirement several years ago, Scott has given the club plenty on the field (and goes all right for a drink and a yarn off it, too). But gee, there's been some disappointment verging on heartbreak as well. Hammies, knees, adductors, abductors, decent flesh wounds – they've all played their role over the last few years. The 2023 season seemed to be – touch wood – rather more positive on the injury front. This is great news, and certainly bodes well for the future. But what has caused this improvement? Well, Scott has become a massive fan of – wait for it – ice hockey. We have no idea what he uses for an ice rink, but it's obvious on reflection that all this improved mobility and durability comes from donning the skates and dribbling the puck. Tune in next year for an update on how Scott has refined his left hook and right uppercut in true ice hockey tradition.

Michael Girdlestone

Speaking of heartbreak, we could start the entry for this next player with some really clever line there too, but a fresh tack is probably the way to go. In all seriousness, Girdy had a full season in very sound health, which was terrific for him, his family and the club. Being the committed team man he is, a few weeks in, Girdy took it upon himself to try and rev the troops up (no easy task) with a few creative comments sent by email. This is actually a pretty welcome gesture, because motivational talks from the captain are few and far between. However for reasons unknown, Michael decided that retro rock music might have the desired effect. Various old favourites were mentioned at different times, the most memorable definitely being The Who's classic "Magic Bus". The idea seemed to be that we could "create a bit



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of magic of our own". Whether it helped us play better hockey is highly debatable. But Girdy, mate, whatever products you may or may not need for a bit of relaxation away from hockey is entirely your call.

Richard Hooker

Richard's captaincy skills continue to steadily improve. The (reasonably) early organisation of umpires was, again, a vast improvement on 2-3 years ago. (With much credit due to Nathan Davis initially, and later Steve McEntee for doing the bulk of the games.) Retention of hockey balls took a big forward step this year, too. There was also slightly less (maybe 5-10%) use of the tomahawk, a major leadership gesture. Richard even managed to persuade Ted to hold the fort for a couple of weeks early on when he was away overseas. (In case readers are in any doubt, Ted was more than happy to hand the reins straight back.) As for the areas which still need a bit of work, well, we have some pretty major space limitations here. Goal scoring is an obvious example. Organising the team to play consistent, attractive hockey is another. While we're at it, more than one finals appearance in - who knows how long - would be really nice too. You get the idea.

Chris James

As noted last year, Chris was welcomed back to the club after a stint at Vic Park. Chris brings a sharp goal sense, devastating hit, and plenty of "forward hustle". His FIFO commitments mean he doesn't get on the park as often as he would like, but hockey is not his only sporting love. He is very much into rugby league as well, but Chris's biggest sporting passion is - you guessed it (actually, you probably didn't) - the mighty Sydney Swans! So how does Chris manage all this sport on a busy weekend? Maybe the odd Swans game has to be watched on delay, in the event of a clash, as one possible solution? Hmmm ... not sure about that. Tune in for the 2024 report on how Chris juggles his sporting commitments. Meanwhile, "Cheer, cheer, the red and the white ..."

David Joseph

Fortunately, this season Dave abandoned his unique theory about the weather and how it relates (or doesn't relate) to the team's form. That was very much a positive move, because Dave is at his dependable, team-focused best when he lets his hockey do the talking without unnecessary complication. Apparently he has quietened down a lot, actually. Difficult as it is to believe, Dave has a reputation from his 40s days of being a real hard man who thrived on the rough stuff and copped more than his share of cards. It's actually quite comforting to know that we have Dave up our sleeve to defend the team beyond just standard methods like marking, tackling, reading the play, etc. Rest assured that if any actual violence were to break out, Dave is pencilled in to handle Round 1. (For Round 2, see under "Templeman" below.)

Matt King

A few questions have been lingering about Matt's actual age, because he's a pretty youthful looking guy for supposedly 50 plus. He's a great guy to have in the team, but what's his trick to looking so young? Well, Matt did have a few cryptic absences. There was a quick overseas trip, as well as a day at the races (which Rob Tancredi claims to know nothing about), and one no-show due to a "party where things got a bit full-on". Some might think all this socialising would tend to add age to a bloke, but for Matt it seems to work in reverse. For now, the mystery will have to continue. One other piece of the jigsaw - he supports North Melbourne. As noted, quality bloke is Matt.

Ted Neesham

In the interests of good taste we will totally avoid a couple of topics as far as Ted is concerned - clothing choices and facial hair. (Some club veterans still believe Ted hasn't been seen at the club since mid-2022.) This season saw a new dimension of a very multi-dimensional guy come to light. Now most people regard Ted as a born and bred East Fremantle boy. He's of course a loyal Old Easts and now Dockers supporter who really loves the area, oh and there's water polo - have you ever had a chat with Ted about water polo? Well, pull up a chair, pour a couple of drinks and settle in for a story or ten. But get this - Ted is also very much a country boy. He has close hockey links with Bunbury. Or is it South Bunbury? Boyanup maybe - isn't there a very strong hockey tradition down there? We have no idea how it all works, but just hope Ted brings a bit of goal-scoring regularity to his country hockey. Apart from a memorable day at McGillvray Oval when Ted's skilful lob over the Uni GK caused a full blown dummy spit and temper tantrum, things were sadly just a bit dry on that front. Anyway, as Ted was saying about water polo ...

Anand Pillay

Another very consistent season from this loyal and reliable team player. But enough of the boring stuff - readers will no doubt be hanging out for an update on Anand's overhead skills. His previous seasons in 50/3s had seen, to put it mildly, plenty of variety. Some will travel 60m in a perfect parabola onto a waiting forward's stick. At the other extreme, innocent players and spectators on adjoining grounds (both grass and turf) have been known to duck for cover. It's true that Anand's flick can be used as a penalty corner weapon, which gives us a few strategic options. ("Strategic" not being a word that normally comes to mind when you think 50/3s.) But we learned of another limitation this season, courtesy of the Uni GK. After seeing one sizzling shot on goal miss narrowly, he went up to Anand and in his best sledging voice said "You want to know your problem mate? You're just too predictable!". This was, however, the very same goalkeeper who self-destructed after Ted's killer lob, so maybe we will all take it with a grain of salt.



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Adam Sparkes

Old-timers will be pretty familiar with Adam. It was certainly great to have him back at the club, too. He's a guy with plenty of upside – carries the ball nicely, good goal sense, flexible. Another important trait for a hockey player is, of course, courage. There were plenty of muscle twinges and strains, but this bloke is tough – he works through the pain in the interests of the team. He's also more than happy to wear a hockey ball travelling at speed, flush on the face. Only a flesh wound, though - no break or anything, just a bit of blood and a quick trip to hospital for a few stiches. Readers who think that sort of commitment might inspire the troops would be spot on. We won that game 4-0! That is not a misprint. See you in 2024 for more inspiration, Adam.

Rob Tancredi

Well, there were no visible signs of the racehorse ownership this year, but wise heads suspected Rob was just keeping his interests nice and quiet. It's fair to call Rob a genuine "impact player" though. When his availability allows it, he comes and has a red-hot crack for four quarters with plenty of intensity. And let's face it, a bit of zip and dash never goes astray in 50/3s. But just as we all think, "gee we're a better side with that Tancredi in it", then – woosh! He's gone for a week or three. Then Rob returns, has another red-hot crack, and so the cycle continues. Love your work, Rob, but please realise - you do mess with our heads.

Glen Templeman

Temps is another we lured back out of retirement a few years back, much to the club's benefit. Last year things got a bit tricky with some competing commitments, but in 2023 we had Temps in all his glory pretty much all season. A weird story did surface late about an "emergency trip to Houston", but aside from that we were happy to get many games of quality hockey from Temps. Not just the standard stick-on-ball stuff either. He's not one to suffer fools or prima donnas gladly, is the big man, but a couple of opponents decided to push the boundaries of fair play a bit. Not a smart move. Teammates close to the action on each occasion reported seeing an intense, slightly glazed look in Temps' eyes (more so than usual) and a clenching of the fists, before the opposition player started back-pedaling really quickly. There was some concern that maybe a coloured triangle or even square could be whipped out, but no. No chance of that – the umpires were as terrified as everybody else.

Troy Tindale

Oh, one other very important contribution from Temps – early on in the piece he casually mentioned he might "bring an old mate down for a bit of a run". Next minute, Troy rocks up, apparently not having played for a bit, but hey, this guy is handy! Knows his way around a field and has plenty to offer in any position the tactically astute captain might like to play him. There's even more to the upside – Troy's lovely wife Siti came and happily watched just about every game, which shows a level of commitment rarely seen in Masters hockey. Sadly, there was a downside. Troy's calves. Both of them. They don't work properly. There is no obvious solution either. Maybe the answer lies in a big pre-season. Can we expect to see Troy and Temps hard at it from say, late January, down at Buzacott? Hmm ... maybe only if we're watching from Girdy's "Magic Bus".

Micheal Watson

Another old favourite now well and truly back at Melville after some time off, Apples has of course added the important string to his bow of expertise in pinball at the elite level. Mind you, how a player manages a grade 2 hamstring tear playing pinball is anybody's guess, but somehow Apples achieved just that. This left him on the sidelines for a big chunk of the midseason before Apples showed his impressive commitment by coming back when clearly the hammy was another 1-2 weeks from being right. But we now have yet another side to the guy that we can leave you with. See if you can grab a lift in Apples' classy Subaru WXT Turbo some time. 0-100 in a few short seconds? Check. Huge Spotify catalogue in ambient surround sound? Check. Rich bass with generous volume? Check. No real concerns with speed limits, etc? Check. Go on – do yourself a favour some time in 2024.

*Special mention is made of two players who helped out several times with some great quality hockey: **Aki Etelaaho**, who was typically hard at the hockey ball (and a few opposing players) down back, and **Mike King**, who offered some impressive flair and variation up forward when fit and available.*

We also enjoyed guest appearances from a number of other Masters players who kindly filled in at different times when things got tight for numbers: Mike Pitcher, Mike Joliffe, Dennis Loffell, Tim Heard, Justin Holt, Jeff Powell and Sean Pszczola

Oh and even Cookie chipped in, with a valuable contribution in 100% of games he played. All one (1) of them. There could be a pattern emerging here. Love your work John – see you on the field again in 2024. Maybe.



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A bunch of busted bodied old folk got out on the hallowed green grass each weekend starting with illusions of adequacy that would quickly disappear as soon as we started to play but come back again the following week. We have 22 people on our email list and were very lucky to have 8 fit enough to play each week so we were lucky other teams that felt sorry for us loaned us some of their players. By dissecting everyone with what body part that still worked we nearly could to put together one able-bodied hockey player. Other teams may have smashed us, but we had a great time and got a reality check on our inability.



Bradley Bocking (Super sub)

Brad showed again why he is wasted in 50/3 by putting in sensational games every time he played for us. He was the difference on most occasions that meant we didn't get smashed by the opposition. We just wish he was a few years older....

Terence Brooks (Brooksie/Goalie)

Brooksie, a Collingwood supporter came to each game in a daze because the Pies were having a good season and he was out of his comfort zone. The USA beckons but he hasn't left yet.. His standing in for casual Eddie Munster was much appreciated.

Graeme Coleman (Striker)

Graeme, our right-winger sat out wide on his own because nobody wanted to be his friend but was the target to drive our team forward and did so effectively. He managed to kick the ball a lot less than previous years but still more than the rest of the team put together. He did however put in some amazing performances this year.

Peter Dawkins (Stretch)

Pete has shown that playing more hockey than just once a week (plays on Wednesday) certainly helps keep your game at its peak. He was probably our most consistent player and held down the left half position extremely well. His long strides and huge reach make up for what might be missing in pace these days. A great season Stretch!

Darryl Dedman (DD)

DD has had a very consistent year now that his legs are just that bit better. He has a sensational ability to hold the ball, spin around in circles like a ballerina and not know what to do with it because the rest of us are in awe of his dance moves and haven't made position for him. DD talks like he knows what he is doing and his actions speak so much louder than words. Its a shame the rest of us don't listen to him more..

Kevin Dempster (Kev)

Like many this season Kev started out so well. Looking sharp in the team uniform he settled in to a defensive role like a tuna flapping on the deck of a trawler. Yet it was hard work back there when he realized he would have to mark three attackers and also beware of his own goalie at the same time. But he was still smiling at the end of the game which may have meant the drugs had kicked in.

Greg Hunt (Egg)

Egg has only managed a few games this season because his head says go and his body said NO. With Covid and the Ukraine war, the global supply chain has been hit hard and it couldn't cope with the demand from Egg for knee/hip/ankle/shoulder/elbow/wrist/ear lobe medical support devices. Or, he was saving himself for finals, which proved a waste of his saving.

Mike Jolliffe (Eddie Munster)

Mike is the one reason why we haven't been beaten 20 - 0 on many occasions. He's still got it whatever that is (perhaps it's the ability to detach the thinking part of his brain and leave his body to do the work). In the 2023 season he has statistically over half the ball touches of the entire team. Decided to take a swimming holiday in Europe to freshen up for the finals campaign that he was confident we would make. His confidence just shows how bad his judgment is.

Robert Knyn (Robbie)

Robbie was another we 'stole' from time to time to play for us and each time he acquitted himself better than most of us. He still has the stick-work to fool most. He is another that should be looking for a 'promotion'.

Stephen Llanwarne (Hat Trick Guy)

Hat Trick Guy is a goal-scoring machine (like a pinball machine with only one paddle working) he did indeed score a Hat Trick but again was it his skill or was it other forwards using him like a bumper to deflect in goals. He didn't repeat the effort despite promises to his team



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mates that a return to form was imminent. To allow other forwards to get some of the limelight Hat Trick Guy was sent to the backline in an attempt to teach him some humility and culture but with little impact on his "Trump like" ability to proclaim he will may Melville great again.

John Meacock (Fred)

A dash from the east coast to play a game was well worth it. Its a shame the 3 Meacock's couldn't all play on that day. The spectator crowd swelled with the generations of Meacock's all lining the side of the field. Fred showed his abilities again even though the last time he played was in 1983...

Paul Meacock (Whip)

Whip is our leader and inspiration, coming each weekend with his positive motivational manner by trying to convince us we can do stuff which we just can't. Whip's confidence is shown when breaks into a sprint from the backline to get to the D to take a short corner shot at goals. Everything is just fine with his confident look until he misses, the opposition has the ball, there is 5+ minutes left in the quarter and he has the realization he doesn't have enough time to get back to our backline. The confident look changes to dismay as he bolts to our backline as fast as he can with worms, snails and glaciers overtaking him.

Ian Munns (Munsie)

Ian showed what makes him a huge asset to any team. Except for his broken body we might have had more wins this year. Ian was missing for most of the season. But hopefully will be back and at them next year.

Mike Pitcher (Pitch)

Pitch was brought along to make Whip feel like he could run at speed. His helping out was very much appreciated. Indeed was he slimmer and fitter than seen over the last decade. He had a turn of speed that would make a sundial jealous.

Geoff Ranford (Ramma)

Ramma has had a great season and very nearly did something effective in one game that nobody can remember. For each quarter Ramma measures out a 4 square meter piece of grass that he stays in until the next quarter. The grounds men get very annoyed by the wear and tear on such a small area of grass. In a bizarre tick tok related video there is evidence of the power of his hits and mastery of the midfield however, we say its fake news and not to be believed.

Steve Silvey (Stan)

Stan the Man made several appearances early in the season where his basic skills showed the rest of us what we lack. Each week we would hope to see the silver streak back with us only to have our hopes dashed.

Colin Slattery (Slats)

Slats, our fullback with delusions of being a forward, is very good at barking out orders to everyone else on the field of what they should be doing, where they should be, what they have done wrong in the vein hope that forwards might back tackle but in reality all too often had to apply his limited skills in less than elegant tackles on opposing forwards. More often than not Slats was surprised at the referees interpretation of the legality of his tackles. He made the mistake of trying to play two games in a row and crippled himself for the rest of the season.

Andrew Spear (Spearsie)

Spearsie the wild wingman -well less wild than last year but still able to provide some intense focus on the opposition and umpires alike. When the opposition look into those Marty Feldman Eyes (thanks to a nasty blow to the head) they realise that they should perhaps give him the ball and retreat to safety. Still there is some dashing about on the odd occasion which surprised teammates and opposing teams alike.

Leonard Welten (Leo)

Leo shows that age has no barrier and again helped us in out time of crisis to make up numbers. But Leo does more than just make up numbers, he has a skill and pace which our team really lacked..

Martin Whitely (Marty)

Marty fitted in like a hand in a glove. Despite the aches and pains and the knowledge he would be playing 2 games he still fronted up to help us make a team and be slightly competitive. Thanks Marty.

Ken Wilson (Kenny)

Kenny got better as the season wore on and rediscovered the desire for speed when running out to defend short corners. Although on the occasions where we would have 3 or 4 corners in a row, the oxygen bottle was called for a few times. Determined and passionate effort this season which rubbed off on some of his colleagues to do better.

Quite a few people helped out through the year to make our season better than it was on the score card. A special mention to Wally Meacock who was our only spectator on many occasions. To Harps who feigned a sore hip just so he could umpire us made the games much better than they might have been. His best comment of the year was that he was going to see the Rocky Horror Show rather than the Hockey Horror Show. At least he showed up when the Dockers weren't clashing with our game. Al Meacock was a bonus when he was available and Richard Hooker was an honorary member of our team and big thanks to him for the many times he doubled up. And Jenno held off his op to star in a few games as well when we were desperate for quality players. Maybe 2024 is our year. Looking forward to it.



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Final's yes we got there. How you ask?

1. Even if a goalie moved to centre forward, somehow without any "tactics", we managed to fill every game and win some.
2. Billy the kid had a dysfunctional problem and did not play, which resulted in a quieter saner season, without blood ears.
3. And our captain competent unbelievably stuttered some compliments rather than excreting filth on his poor servants.
4. And we scored, occasionally, ...job done!

Unfortunately finals were unexpected and not the norm, so many guys have planned to jump into their kombi's and visit some roo dogs up north. So not too sure how we'll go but u gotta be in it to win it.

Chris Avent (The Taxman)

Chris's uncommon light weight metabolism saw him promoted from the basking backs to a running role. He does not appreciate the increased work load and lets us know it - constantly. Battles when going up hill or against the wind but sorry Chris, you did well so don't look back.

Terence Brooks (Goalie - Bad Brooksey)

Expend all his energy in his warm up sprint, controls the chaos in front of him, and befriends the opposition so as to reduce the chances of spoiling his goal average - good year. All the best in the USA with our only supporter.

John Christie (The Wee Scotsman)

75 Games in a kilt made it hard for this mini machine to tolerate the 10 lesser beings around him, but he could not hide or ignore from the love and need around him and repaid in spades. It is good to hear some sensible suggestions at half time too.

Robert Knyn (Ruler Rob)

Opposition and team and umpires know who is truly in charge when the whistle goes. Whilst recovering from a lecture, defenders often forgot to defend and many goals were Robbed! Did well without much help up front.

Alan Marshall (Artistic Al)

This stick juggler should go on Aussie Got Talent. His contortions and limb movements are unique and when successful they tend to stop the game not just the ball. Al also scored/stole goals.

Eric Nell (Effortless Eric)

After years of bleating, Eric was finally asked to demonstrate his wishes when the flying Scotsman failed on his 6th short corner attempt. Unpracticed Eric effortlessly and clinically demonstrated his natural unappreciated scoring skills. Case closed.

Johnson Orr (John Oh!!)

If and when he arrived, John abused from the sidelines, occasionally jogged on, allowed the opposition to turn him inside out, chase them back for 3 metres to retrieve his ego, then subbed himself off. Never mind Johnno, Pitch always has good war stories in another era. Always last to leave the post match beers. Good man too.

Tony Patton (TTT Tony the Tank)

Whilst coaching his less competent back partner he nullified anyone with any ambitions of scoring. Often this silly man is found in casualty on Monday being cared for by TTT Tried Tested Tony!

Mike Pitcher (Pitcher Perfect)

Demoted to centre-half meant we could all hear and see him. Normally this would annoy, but his ability to lag 20 seconds behind play, saved us. This lag increases our workloads but our captain is happy. His memory and expectations remain unblemished. Thanks for the lift.

Keith Platel (Killer Keith)

Can, did and does cover all positions every game. Not even being the oldest in an ageing team slows him down. A seriously good admirable effort every game. A pleasure to play with too.

Geoff Riley (Going Where Geoff)

Mamma Mary our lone supporter, had the largest kit bag to pack cause her honey had no idea where he was going to play. Wing, inner, half back, left or right or goalie Or reserve, Geoffrey was a humble obliging servant and politely accepted any instruction at anytime.

You done a good job Mama Mary and we thank you.

Andrew Toogood (Andy Away with Angels)

All abilities intact except hearing, meant Andy could play anywhere and did. Andy ignored all abuse and continued to perform all over the ground, until he occasionally heard the whistle and the umpire pointed to the rest bench. Big effort.

Leonard Welten (Long Live Leo)

Leo returned just in time to recover some much needed wins. His skills remain unhurt despite our undermining efforts to erode them. Thank you for your tolerance, we enjoy/need your presence.

Martin Whitely (Mild Marty)

Solid except when his eye supports were lost. Then he became a rambling demented unhappy camper with no friends in sight. The gentleman of this lout ridden bunch. Raised the combined average IQ considerably easily.

Kelvin Woodward (Keen Kelvin)

Spent a lot of time observing - because he was keen to. Struggles to tone down his swing speed inside the front half but accepts there are too many basking back liners so he tried admirably in a lot of unfun spots.

Another enjoyable successful year played with good mateship.



RAE BLUNT PENNANT WOMEN

2023 in Division 1 Masters -what a whirlwind! We started the season with a 'Welcome to Division 1' against a team of very fast and skillful players, thinking this is going to be a very long season. Much to the ladies credit we took that first game and a few other early tough ones in our stride and found ourselves through the middle of the season sitting in the Top 4! Against some ex-Olympians, current Premier 1 players and too many State Masters to count on our fingers and toes this was an amazing achievement and something the ladies should be really proud of. We ended the season finishing in 6th position and certainly exceed expectations after being promoted from Division 2 the previous year.

We couldn't have got through the season without our ever reliable ring ins and it was great to see so many Masters debuts this season. Hopefully we didn't scare too many off to want to come back and maybe play a bit more regular next year. Thank you to Emma Bradley, Courtney Smedley, Stacey Bruce, Katelyn Smith, Erin Hall, Georgia Hardman, Megan Bargiev, Sarah Bowyer, Ash Chauvin, Kobie Richardson, Demelza Dravnieks, Conor Smith and Gemma Forrester for helping us out this year. Thanks also to Jess Gallimore for putting her body on the line and sadly joining me in the ACL club early in the season and to Marie Farrow for not only keeping me and the Masters organised again this season but also helping us out multiple times on the field - we couldn't have done Division 1 without you.

Thank you to Mathilda Carmichael for braving the weather and umpiring us almost every week this season - hopefully we provided plenty of laughs and also post-game snacks to make it worthwhile. Thanks also to our other umpires for helping out when Tilly was unavailable.

It was a pleasure to manage and watch the group this season even on the cold and raining Wednesday or Monday nights and I'm looking forward to getting back on the field for my Masters debut in 2024!

Brianna Rennie - *Manager*

Lauren (Loz) Anderson

Our teams start utility who demonstrated weekly that she can play any position at any time with skill and finesse. Loz also scores the most points (and bruises) for toughness in our team this season by taking multiple hits to the body while hunting the ball in our striker line. She is more than a great player and power runner, she is a supportive team mate, leader, banter contributor and club woman. Thank you for a great season Loz and looking forward to playing again with you next season!

Vanessa Carmody

In early games, Ness' work rate for this team allowed for plenty of attacking movement to feed the strikers. She had a short break from the team to support the Division 3 girls and upon return, showed us all what hard running, and skill can get you. An injury. With careful rehab and a gentle reintroduction to games, by the end of the season, Ness was back to her best supporting the team in the midfield and providing a strategic presence in the team. Congratulations on the State Masters selection and all the best for the tournament.

Fiona Connelly

Dr Fi - thank goodness you decided to come play hockey with us this year, rather than spending all your time saving lives. Instead you got to gain more bruises than ever whilst chasing after ex Olympians in winter storms. The balance you bought the team on and off the field was well needed and we really enjoyed your laughter which would randomly break through the conversation. Welcome to the team and welcome to our Masters Women family.

Gemma Cronan

What a great recruit Gemma has been this year! Committing to play with us even after watching us get flogged in our first outing in Division 1. Her commitment to the team has been unwavering throughout the season, being ambitious enough to think that she could jump off the plane after a holiday to Fiji and onto the field one evening. On field she has been a solid backline player. Seeing plenty of action this season in the backs, her calm demeanor, great tackling skills and clear direction has seen us out of trouble on multiple occasions. She possesses a skill rarely seen in Masters hockey, the ability to trap and short corner and get up from the crouched position without assistance. Hopefully she has enjoyed the season as much as we have enjoyed having her. Look forward to playing with you next year!

Casey Donaldson

This year, we were lucky to have Casey our new young gun making her debut in the Masters. The way she moves the ball and carves up the opposition is a wonderful sight to see. It is a real task to keep up and support her. Casey's speed and skill are a wonderful asset to the team and when she links up with the other 'young ones', they are formidable! This year, Casey - who is so versatile - has played inner, centre half, striker and in the defensive line. She throws a beautiful overhead getting the ball behind the defensive press, which is very successful as long as the target striker is not too busy talking to the opposition! I look forward to next year playing with Casey who provides such great structure, strength and speed to the team.



RAE BLUNT PENNANT WOMEN cont

Carrie Flanagan

Carrie is a valuable member of our Masters team and it was great to have her back with us this season. Carrie has an amazing block tackle and slap hit and its crazy to see how low to the ground she can get- especially to those of us that struggle to bend anymore!

Sadly she had some bad luck with an injury later in the season and missed the last few games but we look forward forward to having you back strong and fit next season Carrie :)

Janet Gowland

Congratulations on a stellar season Janet! Defenders on other teams need to make sure they know who Janet is because she can come out of nowhere in attack and be a bull in a china shop. She's one to never be underestimated on the hockey field. Always the one to jump in front and make a specky trap then take off, leaving her defender behind. Thanks for the laughs and making cold Monday and Wednesday nights enjoyable and entertaining!

Charlotte Hogarth

Is it a voice in my head, is it an angel? One left...one right...oh that's right it's Charly, always there, the voice of reason to gently remind us where our player is. Cool as a cucumber, always calm under pressure, Charly doesn't get involved in any politics, she's just there to get the job done! Charly has had a fantastic season this year, rising to the challenge, taking countless amazing saves, and in general saving our bacon week in week out. We are super lucky to have Charly as our goalie, and we can't wait to see what next year brings!! Well done on the State Masters selection and we look forward to seeing you continue your amazing form this year at the tournament.

Christina Klomp

Chris is a linchpin in the Masters defensive line, and delivers consistent and solid play week on week. She seems to have a houdini like skill to go in for a tackle and come out with the ball in a way that leaves the opposition confused as to what just happened! Hardworking and tenacious, Chris also supports her teammates with an unwavering positive attitude.

Melanie Leighton

We have asked a lot of our midfield this season, and Mel has been both key in our attack and amazing in defence. She would have to be the player with the most touches and highest work rate on the team. We know Mel has quite a busy job with travel and late meetings and she is also quite the family woman, but somehow, she has something left in the tank for the game - like the energiser bunny, she just keeps going and going. Her energy level is the envy of all -even the 'youngins'. We don't know how you do it Mel but whatever you do don't stop.

Madeleine Northover

In addition to Maddy's great skills and determination on the pitch, she always brings banter and laughs to the team. She has fought off a host of toddler viruses this season and still come back strong and fast. Her screams and giggles can be heard all over the pitch and she is sure to bring some words of encouragement / crazy banter at half time too! We love having you on the team Maddy and can't wait to play with you again next year.

Tara Porter

Tara brings passion and humor both on and off the field. She has high expectations of herself but is always the first to laugh at her own mistakes. Battling sore shins throughout the season, her presence and energy in the midfield was missed for a few games, along with her overheads to the forwards! Our opposition better watch out if she is on the move with the ball. Plus, let's not forget her cute as a button sidekick Winnie! Congratulations on your State Masters selection and good luck for the tournament.

Fiona Power

Fi has been in this team for a few years now and qualifies for over 50s but decided to stay with the team and give Division 1 a go and had a cracker of a year! Her reliability at the back to make every tackle is so valuable to the team. Her fitness and chase this year has been exactly what we need from our back line and her motivation to show up each week, push through the tough games and contribute to the wins is super deluxe. Fi is such an asset to our team and was recognised this year with selection in State Masters - congratulations Fi!

Elizabeth Woodberry

Liz is a lively and active member of our Division 1 Masters team. Always filled with energy and eagerness to play or train, she brings so much bubbiness to the team. Liz is a hardworking inner who never stops running and will tackle any opponent that gets in the way. Liz's commitment to our team does not go un-noticed, often bringing her two gorgeous girls to the games so that she doesn't let the side down. She also pays the umpire with bribes, hoping that the ump might not see that foot or stick check.. keeping bring the caramel slice Liz -maybe Tilly will one day not blow the whistle on you!

Natasha Woodhouse

Tash is the definition of a dedicated team mate, flying all the way from Esperance at least once a fortnight to play with us. Hockey with Tash is an absolute delight as she brings joy and positivity to every game she plays. An ever reliable striker in front of goal, Tash also provides excellent defensive pressure - she'd probably be perfect if she could just remember some of our names...



O35 DIVISION 3 WOMEN

This season has been nothing short of fantastic. Our teams confidence from the start of the season was outstanding. We hit the ground running undefeated for the first 9 rounds, displaying an impressive blend of skill, determination and teamwork. The unity within our squad was palpable, reflecting the great comradery that is shared by all. As we soared through the initial rounds our spirits remained high and our dedication to maintaining this momentum was unwavering. With our sights now set on finals, we are prepared to give it our all, drawing upon the comradery and strength that have defined our journey thus far.

Rosemarie De Bari (Fullback)

Rose's dedication to the team is clear from the number of bruises she has picked up! When defending she has a steadfast determination to win the ball and is quietly aggressive in achieving her aim. She has grown in confidence and skill over the season and her absence on the weeks she was away was noticeable. Rose managed to achieve the most epic stack of the season, which was even more remarkable because Melville still came up with the free hit (I think the opposition was shocked into missing the ball). Over the season she has become more skilled at frustrating attackers who are trying to get a free by aiming at her feet in the D - saving her toes and reducing the number of short corners! She is a great teammate and I have loved playing with her this season.

Jessica Bond (Left Half)

Jess, fondly known as Bondy on the field, has gone from strength to strength this season, holding her own at left half. Her persistent tackles, hard hits and fitness make all her opponents tremble. Her dedication to her Europe Shred during after game drinks was solid and we will miss her in finals as she gallivants around Europe. Thanks for bringing the laughs and being the hostess with the mostest for our Masters Christmas in July event.

Natalie Brown (Right Half)

Nat's exceptional abilities as a player and her effective management skills make her an indispensable part of our hockey team. On the field, her position as a right half is a testament to her strategic thinking, impeccable defensive skills and exceptional control over the game. Her ability to read the game and make split-second decisions contributes significantly to our team's success. Nat's enthusiasm, hard work, and commitment continue to drive us towards greater achievements both on and off the field.

Rebecca Cutter (Fullback/Halfback)

New to our team this year, Hazel is an enthusiastic and adaptable player, who will go wherever the ball takes her. Her smiling face and cheery attitude have made her a pleasure to play with. She's put her body on the line every game, resulting in some pretty gnarly hits and bruises, good thing she always remembers her gum-shield.

Demelza Dravnieks (Fullback)

Our exceptionally versatile Demelza, playing predominantly this year as our fortress fullback, Demelza has proven indestructible in every game she's played. A reigning superstar both on the field and ice, her remarkable skills have solidified her status as a double-threat athlete, guarding our teams' victories and leading the charge with unwavering excellence.

Sally Hall (Striker)

Meet Sally, the multitasking marvel! By day, she's a life-saving doctor, curing ailments and spreading smiles. But when the sun sets, she swaps her stethoscope for a field hockey stick, chasing victories and dodging opponents like a pro. With a heart full of compassion and a knack for scoring goals, Sally proves that healing and hockeying can go hand in hand - or stick in stick!

Kate Jones (Inner/Striker)

Kate's role in our team is pivotal, defined by her actions more than words. Whether advancing plays from the inside or surging ahead into the strike zone, her calm and steadfast commitment remains unwavering. On the field, she shines with her speed and skill. Kate's consistency is a driving force behind our achievements, embodying the essence of a true team player.

Kylie Mishra (Goalie)

Kylie has to be one of the nicest people you will ever meet, but don't let that fool you, when she's in those goals, she means business! She is an absolute gun in the goals, making some incredible saves. Kylie has our backs in more ways than one, often putting up her hand for kitchen duty. Kylie, you are a superstar, and we are lucky to have you in our team!

Conor Smith (Captain/Striker)

Conor has been this year not only a driving force in our forward line, but also a fierce leader, super coach, attendance and holiday tracker, sub organizer and all round hockey and team legend! She has constantly inspired us both on and off the field. Her break time words of wisdom and kick-up-the-bum RROOAARR have got us where we are in the season and will never never be forgotten - so thank you Conor and RRROOOAAARRR!!!!!!!



O35 DIVISION 3 WOMEN cont

Anna Stevens (Inner)

Anna is a proficient asset of the team who plays with great determination, including a stint as our goalie for a one time display of sheer brilliance. Her second efforts and ability to constantly put the opposition under pressure, is admirable. Off the field, Anna is supportive and friendly, and she offers help and advice to her teammates. For all of her superb efforts, we'll have to forgive her for relaxing at home and almost missing one of our games! Well done on an excellent season, Anna.

Anne Tomlinson (Striker)

Anne has played a solid game all year. She has been getting into her groove late in the season and owning the left wing position, making some great leads and scores. Anne is busy at the club, also coaching her kids in the minkey and showing them how it's done!

Rebecca Weddikara (Centre Half)

Bec is a true dynamo on the field. A dominating centre half who orchestrates the play and has unwavering determination. Her positive leadership helps push and strive our team to victories. She is definitely missed when not available, so we look forward to many more games together! Plus, a wine off the field. :)

Kimberly Welten (Striker)

Kimmy is an excellent forward and one that we have missed for a few games this season. Scoring goals with ease and offering enthusiastic guidance on the turf, she's both a star forward and vibrant team member. While she channels her inner primary school teacher during matches, her energy and spirit remain unparalleled. It's a pleasure playing with you and we look forward to having you with us for countless seasons to come.

Sandy Wingfield (Inner)

New to the Melville masters team this year, with a 12 year gap since playing regular field hockey in South Africa, Sandy has quickly become a key part of the team bringing her energy and enthusiasm to the inner position. With a magic ability to keep the ball on her stick like glue, she's a quiet solid achiever. One of the sweetest least aggressive players on the field, she hilariously managed to get sent off early in the season when trying to help the opposition!

Our Superb Substitutes

Meet Emma and Tegan, the dynamic duo from the seniors. As indispensable substitute players, they bring a perfect blend of skill and determination to every game. Emma's lightning-fast reflexes and Tegan's strategic thinking make them a force to be reckoned with on the field. Whether it's filling in at midfield or defense, their versatility ensures a seamless transition whenever they step onto the turf. Emma and Tegan, are both invaluable assets to our squad! A huge thanks also to Vanessa, Fiona, Dee, Lisa, Liz, Chris & Marie for stepping in as required throughout the year.

The Masters teams at MCHC foster a culture of mutual support where every member is dedicated to assisting where required both on and off the field, thanks to everyone for a great season.



O50 DIVISION WOMEN

Well done team, great effort to finish as Minor Premiers, especially with a number of grey nomads heading off on holidays at the same time, tutt tutt tutt. We were fortunate to be able to call on a few past players to help fill the gap - Rachel, Rae, Sue Wilson & Meagan.

As well as Minor Premiers, the O50s has been the team that has had the least goals scored against them in this division, so that says a lot for the defence's work effort. The forward line has had its ups and downs but has improved throughout the year. At times the team work from defence to the forward line has been nothing but brilliant. Just need more of it. ;-)

We have been lucky to have seen the year out with very few injuries, that is a blessing. So, onward & upward for the rest of the season, aiming for the GF!

Vicki Silich - Coach

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O50 DIVISION WOMEN cont

Gail Anderson

Gail is a valued team member who adds a happy and positive vibe to us all on and off the field. She is versatile, skilful and plays with poise, and is an asset as an overlapping right half. She contributes to the hockey community in any shape or form she can (when she is not on holidays!!) with passion and enthusiasm. She is always punctual as she is vigilant with her warm-up routine...except for the night when she must have been relying on her memory or lost the UBD street directory to go to the venue. After driving for an extra 45 mins, she arrived at our home ground, just in time for our game! Preseason 2024 for Gail will be upskilling to logging in to google maps and/or putting her glasses on to read the fixtures properly. Gail has also been selected to once again represent WA in the State Masters this year.

Lisa Anderson

What can I say about this girl? Runs her heart out all game and always gives us her best, wherever on the field that might be. A great contributor to our team. Lisa was threatening me with her being missing from action right about finals time this year, as she and Michael were heading to England, but to our delight, they have postponed their trip to a much more suitable time. I would like to thank them for their consideration. Lisa is also a great team member off the field and will jump in and help with whatever is needed, and always lining up alongside Sue to contribute to our curry nights.

Nikki Blowers

This is Nikki's second year with us, but this year she has had to come from the other side of town to join us each week. She has had an injury this year that has sidelined her for a few weeks, but apart from that, she is there ready to do her bit and we were most thankful when our numbers were low, she turned up only half-fit just in case we needed her. Nikki must have upset one of our umpires one game as she managed to get one of those yellow shapes waved at her, giving her a rest for a couple of minutes. Even the opposition girl whom she is supposed to have infringed, along with everyone else on the field, did not know and still don't, what the penalty was for!

Susan Clark

How lucky are we to have this girl in our team. Ever-reliable and talented, an absolute work-horse, even when carrying an injury. She is our General in the centre. Don't knock her over though, she will hunt you for life. Always first to organise our fabulous curry nights we had through the season, and how did she find the time? She is also host family to one of our Argentinian girls! Sue has also been selected to represent our State in the Masters this year.

Lindy Coss

Back in her hey day, Lindy was a WA State Representative in cricket and has been recognised this year with her name on the board at the WACA to prove it. Look for Cap 152 back in 1981/82 outside the Players Pavilion. When she came to us back in 1983 she brought that sharp eye and reflexes with her and has now played over 700 games with Melville. Lindy, as our Goalkeeper, gives 110% - even when we are having an easy game, she never lets her concentration waiver. Even when the defence is not thinking, she is thinking for us -AND LETTING US KNOW! Another great season with only 7 goals scored against us. Lindy has also been selected to represent our State again this year, as Goalkeeper for the O65s.

Gaye Edwards

Gaye is another player we are very fortunate to have come play with us. I know we are the O50s but she still runs like a 20-something and causes great concern for our opposition with her speed and talent. Just recently she was given the honour of being tagged by not 1, but 2 players. Only slowed her a little because they kept getting in her flight path. Gaye reached an amazing milestone of 600 Games towards the end of our season, which would have happened earlier, but she too chose to be a nomad and wander away just when we had the tough games. However Gaye returned unexpectedly for an important match, telling us how she knew we needed her. We were so impressed by her devotion, only to discover later that she had actually returned to celebrate the birth of a beautiful grand-daughter. Nice one Gaye. Gaye is another of our team heading off to represent the State in this year's Masters.

Marie Farrow

Well, it's hard to know where to start when describing this lady, as she does everything! Busy mother of three, company executive, Ladies Masters Co-ordinator, tenacious hockey player and just a great all-round person. Her energy seems to be limitless, whether she's sprinting down the wing or doubling back in defence as an inner. Her poke tackle is infamous and she's brilliant at creating an attacking opportunity out of nothing. We are very lucky to have her in our team full-time this year. Add to that her ability to keep us all organised and the fact that she always goes above and beyond when it comes to recognising milestones, we have to say we are a very lucky team and club to have her. We love you, Marie!!

Allison Hall

Allison (aka Carolyn -Gail is the only one who gets this wrong) is a great player over on the right. She answers to Carolyn, occasionally she gets Allison but is always reliable and a great team member. However, she did take extended leave without injury in the middle of the season to go to a reunion. Apparently reunions take a while these days, she was gone for 5 weeks, but not to worry, she is back for finals.



O50 DIVISION WOMEN cont

Olive Hasselerharm

Olive is a constant in our team. Reliable every time. It's always good to know you have our back. Literally. You're the guru of the Tech Box and super organiser of turf time. Olive had a tough start to the year, but becoming a new grandma put a big smile back on her face. The team wouldn't be the same without you, or the club. Thanks for your awesomeness!

Raelene Hetherington

Raz only managed one game with us because that was enough to cause her injury, but hopefully we will still be able to entice her back full-time next season. Thanks for coming Raz.

Maris Margetts

What can you say about Maris that hasn't already been said? A stalwart of MCHC, approaching 1,000 games with the club (and a Life Member), she has been there and done all that! This year she has performed her defensive role with the usual aplomb and attitude. She is looking forward to a few changes in her life -no, not becoming a forward but transitioning to retirement to enjoy the good life. Once again a great year for a great player. (And she is in the State O70s Masters team!)

Dee Murphy

Dee was moved out of her comfort zone this year when our new Coach decided to bring her into the game more. Dee resisted at first, but then found her feet and got on with it and has had some absolute "Blinders", reaping the votes, especially toward the end of the season when we needed her to step up and fill the gaps left by the wandering nomads that took holidays mid-season. Great year, Dee.

Rachel Roberts

Thanks to Rach, who came whenever she could. Rach was never far from injury this year, which prevented her from answering all calls, but she came enough to qualify for finals.

Joanne Rosso

Jo started off the season in the forward line but has now found her natural place in the back line with Maris and Lindy. (Just one slow-mo event to report for the season) - As we know, Jo doesn't mind a wine or two and a half, but she had a little misadventure on her way home from a game one night when she was stopped by the boys in blue. This chance meeting made Jo so nervous, that when she was asked to blow, she sucked instead. Thankfully it was only a minor hiccup and after a short wait all ended well and she was able to drive home unassisted.

Rae Thompson

Rae was unsure about joining us again at the beginning of the year but we managed to lure her back, and just as well, as our numbers would be thin mid-season. Alas, Rae too decided she wanted to be like all the rest and have a holiday, so she headed off overseas to Ireland. Yeah, you guessed it, another reunion, I tell you girls, reunions at our age are one night with a huge hangover the next day not 3 to 4 weeks. Luckily, Rae too came home in time for finals.

Susan Wilson

Thanks to Sue W, our knight in Maroon and White, for galloping in on her trusty old hockey stick to save us from the dreaded forfeit, while others were gallivanting all over Australia and the world.

Natasha Woodhouse

Tash blazed into our team at the beginning of the year all the way from Esperance, and was a great asset on and off the field, always giving her best. Unfortunately the call for State and International recognition saw Tash leave us for higher grades (a faster, younger, more talented group) and she never returned.

From the Manager:

We enticed Vicki down to Coach us this year to share some of her coaching knowledge and we were just getting a good momentum going when the nomads started to leave and we were playing with a skeleton team. However, we still managed to hang on and win, and have secured the Minor Premiership this season. Thanks Vicki for the season.

Vicki also played with us a long time back, coached our Division 2's to a Premiership and has been selected to Coach the WA State O65's in the Masters Tournament this year. Vicki, too, was recognised by the WACA this year and has her name on the board just above Lindy. Cap 151 in 1980/81 - Vicki was a State Wicket Keeper. The secrets people keep...

Well done girls, we have taken the Minor Premiership again, now onto the finals. Let's get that second flag. GO MELVILLE!

I would like to say thank you to each and every girl for making the year so enjoyable for each other and for me, for sharing each other's highs and lows. It has been a good year, and thank you to Vicki for Coaching, to Peter Kenny for umpiring all our games this year, and to Marie for keeping us so well-informed and looking out for us.



JUNIOR TEAMS - COACHES/MANAGERS

Team	Coach(es)	Manager(s)
J 11/12 Division 1 Boys	Mitch Pace	Roger Mellor
J 11/12 Division 3 (B) Boys	Luke Beeson	Ben Bloomfield
J 11/12 Division 1 Girls	Matt Willis, Shanae Wardrope	Kath Heron
J 11/12 Division 3 (A) Girls	Will Mardon, Assistant: Mel Leighton	Regi Wheeler
J 9/10 Division 2 Boys	Mitch Tate	Matt Read
J 9/10 Division 3 Boys	Dan Moulin	Doug Brightwell
J 9/10 Division 5 Boys	Andrew Scanlon	Ingrid Croall
J 9/10 Division 1 Girls	Harry Parkes	Fiona Power
J 9/10 Division 3 (Gold) Girls	Rosie McCaughan	Alex Tancredi
J 9/10 Division 5 Girls	Gemma Eckermann	Liz Petersen
J 7/8 Division 1 Boys	Matt Bottomley, Assistant: Fletcher Horrocks	Simon Atkinson
J 7/8 Division 3 (Gold) Boys	Matt Read, Assistant: Todd Barrett	Trevor Bilney
J 7/8 Division 5 Boys	Matt Cooper, Assistant: Todd Barrett	Danielle Cooper
J 7/8 Division 1 Girls	Meg Huston, Megan Green	Kate Dermody
J 7/8 Division 3 (Gold) Girls	Mike Gallon, Assistant: Pip Wenn	Paige Forbes
J 7/8 Division 4 Girls	Colleen Bentley	Serena Ricciardone
J 5/6 Division 1 Boys	Tom Barrett	Brendan Joss
J 5/6 Division 2 (Gold) Boys	Simon Kent	Ben Rushton
J 5/6 Division 4 Boys	Alana Field, Assistant: Rob McKenzie	Michelle Lloyd
J 5/6 Division 1 Girls	Richard Huston	Justine Griffin
J 5/6 Division 2 (B) Girls	Neil Worland	Joh Perry
J 5/6 Division 4 Girls	Janet Gowland	Anne Armitage



J11/12 DIVISION 1 BOYS

This season has been a very challenging one for the J11/12 Div 1 boys, with lots of quality players across the competition. With only 12 players picked in the team, we had a few of the boys from the J9/10's join us for a large part of the season. We had a slow start to the year, however, in round 5 we were able to get our first win of the season in what was a cracking game to watch. The boys continued to grow as a team with each week that went by, putting together better and more consistent performances each week. A big thanks to Roger who was my manager this year, as well as Kirby, Darcy and Dan for assisting in coaching the team when I was unavailable.

Mitch Pace - Coach

Joseph Coleman (Goalkeeper)

What a season Joe had this year. Joe's enthusiasm this year was unmatched, turning up to training and games wanting to get better. On top of that he made too many saves this year to count and in amongst them were some outstanding saves that deserved applause from the crowd. Well done this year Joe.

Thanush Daivandran (Striker)

Thanush played primarily as a striker this year, however there were some desperate times where he needed to drop back and play in our defence, which he took on and made the most of, as well as playing some time in the midfield. Thanush's speed and nifty skills saw him get in behind the other teams' defence and create some good opportunities for us going forward. Thanush has shown great improvement this year and I hope he continues to look for ways to improve in the next few years.

Seth Elliott (Midfielder)

Seth was a valuable asset to this team, often playing in multiple positions every week which was one of his most useful strengths this year. When playing midfield, he was strong over the ball and was able to get the ball from the defenders and get it to the strikers. Seth also showed promise when in defence, with great tackling skills and marking. Well done this year Seth.

Jarrad Fong (Midfielder)

Jarrad was one of our fill-ins this year from the J9/10s and slotted into this team very easily. Playing most of his time in the midfield, he also moved forward when required and looked right at home wherever he was playing. Jarrod was very coachable and took on all the feedback he got during games. Thank you for your time this year Jarrod and I look forward to seeing your progression over the next few years.

Ethan Forbes (Defender)

Ethan was one of our main defenders this year and he is the definition of a team player. Every week it seemed that I would have to make a sub because Ethan had been hit again. Ethan's marking was great to watch this year, always making it hard for his opposition player to get the ball. Ethan's defensive corner running was also a great asset to the team this year, which is often overlooked as a skill. Great work this year Ethan.

Luke Hocking (Defender)

Luke was another fill-in from the J9/10s this year. Luke only played a handful of games for us this season, however he took the opportunity with both hands. He always asked for ways to improve and what to do in certain situations, which was great to see. With each game he played you could see Luke's confidence grow as part of this team and by the end of the season he was playing a nice role in our backline. Thanks for your time and helping our team out this year Luke.

Fletcher Horrocks (Midfielder/Striker)

Fletcher was one of the leaders of this team this year, often trying to get the boys motivated during games. He started the year in the mids, however found himself in the forward line as the year went on. His speed, along with his ball carrying ability, allowed him to get into the circle in some dangerous positions. Fletcher also worked as hard in defence as he did in attack, with some great pressing shown over the course of the year. He was also fortunate enough to play seniors this season as well, which shows that hard work does pay off. Great work this year Fletcher.

Dominic Kelly (Striker)

Dom was another fill-in who played nearly the entire season for our team. Dom spent the year for our team in the forward line. Dom's enthusiasm this year was something noticed by everyone in the team, always at training or games early, hitting a ball, or always wanting to go back on the field. Dom showed some good game sense this year, finding himself in great positions in the attacking circle with the ball on his stick, or looking to receive a pass. Well done Dom.

Ben King (Defender)

Ben played free defender for a large majority of the season, until he finally convinced me to let him play up front at the end of the season. Ben was a crucial part of our backline, being able to outlet the ball in a variety of ways. He also showed great improvement in his game awareness and positioning as a free defender as the season went on, allowing him to make some crucial tackles in all the games this year. Ben also has one of the hardest hits I have seen of anyone at this age. Well done on a good year Ben.



J11/12 DIVISION 1 BOYS cont

Preston Knell (Midfielder)

Preston was an integral part of our midfield this year, playing mostly as one of the attacking mids. He showed great enthusiasm this year in wanting to get better as a player, often asking questions weekly about what he can do from game to game to improve. This showed as he has shown great improvement over the course of the season and has become one of the most consistent players this year. Well done Preston, I look forward to seeing you progress into Seniors.

Rico MacDonald (Defender)

Rico was a new addition to the Melville J11/12s this year. He had a disjointed start to the year, having to miss a large portion of the first half of the season due to injury. Since returning to the team, Rico has been a valuable asset to our back group, playing primarily as one of our full backs. Rico's outletting has been a big strength of his this year, being able to find our midfielders or play it long to our strikers, either way getting us out of trouble on many occasions. Well done this season Rico.

Jude Mellor (Defender/Midfielder)

Jude was another one of our utility players this year. He was off to a strong start to the season, playing some great hockey, only for his season to be cut short by a shoulder injury. Although it was an unfortunate injury, Jude's efforts to dive and stop a goal scoring opportunity for the other team helped us secure our first win of the season. Despite not playing, it was great to see Jude support the team every week from the bench. I'm hoping that Jude will be well rested and ready to be back playing hockey next season.

Adam Read (Defender)

Adam was fortunate enough to play up into the J11/12s from the J9/10s and play a few games for us this season. Adam was very easy to coach, always listening to advice from not only me but the older players as well. It was

great to see the versatility of Adam when he played, often playing in unfamiliar positions to fill the vacant spots we had. Thanks for helping us out this year Adam, I hope you enjoyed the experience.

Aidan Rolls (Striker)

Aidan was another one of our speedy strikers this season. It was great to see Aidan improve over the course of the season, whether that be his leading to receive the ball from our midfielders or his work in the press to steal the ball in the front half of the field. Aidan was one of our main centre forwards, his work ethic to continue pressing was something that was appreciated by the defenders. Great work this year Aidan.

Ganleon Wong (Defender)

Ganleon was one of our main halfbacks this year, while also playing some games as a fullback. It was great to see his rapid growth this season in both his outletting and his defensive marking. Ganleon has added a nice overhead to his outletting skills this season, as well as confidence to play the ball forwards and backwards when taking sideline free hits. It has also been great to see him use his unsuspecting speed to quickly jump in front and make some crucial intercepts as the season has gone on. Nice work this year Ganleon.

Jacob Woods (Midfielder)

Jacob was our primary centre half this year. Jacob always found himself being one of the creators of our attacking play, while also drawing the attention of multiple defenders in games. His ability to get his teammates involved in the game was great to see. Jacob's hard work has been noticed by many this season, being selected in the WA U18's team as well as being given more opportunities in the Melville 1s team over the season. With still another year in J11/12s, it will be great to see Jacob build on this year and continue to develop his game. Well done Jacob.



J11/12 DIVISION 3 (B) BOYS

Firstly a huge thank you to Luke Beeson for coaching the boys this year. The improvement through the season has been quite amazing to watch, both at the individual level and working together as a team. This is reflected in the close games and good results in the second half of the year. After a bit of a misunderstanding with training times at the beginning of the season, this ended up being a blessing with training moving to 6:30 on Mondays and an invitation from the Lower Men's teams to join them for training straight after, which resulted in a number of boys playing senior games. What an excellent introduction to Senior Hockey and a big thank you to the Lower Men's coaches and players for being so welcoming.

With only 12 players and a couple out via injury or illness, a big thank you to Aiden Turner and Joseph Coleman as regular fills-ins who could always be relied upon. We also had siblings Summer Bloomfield and Hannah Eckermann on call to jump in at the last minute on a few games. Also thank you to last minute fill ins Zeon Kim and Lucas Wallington earlier in the season.

Manager Ben Bloomfield & Coach Luke Beeson



J11/12 DIVISION 3 (B) BOYS cont

Samuel Beeson (Midfielder)

Sam is always eager and excited to play hockey. His enthusiasm is always on display on the field and at training. Sam displayed his talent all season long, beating his opponents then using his speed to set up our attack. As he continues to develop and learn the game his skills and eagerness will hold him in great stead to be a fantastic Senior player.

Zane Bloomfield (Forward)

Not even breaking his wrist could stop Zane from wanting to play hockey. Zane is an awesome forward. He has the ability to lead up to ball, trap and turn, then drive forward. Not to mention the awesome goals he had scored. Zane's connection with Xavier made him a dangerous forward to defend. And his eagerness to lead to positions to help his teammates is a sign of great hockey intuition.

Jack Chapman (Midfielder)

Our hard-working Center-Half. Jack would finish games out of breath because he never stopped fighting for his team. When we attacked, he was always open to receive and distribute. When we defended Jack was never satisfied with disrupting the opponent, he wanted the ball so we could attack. He always looked out for teammates and lead by example on the field. Jack's skills and work ethic will make the transition to Senior hockey a breeze.

Hayden Eckermann (Midfielder)

Hayden has developed into a fantastic hockey player. Relatively new to the sport, his effort and want to learn held him in good stead when he was placed into positions he was unfamiliar with. The midfield can become a whirl at times but with the skills Hayden displayed we came to rely on him. As Hayden develops there is no limit to his potential.

Xavier Fitzpatrick (Midfielder)

Xavier has a devastating reverse stick pass, which is a skill not many possess. All we need to do now is make it more accurate. Xavier is a hardworking teammate who covered many positions throughout the season. He is tough defender who doesn't take a backward step and liked to be on the ball driving our attack. This eagerness is a great quality and will help him develop into an awesome hockey player.

Conor Hussey (Forward)

Conor is always in the right place at the right time. A little shy to begin the season but Conor has broken out of that shell to become a dangerous forward. Being a winger is hard, you must run up and down the field, countless times, then receive a pass at the speed of light. Conor has no hesitation to run for his teammates then position himself in dangerous attacking positions. As he continues to develop his skills, Conor will become an awesome goal scorer.

Will Maddeford (Defender)

Will was a joy to coach and watch all season. His hard-nosed defending and hard-hitting passing at half back was awesome. The life of a Half Back is unglamorous yet vital to a team's success. Will would chase his winger, make precise tackles and then unleash mighty hits that would put our forwards into attack. These skills (and the use of his feet) are signs of a great hockey player in the making.

Xeyon Mathias (Forward)

Xeyon, I will remember your name at some point. Xeyon's enthusiasm to learn and develop could be seen at trainings and during games. Always wanting to be on the ball, either tackling or shooting, Xeyon was a joy to coach. When placed into Centre-Forward, an unfamiliar position, he held his own and showed how good a forward he really is. Always in the right position and willing to run. His aptitude for the game of hockey is a quality that will help him develop into the future.

Edward Moncrieff (Keeper)

Ever-dependable and always entertaining! Eddie has worked hard in goals all season long and it has shown in his performances. The shot-stopper never took a backward step against some of the major hitters in the comp. His enthusiasm for his teammates also provided inspiration during tough games. I have no doubt Eddie will continue to develop into a great keeper.

Archie Randall (Defender)

One tall part of our defence pairing. With his best mate Finn, Archie provided a strong presence in defence to anchor our team. His tackling was outstanding. As good defenders always do, Archie was never satisfied with just defending. At times he would dribble up the field showing everyone just how good a hockey player he is. He'll tell you too. Archie was a joy to coach.

Finn Robinson (Defender)

The smaller part of our defense pairing, Finn can always be heard cheering on and supporting his teammates. He made sure he supported his team, with and without the ball. Finn is a hard-working defender, tasked with defending the opposing forward. His tenacious tackling stopped many attacks, and his composure allowed our team to counterattack. His enthusiastic personality and want to laugh helped our team through the more challenging games.

Lovepreet Singh (Defender)

Lovepreet would have great passages of play during the season. Sometimes Half Backs don't get the recognition they truly deserve. Lovepreet saved our team countless times. Always willingly to do the hard work, Lovepreet positioned himself in such ways to make sure he could defend his opponent but also allow his teammates to pass him the ball. He has a wonderful personality that made him a great member of our team and had the skills to match. I can't wait to see him develop further.



J11/12 DIVISION 3 (B) BOYS cont

Thank you to parents for getting the boys to training and the games. I think we all enjoyed the Friday night games (and a few drinks) throughout the season. Most of the boys will remain in Juniors again next year and for those going up to Seniors, good luck and hope you continue to enjoy your hockey.



J11/12 DIVISION 1 GIRLS

The J11/12A team have had an enjoyable season playing in the top division against the best U18 players in the state week, in week out. Our team has worked tirelessly at training and have shown excellent improvements in some key hockey skills, notably tackling and creating 2v1s. As is always the case with this age group, many of the girls have been managing school, work and state team commitments throughout the season and their time management and accountability are a testament to them. Our team has prided itself on being ruthless in defence and as a result we have seen some big wins, but a few games that just got away from us.

A highlight of the season has been the way the girls are able to move the ball around the field, often able to make many passes going from deep defence transitioning into goal scoring opportunities.

Thanks to Kathy Heron for managing the team, it has been a pleasure to work with you. It has also been a pleasure to work with Shanae Wardrope who has a wealth of hockey experience and a great rapport with the girls.

Given injuries and illness interruptions this year we have had several girls who have filled in and contributed to the team. A huge thanks to Ivy Klass and Madi Woods.





J11/12 DIVISION 1 GIRLS cont

Hannah Carmody (Han)

Hannah is always encouraging on and off the field. Even if Hannah is not feeling it, she always speaks up in the warm-up to encourage the girls. Hannah is very easy to talk to about anything. She always puts all her effort into getting the ball back. I love her never-give-up attitude. She has exceptional skills, especially on the attacking baseline. Hannah has grown this season, and I wish her all the best of luck as she continues to grow into an even stronger player. The team will miss Hannah next year, but we will wish her luck while she continues her journey into Seniors. Melville is lucky to have her.

Jaime Fardon (Jai)

Jaime works hard on the field and is always there ready to receive a ball. She is very good at finding and creating space to pass the ball to and is always ready to put up a fight once taken on by a defender. She is a very vibrant player and her passion for the game that shows on the field. I find her encouraging her teammates regularly and inspires them to give it their all. It's been my honour to play with her this year and wish her all the best playing this great game we all love in the years to come.

Tayla Fardon (Tay)

Tayla is a fantastic hockey player, she's quick, reliable and never gives up. She cares a lot about the team which can be seen through her skills and determination on and off the ball. Tayla has really improved her tackling skills this season. A player with great potential.

Ashleigh Farrell (Ash)

Ash brings a positive and cheerful attitude to our team. She is consistently strong in defence and isn't afraid to take on the opposition with her speed and skill. Ash always gives 110% and works hard to make sure the team succeeds. She never fails to make you smile and is a lovely teammate and friend to be around. Well done on a great season Ash, and I wish you all the best for your future hockey!

Darcie Farrow (Darce)

Our superstar captain. From her pre-game hype-ups in the huddle to the on field talks, she makes every game memorable. Darcie's amazing defence skills have saved us in every game and her long hits provide opportunities for us to score. Her fun and outgoing attitude makes our games and trainings so much more enjoyable. It has been such a pleasure to play with you this year Darcie, and I can't wait to see where the future takes you.

Lauren Healey (Loz)

Loz is one of our star forwards who always puts in her all! She's a strong forward and can find her way through any defender. She has scored some beautiful goals that are simply incredible. Off the field, Lauren has one of the biggest smiles which brightens everyone's mood. Congrats on a wonderful season Loz, it's been a pleasure playing with her this year!

Jessica Heron (Jess)

It's been a pleasure to play with Jess this year. Her skills and composure through half back and inner has seen her set up various goals and great attacking plays. She is versatile and reliable in any position she plays. Jess has great strength over the ball and she makes great intercepts in do or die situations. Jess has become a key player and couldn't have imagined this team without her. I can't wait to see Jess progress through the Seniors ranks after graduating this year and see where her hockey takes her. Congrats on a great season!

Scarlett Huston (Scar)

Scarlett is one of our team's strongest players and a natural leader on the field. She is always working hard in the mid-field, ready to receive or make great passes. Scarlett's skills consistently improve as she managed to dedicate lots of time to hockey training in both Senior and Junior divisions, and although this is her last year in Juniors, everyone on our team knows Scarlett will continue to play at an exceptional level for many years.

Brooke McKenzie (Brookie)

Brooke is a player who encourages everyone and never fails to bring energy to the game. She always attends training with many stories to share and is willing to give everything a go. She is also very hardworking and is a quick runner; chasing the balls down that Darcie hits from fullback, surprising everyone when she keeps a ball in. Brooke is always ready and waiting on the post to score the goals; especially when she is in an angry mood. She is an amazing person on and off the field!

Erin Pickering (Ez)

Erin is a very flexible and valuable player on the team. She can play almost anywhere, whether it be assisting in linking passes in the midfield, defending the goal and outletting the ball in halfback or hitting and drag flicking balls into the back board up front in short corners. She has very good skills in getting around players and releasing the ball accurately to one of our players. Erin is also an encouraging player on and off the field and continually smiles and jokes around, bringing up the mood of the team and making trainings more enjoyable.

Sienna Robinson (Si)

Sienna is amazingly skilled with her stick and nothing can stop her when she runs it through the middle of the field. After playing so many seasons with her, I have seen a great deal of determination and commitment go into her skills and gameplay. Although she didn't play too many games throughout this season due to an injury, in the few games she did play, she was outstanding and I know she will go far in her hockey career if she chooses to.



J11/12 DIVISION 1 GIRLS cont

Olivia Sanderson (Liv)

Liv is an important part of our team both on and off the field. Her quiet and caring nature changes the second she steps foot on the field. Liv chases down players with her speed and sets up plays down the line to our midfielders. Her “go with the flow” attitude lets her fit right in with the team. It’s such a pleasure to play alongside her, and I’m sad that I won’t get to next year.

Caitlyn Smook (Caito)

Playing with Caitlyn this year has been great. Caitlyn’s journey from defender to striker has showcased her versatility and skill as a player. When she hasn’t been scoring goals, she has been setting them up or assisting them. Caitlyn shows incredible strength over the ball and is a strong asset to the team. Her ability to use her speed and skill to get past players and into the D has improved with every game. Caitlyn is a valued, strong team member who has brought fun and humour to the group. Wishing her all the very best in her final year of Junior hockey and looking forward to seeing her progress through Juniors and Seniors.

Petra Verster (Petra)

Petra is a quiet achiever in our team, always eager to learn new skills and help others out. She has fitted into the team very well, often making us all smile! Petra is a very solid and versatile player playing in the midfield and striker lines this season. I can’t wait to see what comes next for Petra as she possesses so much talent!

Mikayla Wardrope (Mikki)

Mikki plays a crucial part on the team, as our spectacular goalkeeper, unfortunately her season was cut short due to injury. However, she saved our butts countless times and the team is so grateful for that. Mikki is energetic and boisterous, which brings many smiles and laughs throughout the team. She is a strong and reliable goalkeeper, that is calm even under pressure. Her calling on field was calm, directed and very informative. Mikki has proven herself to be an incredible and skilful goalie, saving overhead balls, deflections and even diving and breaking out splits, anything to not let the ball enter the net. Mikki is a kind-hearted and caring individual on and off the field, and her friendship is valued by many. Thanks for being the wonderful person you are, and always having our backs!

To the girls closing the chapter on Junior hockey, we wish you all the very best and encourage you to keep playing and loving the game. To the rest, enjoy the break and we look forward to you returning strong next year for another great season.



J11/12 DIVISION 3 (A) GIRLS

What a team of legends Will Mardon has coached this season. A bag of mixed results for the season did not deter the girls from showing up every week believing and putting their all in for the win. Dedicated to improving their skills, they would train even when Will was held up in his real job, teaching. J11/12 Girls Div 3 (A) half time huddles are strategic and tactical with contributions from everyone, sometimes even Will got a chance to offer some coaching advice. The Friday night game day means it can be a challenge to get 11 girls on a pitch, we could not have done that without our regular fill-ins. Big shout-outs to Zara Gowland, Ivy Klass, Imogen Leighton, Hannah Simms (who flew in from Esperance), Chloe Patton, Lucy Carmody and Breanna Penman (GK).

Jessica Booth

Jess missed out playing the start of the season, and she was a great addition to the team when she returned to play. Jess played mainly on the wing and always contributed to getting the ball into the D. She is a team player.

Sally Curtis

Sally is known from the sidelines by her signature white-ribboned pony tail. Oh, and her killer instinct in the mid field! Sally loves to score, strategically positioning herself on the post to give her team the best opportunity. She was key in our short corners, taking on the role to inject the ball.

Mia Gurbiel

Mia went down in game 1 with a hit to the hip, but that injury was swiftly recovered from and she was able to get back to what she does best – playing a great game of hockey and always being on the post ready for the cross balls.

Anna Johnson

Our newest club member, Anna slotted straight in with her new teammates. Her confidence around the dug-out inspired her team mates to play at their best. She was missed at the end of the season when a knee injury kept her off the pitch for a couple of weeks. She came back in form and everyone was happy see her return to the field.



J11/12 DIVISION 3 (A) GIRLS cont

Ari Lauder

Ari is hungry for goals. She is tactical on the field, looking for the gap in defence whilst always being available for the breakaways. Celebrations when she gets that ball to the back of the net are so exciting for all the team. Ari has played both inner and wing during the season.

Jasmine Leighton

OK, so she got a green card in one of her games. But this did not deter her from continuing to play in her attacking style. In the second half of the season, she moved to playing centre half and hasn't looked back, she has excelled at being a key play-maker in the middle of the field.

Hannah Patton

Hannah is key to our defensive play, she consistently shuts down opposition breakaways and is always there to provide excellent hits out from our 16. She couldn't play the last game of the season and she was missed by everyone.

Alyssa Read

Alyssa is a well-respected team player. She has an attacking game play, with skills to match. She has not missed a game all season. Hockey seems to be in her blood, she is always taking the game on. Alyssa is a team player offering strategies to the team during quarter time breaks.

Savi Rapacholi

"How can I do better Will?", that's what Savi says as she comes off the field. Taking on advice from her coach, her hockey skills continue to improve. Out on the field, Savi often controls the play. Her passion for the game can be seen when she takes one of her big hits.

Abby Warburton

This is only Abby's third season of hockey, but you cannot tell. Her skills are exceptional, contributing every time she gets on the field. As a key halfback, she reliably provides our forwards with through balls giving the team every opportunity to score.

Erin Wheeler

The role of goalkeeper for the season was tentatively taken on by Erin. It was a position she grew into as the season progressed. She could be heard from the sidelines yelling at her teammates, and came to love the one-on-one battles when the opposition broke through our backline.

Maddie Woods

Everyone at Melville Hockey Club knows Madi as a goalkeeper. We know her as Madi the striker, averaging a couple of goals for most of the games she played. Like so many others in this team have demonstrated, don't put anyone in a box just yet. Madi's hockey skills and understanding of the play is next level. And she is happy to share her knowledge, lifting her whole team. With so many demands for her hockey skills, we missed her when she had to defend goals for her other teams.

Xanthe West

Back in the 2018 Melville Lions Yearbook, Xanthe was named as a natural full back. And for the most part of this season she was critical to the team's iron wall in front of goals. For her last couple of seasons the back line is where we know to look for her. Well, that's until Will decided to play her in the midfield! And what we saw from the sidelines was special. Just proves that she is able to take on new challenges and excel.



J9/10 DIVISION 2 BOYS

Most of the boys this year had played with each other before, so the first training was really easy and we could get stuck in straight away. The boys started in Division 1 this year and although playing some good hockey, got regraded into Division 2 after the first four rounds. As a team, we took this in our stride and continued to play our style of hockey which was to pass the other team off their feet. This was rewarded with 8-0 and 5-1 wins in our first two games in our new grade. As the season progressed, the boys started to become more familiar with each other on the hockey field and coaching became easier. In the later games of the season, the boys even took team talks themselves and worked through situations from the game and how to fix them, without coach input. A big thank you is needed for the J7/8 Div 1 and J9/10 Div 3 boys who filled in for us, they didn't look out of place and helped the team immensely.

It was a pleasure to coach this team this year as they took everything on board. The boys could have fun with each other but also work hard at training and focus when needed. I would like to say thank you to our Manager/Assistant Coach, Matt Read, for helping every thing run smoothly as always. Lastly, thanks goes to the parents of the boys - thank you for being supportive the whole year. The positive and encouraging atmosphere on the sidelines really helped the boys.

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Japjot Singh Brard

Japjot often found himself at centre forward this year, with occasional stints on the wing. "JJ" was one of our top goal scorers this year, with his ability to drag flick on short corners, and he loved to lurk around the 'D' for deflections.

Finn Cooper

Finn was part of a hard-running midfield unit this year. If there was a 50/50 contest with the opposition, Finn would often be coming out the other side with the ball. As the season progressed, Finn's attacking prowess came to light and he would take players on for fun.

Logan Dunning

Logan's strength in his tackling and running with the ball helped our team immensely, as I knew I could put Logan in fullback and he would control the game. As the season went on Logan got some midfield minutes and flourished with a more attacking role.

Jarrad Fong

Jarrold was our "Mr Fix it" this year. He would often find himself at centre-half, controlling the game, but if injuries or circumstances required it, would be anywhere from fullback to centre forward. Jarrad possessed the skills on the ball to get himself out of trouble and even score some goals this year.

Ajitesh Singh Haer

While watching our games this year you would often find Ajitesh in the perfect position for a winger, always holding his width and getting to the back post. As the year progressed "AJ" added more and more skills to his game, such as being able to beat defenders and attack the 'D'.

Luke Hocking

Luke played striker for us this year and provided pressure every time he stepped on the pitch. Luke's ability to make tackles in the front half of the pitch and then take the right option with the ball, was a key factor in our forward line scoring goals this year.

Hayden Horrocks

With Hayden's ability to run all day out on the hockey field (and very fast!), he found himself at home playing halfback. Hayden had the ability to mark the opposition wingers out of the game and then rebound and start attacks.



Dominic Kelly

Dom was our leading goalscorer this year and was someone we could always turn to when we needed to put goals on the board. With his skills and speed to run at the defenders, he also used his skills in midfield this year whenever we needed. With the ability to score on both sides of his body, it was no surprise Dom banged goals in for fun.

William Penman

Will was our goalkeeper this year and was always there to help the defenders if the strikers got through. With weekly goalkeeping training with Nic, Will's performances got better every game. Great season in the net, Will.

Pravilash Pillay

Prav is one of the many quiet achievers in our team this year, and with the ability to play either halfback, he was a joy to coach. He would take every bit of advice on board and try his best to put it into his games.

Adam Read

The more hockey Adam played this year, the more his skills improved. He would often be found in the midfield, but with his strength on the ball and silky skills, would occasionally drift forward and score us a goal. Adam was crucial in our team in linking our backline with our attack.

Aiden Turner

Aiden is another one of our players that goes under the radar and does his job. Playing fullback this year, Aiden would often clean up loose balls and send them back into our attack. His passing ability is something to look forward to in the future.



J 9/10 DIVISION 3 BOYS

The 9/10 Div3 boys have been well coached by Dan Moulin this year. The team has had many close games where the result could have gone our way and as we close in on the final games of the season I hope we can get a couple of extra wins on the board so the boys will finish in a position that will reflect their season.

Unfortunately, slow starts have cost us on many occasions where the team have found themselves behind early in the first quarter and then having to chase the game. To their credit, the team has been able to find a way back into these games but then lapses in concentration have then cost them at critical times where they have conceded a brace of goals which has proven too big a challenge. The boys have played some lovely hockey, creating many chances but unfortunately, their finishing has let them down. We had some challenges throughout the season, only being able to field a team consisting of all 12 players in the team twice. A heavy reliance on the 7/8 cohort allowed us to field a team with a couple of interchange players.

Harvey Barrett (Defender)

Harvey was one of the 7/8s who played for us on a regular basis this year. Do not be fooled by his diminutive stature, was like a terrier as a flank half. Harvey showed a lot of confidence for a player of his age playing against the older boys and was willing to take players on 1V1 and showed very good decision making whenever he played for us. He has a good hockey pedigree, and I am sure the Barrett name will continue at a high level for the club in the future.

Lachlan Braid (Defender)

Lachie was definitely the backbone of our team playing the very tough role of free defender throughout the season. His defensive effort and tackling ability often led to teammates staring in awe with how he would run away with the ball when facing a 3 vs 1 in defence. We are very excited to see where Lachie could go with his hockey as any team would be lucky to have him as a part of their team in the future (hopefully he will get some subs in the future as well).

Rohan Braid (Striker)

Mini Rohan is a 7/8s player that played up in most of the games this season and was a massive help with his ball skills and ability to find a pass that no one else would be able to find. A massive thank you to him as he played 2 games of hockey almost every weekend this season and I know the boys appreciated it. He even seagull'd a goal off his older brothers shot in the last game.....definitely a striker in the making

Joshua Brightwell (Goalkeeper)

Josh was our brick wall of a goalkeeper this year with his great reaction time and clearing ability he was a massive help to the team this year with a highlight of stopping 3 different 1 on 1s in open play with his great stick skills in one game against Hale. We are really looking forward to seeing how Josh develops as a keeper in the coming years as he already made his seniors Debut this year which is a massive achievement.

Oscar Coghlan (Defender)

Oscar was another member of the defensive line going between fullback and halfback throughout this season. He was great to have around with his witty comments giving everyone a laugh and his hockey skills are some of

the strongest in the group with his elimination skills moving up the sideline it would look like no one would be able to stop him. He also developed a great slap hit which was a great outletting tool that was used many times this season. With a bit of help with his defensive mind Oscar could mould into an outstanding attacking half back.

Joseph Dias (Defender)

Joey was a great addition to the defensive line playing half back throughout the season had any winger matched up against him quivering with his huge stature he was like a freight train running up the line with the ball. His marking attention and outletting skills were a massive help to the team and we look forward to seeing where he gets with his hockey.

Noah Karantonis (Striker)

Noah was part of our striker line up this year and it was great having him part of the team. His want to learn and improve his hockey was inspiring and we saw this improvement throughout the season with him adding a consistent "tomma" to his arsenal of skills. We are really looking forward to see where he can take his hockey as if he maintains his drive to improve and train hard the sky's the limit.

Zeon Kim (Midfielder)

Zeon was one of our teams speedsters with his ability to carry the ball with speed and change directions gave defenders a very tough time containing him as he got a few goals throughout the season playing a mix of midfield and striker. He also made sure to always bring the "intensity" to training and game day. Zeon's improvement throughout the season was easily noticeable as he became a core part of our midfield towards the end of the season.

James Middleton (Midfielder)

James was a core member of our midfield playing in the centre half role throughout this season with his post up skills and being able to find passes going forward was a big help for the team. His ability to leave defenders in his dust and attack the defenders using a wide range of different skills made him a nightmare for defenders to deal with. His hockey skills will definitely translate into higher level hockey as he goes into 11/12s next year and we look forward to seeing how he goes.



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Cody Ruzicka (Defender)

Cody was Mr. Consistent this year as his basic skills and attention to completing his role to the best of his ability did not go unnoticed. He was a versatile player playing mostly in the midfield with games in our defensive line as well. He would also do anything you asked of him with a smile on his face and was a joy to have around at training and on game day.

Rohan Sandhu (Midfielder/Striker)

Rohan was playing a mix of midfield and striker throughout this season with his speed making him able to breeze past defenders without having to complete a single skill (as long as it didn't hit his big feet). He was always ready to do what was asked of him from playing full back to centre forward his versatility was great to have in the team.

Taisei Slater (Midfielder)

Taisei's hockey has really grown throughout this season as he was learning to harness his skills to play a great style of hockey. He was a ruthless marker in the midfield and was a threat streaming forward getting a couple of goals. His speed and strength on the ball was great to watch and you would rarely see him come out 2nd best in a 1 on 1 competition no matter who the opponent was. Taisei definitely has the potential for high level hockey and could be a big threat going into 11/12s and seniors hockey.

Lucas Wallington (Striker)

Lucas was definitely the sneakiest striker in the lineup as his ability to get into the right position to get tap in goals at the back post was unmatched. His strength on the ball in the attacking D and ability to win short corners was a great help to the team. Lucas has great potential as a striker with his natural positioning work in the D.

Leo Webb (Striker)

Leo's season could definitely be described as interesting as he came to the first training session with two broken wrists still wanting to play. His enthusiasm was unmatched throughout the entire season even when he couldn't play as you could normally hear him before you see him. His help in the 2nd half of the season playing mostly in striker was huge for the team and bagged a few goals in the process. It was great having Leo as part of the as he always had something positive to say and his mood never seemed to waver.

A special thanks to the following 7/8s: Harvey Barret, Stewart Bilney, Rohan Braid, Temujin Bloomfield, Alex Kervin, Matt Kervin, Max Klass, Oliver Reid, Ewan Green, Rys Miller, Ben Sommers. You all acquitted yourselves very well in this grade. Good Luck next year.

To the players moving up to 11/12s next year, Dan and I would like to wish you the best of luck, and hope you continue to strive for enjoyment and improvement with your hockey.



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The upside of only 11 listed players in our team meant that each and every one of our crew was going to benefit from maximum game time every available week. This resulted in a very stable, structured outfit and allowed us to establish, train and play in preferred roles as either striker, midfielder or defensive line and create preferred patterns of play as well as an understanding of each others strengths and weaknesses. Many thanks to our regular band of J7/8 fill ins - Angus, Ben, Finley, James, Matthew and Stewart, also Joshua from J9/10 3's for making yourselves available on a Sunday - your contribution and effort was greatly appreciated.

Every member of our side has been coachable, responsive and I appreciate that you never stopped applying yourselves at training and in games plus smiled as you shared the experience with teammates. All over the ground we've witnessed individual and team growth, gaining greater understanding of the positions and structures required to cover and maximise use of the whole ground. Coaching always gives you the best seat in the house, riding the highs/lows and all the emotions in between. I do find it very rewarding. Many thanks to all of our players in 2023, I have, along with all of your parents, grandparents and siblings, admired how you have carried yourselves, with energy, humor, character and sportsmanship.

Once again special thanks to Ingrid Croall for taking on the managerial role in 2023, Ingrid we all appreciate the time you put in, organization and communication skills in making sure we know where to be and when. Plus your work to ensure we had reserves available for every match. Thanks also to Josh for his input with the boys, as well as running some of the training sessions, nice to have you there. And to the parents, I appreciate your understanding and support through the season, your positive mindset and delivering the boys to training and games.

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Hamish Croall (Goalie)

A growth season for our last man in defence. The ball comes more quickly, from sharper angles and at greater heights as you progress through the age groups but once again Hamish has risen to that challenge to ensure he saves the hard ones, cleans up the straight forward ones, works harder to manage his defensive team as well as clear the ball to our advantage. Great season and kept us in the close games. Off field his favourite things are Chocolate, lollie snakes and mountain bike and BMX riding around the local tracks. Given \$10 million he would buy a house and a high spec bike and bank the rest!

Cody Farmer (Right Half Back)

Great to see Cody back after a season away from hockey with greatly improved marking and tackling skills which has taken his game to another level in 2023. Add to that his carrying the ball forward and passing up our flanks to advantage means we are getting the best from Cody both defensively and also moving into our midfield.

Deceivably quiet on the field and at training but always quick with a sharp remark should the opportunity present itself. Thanks Cody, keep on applying yourself and learning your craft, nice to see your game moving forward... Off field Cody loves a good Burger, playing Rust and if given \$10 million is a solid family guy who would look after his parents first and then very wisely invest and save for his future!

Archer Floyd (Right Striker)

Missed a large chunk of the start of the season due to an ankle injury but attended games in support of the team, learned the game plan, our style of hockey, our structure so that when he was recovered he slipped straight into the strike line without missing a beat. Fiercely competitive Archer clearly possesses a passion to work at 100% in everything he does, he applies himself to a contest with only a thought for winning possession and rolling into attack on his flat stick, more often straight at the goal. As with Rhys I encourage you to work on moving forward with or without the ball, getting into the best position to help the team and make yourself available as well as putting pressure on the opposition defense when we are not in possession in order to dispose of them or disrupt their play. In his first full game back halfway through the season he had a great day shooting goals. Also noted Archer is a keen student of the rules of the game who has on occasion asked the umpire for an interpretation on a passage of play. Thanks for your effort Archer. Perhaps you'll find him munching on some tacos watching the Mandalorian or playing Valorant, his only sporting passion is Hockey and he would also look after his family first with a win of \$10 million!

Kieran Ho (Left Striker)

Kieran is a textbook left flanker, always finds space, evading his marker, getting on the highest possible lead, likes to run, fast a times, looking for a purpose and waying up his options to drive on his flat stick or pull out his newly acquired tomahawk pass, but always angled at the goal. He's been consistent, worked hard at training to develop his craft plus his shooting options and reads the game well enough to put himself in the right position to be an effective player. As with all of the forwards looking for the same work ethic when we have possession and when we need to regain possession, this will take his game to another level. Always fair and never an angry word spoken thanks for all your work in 2023 Kieran. He's a keen swimmer and Fortnite player and enjoys a good feed of pasta with his favourite drink Fanta, given \$10 million Kieran would buy a yacht!

Lachlan Hughes (Fullback)

We never really see Lauchlan flustered, no matter if it is one, two or three opposition players moving towards him. He uses his height and stretch to great effect regularly surprising opposition forwards with his ability to remain in the contest, with the stick held in his right hand only, at full length both on his fore and backstick, without a doubt the best coverage and tackler in our team. His distribution continues to develop, both from free hits and open play. In his down time Lachie loves Chinese food and playing Minecraft and if he was gifted \$10 million dollars would donate to worthy causes and save the rest whilst thinking wisely what to use it for!

Art Jauncey (Left Halfback)

Balancing our right half back we have Art working on our left defense, taking responsibility for shutting down the opposition right wing, marking tightly and blocking his path to goal down our flank and this is exactly what Art has been able to achieve in each and every game he has played in 2023. There is never any difference in application or the level he brings, he concentrates, is tenacious, can cover the ground quickly, moving forward and working back and has developed his tackle, stays in the contest and provides us with passing options off the side line and into our midfield/attacking line. Well done Art - Big thumbs up as always. Art is also a keen tennis player and loves to watch Terminator and play the Rdr2 game, perhaps while enjoying his favourite meal of Pizza and flavoured water. He would invest his \$10 million!



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Alexander Kervin (Centre Midfielder)

Alex established himself very early in the Centre midfield position for season 2023 as one of our most mobile players (the biggest tank), providing the midfield structure, vision as a playmaker plus possessing the ability to either deliver an accurate pass or take the game on by finding space, running at an opposition defensive line and bursting into the D to take a shot. Alex provides our forwards numerous opportunities to score in each and every game, as well as scoring the odd one himself from midfield or corners. Great reader of the play he always positions himself to gain maximum possessions and opportunity. Well done Alex. You may very well find him kicking back after the game with some tasty chicken wings watching Futurama contemplating how he would spend, donate and invest \$10 million!

Rhys Miller (Midfielder)

One of the nicest West Coast supporters you're ever likely to meet, despite this I have always admired Mr. Miller, really enjoy your attitude to the game, giving 110%, running hard, covering lots of ground all at the same pace and never shying away from a contest or being bothered by the size of the opponent. Developing your ability to read the game, making good position and setting yourself to effect a tackle is a result of your training and application. Now encouraging you to carry the ball, using your pace, into space and challenging you to place pressure on an opposition to react which will create passing options and the opportunity to have a go for goal yourself. Well done Rhys, keep applying yourself, work on your two way running and the results will follow. Always fun to coach.. Rhys also loves a good cricket match, kicking back with a good chicken schnitty, perhaps in front of his favourite movie The Flash and would also spend the whole \$10 million!

Timothy Scanlon (Fullback)

Tim's ability to cleanly hit the ball out of defense and up into our forward line (and beyond) on a consistent basis cemented his position as one of our key defenders in season 2023. As the second part of our twin towers (Lachlan/Tim) he has also developed his defensive skills channeling opposition forwards onto his flat stick by effective positioning his feet and stance. Keep working on your passing and moving confidently forward with the ball so the hitting weapon can put more pressure on opposition midfields and defenses. When Tim is at home he tinkers with old cars and loves to play Forza Horizon 3 and then kick back with Pizza to watch his favourite TV show Brooklyn 99, all the while contemplating retiring should he have \$10 million!

Jett Talijancic (Centre Striker)

Along with Alex, Jett has developed into our most reliable goal scoring option in 2023. This is a direct result of his physical presence, his energy and his work rate, whilst we have the ball. As with the other strikers more emphasis needs to be applied on getting the ball back from the opposition when we are not in possession, this will elevate your game. He pursues the ball as soon as it enters his field zone and puts all effort into trapping it and driving it forward. Great to see your possessions grow as the season progressed, we respect your tenacity and efforts in all games. Thanks your efforts Jett, keep developing your hit as a weapon, working on your ball carrying through the midfield, passing skills, give and go and maximizing scoring opportunities. Jett will benefit greatly, the more games he plays, developing his instinct, knowledge and understanding of the strikers craft. Jett also loves a good game of t-ball and participating in school athletics. His plan to invest \$4 million into reliable stocks, \$1 million into investment real estate, give away \$500k to friends and family, buy a comfortable house in a good area and a long lasting car for the future, bank the rest and spend wisely is a very solid plan that would see him in good stead!

Michael Tsocas (Midfield and Fullback)

With a great eye and the ability also to read the play Michael has established himself as a very effective midfielder in 2023. Michael consistently positions himself in just the right location, at the right time and with the correct balance to perfectly effect a tackle that disposes his opposition with flat or reverse stick. He has a steely resolve and remains unflustered in all situations, either retaining possession by creating a free or moving the ball to a position where he can deliver a pass which will create a scoring opportunity for us. Michael is comfortable with the play in front of him (deep defense) or moving forward and back through the midfield and applies himself to any position/role he has been asked to play. Thanks for your season Michael, keep working on your shot and overhead. Michael loves to trampoline and would spend the whole \$10 million!

Andrew Scanlon - Coach

Many thanks from all the players and families for another great season from Andrew, his dedication and calm considered approach in all aspects of the game are paired with an immense passion and knowledge of hockey. Andrew has guided many of our players over the years with his son Josh assisting at training and games where they work calmly and steadily to bring out the best in all the players which is the reason we finish the season going into the finals for the 1st time. Thanks Andrew.



J9/10 DIVISION 1 GIRLS

Our team has faced its fair share of obstacles throughout this challenging season, resulting in more draws than wins on the scoreboard. However, despite adversity, our girls have displayed unwavering determination and growth with each new challenge. With each match, they've exhibited continuous improvement, showcasing their ability to dissect opposing teams and skillfully advance the ball up the field into positions of real threat. The progress we've witnessed isn't just individual; it's a testament to the collective evolution of the team. The girls have seamlessly grown together as the season unfolded, forging stronger bonds and refining teamwork. While victory may not always have been the outcome, the true victory lies in the unity they've cultivated and the strides they've made collectively. This season is a testament to their dedication and perseverance, highlighting that growth transcends wins and losses. *Coach - Harry Parkes*



Chloe Billingham

Chloe's dynamic performance on the field has not gone unnoticed. Her impressive combination of skill and speed has allowed her to effectively move the ball, creating opportunities and disrupting opponents' strategies. Her growth throughout the season is remarkable, as she continually elevated her game and significantly contributed to our team's success. Chloe's dedication to improvement is evident, and her promising potential suggests exciting prospects for the seasons ahead. We look forward to witnessing her further development and the impact she'll undoubtedly have in the future.

Summer Bloomfield

Despite her quiet demeanor, Summer's contributions on the field have been significant. Her defensive efforts have been noteworthy, consistently supporting the team. Her ability to hold up play and execute well-timed tackles has disrupted our opponents' offensive flow. Summer's commitment to her defensive role and her determination to break-down plays have not gone unnoticed. Her role as a reliable defensive presence is invaluable, and her progress throughout the season has demonstrated what is to come in the future.

Ella Blythman-Kirk

Ella's season began with a strong display of her exceptional 3D skills and knack for outplaying opponents. Although she faced a setback with a portion of the season missed due to injury, her commitment remained unwavering. During her absence, Ella remained integral by aiding in player rotations and contributing to cohesion. Upon her return, she made an impressive comeback, demonstrating that her skills had remained strong during her time away. As we reflect on this season, Ella's contributions stand out, and her resilience is admirable. With her talent and determination, we eagerly anticipate her continued performances next season.

Jasmine Kaur Brar

Jaz's standout performances have genuinely set her apart this season. Her involvement in our short-corner strategy resulted in the conversion of several crucial goals, showcasing her accuracy and effectiveness under pressure. Furthermore, Jaz's commitment to growth is evident as she continues to develop her skills while playing with the senior team. Her contributions and dedication have elevated her own game and positively impacted the group. With her remarkable skills and determination, Jaz is undoubtedly a player to watch, and we eagerly anticipate her continued success on our team and in senior play.

Lucy Carmody

Lucy's vibrant personality and constant communication have infused our team with energy throughout the season. Her versatility is commendable, as she fearlessly embraced almost every position on the field, showcasing her adaptability and team-oriented mindset. Lucy's potential shines through when she's motivated, and her moments of brilliance have not gone unnoticed. With the right encouragement, her abilities have the potential to make a significant impact on any team's performance. We're excited to see Lucy's growth in the future.

Charlize Costa

Charli's consistent and commendable improvement throughout the season is truly praiseworthy. Her growing confidence in her abilities and gameplay has been evident, and her progress hasn't gone unnoticed. As she embraced her role on the team, Charli's performances showcased her potential and determination. Notably, her adaptability and display of skills suggest a promising future in a midfield role. Charli's development has been inspiring, and we are excited to see her continue to thrive and contribute in the coming seasons.



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Isla Gilbert

Isla's tenacity and endurance have made her an invaluable asset to the team, as she tirelessly applies pressure to the opposition throughout the match. Her ability to anticipate and cut off transfer passes demonstrates her strategic mindset on the field. Notably, Isla's growth in confidence is evident in her willingness to take shots within the D, which has added a new dimension to our attacking plays. With this promising development, we anticipate Isla's continued progress and hope to see her contribute even more goals to the scoreboard in the upcoming seasons.

Rachel Leeder

Rachel's remarkable development throughout the season has been a joy to witness. Her game has evolved significantly, enabling her to engage more in the team's play. Her proactive approach and increased involvement have not gone unnoticed, as she's consistently demonstrated her commitment to the game. Rachel's willingness to engage in contests is particularly impressive, highlighting her determination and resilience. As Rachel continues to hone her skills and enhance her impact on the field, we're excited to see her evolution and the positive influence she'll undoubtedly have on the team's dynamics.

Pfeiffer Marwick

Pfeiffer's speed and strategic play have made her a valuable asset this season. Her aptitude for creating attacking opportunities is evident through her adept use of speed to outmaneuver opponents. Her ability to play high and wide on the field has proven to be a formidable threat, unsettling opposing defenses. As the season progressed, Pfeiffer's contributions intensified. Winning short corners and generating goal-scoring opportunities showcased her evolving skills. Pfeiffer's impact on the team's offensive strategy has been pivotal, and we eagerly anticipate her continued growth and contributions.

Airi McDonnell

Airi's presence in the midfield has been instrumental this season. With excellent skill and unwavering determination, she has consistently demonstrated her ability to control the game's tempo from the center of the field. Her role in moving the ball forward has been crucial for our offensive plays, contributing to our team's attacking prowess. Airi's dedication to her position and evident passion for the sport makes her a standout player. As she continues to showcase her skills, we do not doubt that Airi's contributions will remain a driving force for our success.

Chloe Patton

Chloe's reliability on our halfback line has been a stabilizing force for the team. Her consistent performance and ability to accurately hit the ball have been pivotal in maintaining our defensive structure and transitioning the

ball forward. Notably, Chloe has focused on maintaining composure when in possession of the ball, which has enhanced her decision-making. As she continues to refine her skills and contribute to the team's success, Chloe's presence and efforts are highly valued and appreciated.

Caelee Power

Caelee has showcased exceptional skills in distributing the ball over long distances with precision, a quality that has significantly contributed to our team's strategic plays. Her ability to execute aerial passes has added another dimension to our gameplay, keeping our opponents on their toes. In addition, Caelee's decisive tackles and strong defensive stops have proven crucial in regaining possession and shifting the momentum of matches. Her continued development in these areas is a testament to her hard work and commitment to excellence in the field.

Sharlynn Simon

Sharlynn's progress this season has been impressive, particularly in her strategic play involving advancing up the field to bolster our forward pressure. Her ability to read the game and make well-timed passes has added depth to our attack. Winning numerous free hits highlights her fantastic skills and understanding of the game. Moreover, Sharlynn has made a habit in making goal-line saves which has been pivotal in protecting our net. Sharlynn's dedication to honing her skills is evident, and her continued growth promises great things for her and her future.

Madison Woods

Madi's vocal presence as our goalkeeper has been a game-changer this season, boosting our team's confidence and organization on the field. Her quick reflexes and fearless dives have saved us in crucial moments, earning her immense respect. Her involvement with the senior women's team showcases her dedication to improvement and saw her making an appearance in women's 1's team. Madi's leadership, potential, and unwavering passion make her a standout player with a promising future.

We would like to give our gratitude to Harry for taking on the role of Coach this season, the girls have enjoyed his presence and involvement at each game and the knowledge imparted to each of the players which has seen improvement and development by each individual girl on the team. This group of girls were a delight to see each week and were always happy and positive throughout a tough season of hockey. Thank you to Kirby for stepping in to train the girls for the latter part of the season, and Chris for coaching in Bunbury and the guest appearance when Harry was unable to attend. Thanks also to our fill in players - Alyssa, Matilda, Scarlett. Lastly a huge thank you to the amazing group of parents which are always there to support the girls, Harry and myself at each game. - Manager - Fiona Power



J9/10 DIVISION 3 (GOLD) GIRLS

These girls have been the funniest, most chaotic and yet sweetest girls I have ever met. With such differing personalities they have all come together as one and created such a positive and supportive environment. They've taught me so much about not only my own hockey growth and development but a new perspective and love for the sport. Every single one of them I'm so proud to have supported and coached this year, I can't wait to see their own journey through hockey and see where their skill and talent take them!

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Caitlin Arbery (Fullback-Halfback)

An absolute champion of defending and hitting those gnarly balls, please keep playing and developing your skills!

Nicola Barnwell (Fullback-Halfback)

Incredible journey from the start of the season till now, you have come so far and still growing your talent, keep going!

Sarah Blakeley (Midfield-Striker)

A naturally gifted talent in the sport, don't stop developing your individual skills you will get far!

Kayla Cook (Halfback- Fullback)

Amazing growth from start to where you are now! Keep pushing yourself and strive for greatness!

Olivia Edel (Halfback-Midfield)

Insane determination and passion for hockey, never would stop running and supporting the team!

Alexandria Geen (Fullback-Halfback)

Insanely skilled not only in defence and in the attack too, she is gonna be a force to be reckoned with!

Zara Gowland (Midfield-Centre Half)

Our triumphant leader! You're destined for greatness in this sport, don't stop believing in your skill!

Ivy Klass (Goalkeeper)

Saved our butts more than a couple times! Amazing goal keeping ability and great leader for the defenders.

Imogen Knight (Midfield)

Such a gorgeous personality that made everyone feel so welcome, you have grown your talent so much since the start of the season, never stop believing in yourself.

Imogen Leighton (Striker)

Our fearless striker! Always ready and raring to go on the field, super quick and incredibly hockey smart.

Bailey Stammers (Striker)

An amazingly skilled forward, believe in yourself, you are a fighter!

Sophia Tancredi (Midfield-Striker)

Our amazing goal scorer! Insane 3D skills, she defends and attacks incredibly and gives it her all, don't stop believing in yourself!

Charlotte Trotter (Halfback- Midfield)

Another naturally talented girl apart of the team, so skillful and passionate can't wait to see where her talent takes her!

A huge thanks goes to Rosie for taking on the job of coaching the 9/10 Girls Div 3 Gold team this year. Rosie has done an amazing job to harness the girls' energy, to motivate and inspire them, and to get the best out of each and every player. Rosie has fostered a really positive environment and culture within the team, allowing the girls to develop their skills and grow as hockey players.

We look forward to you coaching us again next year Rosie!



J9/10 DIVISION 5 GIRLS

This team enjoys their hockey and spending time with each other. Most of the girls have played together at some stage over the last few years, so they bonded well as a team straight away. We struggled to get a coach, but Gemma Eckermann (Hannah's Mum) kindly volunteered, which was greatly appreciated by all. We know it takes a lot of time and energy each week to prepare and coach training sessions and games, and Gemma was there through thick and thin as a very passionate coach. Thank you, Gemma! With 12 players on the team, we were looking for double-up players each week. Rylee Irvine played most games for us and was an integral part of our team. Her never-give-up attitude always lifted the team - and she ended up as our team's leading goal scorer. Gemma Fiedler also played many games for us, especially towards the end of the season. She provided a very welcome smiling face and spark on the field. Thanks also to Kirrily Pulford for being a superb double-up goal-keeper, and Mila Herbert and Zara Kent for adding their hockey prowess to our games when we needed extra players. The team enjoyed developing all these friendships, both new and old!

Nieve Beauchamp (Fullback)

Nieve was one of our key fullbacks this season, helping to provide a strong line of defence. Despite not being able to attend training, Nieve fitted in well with the team. Nieve understands her position well and is always ready to take on the attackers and get the ball out of the "D". Focusing on communicating with other defenders could help Nieve develop her key role in defence. It's been great to see your development throughout the season. Well done, Nieve!

Eve Branch (Wing)

Eve has been one of our regular wings, positioning herself well to receive the wide ball and help bring the ball forward. Eve is always a happy smiley face around training and a pleasure to coach. Eve needs to trust her ability to win a tackle, showing her strength and determination to go for second efforts. Well done, Eve

Georgina Brown (Fullback)

Georgina has been a star fullback this year, always strong and strategic in positioning herself to steal the ball from an unsuspecting attacker. Should the attacker manage to pass, we could always depend on Georgina to never give up and make every attempt to clear the ball. Georgina was an energetic and fun member of the team, as well as providing a key leadership role, providing much support to teammates. What a great year. I can't wait to see your hockey game in the future.

Hannah Eckermann (Goalkeeper)

Hannah started the season as a field player, but without a goalkeeper, soon offered to take up this role. And.. what an amazing goalkeeper she turned out to be! Hannah had a lot of work during the season and managed to save around 80% of the shots on goal. Finding your voice and providing defenders with more direction would help you develop your role as a goalkeeper. I love how you always give everything you've got. I can't wait to see your game develop in 2024.

Lilian Hough (Half Back)

Lilian has had a great year and been a strong presence as centre half. With increasing confidence, Lilian has taken upon a leadership role, providing teammates with great advice and strategy, both on and off the field. Lilian has been strong in defence, covering much ground to ensure she brings the ball into the attack. Try to trust your teammates to help you out. What an amazing year! I look forward to seeing your hockey game in 2024.

Poppy Huntrod (Wing)

Poppy was our right wing, who showed great potential to make a fast break down the side into the 'D' for a strong attack on goal. Poppy loved the social side of hockey and often had the attention of the team during training. With strong focus and perseverance Poppy will be a great hockey player.

Rylee Irvine (Inner / Centre Forward)

Rylee has been an amazing addition to our team, initially a sub, Rylee ended up playing each game throughout the second half of the season. She has fitted into the team very well and has been one of our strongest forwards. Rylee is a tenacious and confident player, creating many opportunities in attack. We have been very privileged to have you on our team.

Annabel McAuliffe (Wing/Inner)

Our smallest player, but strong in holding her position on the left wing and inner. Annabel is a quiet and friendly person, a pleasure to have in the team. She was always in the right position for a quick turn over and provided a helpful link in the forward line.

Piper McKenzie (Inner)

Piper has been one of our most experienced forwards who jumps on any opportunity to steal the ball and using her speed to break away from the opposition. When in this zone, Piper shows great skill to move around players and provide great options for herself or teammates to attack the goals. With continued consistency and determination, you have the potential to be an amazing hockey player.



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Lily Moore-Neesham (Defender)

Lily wanted to step away from her previous role as goalkeeper and try a defensive position on the field this year. It was great to see Lily grow in confidence and learn the role of full back and half back. Lily always had a great story to tell and enjoyed the social game of hockey. With determined focus on strong tackles and second efforts, you'll see great improvement in your hockey game. Keep up the great work!

Charley Petersen (Centre forward / Inner)

Charley started the season quiet and unassuming, but with time she developed confidence to become one of our key attackers. Charley was attentive and always keen to learn and develop her hockey skills and knowledge of the game. Charley was versatile and happy to play wherever I needed her. It has been great to see your fitness, skills and determination develop this year. I can't wait to see your development next year.

Tia Woods (Half Back / Inner)

Tia is one of our most reliable defenders, covering her position well with strong tackles and second efforts. With several of our games low on attackers, Tia, initially a little hesitant, soon began to love the variety and challenge of the role of inner. Tia is a quiet and modest person, always happy to take on feedback and keen to learn and improve her hockey game. I look forward to seeing your development in 2024.

Ella Young (Half Back / Wing)

Ella was one of our quiet achievers, generally taking up a position at half back, but always willing to play any position where she was needed. Ella always listened and worked hard at training and as she grew in confidence, she frequently sought advice, keen to improve her hockey game. It's been great to see Ella develop her defence skills, with strong tackles and clearances up the wing. I look forward to seeing what you can achieve in your hockey game in the future.

This team epitomises social hockey - they know how to have fun and enjoy each other's company while sharing their common passion for hockey. We look forward to seeing you all again in maroon next year!





J7/8 DIVISION 1 BOYS

This season we have seen the J7/8 1s go from players in a team to players who are a part of a team. They have been challenged on the field by some big players with big skills in the opposition, however, week by week this group of fine young men have shown what it means to them to be part of Melville City Hockey Club as they worked on closing the gap. They have worked tirelessly on skill development, basics and footwork through to elite level junior skills alongside tactical and strategic improvements. I have challenged them to show what it means to be a part of this team, what is our brand and who they are as players and people. They have responded beautifully! From what was pockets of great, highly competitive play early in the season that still lead to being comfortably beaten each week, to now having taken points in 4 of the last 5 games and showing they can match it with the top sides in complete performances. Our team rules and mantra are firmly ingrained, and I hope they remember them and they serve the players well as they move forward in their hockey careers, wherever they lead them.



Liam Atkinson (LA - Captain - HWA U13s)

This guy is a smooth mover with pace to burn. This year LA has been released up front as a striker to work his creative magic, and it has paid dividends with him finishing the lion's share of our teams goal tally. As a Captain he has learned to be more vocal and provide direction and inspiration for his teammates. Off the field he is one of the boys and on the field his intensity leads the way! With LA, our motto for this year is to remember that sometimes less is more, meaning not every trick you have needs to be used every time you get the ball. Refining this has and continues to improve his game.

Harvey Barrett (Harves)

Harves or Halves (based on height compared to others) has made solid progress this season with his skills and positioning defensively. As an aggressive left half, Harves has demonstrated far more consistently in the back end of the season that marking in front is a weapon for the team as intercepting and running off of your player is far easier than trying to lay a tackle and then eliminate. As Harves progresses in his hockey, he will benefit from making disciplined decisions more consistently when under pressure in defense.

Andrew Blair (AB - HWA U13s)

Our goalkeeper who kept us alive in the early part of the season with some remarkable skills on display in the defensive circle. As the season progressed and the team's skills continued to develop AB's skill set was required to evolve as we needed more from him. This resulted in improved communication and calling further tightening and allowing for our team to become more miserly in defense. To continue his evolution, AB will benefit from not allowing one goal to distract him from resetting so that his communication can remain on point and not lead to a second cheap goal being scored.

Brent Bottomley (B - Vice Captain)

As a utility who is willing to play the role the team needs of him, he has been the ultimate 'swingman.' With the development of our team, this has been needed less and seen him settle into his role down back after being a big part of the midfield early. Pivotal roles in penalty corners

sees B inject fast and accurate providing our battery a good opportunity to get outcomes, as well as being the first runner where his pace has troubled nearly every corner battery. B has been working hard and will continue to benefit from working on his body positioning compared to his opposition to influence play, as well as trusting his decisions.

Rohan Braid (Rozer)

As a striker Rozer is handy at reading the play and getting into dangerous positions. His hand eye coordination is elite, and footwork is smooth when receiving in motion. Rozer has been working on developing his understanding of how strikers can move in unison and the importance of positioning compared to others. Being confident in his ability has seen him pinch hitting in the midfield to keep the opposition on the back foot. With his pace and willingness to cover the ground his injection in here has been an added string to our team's bow. Moving into next year I would expect to see Rozer develop greater communication with his teammates, in whichever line he is in, to ensure positioning of not only himself but others around him to make life hard for the opposition.

Alex Cooper (AI)

AI has worked hard on his defensive accountability this year and as a result there has been no hesitation in giving him some big jobs marking opposition strikers out of the game. There have been considerable gains in fundamentals of footwork and technical ability that has seen AI become a more complete player, due in no part to his willingness to ask for and apply feedback. Moving forward, AI is well placed to develop his consistency when distributing under pressure.

Nathan Forbes (Nato)

The pocket rocket! Besides being able to magically pop out from nowhere during games to bamboozle the opposition midfield, Nato has demonstrated his desire to improve. Adding improved consistency to his arsenal has seen Nato diversify on the field and take up pinch hitting roles in defense and attack, as needed for the team. He has been an embodiment of our team structures and



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ethos. Nato should be proud of his season to date. Moving forward, Nato will tear games apart when he learns that he only needs to beat a guy once, not having to go back and beat him again and again to demonstrate how good he is.

Ewan Geen (Ewanme - pronounced 'You n me')

This guy has come on in leaps and bounds this season. From a timid little Year 7 joining the team at grading to now a confident young man who clearly is prepared to work hard for the team and on his own skills. The results are telling, as Ewanme keeps a tight leash on his opponents in the midfield while still providing attacking opportunities. His footwork and strength over the ball are vastly improved and his decision-making will see him be a strong leader in the team next year.

Jack Gilbert (Jacky)

Jack is one of the quietest, most unassuming players in the team. Week in and week out he can be relied upon to play his role for the team and do so with great finesse. As the season has gone on Jacky has taken on feedback and spoken up about his desire to experiment in the midfield. He now is holding down pivotal roles in our team's engine room and providing additional avenues into attack. Jacky boy will elevate his game with two additions: being more assertive in his presence (physically and verbally), and the other he has little control over at this stage, but when his height matches his skills - look out hockey world!

Maxwell Klass (Maxi)

Maxi is just that! Maxi effort, maxi influence on games, maxi frustration and maxi potential! This young man has so much upside and when he turns it on you just know something is going to happen. This season we have seen Maxi scoring goals from nowhere, pressing so hard that the opposition turn the ball over and at times falling over his own feet. Whatever you say about Maxi it has to start with, that he loves what he does and that his commitment to the game cannot be questioned. It has been rewarding to watch him run better lines in a press, tackle with strength and share the ball to good spots as the season has progressed. I hope Maxi continues to develop poise and purpose in his defensive pressure and is more deliberate in his decision-making skills. Keep an eye on this kid because when he gets it, he will get all of it!

Oliver McKinnon (Ollie)

When you see this striker out in the pockets moving into the circle he is one of the smoothest movers in the league. Ollie eliminates and then accelerates into the space around the outside with apparent ease and then can find a foot or a teammate regularly to achieve a positive outcome for his team. With his evolution as a player and willingness to play the role for his team, Ollie has played through every line and worked hard to enact the instructions provided, however, has predominantly done the job for us up front. As he moves into J9/10s next year, Ollie will undoubtedly evolve into a more complete player. To elevate his game, Ollie will benefit from becoming more involved for longer periods.

Tom Randall (Tommy)

After a big offseason of growing Tommy came back bigger and stronger with a thirst to impose himself on games. Despite a few setbacks with injury, Tommy has proven a reliable defender who managed to get the last touch in to affect the play. Whether at training or games you could always be safe knowing that he would implement feedback to the best of his ability. Once Tommy gets his body right and continues to solidify his skill set, he will be a great asset to any team he plays in with his calm and controlled demeanor.

Luca Sorci (Saucy - PSA 1st XI debut)

Luca has proved his value and on field leadership in the few games he has played. When not playing PSA 1st XI Saucy has time and again helped release defensive pressure and set up solid counter attacks with one of the best overheads in the league. Saucy has continued to evolve his thinking and understanding of our team structures and has taken great strides in taking accountability for his actions which has and continues to elevate his value to the team.

Bryn Wilson (Brizzle - HWA U13)

The silky skills on this young fella have continued to develop at an exponential rate and clearly he loves the game as a fanatic. Brizzle is a deep thinker about our sport and has a thirst for knowledge on how to improve his own game. Holding down any position in any line you put him into, Brizzle brings that flair to any role and his ability to eliminate opposition regularly sees him open space and create opportunity. At times, he can become a little too focused and forgets to bring others into the game which would again lead to enhancing his gameplay as he transitions the ball up the field getting the ball back in better positions without the need to unnecessarily engage in contests.

Sincere thanks to Simon Atkinson who has managed not only the team, the bench rotations, the group chats but also me, to extract the plans in my head and helping make them a reality, which allowed me to focus on the boys and helping get the best out of them. Your efforts are appreciated, and I thank you. Our Junior Development guru, Kirby Hobbs, not only ran a tight ship with additional skill sessions, he also jumped in to coach the boys at Club Champs and for a couple of weeks while I was unavailable on other duties. The boys idolize him, as they should, for he is a wonderful positive role model for our future champions. Thanks Kirby!

A special mention to Todd Barrett as the boy's coordinator who permitted me to change my mind, venues and stood by my coaching when in the early days the results were not coming our way. His recognition of the bigger picture (and backing our case to stay in Div 1) allowed us the freedom to develop the team not only for now but for the coming years in their development.

Cheers Matt Bottomley (Botts)



J7/8 DIVISION 3 (GOLD) BOYS

The J7/8 Div 3 boys had a really good year. Training was well-attended every week and it really showed in the way the boys improved as individuals but also with their ability to play multiple positions and in general team play. We generally had an even contribution across the field and this was a key factor in a positive win-loss ratio and the opportunity to play finals. Judging by the banter and the smiles, the boys had a lot of fun and I hope to see their continued skill development in future years. A big thanks also to the super organised Trevor (Team Manager extraordinaire). It makes the coach's job so much easier when every other detail is so perfectly organised. We would like to thank our fabulous MCHC Umpires who officiated our games throughout the season.

Finally, I would like to recognise the parents of the J7/8 Div 3 boys. Always respectful, always encouraging, I am proud that we collectively provided a pretty good example of how junior sport should be played and why it can be so rewarding.

Stewart Bilney

A strong player, Stewart was generally used as a striker or mid fielder but to be honest was pretty handy in any position. Scored a number of crucial goals in close games. Stewart is a natural leader around the team and was always encouraging his team mates. He continues to learn the art of timing his leads and when that clicks the goals will flow. Thanks for an awesome season Stewart.

Mehtaab Singh Brar

A cheeky smile, a quick wit and a genuine talent. Mehtaab could frustrate and delight the coach in the space of 30 seconds. Never shy to request playing centre forward or for the variation to be directed to Mehtaab on short corners, but to be fair he backed up the banter and put away several awesome goals. Over the season Mehtaab even became pretty good at holding his position when the nasty coach made him play at left half from time to time. Fun to have in the team... I reckon that's a pretty good compliment in a team sport. Look forward to seeking your continued improvement Mehtaab.

Angus Croall

I often used Angus on the wing or at half back as he was extremely good at holding his position. He also has a good work rate and was great at applying defencing pressure to keep the ball in our attack. Angus has good ball skills and a knack of creating opportunities for his team mates. A great allrounder.

Thaneesh Daivandran

Thaneesh is very fast and agile. He keeps his stick on the ground and is tenacious. He very rarely loses 1 on 1 battles making him a really important defensive midfielder. He is learning to hold his position in the midfield. Spent a bit of time on the sidelines due to injury but like Evan has returned for the finals where he will be a critical player. Always smiling, always listening, Thaneesh has the potential to develop into a very good player.

Kyson Fairhead

Kyson is a great athlete and uses his speed and stamina across the ground... attack, defence, Kyson could be anywhere. Reads the game really well and often intercepted opposition attacks. Kyson poses a super hard slap hit that he uses to good effect to clear the ball out of defence. Kyson's skills continue to improve. When it all clicks Kyson will be a midfield weapon.





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Evan Fitzpatrick

A very dependable player in either attack or defence. Evan is a 'go to' player when a job needs to be done. Unfortunately, he missed a bit of hockey with a finger injury but seems to have come back fit and firing and ready for finals.



Evan



Matt

Matthew Kervin

A hard-working midfielder, Matt's skills improved with every game. Matt is also fast and used his skill and speed to break lines and set up attacks. Matt is calm under pressure and makes good decisions with the ball. A natural mid fielder and I'm sure very popular with the forward group who benefit from Matt's good work.



Ethan



James

Ethan Koekemoer

Very polite, very respectful but a 'hard nut' and fierce competitor. Ethan can play in any position and always gives 100%. He ran himself into the ground every week. Ethan was also one of the best at following the game plan and reliably moved the ball wide either out of defence or through the midfield.

This opened up our attacking circle and contributed to a number of goals.

James Lee

Loves a clean sheet! One of our most improved players, James is a critical part of the team. Put simply, it's very hard to score goals when James is in the net. He kept us in games on a number of occasions and was frequently in a out best players. In addition to his shot stopping James is growing in confidence and is now a good communicator capable of organising the defence. James has significant potential to become an outstanding goal keeper.



Manas

Manas Singh Mehta

Our star mid-season recruit! Manus joined the team a few games into the season and made an immediate impact. Manus is polite, considerate and a great listener. I was concerned that he may not fit into the team with those qualities but he slotted in perfectly. Reliable in any position and always happy to play his role, Manus is a great asset to Melville Hockey.

Oliver Read

Ollie generally played as a midfielder or forward. Ollie is very good at holding his position (particularly as a half back or on the wing) and has good ball control. He earned many short corners and created a number of opportunities for team mates. However, his season highlight came against Rockingham when, after a great build up down the right hand side, he first timed a hard cross into the bottom left corner and celebrated like he just sealed Olympic gold. Keep working on the skills and the celebrations Ollie.



Oliver



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Ben

Ben Somers

No one runs harder than Ben or has a greater will to win. He wears his heart on his sleeve and never gives up. He is learning to hold position although it's tempting just play Ben as a 'rover' and watch him go. Ben generally played as a forward and nailed some critical goals. Ben is keen to use the 'tommer' or an overhead at any opportunity. The enthusiasm is infectious!

Kobe Taylor

Kobe was another massive improver this year. Can play any position although I generally used Kobe at full back or in the midfield due to his speed and tackling skills. Positions himself well and can be a ball magnet on his day. Kobe is tenacious making him very hard to beat 1 on 1. Kobe is an essential ingredient in the team.



Kobe

Finley Turner

A defender's defender. Passionate about stopping goals. Most boys played in multiple positions, although Finley played nearly the entire season at full back. He loved it, he was awesome at it... it was a win-win. Finley would even sprint for the defenders bibs a training such was his tackling passion. Every team needs a Finley.



Finley

The team had the privilege of being guided by exceptional coaches in Matt Read and Todd Barrett, we thank both Matt and Todd for providing their support, guidance and hockey insight throughout the season at training and on game day. Their ability to nurture talent, inspire self-belief and instil discipline contributed significantly to the team's growth and success through the year.

Thank you to Ryan Fitzpatrick, Jake Olsen, Flynn Armitage and Temujin Bloomfield for helping us out during the season when we were short of players. Speaking of filling in, this team also recognised the importance of giving back to the club and helping out other teams. Each week we had someone play in either the J9/10 Div 3 or 5's, some weeks we had as many as 6 players out there on a Sunday morning after playing our game on Saturday.

Whether the boys' hockey dream is to play at the highest level or play with their mates each week in the local competition, we wish each and every player all the best in the next stages in their hockey journey and thank you all for a great season.

We hope to see everyone back at the club in 2024.



J7/8 DIVISION 5 BOYS

The J7/8 Div 5 Boys team came together from different teams and many of the boys hadn't played together before. We started the season in Div 4 where over the first month of play we were competitive but suffered a string of losses. Regrading saw us moved to Div 5, a move immediately followed by our first win against, then, top of the table Ellenbrook. From there we didn't look back, with nothing but wins to close out the season - the first clean sheet being achieved in Round 10 at home on the Turf against Dale (10-0). At the time of writing the boys are all very excited for the finals, and will miss not having Akashan and Anoshan (away on a family trip) providing strength up the left hand side.

Throughout the season, coaching focused on strengthening no more than two skills each week with a focus on applying those skills in that week's game.

The order at which we worked through the varied skills was typically guided by any missed opportunities during the previous week's game. Particular highlights were the application of strong shots from the top of the D, finishing deflections when in and around the post, positioning and game reads, and more recently pass-shoot triangles when attacking from the baseline. It was great to see the boys continually identify when to apply these new skills in the game, and to see them critically evaluating their on field decisions/play selection.



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Flynn Armitage

The goalkeeper role comes with a unique set of challenges. Flynn had a high physical workload at the start of the season and kept his chin high as the team found their feet. This shifted to a high mental workload during the latter part of the season as communication and backline coordination became the focus of Flynn's role - a skill he was able to harness which led to the chalking up of a clean sheet (Round 10). Flynn was always focused at practice, fuelled by a desire to deliver and perfect his game, listening to and digesting any advice given his way. Flynn has solid prospects ahead of him in his career as goalkeeper.

Temujin Bloomfield

One of the quiet performers, Tem led from the front and really owned the centre forward position. It became clear through the middle of the season that Tem had an eye for the goal whether on a breakaway or after executing some intricate stick skills inside the D. Tem set the bar high during practice which encouraged the others in the team to rise to the challenge. The second half of the season had Tem focusing on evaluating the highest probability play based on game reads and showing urgency to finish inside the D - a recipe that proved successful on numerous occasions.

Harrison Cooper

I now understand why this guy never won a game of musical statues growing up, he doesn't stand still. The master of dribbling off from a free, this was an asset Harrison harnessed to continually put the team in advantageous positions. His broad skill base led him to take on a variety of positions around the field, which saw him consistently improving all elements of his game. 1-on-1 situations were something Harrison worked hard on, reading the play to understand when to use speed vs skill, and (I will ensure) this will remain a key focus as he works on taking his game to the next level. Love, Dad.

Akashan Ganapathipillai

I may have called you your brother's name for most of the season but please don't take it personally. The stick skills Akash brought to the team were invaluable, others in the team were encouraged to try new things from watching Akash with the ball - this inevitably lifted skill levels across the whole team. Every time Akash played he left nothing on the field, a workhorse with great on-field comms and an eagerness to coach his teammates. The linkage Akash provided between the halves and forwards really opened up the field for the team, especially on the turf games - continue to develop these strengths.



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Anoshan Ganapathipillai

I may have called you your brother's name for most of the season but please don't take it personally. Anosh brought a high level of skill to the table from the start of the season, and the focus and effort he put in during training was evident in improved game reading (positioning/urgency) on the field. It was fantastic to see Anosh take advice on board and incorporate it into his game, staying positive and persistent, even if it didn't work out the first time - persistence that went on to lead to success (goals). His ability to hold his position is impressive, continuing to work on the through ball will reap further rewards on the field.

Alistair Goodsell

Multiple times during the season, I had the opposition coach come up to me and comment on the workrate of "that kid". Ali started the season as a stalwart in defence where he held himself accountable to a high standard, always doubling back on the rare occasion where he was beaten. Through the middle of the season, Ali wanted to take on the challenge of heading up field. Hungry to execute, he took his same "never give up" attitude into the forwards and was rewarded with goals. Hard working to the end, Ali was an anchor for the team.

Joe Hunter

There's a lot of hype around artificial intelligence at the moment, and there should be an equal amount of hype around this guy! Joe rapidly grew into the centre half role early in the season, his natural stick skills coupled with fitness and speed for days were an asset to the team from the beginning. Where Joe really grew during the season was his game awareness, reading the play, predicting the next play, knowing when to engage and when to fall back. If I could sum up Joe in one word it would be "dependabilitythroughfourquarters".

Daniel Hussey

Dan was one of the quieter members of the team but it was clear during downtime that he enjoyed being with his peers. Dan improved during the season, and while reading the play and engagement were areas of focus, Dan didn't hesitate to get involved when the opportunity presented itself. He actively participated in training and took feedback on board when working on developing his stick skills.

Robert Neck

The Legend of Rob. "It's Dangerous To Go Alone! Take This" not the sword, a hockey stick! Rob brought a level of energy and light heartedness to the team that kept spirits high. His goal was a highlight of the season, the result of working hard, listening to guidance, and staying engaged in the game. Rob was happy to take on a variety of positions, and throughout the season increased both the number of touches he had per game and his urgency around the ball. I hope you enjoyed the season!

Jake Olsen

From doooowwnn tooooowwnn. Jake has an eye for sending it - whether driving for the green on a par 5 or taking the top 2mm off the turf with a reverse sweep. Jake has a clear vision for what he wants to achieve on the field, and he works on it. He showed a visible improvement in both his success rate connecting with the big shots and in evaluating and selecting the highest probability shot to attempt based on what lay in front of him. Keep up that level of determination and focus on incremental improvement.

Lucas Prince

Thou shall not pass..... Or get past. All season Lucas held strong at fullback. With a variety of partners in crime, Lucas was the assurance the team needed in defence to make sure either the ball was cleared or enough time was bought for his team mates to get back and assist. From the very first game of the season Lucas demonstrated both a solid understanding of the rules of the game and an urgency to keep the game moving, getting both free and defensive hit outs underway without delay. A focus on on field comms will lift Lucas' game to the next level, bringing some of that off field personality onto the field!

Jacob Soh

Jacob brought an invaluable level of energy to the team, both in spirits and gameplay. Off the field Jacob's positivity and charisma helped fuel team cohesion, on the field Jacob's dedication to deliver ensured a level of confidence and strength was present within the halves. Not one to shy away from a challenge, Jacob always gave it his all on the field, with his ability to hold position becoming a commendable part of his game. As his hockey career continues, eyes up field and quick free hits will guarantee Jacob is a nuisance to whatever opposition he comes across.

Matyas Zmitko

Matty always brought a positive attitude and enthusiasm to the field. Happy to take on a variety of positions, Matty was polite and engaged when taking on feedback and advice, actively willing to do whatever was needed for the team. Matty didn't shy away from a challenge on the field and always looked to be self-assessing as a means to improve his performance. Continuing to hone the basics, along with his level of engagement, will see Matty be a dependable player in any team he takes the field with.

The boys have always been friendly and respectful towards each other and the coaches; working hard at training to improve themselves and their teamwork, most turning up rain, hail, or shine. They have been a pleasure to coach, and they should all be proud of what they have achieved this year. Thanks to the fantastic group of parents who were always enthusiastic to watch and cheer on the boys, and to lend a hand when needed. We also really appreciate the handful of J5/6 players that filled in on weeks we were short. Thanks also to Todd and all the junior coordinators for their guidance and support.



J7/8 DIVISION 1 GIRLS

Over the course of the season, these girls continued to grow not only as incredible hockey players but also as considerate and supportive teammates.

Each girl had to show determination and perseverance on multiple occasions as they worked hard to develop their hockey skills during training sessions and in the fixtured games. The team rose to every challenge put forward to them. They have grown as a group, building on individual skills, tactics and teamwork throughout the season. As a group, we asked the girls to be flexible, adaptable and open to different challenges, and they exceeded our expectations, trialing different positions, structures of play and training drills.

We have laughed together more times than we can count. We have no doubts that they will continue to achieve amazing things on and off the turf next year as they continue to develop as amazing hockey players at Melville in 2024. We also hope that they continue to take risks, are always eager to learn new skills and always strive to challenge themselves!

Lily Brown (Forward)

I am so glad to have had the opportunity to be in the same hockey team as Lily this year. I feel incredibly fortunate to have the chance to play alongside such a talented and dedicated teammate. Lily's unwavering positivity and willingness to take on new challenges never fails to inspire me. Her exceptional skills and tireless energy on the wing are truly amazing to watch, and it's no exaggeration to say that they help boost the morale of the entire team. Playing alongside Lily has made my experience of playing hockey all the more enjoyable, and I can only hope that I'll have the opportunity to play alongside her again in the future.

Jessica Brunt (Defender)

It has been great to have Jess in our team this year. Jess is an ever reliable defender in the backline as she continuously worked hard to keep many goals out of the D. She is a great teammate and always comes to training with a smile on her face. She is always determined to try her best at training and on game day while also supporting everyone else on the team. We have enjoyed Jess being part of the team this year and hope that she will continue playing hockey in the future.

Matilda Cobill (Midfielder)

Matilda is an amazing vice captain and a vital part of our team. She has played brilliantly throughout her season as she played in different positions. She has shown amazing skills and responsibility when she is playing her games. She has put in 100% effort and determination on and off the field. She has been a joy to play with this year with the positivity and kindness she brings to training and games. I hope we are in the same team next year!

Scarlett Costa (Defender)

Scarlett is a very bubbly person who always puts a smile on other people's faces. She always puts in effort at training and tries her hardest at games. Scarlett's fast pace has a huge impact on our team. She is a strong player and never gives up when our team is losing. She has also been incredibly versatile this year as she happily played as a striker and as a defender. Scarlett also always manages to cheer us up with her positive energy. We will always love having her on our team.

Alyssa Dermody (Midfielder)

Alyssa is an absolute beast! Her dedication and hard work paid off big time. It was amazing to see how quickly Alyssa picked up new skills and grew throughout the season. She was like a sponge, soaking up knowledge and improving at lightning speed. I loved playing with her and her bubbly, sweet, hardworking personality. Alyssa's passion and resilience makes her so admirable when watching or playing with her. She also got selected for the U13's WA State Team which is really great. I have no doubt that she will continue to achieve great things on the hockey field next season!

Lily Duckworth (Forward)

Lily was an extremely positive attribute to this year's team, being one of the most ecstatic players. She is an amazing hockey player, who can get in front of her player to receive the ball and then score goals. Lily is a cheerful person, who brightens up the mood when we're losing especially from the sidelines! Her 'oh yeahs!' are amazing and they bring euphoria to the team. Lily is a very sporty player, even getting into the Australian baseball team. I loved playing with Lily this year, and hopefully I can in the years to come.

Jaskiran Kaur (Forward)

Jas is an extremely good leader and has such an active role in our team. She always brings a lot of energy to training and is always solid in every game. I really enjoy playing with Jas as she is such a fun person and an amazing hockey player who I also consider to be a great friend. Jas also got selected again for the U13's WA State Team which is a great achievement. Thanks Jas for all that you do.

Rishika Kharola (Midfielder)

Rish is an amazing hockey player and a great leader in our team. I love training with her as her personality is really good. She is a massive part of the team with her confidence and her ball skills help us in games a lot. Rish is always keeping us positive in games when we are mad on the field. She also made the U15's WA State Team this year which is an awesome achievement. I really hope we make more teams together in the future as this year has been even better playing with you.



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Olivia McNally (Defender)

Liv M is one of the nicest people I know and she always looks out for the team. Liv plays a key position in halfback and has stopped numerous goals by her great tackles and clearances. You can always rely on her to help clear the ball from defence, through her long accurate passes down the wing. I've really enjoyed playing this season with Liv because of her positive and kind attitude. It is clear Liv has a lot of passion for the game which is why she is as good as she is. Thanks Liv for the great season.



Olivia O'Dea (Defender/Midfielder)

Olivia, you're such an amazing player on and off the field. You always make others smile at training and you have such a positive attitude. You have gained so many more skills this season. You're always in a good position to receive and defend in the midfield. You also make trainings so much more fun with your 'jokes'. You are also a very versatile player, happily playing any position at training and during games. I wish you good luck for next season and hope that we have many more years at Melville together to come.

Brooke Peachey (Defender)

Brooke is an essential part of our team. She has a determined mindset and is a great team player. Brooke is a brick wall in defence and never gives up. She always puts in 100 percent to every game and always try's her best. Brooke has saved numerous goals on the line this year and we are very lucky to have had her on our team. You are a fantastic player on the field and a fantastic person off the field. I hope we get to play together again in the future.

Breanna Penman (Goal Keeper)

Breanna is always fun to play with and she's very kind to everyone in the team. Breanna always brings the mood up and a fun person to talk to. She is never a bad sport and always tries her best. Breanna has made some incredible saves this year and is always a fun goalie to be around. I'm so glad Melville has goal keepers like you. You have improved so much this year and I'd love to play with you next year.

Nikita Sadler (Midfielder)

Nikita started the season terrifically. She is able to control the game with her skill and speed. Her fun nature and attitude towards the game is pleasurable to be around. Nikita joined Melville this year and transitioned into our team seamlessly. We are so happy she has come to our club! Best of luck for the U13 State competition. I hope to be playing alongside you for many seasons to come.

Grace Shackleton (Forward)

Grace is one of our leading goal scorers for this year. She is always quick on her feet and is an amazing hockey player. She is always willing to do anything the players or the coaches ask of her. She is a great leader and a great team player. She also helps lighten the mood when we are down and always helping the players lift their heads up. Even when a player is down she is always willing to help and say "unlucky" or "nice try". I have loved playing with Grace ever since Year 5 all the way up to Year 8 and hopefully more years to come. We have made some great memories through those years and grateful for you to be in my team. Good luck for next year I know you will do great.

Caitlynn Simon (Midfielder/Forward)

Caitlynn is a very skillful player who always seems to come out of tight spots with the ball in tow. She is very versatile, hard working and is always willing to play in a new position to help the team. Caitlynn is a great team player who everyone can always count on. I have really enjoyed playing with Caitlynn this year and I hope that we can play together in years to come. Well done for a great season, as well as being selected in the State School Girls and State 13s teams. Hopefully we get to play in the same team again soon!



J7/8 DIVISION 3 (GOLD) GIRLS

The 2023 season started with a whole bunch of forwards and a trickling of defensive players, who started to really flow during the season. Training focused on tackling, body position and strength on the ball to develop a game play that meant the girls could retain possession and control during the game and not rely on a hit and hope style. Though trying to get teenagers to use a back pass proved challenging, the confidence of the team grew during the season and the improvement showed.

The competition for J7/8 Division 3 was consistent and strong, with seven points separating first and fifth position, with two weeks to play. The team has consistently demonstrated exceptional mindset and agility in positioning, and we can only hope that eventually they will start talking as much on the field as they do off.

Sadie De Bari (Midfield/Fullback)

Sadie has been a cornerstone of the defensive line up throughout the season, providing the team with the security that whoever wants to get past her must be on their best game. She easily reads the oncoming attacks and can execute well-timed tackles or produce safe clearances out to the sides. Sadie was also part of our short corner setup, always available to send the ball accurately to either to Zara or on target to goal.

Caitlin Brown (Wing/Halfback/Fullback)

From goalkeeper to right wing, Caitlin will jump into any position with enthusiasm. Though initially preferring to attack, Caitlin's natural tendency to drop back to fight for the ball has drawn her into more defensive positions and she has proven to be a trustworthy full back and skilful goalie when needed. Caitlin, continue to play with the same enthusiasm and tenacity and you will prove to be a real force on the field.

Lily Buckley (Midfielder)

A late addition to the team, Lily you have demonstrated great teamwork and have come together with the group incredibly fast. From the outset, you demonstrated exceptional positioning and connection with the ball and have become more comfortable week by week. It has been great to see you continually progress and enjoy your hockey at Melville, can't wait to see you make a great team impact next year.

Gemma Fiedler (Midfielder)

Gemma has really come out of her shell during the season and it has been great to see her confidence grow on and off the field. Gemma has become a favourite for our team in the midfield, with an understanding of game play and ability to continue to fight for possession. Gemma's connection with the ball has improved incredibly and we can't wait to see what next year will bring.

Alexis Forbes (Halfback)

Improving year after year as a midfield/defender, 2023 year was no exception. Alexis never failed to take on the opposition and worked hard on her tackling and positioning every game to cement herself as a consistent half back. Keep building the confidence and ability to hold the ball until that perfect forward pass is available and you will be difficult to beat.

Amelie Forbes (Wing)

A cracker of a left wing, in a team of attackers, meant that Am had to work hard to keep her favourite position. Am used some well practiced negotiation skills with her teammates to sneak a few more opportunities to play on the wing. With a keen eye to jump on the post when needed, meant Am also picked up a handful of goals for the season.

Alexia Gallon (Midfield/Striker)

Week by week Alexia puts up a performance that is hard to miss. Specifically unbeatable in a centre position either as striker or midfielder, with amazing dexterity and fantastic control of the ball, Alexia always pushes herself to her limits as soon as she crosses the white line. Alexia is always looking for the perfect pass up forward and next year we hope to hear more of her providing direction on the field.

Zara Kent (Midfielder/Halfback/Fullback)

Zara has been the engine of the team this season. The opposition struggles to get past her due to her strong defence, tackling skills and smart hockey strategies. Zara is also a fierce and intimidating first runner in short corners and her reading of the play makes her a perfect midfield player. She is passionate and will never give up, making her a favourite player to coach. Zara will make a great leader for any future team.

Hayley Leighton (Halfback)

The whisperer on the field, Hayley is always in the right position at the right time and I can't wait for her to find her voice. As one of the only players who nominated as a preferred defender, Hayley definitely had her position under wraps and controlled the back incredibly well. These skills will only be enhanced as soon as we get to see a more authoritarian Hayley to provide direction to others with her eye for field position.

Lucy Middleton (Midfielder)

Lucy's bubbly and vibrant personality permeates the whole team. She is chatty, yet actively listens, and is receptive to taking on advice. She consistently works hard in the game, chasing down every ball and fighting for possession. She comes to matches every week with a positive attitude and even though slightly distracting at training, consistently turns up with a solid performance. A pleasure to have on the team.



J7/8 DIVISION 3 (GOLD) GIRLS cont

Lyla Moonen (Striker)

Lyla was a key part of our forward line up, where she did best in a centre position. With the ability to drag the ball around defenders, Lyla was able to open up the opposition ready to launch her attack. With constant flashes of brilliance, she wears her heart on her sleeve, and when she is on fire is completely unstoppable. Continue to develop your ability to shield the ball and control your super long drag and the goals will pour in.

Matilda Nicol (Striker/Halfback/Fullback)

Matilda started the year keen as most to play up front, but that soon changed as she became one of our star defenders. She grew into the position and built up her skills tackling and reading the game. It should not be surprising that she also excelled with her turn in goal. A great season and amazing improvement throughout the year, Matilda is an agile player who will be a positive addition to any team. Well done.

Olive Rowden (Wing/Midfielder)

If being able to play multiple positions this year was a key part to our team's success, then Olive embodied that. From starting in fullback to playing inner, then on the wing, Olive played wherever the team needed her and threw herself into that position, listening to all guidance. Every week I see Olive improve her reading of the play, her passing, and her positioning on the field, with a secret weapon to release a powerful hit when required.

Isabella Ryan (Striker/Midfielder)

Our top goal scorer this year, Isabella was our secret weapon in the attack. With an ability to play well in both striker, midfield and defensive positions, Isabella continued to contest the ball and was always available to also support her team mates. Isabella was a consistent player and integral to the short corner delivery. A joy to coach, we look forward to seeing more desperation around the goals and more of your opinions as you progress next year.

Reagan Wenn (Striker/Midfielder)

Reagan really enjoys the competition of game day and has developed great vision and game awareness, making clever and well-timed passes as well as insightful tactical observations. Her passion to win is infectious and is complemented by her technical ability. We most enjoyed her ability to talk both on and off the field and the way Reagan continues to motivate and inspire the whole team.



We are continually amazed by the support received by parents, volunteers, other coaches, umpires and the wider Melville hockey community throughout the season. The spirit of the girls in this team is the best I have seen and I hope it continues for every single player as they travel through their junior hockey. Thank you to our passionate families and supporters who provided an inclusive and positive environment around this team every week, both at training and at games, the season would not have been the same without you.





J7/8 DIVISION 4 GIRLS

I was excited to be coaching these girls again this season. Seven of the girls were from our team last year and five from the J5/6 team the year before. Everyone got along and we settled into a team again quite quickly. We had some early wins which unfortunately we lost when the comp was re-graded. After that we had a mixed year result-wise, we were either asleep for the first 5 mins of the game or got tired for the last 5 which is when some opposition teams seized the opportunity. In between, the girls played some good hockey but unfortunately, we just didn't score a lot. I was proud of the girls' efforts and their willingness to learn new skills - especially tackling which was always on show in the game after the training session! The girls were always fun and got along so well together - to the point of having to constantly ask them to stop talking - but hey, they're teenage girls! I hope they all enjoyed their year and will continue to enjoy playing hockey for many years to come, especially in maroon. I have loved coaching them all.

A special thank you to our manager Serena for all the help, chats, and moments of sanity! Also, to Jake for trying to understand my rotation of subs; to Neil for still being around even though he was coaching a J5/6 team himself; and of course to all the parents for the support, encouragement and for bringing your lovely girls to training and games each week - and for participating in the fun and games at training and team dinners. Thank you.

Ashling Bailey

Ash told me at our very first session she didn't like to run or do any of the physical activities which I thought was going to be difficult for a running sport! However, here we are at the end of the season and Ash has made the wing her own, holding position and running to the back post when needed. Always at training, always listening, always willing to learn and always with a smile. You've come along way this season Ash and I look forward to seeing you continue with hockey for years to come.

Sophie Beissel

There are not enough adjectives to describe Sophie. She is the ever-reliable full back, and we are a much better team when she is on the field. Always listening, following the game plan and willing to try the skills learnt at training, Sophie is a coaches dream. Keep smiling and enjoying the game Soph, you have many years ahead to rattle the opposition striker lines.

Hollie Booth

Hollie has had a season of improvements. She has learnt to stand her ground even more and stops the oppositions attack when coming up the line. Hollie has learnt our mantra of 'wide, wide, wide' exceptionally well and helps keep us out of trouble. Hollie always plays with a smile and enjoys herself every game. Keep it up Hollie and I look forward to seeing you continue to improve.

Matilda Burke

Tilly was a strong defender and always prepared to stop the opposition no matter what. She was always up for the challenge and was ever-reliable especially with her massive slap hit out of defence. Til had to stop playing for us after the mid-year break unfortunately, and while we wish her well, we hope we'll see her back playing hockey again one day.

Ingrid Edel

Ingrid is so quiet and unassuming that she just waits for the opposition then pounces! Then she is able to carry the ball into attack for us. Ingrid played a couple of new positions this season and did so with the same determination as always. Well done Ingrid on another exciting season.

Rebekah Gauntlett

In only Rebekah's second season, she has continued improving and learning the game. Sometimes thrown into a new position she handles the pressure and adapts well. Even though Rebekah seems to be quiet, she is tough on the field and causes many problems for the opposition. Keep it up Rebekah.

Rose Gregory

Rose was new to me this season and was a bit of a surprise packet. She stressed she was a striker so much that after a couple games I put her in the half line! Much to her surprise, she did well and even liked it - especially when she could play half a game in each position! Always happy and willing to give things a go even if she doubted it, Rose was a fun teammate to have. Well done Rose.

Mila Herbert

Mila has continued to improve and grow with her presence on the field. She has settled into our back team extremely well and is ever reliable. Her clearance hit has been our saving grace at times, as has her ability to run the ball forward and help further up the field. Keep going Mila and I can't wait to see where your hockey continues in the coming years.

Rylee Irvine

Rylee joined our team a couple of games in and settled into the team like she had been with us all along. I don't think I've seen anyone enjoy hockey as much as Rylee does. Always first to training and the game, she is always hitting up straight away. Whether in the mids or as a striker, Rylee likes to run the ball forward and have a go at the goals with some reward. Well done Rylee.



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Alby James

I had Alby two seasons ago in J5/6s and I was excited to have her in my team again. She still plays with a 'bull at a gate' attitude and runs through the opposition with gusto. Alby can run all game through the centre showing her skills and still have an impact until the very end. A good player to always have in the team. Keep it up Alby.

Emmy Morskate

Emmy continued this season as she finished the last - full of enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. She would run non-stop and her willingness to tackle head on was well received in the mids. Well done on another good season Emmy and I look forward to watching you in the future.

Erica Du Preez

Erica was thrown into a new position this season, which when you're a second year player can sometimes be a bit daunting. However, she settled well and with her newly acquired skills and her headstrong attitude, she always took on the opposition. Erica can run the ball forward and support her teammates, but also run back to help the defence when needed. Keep on being versatile Erica and you'll go far.

Kirrily Pulford

The other half of our goal keeping duo, Kirrily did a great job and looked like she was enjoying herself when in goals. Going to GK training with Men's 1s keeper, Nic, has shown a marked improvement in Kirrily's skills and we hope this will continue. As a FB/HB Kirrily was strong and always gave her all. As always, it's been fun having you in the team. Well done on a wonderful season Kirrily.

Isabella Ricciardone

One of our formidable goal keepers, Forest did an amazing job looking after the defence when in goals. As a member of the defensive group when not in goals, Forest was always reliable and could move up the line as needed. Forest is always bubbly and has a quick comment for all situations to keep us entertained - an exciting and fun team mate. Wherever you end up playing, always enjoy it and bring your unique perspective to the team.

Olivia Trotter

Olivia, when on song, has amazing rebound skills and the ability to get the ball into the circle onto a teammates stick. She underestimates herself at times, when if she only trusted her abilities, she would see even greater rewards. Olivia is also instrumental in our PC attack. Olivia, keep enjoying the game and believe in yourself like we do and you'll enjoy it even more. Happy hockey Olivia!

Aida Worland

Aida carried on from last season and kept on improving. She played in any position I asked her too, often changing between defence and striker within a game and did it without complaint. Aida is a wonderful teammate and a natural leader. Thanks for your ideas on game plans and your enthusiasm. You'll make a great player-coach one day! Keep having fun and enjoying the game Aida.

Thanks again to the players and parents for a fantastic season. All the best for next season!





J5/6 DIVISION 1 BOYS



Oscar Barratt

What a difference a season makes. Last year Oscar played centre forward, and whilst he assisted a few times, he didn't score a goal. This season Oscar played at right half, and was our leading goal scorer. He picked up a good number of both field goals and short corners. Oscar reads the game well, but like Aaron and Quil, needs to become confident in moving the ball sideways, or using short "give and get" passes to get out of our defence.

Quilan Cooper

Quil was another strong player for us all season. He did a great job a centre half and on the back line. He tackles well and saved our bacon on more than one occasion. Like Aaron, Quil will benefit from developing the patience to go sideways before going forward. Long "hit and hope" 16s and carrying the ball into the opposition tackles rarely got us anywhere, and we often found ourselves back under pressure near our goal.

Edward Dias

Eddie was our main centre forward, but ran hot and cold all season! The games when Eddie was playing to the high standard he's capable of, we put the opposition under a lot of pressure- the days when Eddie ran cold, the opposition found it easy to make their way into our half. I'm confident Eddie will become a very good player in years to come - he distributes well, makes good decisions on when to attack, and has the stick skills to beat people. The main area for Eddie to develop is his consistency, and to realise that even as CF, he's got a defensive roll to play in keeping the ball in our attacking half!

Heath Dunning

Heath is a natural left wing. He did a great job of getting in behind the opposition's backs and giving our forwards good options as they got near the circle. Heath was a constant threat to the opposition, especially up around their left post. Heath has really improved the speed of his hits during the season, and the main area he will benefit from is to realise that there is a job to do whenever the whistle is blown, either to stretch their defence, or to get back and help prevent the ball getting out of their defensive half.

Ryan Fitzpatrick

Ryan played almost all of the positions on the pitch during the season. I'm sure he'll tell you he's a forward, but we all secretly know he's a half. Ryan really stepped up in the last few matches of the season, and played well with his teammates around him. Ryan's tackling and channelling is pretty strong for this stage of his playing career. Ryan will benefit from setting his defensive position in a way that gives him the best chance against his opponent- things like sitting a little deeper, being side on etc, so they don't get a quick break on him that makes it hard to chase down.

Bhanuveer Jandu

Bhanu predominantly played at left half for us, and he has masses of potential in that position as he matures. The main area for Bhanu to develop is consistency. I knew he'd always turn up with a big smile on his face, but I was never quite sure which Bhanu had turned up. On good days, Bhanu's speed and fitness meant it was almost like playing with an extra player on the pitch. He'd be helping in defence, and then back up helping in attack. On other days, he'd drop his head and not tackle back in the way I know he's capable of.



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Xavier Joss

Mr Versatility. Xav played strongly in the forward line, half line and the occasional stint on the backline. Xav plays well on both the left and right side of the field, and I suspect he'll develop into a great left half. He reads the play well, and has developed the skill to get his eyes up early, looking for diagonal or square passes that expose the opposition. The main area for Xav to work on is to get his feet around the ball, so he doesn't get caught in a weak backstick position. The couple of extra steps would result in a lot more dangerous balls being sent through gaps in the opposition's defence.

Hugh Lawlor

Hugh's developed really well in his first season of hockey. He brought a strong understanding of positional play, and good marking from his soccer experience. Hugh predominantly played as an inner , and was always looking to distribute the ball, rather than get caught trying to run into the opposition's tackles. Hugh will benefit from time spent with stick in hand. I could sense the frustration when his skills prevented him executing the pass or shot in the way he wanted.

Noah McNally

Noah predominantly played right wing for us and was constantly looking for opportunities to get around the opposition's defence. Noah's positional play was a strength of his, and he worked well with the players around him. Noah will benefit from developing his skills to have quick shots at goal, and not give the opposition time to steal it back.

Archie Munday

Archie has masses of individual skill. He has great stick skills, tackles strongly and even did a fantastic job in goals. Archie will go a long way as he transitions from thinking about individual skills and puts effort into learning to get his eyes up, and to work with his team rather than trying to run the ball through the opposition.

Garth Van Riet

Garth played as our right back for the majority of the season. Whilst this was his first season of hockey, Garth brought a good understanding of structure and marking from having played soccer. Garth and Oscar played really well together, their communication was great, and it meant they could cover for each other as the play shifted. Garth was an absolute pleasure to have in the team. He always jumped in to help out, and I really enjoyed the conversations we had about him developing his skills on the backline. The main thing for Garth to do over the summer is to keep the stick in his hands, and develop his dribbling and quick hitting skills as much as he can ahead of next season.

Aaron Webb

Mr Please Sir. Aaron is another player that has masses of individual skill, and did a great job all around the pitch. Aaron was at his best early in the season when he trusted his teammates around him, and was prepared to move the ball sideways to then go forward. Aaron will grow as he starts to learn the skill to plan his next move on the pitch, rather than getting the ball and trying to rush forward with it. Sometimes moving slowly sideways into space will open up a much better option than running into a tight bunch of their defenders.

Taj Wenn

Taj spent most of the first half of the season as our GK. When Taj attacked the ball, he did a great job, and made a lot of strong saves. On the field Taj liked to play on the forward line, but also did a great job as an attacking half. Taj has a good understanding of where his team members are and it was great to see some 1-2 passing in the second half of the season. Like Noah, Taj will benefit from reducing the backswing, and developing the skill to get a quick, accurate shot at the goal. Taj will also benefit from being comfortable to run the right sideline- Taj would often get himself in a position to beat the player on his forestick, only to turn onto his backstick and give the defender an opportunity to tackle him again.



J5/6 DIVISION 2 (GOLD) BOYS

2023 What a hockey season! The boys had natural talent, endless enthusiasm, energy and with the right guidance they were able to achieve successful growth both in their hockey mind and in their ball skills. It was pleasure to see this group of boys implement the plays and skills that we practiced at training. To see these strategies convert into goals was a real pleasure to see.

I would like to say a big thanks to Ben Rushton who played the role of manager and as assistant coach. Ben did awesome job of assisting me with training, organizing the team, sending out reminders organizing the orange and goalie roster.

Ben and I thoroughly enjoyed coaching the team and seeing the boy's hockey skills develop over the season. The boys should be very proud of their efforts which enabled them to be competitive throughout the season.

I would like to thank Ben, our team, our boys parents and family for all the support and effort you gave us during the season. We came together with no designated goalie and the majority of our players padded up and gave it a go. We have become a great team that has grown in spirit, skills and determination and showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the year.

Well done boys you should be very proud of yourselves and what you have achieved this year. We all wish it could last longer.

Thomas Brightwell (Centre Half)

Thomas played a good reliable center half position both offensive and defensive. He showed good skill and used his good hit to direct balls to our forwards on the wings. He showed a lot of care for all players on the field which is very admirable. Well done on playing in a grade up Thomas. Be very proud of your efforts and growth in your skills.

Michael Carcione (Centre Forward)

Michael played an excellent centre forward position. Michael was very effective in hitting in our successful short corner battery as well as scoring many goals in the field. On many occasions he used his speed to run back and support defense which should be admired. There are some good years ahead for Michael with this knack for scoring goals.

Henry Dias (Inner / Striker)

Henry was very strong forward. Henry has excellent stick skills could jink or drag any fullback even if they were twice his size. Henry skills improved overtime it would be good to see him lookup and pass more balls out wide to beat the opposing wall of defense in the middle of the field. Henry was also very good a hitting on our short corner battery. He would always enjoy training and was a joy to coach and have in the side.

Matthew Durey (Right Half, Wing)

Extremely reliable and strong halfback. He always ran back to defend when our opposition had a fast break and defenses were being tested. He was always there when the team needed him in defense, and he was also there to support the forwards in attack. Matthew also showed some good skills in running the ball up the wing. He was the teams key utility and was often called on to play in numerous positions throughout the year. He did well where ever his team required him to play.

Cameron Hough (Fullback)

Was very reliable at stopping forwards from entering our D. He had a strong and reliable 16 yard hit which was able to penetrate the opposition and reach our forwards on the wing. Our last line of defense. He was strong and solid at stopping on coming forwards and equally strong at slapping the ball away from danger into space on the wing. He and Sam built a strong relationship playing along side each other for almost the whole year.

Xavier Hughes (Wing)

He was key focal point on our forward line, leading and dribbling the ball down the right/left wing. By staying wide and playing his position he really opened the game for us and was one of the reasons we were able to take so many balls into attack and score goals. He shows real talent to outpace players and use his strength on the ball.

Ashley Kent (Right Half, Right Wing)

Ashley started as part of our defensive mid field but over time we recognised and leveraged his forward skills. He had excellent skills in jinking over defenders sticks and used his speed on the wing to dribble the ball into the forward line. On many times Ashley ran back to support our defence which is admirable. He has a great hockey brain and would spend hours hitting the ball to improve on his skills. With an attitude like that he will go a long way at Melville!

Jack Nicol (Right Wing, Right Inner)

Jack was a key ball carrier in our forward line. On many occasions he was able to dribble the ball into deep attack and convert into a goal. By staying wide and playing his position he really opened the game up for us and was one of the reasons we were able to convert so many goals. Jack was also very good at injecting the ball on our short corners which enabled many goals to be scored. He also was great in coming back and helping out the defense to help turn the ball over for another chance at moving forward.



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Noah Pickford (Half Back)

Noah was strong left half back, listened and implemented coaching feedback on correct positioning. Strong over the ball and good at tackling his opposing forwards. He provided good support to forwards. His skills improved considerably over the season and another year focusing on this will really help his development. Noah was often seen making critical tackles and then turning them into strong movements forward.

Joshua Piggott (Half Back)

Josh was very reliable for us in the mid field. He was very good at tackling and cutting off forwards from penetrating our defensive half. Josh read the play well and new when he needed to be supporting the forwards and always ran back to defend when our opposition had a fast break and defenses were being tested. His hitting has improved immeasurably over the season and shows real talent for hockey.

Samuel Rushton (Full Back)

Was very reliable at stopping forwards from entering our D. He had a strong and reliable 16 yard hit which was able to penetrate the opposition and reach our forwards on the wing. He became more confident with his hitting as the season progressed and was often shown by opposition forwards backing up when he had the ball. Sam and his other fullback, Cam, were a great pair and held off many attacks.

Kehlan Ruzicka (Left/Right Inner)

Kehlan played well at inner managing to beat opponents and passing to our other forwards, he listened and implemented coaching feedback on correct positioning. Always running hard he found himself in great positions to score goals on numerous times. His confidence and skill level grew as the season progressed and should be very proud of his efforts this year.

Ashton Smith (Half Back)

Ashton was a strong half back, listened and implemented coaching feedback on correct positioning. Strong over the ball and good at tackling his opposing forwards. He provided good overlap support to our forwards when required. Playing a key roll in the midfield and forward lines when asked to play there. He was quiet at the start of the season but grew into his voice and could be heard above all other players calling for the ball. A very hard skill to teach kids. Ashton also excelled at being our goal keeper when it was his turn to put on the pads.

Thank-you to everyone for being part of our season; all our Melville Umpires and big thankyou to our Melville Parents for bringing the boys to training and to the game and supporting us each week rain or shine! For Ben and I, it's been a pleasure and honour to coach your sons.

Warm Regards, Simon and Ben





J5/6 DIVISION 4 BOYS

Our team came together at the start of the season with an interesting mix of experienced players, players new to J5/6s and some boys who were brand new to hockey. It was a tough season for the boys but we ended on a high note winning 4 out of our last 5 games. Throughout the season, the team played some excellent hockey and, in many games, we were unlucky to lose.

Throughout the season, the personalities of our team shone through with this group of happy and friendly boys. They were always quick to share the credit for the team's achievements and to encourage each other. Being the coaches of this team enabled us to have the pleasure of watching this wonderful group of boys develop and improve their skills over the duration of the season.

Science seemed to be a common theme among many of the conversations at training. Where else would you find a team of year 4, 5 and 6 boys so interested in radiation that many stayed back after a game, just for mini science lesson in radiation physics?

Highlights of the season included winning our first game (in round 10) and being able to play on the turf.

To make our turf round even more exciting, former Hockeyroos captain, Emily Chalker visited us for the game, gave the boys hints and tips and even led the boys in a warm-up drill.

A very special thank you to Michelle Lloyd who took on the role of manager this season. Michelle was always willing to help out with any task when it was required. Thank you so much for your time and support of both the players and coaches. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by us all.

Coaches: Alana Field and Rob McKenzie Manager: Michelle Lloyd

Elis Alexander

Elis joined our team mid-season and was new to playing hockey. He slotted straight into the team, as though he had always been there. Always happy and friendly, Elis has been developing his hockey skills quickly and has been a very handy addition to our forward line. Well done Elis! We hope to see you at hockey again next year.

Cian Bailey

As the season progressed, Cian improved his skills and gained a better understanding of the game. Cian has played many different positions for us this year, but generally seems more comfortable in the forward line. Definitely one of the quiet achievers of the team, Cian always works hard and takes changes in his stride. Well done Cian, we look forward to seeing you next season.

Joel Cooper

One of our more experienced players, Joel often played inner and worked tirelessly to bring the ball into attack. Joel is a skilful player, with a hard hit which has proven invaluable on many occasions. Great season Joel, we look forward to seeing you next year.

Liam Field

Liam has found his confidence and has become a solid defender, showing some natural talent in this position. He can read the play and isn't afraid to tackle. He listens and follows instructions and is supportive of his fellow players. Well done Liam on a great year!





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Christian Furfaro

Christian was brand new to hockey this season. With his willingness to learn and being keen to practise, he developed his skills quickly. Christian has become a speedy and skilful player who has often shown his ability to get around players and take the ball from defence and into attack. Well done Christian! We hope to see you again next season.

Millen Jones

Millen has proven to be a reliable half back who is continually improving his skills. He is almost always smiling and shows his enjoyment of the game. He also really enjoys playing goalie and seems very comfortable in that role. Always keen to further develop his hockey skills, Millen has recently been working on improving his hitting and enjoyed receiving some tips from Emily Chalker. Well done this season Millen!

Owen Jones

Owen's skill level has shown continuous improvement this year. He has shown himself to not only be a reliable half back, but also versatile enough to fill in for a number of positions in the forward line. Owen's ability to read the play has improved throughout the season and shows promise for an even better season next year. Well done Owen!

Jackson Kennedy

Jackson very quickly slotted into the role of centre forward for the team. Although he is one of the quietest members of the team, he makes his presence felt. He is quick on his feet and a strong player with a high level of skill who works tirelessly to defeat opponents. Well done Jackson, we look forward to seeing you at the club again next season!

Harris Lloyd

Harris may be the youngest member of our team, but he can definitely hold his own against the older boys. From the start of the season, Harris established himself as a reliable defender, with a big hit, and strong tackle which has helped to keep us out of trouble numerous times. Well done Harris, we hope to see you again next year!

Jack Lloyd

Throughout the season, Jack demonstrated an eagerness to take on a leadership role within the team and often provided suggestions as to how we could improve. As our hard-working, reliable and determined centre half back, Jack provided a strong link between our attack and defence. Jack had given himself one main aim for the season - to score a goal - which he achieved in round 8. Great season Jack! We look forward to seeing you next year.

Cambell McKenzie

Cam is reliable in defence, generally playing full back but towards the end of the season he also spent some time in the half back line. He has a hard hit and a strong tackle, which has stopped many opponents in their tracks. Cam's confidence on the hockey field seemed to be improving with every game. Well done Cam!

Toby Smith

A speedy, skilful and tenacious player, Toby soon moved into the role of inner. Toby is always quick to encourage any of his teammates and come up with ideas on how to improve our game. He was also keen to have his turn as goalie, where he played an incredible game against the top side, saving goal after goal. Well done on a fantastic season Toby, we look forward to seeing you at the club again next year!

Richard Stott

Richard is one of the quiet achievers of the team. Throughout the season he has shown his strength in defence and his ability to provide a good transition to attack. Richard has shown that he takes on board the ideas discussed and practised during training. This was incredibly obvious when we discussed marking players during a training session, then during the game he would not leave his opponent's side in defence. Great season Richard!

Alexander Wu

Starting off the season with a bang, Alex scored a fantastic goal in his first ever game of hockey. Throughout the season, he used his speed and newfound hockey skills to make an impact as our left wing. Alex has worked well with Jackson and Toby to move the ball into attack on many occasions. Well done Alex, we hope to see you again next season!

Although we didn't have any particular player who chose to take on the challenge of the position of goalie this year, we did have a number of the boys who were willing to take turns in the role. Thank you and well done to all of you, you each saved numerous goals for us this season. Special thanks to:

- *The junior umpires we had throughout the season. You all did a terrific job.*
- *Abigail Armitage, Hayley Cooper and Hazel Cooper for filling in for us when we were short of players.*
- *Luke Smith for filling in as coach when it was required.*
- *Alex Cooper for braving the chaos and helping out with training throughout the season, and for leading the half-time discussion during the turf round.*

And last but not least, to the parents. We would like to extend a very warm thank you to all of the parents and spectators for all of their help and support this season. Thank you for braving some cold, wet and early mornings to support the boys in their efforts.



J5/6 DIVISION 1 GIRLS

The Division 1 J5/6 Girls, a mixture of returning Year 6's and new Year 5's to the competition, played the season with determination, exhibiting proud sportsmanship and a great team spirit. Under the watchful eye of the supportive Richard Huston, the team has developed new skills, learned how to hold their positions, and understood the significance of the phrase 'wide, wide, wide' in their gameplay. The season was a mix of great wins and disappointing losses, but above all else, it was another season of fun while playing the sport they love. A huge thank you to Richard Huston for his invaluable time and efforts in teaching the girls about the game of hockey. Your dedication is greatly appreciated, and the girls have benefited immensely. Thanks for the hats! :)



Tayla Allen

Tayla was the player to set the tone for her teammates all season. No matter the situation in the game, even with our backs to the wall, we had Tayla to remind us that hockey is a game with the objective to have fun and we're the lucky ones to be involved. Always wearing a smile at training or in a game Tayla applied herself with enthusiasm to the task at hand and the role asked of her without complaint. And as the season progressed, so too did Tayla's skills and understanding of the game, reading the play and moving and responding to eliminate an opponent when defending, and opening an opportunity forward when in attack. Without fanfare and with a grin, Tayla was one of our most improved and solid contributors, particularly the second round of games.

Gurleen Kaur Brar

Hockey may have changed in almost every facet of the game, yet the core skills of a penetrating hit, reliable trap and the ability to hold the ball in a tackle continue as essential characteristics of the great players. When those skills are combined with leg speed and endurance you have all the ingredients of an elite player. Gurleen is one such candidate from our team, possessing exquisite skills for the age profile and one of the most crunching yet pinpoint accurate hits in junior hockey. So balanced and smooth in all her movements, Gurleen makes it look easy. Justifiably rewarded with State selection, Gurleen is highly skilled, calm and careful with her passing and has a high work rate. Destined for great success if she continues in hockey with the same application and energy.

Tyla Coster

One of our many team-members playing both AFL and hockey throughout the season, and our stand-in Goalkeeper for our combined team at Bunbury, Tyla has a robust, hard-running feature to her hockey, with an impressive work rate, perhaps the practical result of combining hockey and AFL. The result for her team being a versatile "run with" team-member willing to play any position, forward or back, left or right, or through the centre. Very coachable and compliant. A contributor in every game, Tyla exudes a joy and enthusiasm in her play and that lifted our team when the situation was challenging. Persistent and determined, Tyla was a pleasure to have in our team and always gave her best in every game.

Mary-Jane De'Laney

The most challenging position in junior hockey must be that of the Goalkeeper, with some of our team playing full field hockey for the first time and some of our opponents highly skilled. From our first game to the last we were challenged in deep defence, as would be expected in Division 1. Mary-Jane did great work in every game, pulling off some remarkable saves and marshalling the deep defensive positioning of our team, no easy task when we were constantly rotating our interchanges across every position so as to equalise game time. Mary-Jane did a great job for her team all year and should be proud of her efforts.



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Emilia Maerz Fagandini

Joining our team with only five games remaining, Emilia, our "international" player, had an immediate and significant impact, often drawing favourable comments and gasps of admiration from opposition Coaches and parents. It is rare for such a young player to have such an instinct for the game, the clever use of her body to legally shield the ball, whilst pushing forward, through and past clusters of defenders. Emilia is a very rare talent. Capable on grass but devastating on synthetic turf, there is no question Emilia has the "hockey smarts", ball skills and capabilities to elude defenders and score. Highly skilful, happy, and cheerful, Emilia was a huge gain for our team and for the Club.

Indiana Gabriels

Without question our most enthusiastic and committed team-member, whether at training or for our games. Indi has an appetite to learn the game, take on challenges, improve her skills and work hard during the game. Always on time and up for any challenge, Indi set a high standard of dedication and commitment for her team. As a key forward, scoring opportunities proved elusive, but as the season continued Indi adapted and anticipated, learning to put herself in a scoring position time and time again. The goals will come in the seasons ahead and Indi will be a key forward for her team. A pleasure to coach.

Evie Griffin

For any team to succeed in hockey there is one "must have" ingredient, someone must score the goals and have a hunger to get hold of the ball, seize the moment and score. Ours was Evie. Always on the lookout to pounce on any opportunity and energy to burn with ball on stick and goal within range. No better illustrated than Game 1 at the Bunbury Carnival, with four goals scored and an assist in a 24 minute game. Unfortunately, had the second half of the season taken from her, first with a glute strain then hand fracture. Evie is a player who gives her all for the team and will not yield to fatigue. Without Evie in our forward line from late June onwards we struggled to score. Evie is vital member of our team and, fully fit, would have impacted every game.

Maya Hall

Tall, athletic and determined, Maya performed a variety of roles for our team, always with a willing, no-nonsense attitude. As the season progressed and the pressure from our more skilled opposition mounted, Maya was often asked to play a deep defensive role and was first or second runner on our defensive short corners. Just will not yield in the contest. Maya developed into a very competent defender, repeatedly intercepting and preventing opposition circle penetrations. Saved the day on numerous occasions, always clearing to the sidelines as asked if a forward was not free. Clearly one of our most improved team members across the season.

Ivy James

In so many ways Ivy was the heart and soul of our team all season and a standout as a team player. Always at training, always on time and always willing to undertake any role asked of her, including a less-preferred position, and always cheerful and positive. Ivy has good skills, is willing to learn and is a tireless worker for her team. Improved game on game throughout the year to emerge as a reliable and determined all-rounder, willing to take on any challenge and capable in any position, forward or back. By the end of the season had a cracking accurate hit that set up numerous forward moves, proof that the best defence is attack. Has the potential to become a very good, and ultimately great, hockey player.

Hadley Lyon

So close to scoring on so many occasions it's incredible that Hadley did not finish the season with a bagful of goals for the team. But if she continues to listen, work and try as she does, the goals will come. Always wanting to improve, Hadley is attentive to instructions and will try anything at training. As the season progressed Hadley picked up the tempo of the game and began to anticipate and move ahead of the play, often running forward to set up scoring opportunities for her team. Many of Hadley's moves were unrewarded by goals scored but otherwise enabled a teammate to have a more clear run. After almost every game Hadley and her Dad could be seen doing more practice and working to improve, has all the ingredients to succeed in the seasons ahead.

Olivia Oakey

Our most determined to improve team member all season, Olivia asks for guidance and instruction then does her absolute best to follow and implement. Olivia strives on every occasion to do exactly as requested and her improvement through the season was massive due to effort, persistence and determination. Immaculate in presentation, quiet and polite on and off the field, Olivia is the benchmark in giving her best in every situation including working on new skills at training. An absolute dream to coach. Without doubt Olivia will continue to improve with her excellent attitude and work ethic. A wonderful example for everyone in our Club.

Grace Peachey

Our most consistent performer at an elite level across the entire season. Grace never misses a game or a training session and is on time or early, with the same consistent attitude week in week out, just executes to the best of her ability every request in any position, forward or back. Grace is a very capable athlete with excellent and imposing ball skills. So balanced and controlled in the contest with a massive workload every game. Quiet, polite, never complaining and determined. Did not play a bad game all season and a highly valued member of our team and for the Club.



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Eloise Power

Every team benefits from a powerful hitter with good tackling skills defensively and the instinct to know when to attack or maintain control of the situation by holding possession to give time for her forwards to move to create gaps. As our centre-half back predominantly, Eloise did all those things for her team, either setting up the next move forward or preventing any further penetration of our defence, taking control, then setting in play the counterattack. An excellent contributor across the season in every game. Eloise was ever-reliable, with great tackling skills, including on the rebound, often upping her game to another level when we had players away or injured. A contributor every game, Eloise was one of our most consistent players all season.

Lily Reeves

Deep defence was no easy place to be for our games this season with some of our Division 1 opponents, UWA in particular, highly skilled and capable. Lily was asked to and accepted (with Maya) the difficult role of full-back and grew in stature, determination and ability in every game and every situation. Just will not give up, Lily has a team-lifting work ethic and always with a cheery grin. As first or second runner in our defensive short corners, Lily was

brave and effective, often clearing the ball away before any hit could be taken. Always smiling and happy, Lily is the ultimate team player and a wonderful asset for our team and Club.

Beatrice Woods

A tall, elegant player with great leg speed, endurance and willingness to compete. Unable to play every game due to other equally impressive sport and extra-curricular weekend commitments, Bea was always willing to comply with any request of the Coach or to sacrifice personal preference for team balance. A wonderful athlete with an impressive attitude to improving in every aspect of hockey, our team and for her Club. Bea will definitely benefit from more game exposure in the years ahead.

A big thankyou to our joint Team Managers, Justine Griffith and Kate De'Laney for organising everything so well for our team all year and every game, from collecting money to completing and submitting the paperwork. The role of Coach is quite routine compared to the numerous tasks for the Team Manager, not only for the Club but also for Hockey WA. Accordingly, a very big thankyou to our joint Managers. And a big thankyou also to our back-up of Zanda Coster and Rebecca Reeves running the interchanges with fair and equal distribution to all.



J5/6 DIVISION 2 (B) GIRLS

We started off the season with 11 teams in our competition with teams from Rockingham to Whitfords!

At the first training session, Coach Neil asked the team to choose what activity they would do if they weren't listening to him, the activity of choice was planking for 30 seconds! There were several 'plankers' during the first session, but over time, there were hardly any to be seen! Our team was a mixture of mainly year 6's and a few year 5's including our full-time goalie Eloise.

We had a mixed start to the season, a win, some losses and a draw! After the regrading we went from strength to strength after being placed in the Div 2 (B) grade with 6 teams. We had a total of 8 goal scorers across the season which showed the depth of our team. As the season went on the girls showed that they had been listening at training by playing the width of the field and working together.

Thank you, Neil, for the time and effort you have put into our girls. You have encouraged them to work hard and to continually work on their skills whilst having some fun along the way. Our year 6's are well prepared to move into the 7/8 competition next season and our year 5's are ready to step into the lead!

Amy Gregory (Halfback/Inner)

Another player that really benefitted from the trip to Bunbury. Reliable, dependable and flexible are all words I would use to describe Amy. She would play in any position and do it to the best of her ability. One of the purple tutu day brigade (yes you did con the coach) and a important member of the team who just got on with the job of playing her part. It sounds like a broken record I know but Amy just needs to believe in herself, and she will take her hockey to another level.

Florence Jauncey (Wing/Inner)

Floss was a delight to have around the team all year. Quiet and reserved Floss was very attentive at training and always listened to me when providing advice and guidance. Floss has skills in there and she needs to let them out more often, no more evident than our second last game where she did some really good work and probably played her best game for the year. I really hope that she sticks at it and realises her full potential.



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Torah Kirkham (Halfback/Inner)

A girl of many talents, sharing her skills on the football and hockey field this year Torah was a delight in and around the team. Eager to learn and always listening (well almost always) Torah just about played every position this year except for Goal Keeper. The biggest issue is trying to identify her best position because she just gives her all in any position she plays. Torah is a quick learner and would often try a skill in a game we had been working on at training. In short, believing she has as much right to get the ball as any one else will improve her game.

Eloise Mitchinson (Goal Keeper)

The pocket rocket that is Eloise was our sole goal keeper this year and what a valuable member of our team she was. Nearly impassable all year, she just kicked shots away at will. We were never unsure of what she was thinking and sometimes it sounded like she had a megaphone under the helmet. She has that something special that all goal keepers need, and I hope to see her back next year. A fire cracker on and off the field I look forward to seeing her development through the years.

Elise Moonen (Striker)

Now it's fair to say that some games Elise spent as much time standing up as she did slipping over. Either that or wearing a purple tutu. As with the Eminem song, the real Slim Shady, I mean Elise did stand up many times throughout the year. Started the year with a bang and played some great hockey this year. Bringing her teammates into the game with great passing is an area that she really improved in. To improve further working on her controlling of possession when dribbling will see a big improvement in her favourite forward positions.

Veronica Parish (Striker)

Our little terrier roaming around the forward line all year punching above her weight and loving every minute of it. When Veronica was on there was nothing that could stop her. Energetic and tenacious it was a joy to coach Veronica this year. With another year in the 5/6's she will continue to improve with a little more effort at training.

Olivia Perry (Centre Half/Fullback)

A true force of nature with her own unlimited energy generation source you can never doubt her commitment and effort. Gerry (Olivia) was outstanding all year and a machine across our half back line, repelling attack after attack with sweeping defence and slap hits. It takes many individuals to make a champion team, and Gerry helped to make up our champions. Her effort was undeniable and her care for her teammates was often on display. For Gerry to continue to improve she needs to work on the finer stick skills. Gerry is a vibrant girl with undeniable spirit who was a very important member of our team.

Indi-Rose Portillo (Wing)

What can we say about Indie. She certainly kept the mouthguard retailers profits up this year. It was Indie's first year of hockey this year (with a goal in her first game if you don't mind) but you wouldn't know it now. My other dynamic winger who also played her position beautifully all year and improved week by week. Never afraid to have a go at a new skill in games and always a smile on her face she was a valuable member of the team. Getting out of her comfort zone and trying other field positions will be her challenge next year. She has the skill, just needs to believe it.

Lauren Roberts (Fullback)

The wall of Lauren was a savior on more than one occasion this year. Another player that reads the play really well and bobs up in defence in the right place more often than not. Always cheerful and upbeat (we all loved pigtail Lauren), Lauren was a pleasure to coach and really worked to improve her game both at training and at home. I look forward to seeing where Lauren takes her hockey in the future. Reliable, determined, skillful and positive, she will be the first picked in defence in a lot of teams in the future. Lauren will take her game to a new level is she trusts her skills and runs with the ball before passing off.

Mikayla Stocks (Halfback/Inner)

Another defender who loves to play forward. She will never admit it either but I think she proved to herself in the second last game that she is a pretty good defender. I don't think she got beaten all day. If I said to Mikayla she needed to move her bottom hand once I said it 100 times. So strong across half back and full back all year and proof that hard work at training always pays off. Mikayla was always first to training and so keen to learn. What to work on for Mikayla, I think she knows.

Abigail Suda (Wing)

One of my three Amigos including Caitlyn and Adele. Abby loved playing on the wing this year, right up until our turf game. The running she did that day was outstanding and she was one our better players, but I don't think she appreciated the extra running. Abby had a very consistent year and really did play her position well. Her stick skills improved week by week and when she concentrated for the full game, she really had a big influence. To keep improving, trust yourself, believe in yourself and maintain your concentration. Well done on a great season



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Caitlyn Wallington (Halfback/Fullback)

A shy and reserved girl and the last but not least of the three amigos. I don't think she knew what to make of me at the start of the season but hopefully she is more comfortable now. Caitlyn doesn't even know how much she has improved this year, that's how well she went. She tried stuff in games over the last few weeks that she could only dream of at the start of the season. She should be so proud of herself with the year she had. Self-belief is what Caitlyn needs because she is good enough.

Holly Wingfield (Inner)

There is a gun hockey player hiding inside Holly, waiting to break out. She works hard at training, works hard during games and is always trying to improve, all attributes for a player trying to be their best. Holly is always bouncing around with a smile and has been a pleasure to have on my team this year. When Holly realises she is just as big as most of the players she plays against and says to herself "stuff this, this is my ball" she will leap ahead and will dominate games in the future.

Keira Worland (Inner/Wing)

What can be harder than coaching your own child; string theory, algebra, maybe grand master chess competitions, that's about it. Despite her protests I think Keira will find her way into defence at some stage but for this year she played some great hockey up forward. Another member of the team that benefited from the Bunbury Hockey Carnival, Keira reads the play really well and plays with strength when needed. To develop next year Keira should focus on holding onto possession and dribbling through defenders before spotting her passes.

Adele Zebrauskas (Halfback/Fullback)

Amigo 2 really did make some huge progress this season. A born defender she was able to repel many an attacking raid with her strong tackling, winning the ball and playing to the team orders, sending the ball wide. I will admit that the game when I put Adele forward was interesting and a mutual decision not to do that again was made. Coming out of her shell a little more each week, Adele really was a pleasure to coach. When Adele realises how good she is and how good she could be the sky is the limit.

Season 2023 has come and gone and what an enjoyable season it was. For a first timer to this coaching gig having assisted others for the last few years I couldn't have hoped for a better group of girls. They came from far and wide, from different schools, different teams and different age groups. They really all a credit to their families and should all be very proud of their development over the course of the year. For those that went to Bunbury, congratulations on your achievement. Mixed with players from the Division 1 side you all played really well and should be super proud of your win. For those that didn't travel, seriously consider it next year. It's a great weekend and the girls improve out of sight with all the games they play.

As a coach all you want is for all of the players to enjoy the season and I believe a sign of success at this age is that every player returns. I really hope you all come back next year and I get to see you further develop your hockey skills. I have been really impressed with the way you competed every week, sometimes against the odds, playing the top teams from other clubs. In life you will get rewarded for effort and I believe the results you achieved this year if just that, a reward for your efforts and hard work at training and on the field.

Thankyou to Joh for keeping us all organised and the parents for taking the time and making the effort to get the girls to training and games each week.





J5/6 DIVISION 4 GIRLS

The Melville 3 girls have been a pleasure to coach this season. The team was made up of previous Melville players, girls new to hockey and players that joined us from different clubs, however this didn't stop the girls from chatting during training sessions as they got to know each other. Their enthusiasm and energy each week helped them to develop new skills and learn different positions with the help of our wonderful coach, Janet. Each week skills and friendships grew and even though we only won a handful of games, the girls always gave their best and were over the moon when the team scored their first goal for the season. Unfortunately for Janet, she had to uphold her promise of performing a cartwheel. The girls loved it!!

There was no goalkeeper for this team so the girls were asked who would like to try the goalkeeper position. This position was rotated weekly for those who were interested. The girls were guided by Anne, the team manager, on basic goalkeeping skills, with some girls showing good goalkeeping skills.

Coach - Janet Gowland Manager - Anne Armitage

Emily Arathoon

Often first to training and games, Emily's passion for hockey shines through. She has a keen eye and wants those goals! She is gaining ability in channelling her on field frustrations into determination to showcase her potential. Emily preferred playing as a forward however she could be confidently placed in any position on the field and have a good game.

Abigail Armitage

Abigail (Abby), preferred to play in defence but full back is where Abby was most comfortable. That said, Abby would happily play wherever her coach needed her without question or complaint. Her calm demeanor made her a great choice as a last line defender. Abigail always had a positive attitude and growth mindset which helped in contributing to a positive team dynamic.

Kirsten Blake

Kirsten has been a wonderful encouraging and inclusive team member this season. She was also one of our most consistent performers through the weeks, always giving her all. This quiet achiever can play a forward or defence with equal skill, however she found her niche in our half back line. Her pushes deliver the ball accurately and with power. Game after game she gives a great performance because she can read the play, looks for spaces and is strong over the ball.

Genevieve Brennan

Genevieve, (Gen), is another quiet achiever who consistently performed well on the field throughout the season. Gen was probably our most versatile player as she was able to transition beautifully between various positions, even in the same game. We put this down to her ability to listen to and follow the advice given by her coach and supporters. Gen also is a delight to have around because she has an endlessly positive attitude and willingness to learn. She sets a great example for her teammates.

Hayley Cooper

Hayley is a tenacious tackler and skilled at intercepting passes. We love her never give up attitude during the game because it inspires the other players. Hayley built

in confidence to be able to carry the ball at speed into space before delivering a great pass. Hayley was also very adaptable player as she can move between striker and defender with ease.

Hazel Cooper

Our speedy winger. I think Hazel often surprises herself how fast she can run and carry the ball. She scored a fantastic goal after keeping control from the half line. It was spectacular to watch. Her ability to outrun opponents and capitalise on breakaway opportunities was a game-changer for our forward line.

Kate Gowland

Kate is new to hockey at Melville and gave full back and goalie her best go. In her first game as goalie, the opposition coach came over to our team to give her a special mention as she deflected over 10 possible goals. As a fullback she had a strong clearing push or slap hit to take the pressure off the defence.

Celeste Hewson

Celeste joined our team a few weeks in and gave us all a boost. She shows great skill over the ball and her lightening fast footwork made her perfect for our forward line. Celeste also has the ability at this young age to 'read the play'. She was often first to the ball and seemingly always in the right place at the right time. In coming years, we are looking forward to watching Celeste playing a high level of hockey for Melville. Best of luck for the 7/8 competition next year.

Coco Morton

Coco or 'helicopter' has an infectious energy and enthusiasm on and off the field that lifts our team both at practice and in matches. Often red faced when coming off the field, she consistently gave her absolute all as a forward. Coco was always looking to make space or drive forward which gave her a competitive edge.

Olivia Murphy

After a year away from hockey, Olivia, 'Liv', returned to our team ready to go. Throughout the season she played her best games as a forward. Always wanting to get into the thick of the game, she was relentless when tackling to



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win the ball. We loved that Olivia would continue to try and win the ball until she heard the whistle.

Samantha Pulford

Samantha, (Sam) is another player we welcomed back after a year away from hockey. She likes playing in defence and was showing potential as a determined defender. However, Sam preferred being our goalie and would play there permanently given the chance. Best of luck in future years of hockey Sam.

Lucy Sherriffs

Lucy is new to hockey this year and a welcome addition to our team. We really admired how she would rejoin the game after a hard ball to the foot or stick to the fingers. Lucy's confidence steadily grew in passing, tackling and positional play through the season. She became more and more involved in our skills drills and we love the fist pump in the air when she scores goals at training.

Isla Velzeboer

Isla V has shown amazing improvement throughout the season and has shown herself to be a great all-rounder. A strong push, good skills and an eye for the gaps, she could play any position. Isla also had a good understanding of each position and its role on the field.

She also was fantastic at following through with coaches instructions whether it be, 'stick down' or 'push wide', Isla would always carry out what was asked of her to assist the team.

Ruby Wagner

Ruby is another player dedicated to improving her hockey. Always one of the first to training and attending additional clinics has assisted Ruby in navigating and improving her game. As her confidence has grown so has her passing and ball control. Her willingness to take on new challenges, including goalie, is inspiring. We wish you all the best in 7/8's next season Ruby.

Isla Williams

Isla W gives her all until the last whistle. She plays with determination and passion and only has eyes for the ball. We love that fire, and it will take you a long way in hockey. Isla has also shown great commitment to improve her hockey skills. She will often ask for extra hitting practice and is always 'thinking hockey' with ideas and strategies for improvement. We are looking forward to seeing you play in the 7/8 competition next year.



I would like to thank all the parents/grandparents/family members for your support during the season. Thank you to everyone who helped out, whether it was for providing oranges, lollies or helping at training, it was greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the Melville umpires. The Melville 3 girls are an amazing bunch of girls, and I look forward to seeing what their future holds. Lastly, a special thank you to Janet for coaching and occasionally losing your voice each week. The team were grateful to learn new hockey skills from you each week through your hockey experiences and for encouraging the girls to do their best each week. Manager - Anne Armitage

Anne, our 'Super Manager', has been incredible this season. You would have seen her at our games going above and beyond for the girls. Whether it was sourcing better sized or replacement goalie gear, arranging a fruit/lollies roster, keeping us all informed about our games, paying our umpires, calming the coach down or assisting our girls who were giving the goalie a go for the first time, she always had a smile and a plan. She has been invaluable to our team, and we appreciate all your work. Thank you, we couldn't have done it without you. Coach - Janet Gowland



2023 MINKEY TEAMS

JUNIOR 3/4 DIVISION

Thundersticks

Coach: Ross Hopkins
Manager: Stephanie Slack

- 1 Eve Hopkins
- 2 Georgie Lumsden
- 3 Ella Northcott
- 4 Cameron Young
- 5 Bonnie Johnston
- 6 Oliver Pearce
- 7 Lincoln Hurn
- 8 Kai Pedroli
- 9 Nicholas Arathoon
- 10 Florence Taraborelli
- 11 Maci Johnston
- 12 Beau Sheppard
- 13 Olly Crawshaw

Kookaroos

Coach: Michael Ashley
Manager: Toia De Medeiros

- 1 Max Ashley
- 2 London Dean
- 3 Lotte Ross
- 4 Tahlia Gabriels
- 5 Stella De Medeiros
- 6 Annaliese Keogh
- 7 Layla Richardson
- 8 Kyran Harvey
- 9 Abigail Connelly
- 10 Willow Clark
- 11 Flynn Wylde
- 12 Zoe Dwyer
- 13 Joe Dawe
- 14 Georgia Powleson

Swifts

Coach: Oscar Nordon-Ramsay
Manager: Rosemarie De Bari

- 1 Elle Mathanda
- 2 Hunter Nordon-Ramsay
- 3 Esme De Bari
- 4 Georgia Bax
- 5 Jacques Marrast
- 6 Jace Chin
- 7 Emerson Taylor
- 8 Jacob Munday
- 9 William Richardson
- 10 Edward Richardson
- 11 Rowan Liquigan

Stingers

Coaches: Jim Price & Paul Schutz
Manager: Lorrae Rebisz

- 1 Samuel Price
- 2 Huntly Schutz
- 3 Harry Velzeboer
- 4 Nicole Wilson
- 5 Aidan Rebisz
- 6 Chelsea Chase
- 7 Bailen Allen
- 8 Daxton Allen
- 9 Nick Lynch
- 10 Samuel Beer
- 11 Mitch Koontz
- 12 Oliver Harper
- 13 Benjamin Kuchak
- 14 George Anderson

Hornets

Coach: Rich Williams
Manager: Thomas McPhee

- 1 Brady Williams
- 2 Isabella Weddikara
- 3 Natasha Morgan
- 4 Lucy Smith
- 5 Camille McPhee
- 6 Harriett Hall
- 7 Hannah Platel
- 8 George Rankine
- 9 Jude Colman
- 10 Harry Binks
- 11 Hannah Beatty
- 12 Anthony Piggott

Melville Monkeys

Coaches: Phillipa Wenn & Rachel Wallington
Manager: Marcella Jones

- 1 Cameron Wenn
- 2 Eloise Wallington
- 3 Caiden Scammell
- 4 Hudson Forbes
- 5 Sophie Clapsis
- 6 Arna Walsh
- 7 Isabella Jones
- 8 Neve Hayton
- 9 Imogen Pittman
- 10 Stella Binks
- 11 Evelyn Wilson
- 12 Herleen Jandu

Maroon Thunder Strikers

Coach: Atul Kalokhe
Manager: Kerry Middleton

- 1 Liam Adams
- 2 Flynn Kirkham
- 3 Braedon Bottomley
- 4 Belinda Bottomley
- 5 Adelaide Bottomley
- 6 Evelyn Price
- 7 Cressida McBride
- 8 Charlie Brand
- 9 Rhydaya Kalokhe
- 10 Eden Jeffery
- 11 Ada Ward
- 12 Josephine Middleton
- 13 Divyanga Dixit





2023 MINKEY TEAMS cont

MINKEY 2 TEAMS

Cheetahs

Coach: Ross Hopkins
Manager: Tegan McNab
 1. Anna Hopkins
 2. Lucy Sealey
 3. Aubrey Barton
 4. Fraser Bong
 5. Caeley Burns
 6. Monty Richardson
 7. Sean Lynch
 8. Edward Stevens
 9. William Hurn
 10. Eryn Geen

Tigers

Coach: Roh Weddikkara
Manager: Lisa Platel
 1. Noah Weddikkara
 2. Kelsey Smith
 3. Jasper Platel
 4. Madison Price
 5. Jacob Rushton
 6. Zhara Morgan
 7. Emilia King
 8. Sebastian Thomson
 9. Gordon Dodd

Maroon Monsters

Coach: Chris Geers
Manager: Gemma Osiejak
 1. Darcy Geers
 2. Amy Richardson
 3. Emma Nicol
 4. Sasha Osiejak
 5. Willow Gerrard
 6. Reece Lawson
 7. Naunihal Singh
 8. Ava Field
 9. Alexander Joss
 10. Callum Finnie

Fire Breathing Cheetahs

Coach: Jim Pickering
Manager: Natasha Pickering
 1. Hazel Geutjes
 2. Jack Toon
 3. Jack Pickering
 4. Lucy Tickner
 5. Callum Schutz
 6. Dionne Kelly
 7. Deon Koekemoer
 8. James Bax
 9. Jack Lassig
 10. Myla Waters
 11. Charlotte O'Donnell

MINKEY 1 TEAMS

Mighty Melville Lions

Coach: Amy Lumsden
Manager: Kate Jones
 1. Harvey Rushton
 2. Hudson Lumsden
 3. Kate Northcott
 4. Jasmine Guerini
 5. Cohen McConville
 6. Billie Hepden
 7. Pippin Hepden
 8. Wilfred Dias
 9. Sidney Geutjes
 10. Evie Helliwell

Lions

Coach: Leon Platel
Manager: Catherine Hayton
 1. Caelan Platel
 2. Jack Allen
 3. Roman Oliver
 4. Mitchell Burns
 5. Finn Hayton
 6. Sienna Lancien
 7. Hendrix Pittman
 8. Amelia Moonen
 9. Phoebe Chilton
 10. Isla Henry

Super Strikers

Coach: Anne Tomlinson
Manager: Kat Jones
 1. Hannah Tomlinson
 2. Aaliyah Jones
 3. Anna Bax
 4. Riley Pascoe
 5. Mackenzie Lyon
 6. Aria Harvey
 7. Cooper Phillippe
 8. Eli O'Hare
 9. Oliver Stevenson

Cheetahs

Coach: Tim McNaught
Manager: Desiree Greig
 1. Daisy McNaught
 2. Amaziah Greig
 3. Daniel Morgan
 4. Arcadia Greig
 5. Luke Morgan
 6. Isla Gasmier
 7. Ella Goulden
 8. Jessica Connelly
 9. Maya Varghese
 10. Henry Macaras

Melville Monkeys

Coach: Justin Green
Managers: Kate & Brett Rankine
 1. Ollie Green
 2. Blaire Gillespie
 3. Teddy Browning
 4. Pierce Hodgkinson
 5. Eloise Northover
 6. Maddie Smith
 7. Freddie Rankine
 8. Alf Cutter
 9. Bronte Hopley
 10. Mila Frederickson
 11. Freya Harding

Fire Dragons

Coach: Jason Tate
Manager: Alistair White
 1. Patrick Lynch
 2. Leo White
 3. Tom Randell
 4. Imogen Velzeboer
 5. Hannah Murphy
 6. Hamish Tate
 7. Lottie Hall
 8. Ovee Joshi
 9. Euan Robertson
 10. Meadow Moroney

Purple Peacocks

Coach: Kellee Kirkham
Manager: Thomas McPhee
 1. Abby Schubert
 2. Bronte Kirkham
 3. Daisy Pearson
 4. Parth Kale
 5. Ramona Nolen
 6. Connor Reynolds
 7. Fletcher McPhee
 8. Imogen McPhee
 9. Winoena Walsh

Tigers

Coach: Ross McBride
Manager: David Mundy
 1. Ottilie McBride
 2. Remy Chin
 3. Joel McDougall
 4. Meharjot Kaur Brar
 5. Oakley Hurn
 6. Aviyan Kalokhe
 7. Edie Mundy
 8. Sophie Smith
 9. Genevieve Schutz
 10. Isla Robertson
 11. Cally Swart



2023 MINKEY TEAMS



J 11/12 Division 1 Girls

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Reds	14	10	4	0	62	19	43	34	81.0%
Hale	14	11	1	2	38	13	25	34	81.0%
Vic Park	14	8	1	5	44	28	16	25	59.5%
YMCC	14	8	1	5	37	21	16	25	59.5%
Melville	14	7	3	4	53	16	37	24	57.1%
WASPS	14	3	2	9	13	42	-29	11	26.2%
Westside Wolves	14	2	1	11	15	72	-57	7	16.7%
UWA	14	0	1	13	7	58	-51	1	2.4%

J 11/12 Division 1 Boys

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Hale	13	9	4	0	46	14	32	31	79.5%
WASPS	13	9	2	2	54	18	36	29	74.4%
UWA	13	7	4	2	38	24	14	25	64.1%
Vic Park	14	7	4	3	50	31	19	25	59.5%
YMCC	14	7	2	5	45	36	9	23	54.8%
Reds	13	2	1	10	31	40	-9	7	17.9%
Whitford	9	1	1	7	12	39	-27	4	14.8%
Melville	13	0	0	13	7	81	-74	0	0.0%

J 9/10 Division 2 Boys

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Melville	8	6	0	2	40	14	26	18	75.0%
UWA 2	11	7	2	2	43	16	27	23	69.7%
Vic Park	11	7	2	2	36	14	22	23	69.7%
YMCC 2	11	6	0	5	22	27	-5	18	54.5%
Hale 2	12	4	2	6	25	39	-14	14	38.9%
OGMHC	12	4	1	7	25	43	-18	13	36.1%
Westside Wolves 2	11	0	1	10	16	54	-38	1	3.0%

J 11/12 Division 3 (A) Girls

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Kalamunda	13	12	1	0	54	9	45	37	94.9%
Whitford 2	14	8	1	5	43	23	20	25	59.5%
Glifford Grammar	13	7	1	5	42	33	9	22	56.4%
Fremantle Cockburn	9	5	0	4	14	12	2	15	55.6%
YMCC 2	14	7	2	5	21	15	6	23	54.8%
Melville 2	13	3	0	10	19	49	-30	9	23.1%

J 11/12 Division 3 (B) Boys

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Hale 2	14	10	0	4	65	20	45	30	71.4%
Mazenod	14	6	3	5	36	26	10	21	50.0%
Ellenbrook Falcons	14	6	2	6	40	39	1	20	47.6%
Melville 2	14	4	2	8	35	39	-4	14	33.3%
Kwinana Tigers	14	1	3	10	17	106	-89	6	14.3%
Whitford 2	14	0	2	12	11	70	-59	2	4.8%

J 9/10 Division 3 Boys

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Hale 3	14	9	4	1	34	17	17	31	73.8%
Reds 2	14	9	2	3	40	20	20	29	69.0%
Whitford 2	14	9	1	4	42	25	17	28	66.7%
NC Raiders	14	8	3	3	43	31	12	27	64.3%
Joundalup Lakers	9	4	1	4	18	17	1	13	48.1%
Lions	14	4	4	6	31	37	-6	16	38.1%
Melville 2	14	5	1	8	32	40	-8	16	38.1%
Modernians 2	9	2	3	4	15	20	-5	9	33.3%
WASPS 2	14	2	2	8	29	36	-7	14	33.3%
Mazenod	14	0	1	13	11	52	-41	1	2.4%

J 9/10 Division 1 Girls

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Westside Wolves	14	14	0	0	76	10	66	42	100.0%
Lions	14	8	2	4	28	18	10	26	61.9%
Reds	14	7	3	4	34	21	13	24	57.1%
Hale	14	7	2	5	22	24	-2	23	54.8%
Whitford	14	5	3	6	21	39	-18	18	42.9%
YMCC	14	3	3	8	10	34	-24	12	28.6%
WASPS	14	2	2	10	11	36	-25	8	19.0%
Melville	14	1	3	10	9	29	-20	6	14.3%

J 9/10 Division 5 Boys

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Whitford 3	14	11	2	1	50	16	34	35	83.3%
Hale 4	14	9	3	2	63	30	33	30	71.4%
Melville 3	14	6	1	7	43	38	5	19	45.2%
Ellenbrook Falcons	14	5	2	7	43	46	-3	17	40.5%
WASPS 3	14	5	0	9	33	52	-19	15	35.7%
Newman Knights	14	2	0	12	24	74	-50	6	14.3%

J 9/10 Division 3 (Gold) Girls

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Melville 2	13	11	0	2	52	12	40	33	84.6%
Westside Wolves 4	13	9	3	1	41	12	29	30	76.9%
Rockingham	13	5	4	4	20	15	5	19	48.7%
Fremantle Cockburn	9	3	2	4	14	15	-1	11	40.7%
WASPS 2	13	2	2	9	14	44	-30	8	20.5%
Lions 3	13	1	1	11	7	50	-43	4	10.3%

J 9/10 Division 5 Girls

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Westside Wolves 5	13	8	3	2	42	19	23	27	69.2%
Modernians 2	13	7	3	3	31	17	14	24	61.5%
Newman Knights	13	6	3	4	18	22	-4	21	53.8%
Hale 3	13	5	1	7	29	27	2	16	41.0%
Curtin University	13	3	4	6	16	22	-6	13	33.3%
Melville 3	9	0	2	7	11	40	-29	2	7.4%

J 7/8 Division 1 Girls

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
YMCC	14	14	0	0	56	6	50	42	100.0%
Westside Wolves	14	12	0	2	70	8	62	36	85.7%
UWA	14	7	3	4	27	14	13	24	57.1%
Hale	14	7	2	5	32	22	10	23	54.8%
Vic Park	14	5	1	8	22	35	-13	16	38.1%
Melville	14	4	3	7	22	24	-2	15	35.7%
Lions	14	1	1	12	8	59	-51	4	9.5%
Whitford	14	1	0	13	8	77	-69	3	7.1%

J 7/8 Division 3 (Gold) Girls

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Westside Wolves 4	13	9	1	3	26	8	18	28	71.8%
Vic Park 2	13	7	3	3	16	12	4	24	61.5%
YMCC 3	13	7	2	4	26	13	13	23	59.0%
Reds (Red)	9	4	3	2	18	8	10	15	55.6%
Melville 2	13	5	1	7	22	15	7	16	41.0%
Kalamunda	13	0	0	13	1	53	-52	0	0.0%

J 7/8 Division 4 Girls

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Blades	11	11	0	0	40	5	35	33	100.0%
Westside Wolves 5	12	7	3	2	30	21	9	24	66.7%
Southern River	9	5	2	2	21	13	8	17	63.0%
Modernians 2	11	5	3	3	19	17	2	18	54.5%
Newman Knights	9	3	2	4	14	19	-5	11	40.7%
Reds (Black)	12	4	2	6	11	21	-10	14	38.9%
Whitford 3	11	3	3	5	15	16	-1	12	36.4%
Melville 3	12	2	4	6	18	20	-2	10	27.8%
YMCC 4	12	1	4	7	7	24	-17	7	19.4%
Westside Wolves 6	9	0	3	6	4	23	-19	3	11.1%

J 5/6 Division 1 Girls

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
UWA	13	11	2	0	52	6	46	35	89.7%
Westside Wolves	13	7	4	2	22	12	10	25	64.1%
YMCC	13	6	3	4	33	15	18	21	53.8%
WASPS	13	4	1	8	11	27	-16	13	33.3%
Melville	13	3	1	9	10	41	-31	10	25.6%
Reds	9	0	1	8	2	29	-27	1	3.9%

J 5/6 Division 2 (B) Girls

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Whitford	13	9	1	3	38	5	33	28	71.8%
Newman Knights	9	4	2	3	14	11	3	14	51.9%
NC Raiders	13	4	2	7	6	29	-23	14	35.9%
Melville 2	14	4	3	7	32	25	7	15	35.7%
Rockingham	14	4	1	9	8	38	-30	13	31.0%
WASPS 2	14	0	4	10	2	33	-31	4	9.5%

J 5/6 Division 4 Girls

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Vic Park 2	13	10	1	2	21	11	10	31	79.5%
Fremantle Cockburn 2	13	8	1	4	13	6	7	25	64.1%
UWA 4	13	6	4	3	19	10	9	22	

Premier Division 1 Men

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Melville	22	18	0	4	93	42	51	54	81.8%
Hale	22	17	2	3	94	35	59	53	80.3%
UWA	22	16	3	3	83	52	31	51	77.3%
YMCC	22	13	3	6	59	38	21	42	63.6%
Reds	22	12	1	9	83	53	30	37	56.1%
WASPS	22	10	4	8	61	61	0	34	51.5%
Westside Wolves	22	10	2	10	63	59	4	32	48.5%
Fremantle Cockburn	22	9	3	10	69	59	10	30	45.5%
Vic Park	22	4	5	13	54	66	-12	17	25.8%
Whitford	22	3	5	14	49	77	-28	34	21.2%
OGMHC	22	3	4	15	44	95	-51	13	19.7%
Curtin University	22	0	2	20	21	136	-115	2	3.0%

Premier Division 2 Men

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Hale 2	22	19	3	0	74	21	53	60	90.9%
NC Raiders	22	15	3	4	63	34	29	48	72.7%
UWA 2	22	15	1	6	63	36	27	46	69.7%
WASPS 2	22	12	3	7	53	42	11	39	59.1%
Melville 2	22	9	4	9	44	53	-9	31	47.0%
YMCC 2	22	8	5	9	43	37	6	29	43.9%
Westside Wolves 2	22	8	3	11	43	44	-1	27	40.9%
Reds 2	22	7	2	13	43	57	-14	23	34.8%
Fremantle Cockburn 2	22	6	5	11	38	55	-15	23	34.8%
Modernians	22	6	2	14	33	53	-20	20	30.3%
Vic Park 2	22	5	3	14	31	63	-32	18	27.3%
Rockingham	22	3	4	15	30	63	-33	13	19.7%

Premier Division 3 Men

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Melville 3	18	15	3	0	48	18	30	48	88.9%
Curtin University 2	18	11	1	6	55	26	29	34	63.0%
Whitford 2	18	10	3	5	48	38	10	33	61.1%
Reds 3	18	8	4	6	40	33	7	28	51.9%
Newman Knights	18	8	4	6	42	43	-1	28	51.9%
Vic Park 3	18	7	3	8	43	51	-8	24	44.4%
Lions	18	4	5	9	35	43	-8	17	31.5%
Hale 3	18	5	2	11	25	37	-12	17	31.5%
OGMHC 2	18	4	2	12	33	58	-25	14	25.9%
Joundslup Lakers	18	3	3	12	34	56	-22	12	22.2%

Premier Division 2 Women

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Melville	18	16	2	0	77	9	68	50	92.6%
YMCC	18	13	1	4	53	15	38	40	74.1%
Vic Park 2	18	11	2	5	44	23	21	35	64.8%
Reds 2	18	10	3	5	33	16	17	33	61.1%
UWA 2	18	8	3	7	38	32	6	27	50.0%
Westside Wolves 2	18	7	3	8	29	29	0	24	44.4%
Lions 2	18	4	7	7	22	24	-2	19	35.2%
Hale 2	18	5	3	10	32	49	-17	18	33.3%
NC Raiders 2	18	3	2	13	21	41	-20	11	20.4%
Curtin University 2	18	0	0	18	6	117	-111	0	0.0%

Premier Division 3 Women

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Melville 2	18	14	2	1	56	12	44	44	81.5%
Whitford 2	18	12	3	3	48	19	29	39	72.2%
Fremantle Cockburn	18	11	4	3	47	28	19	37	68.5%
Vic Park 3	18	9	5	4	27	24	3	32	59.3%
UWA 3	18	9	1	8	26	25	1	28	51.9%
WASPS 2	18	6	4	8	35	30	5	22	40.7%
Rockingham	18	5	3	10	15	33	-18	18	33.3%
YMCC 2	18	3	4	11	26	45	-19	13	24.1%
Southern River	18	3	2	13	20	70	-50	11	20.4%
Westside Wolves 3	18	3	0	15	18	52	-34	9	16.7%

Division 4 Women

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Reds 3	18	16	1	1	54	8	46	49	90.7%
Melville 3	18	15	1	2	61	10	51	46	85.2%
Uni Associates	18	11	2	5	48	19	29	35	64.8%
UWA 4	18	10	1	7	35	28	7	31	57.4%
Lions 3	18	7	2	9	15	29	-14	23	42.6%
WASPS 3	18	5	6	7	23	30	-7	21	38.9%
Modernians	18	4	3	11	14	31	-17	15	27.8%
YMCC 3	18	4	2	12	10	31	-21	14	25.9%
NC Raiders 3	18	4	2	12	18	46	-28	14	25.9%
Curtin University 3	18	3	2	13	10	56	-46	11	20.4%

Division 5 Men

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Whitford 3	18	12	3	3	39	19	20	39	72.2%
Modernians 2	18	12	3	3	43	24	19	39	72.2%
WASPS 4	18	11	3	4	45	21	24	36	66.7%
UWA 4	18	11	3	4	50	31	19	36	66.7%
Melville 4	18	10	2	6	31	32	-1	32	59.3%
Harlies	18	8	2	8	25	32	-7	26	48.1%
Joundslup Lakers 2	18	5	2	11	25	45	-20	17	31.5%
Curtin University 3	18	4	1	13	14	36	-22	13	24.1%
Southern River	18	3	2	13	33	52	-19	11	20.4%
Newman Knights 2	18	2	3	13	18	41	-23	9	16.7%

Division 5 Women

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Hale 3	18	17	1	0	41	6	35	52	96.3%
Whitford 3	18	11	3	4	36	13	23	36	66.7%
Fremantle Cockburn 2	18	9	5	4	23	16	7	32	59.3%
Melville 4	18	8	4	6	26	20	6	28	51.9%
Newman Knights	18	7	4	7	13	16	-3	25	46.3%
Reds 4	18	5	5	8	16	27	-11	20	37.0%
Vic Park 4	18	5	3	10	17	25	-8	18	33.3%
OGMHC	18	3	6	9	18	25	-7	15	27.8%
Uni Associates 2	18	4	2	12	23	39	-16	14	25.9%
Lions 4	18	2	5	11	13	39	-26	11	20.4%

Division 6 Women

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
UWA 5	18	16	0	2	68	19	49	48	88.9%
Reds 6	18	14	0	4	61	19	42	42	77.8%
Hale 4	18	13	3	2	57	17	40	42	77.8%
Joundslup Lakers	18	10	3	5	46	19	27	33	61.1%
Fremantle Cockburn 3	18	7	4	7	46	19	27	25	46.3%
Uni Associates 4	18	6	4	8	40	43	-3	22	40.7%
Melville 5	18	5	5	8	40	46	-6	20	37.0%
Modernians 2	18	4	3	11	28	46	-18	15	27.8%
Rockingham 2	18	3	2	13	23	59	-36	11	20.4%
Curtin University 4	18	0	0	18	3	94	-91	0	0.0%

Division 7 (Gold) Men

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
Reds 7	16	12	2	2	48	17	31	38	79.2%
UWA 6	16	10	3	3	36	15	21	33	68.8%
Kalamunda 2	16	9	2	5	35	20	15	29	60.4%
Willett Reds 2	16	8	3	5	34	26	8	27	56.3%
Curtin University 4	16	6	4	6	27	30	-3	22	45.8%
Melville 5	16	7	1	8	26	35	-9	22	45.8%
Rockingham 3	16	6	2	8	32	31	1	20	41.7%
Fremantle Cockburn 5	16	2	2	12	12	47	-35	8	16.7%
Southern River 2	16	2	1	13	20	49	-29	7	14.6%

Division 7 (Gold) Women

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
UWA 6	18	15	1	2	69	17	52	46	85.2%
Kalamunda	18	13	4	1	61	15	46	43	79.6%
Reds 5	18	14	1	3	59	20	39	43	79.6%
Southern River 2	18	9	3	6	66	28	38	30	55.6%
Melville 8	18	8	6	4	43	23	20	30	55.6%
WASPS 5	18	9	3	6	37	31	6	30	55.6%
Fremantle Cockburn 4	18	4	0	14	20	42	-22	12	22.2%
Vic Park 5	18	3	2	13	23	48	-25	11	20.4%
Westside Wolves 5	18	3	1	13	21	72	-51	10	18.5%
YMCC 5	18	1	1	16	4	107	-103	4	7.4%

Division 8 (Black) Men

Team Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPC
UWA 7	18	13	4	1	58	17	41	43	79.6%
Melville 8	18	12	4	2	59	20	39	40	74.1%
Hale 6	18	11	3	4	61	37	24	36	66.7%
Modernians 5	18	10	2						



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