

President's Address

On the all important fund raising side of the club, we have the biggest event of the year coming up in August (Sat 17th August to be exact) and I ask that you all get behind our "Winter Wonderland" Trivia Night.

The organizing committee is doing a fabulous job, putting in long hours to ensure this will be a great night and they have already organized wonderful prizes. We have the great Adrian and Chris Howe (yes Becky's dad and mum) acting as hosts/quizmasters and have they got dozens and dozens of questions to vex us, amuse us and simply amaze us. They will leave you in no doubt as to how much you really don't know.

I ask all teams right throughout the entire club (yes you current men and women players, social members, life-members, old farts (you know who you are) and those wonderful junior parents to have at least one table each on the night and this should be a minimum. I'm sure some can get two tables especially with partners. So all club officials and team captains get the news out there and get the tables booked.

We ask very little of our members each year, but, I ask now, please commit to this event and make it one of the best nights for the club in 2013. Guess what? You might just have some fun as well!

A small sacrifice for one night on your part will mean so much to the club as a whole.

An example of great leadership was shown by longstanding clubman Colin Rochester, who organized a table with our club captain Adam Campano, within 5 minutes of getting the original notice of this great event. C'mon, support Colin's efforts, by doing the same and giving him and his team "What For" on the night. Great job Colin and much appreciated. I'm sure Colin is also donating towards the night as well – no surprise here.

So, over the coming weeks, you will see more notices about this night. Please get a commitment from your teams now (yes now) - book your tables now and get ready for an absolute ball.

Thanks

Danny O'Brien

Glebe District Hockey Club President



It's been an interesting yet still mostly successful month for the Glebe Men's Club, which started (technically in June) with 1st grade's match against old rivals Ryde being abandoned after Glebe were winning 4-0 with only 24 minutes remaining in the game. The Sydney Hockey Association has since determined to order that the game be declared null and void and that the match be rescheduled for a future date (possibly 4 August). This is a great shame given that Glebe were well on top in this encounter. 1st grade followed up by trouncing SW Strikers the next week, a game in which Michael Wark scored 6 goals; convincingly defeated an under strength Briars in the Trevenar-Wark Cup and then Sydney University was accounted for also. Unfortunately, the side will lose talented striker Andy Palmer for the remainder of the season as he heads to Zurich to take up a University Exchange program. Best of luck Andy and stay off the cheese!

Congratulations to Mitch Tudor also who played his first game in 1st grade in the win against SW Strikers. Mitch has come to us from the Norwest Strikers Club and found a home here at Glebe, with his trademark ability to score goals with ferocious strikes. He hits the ball very hard.

In the Brian Booth Medal count which is the award for the Best and Fairest player in Premier League, Glebe 1st grade players Andy Palmer are placed 5th and BJ Bruton 8th. Furthermore, the evergreen Aaron Nilan, who recently played his 300th game for the club, is coming 4th in the Kevin Flack medal count, which is the award for the best and fairest player in Sydney Cup (2nd grade). Congrats boys.

Second grade have had a mixed month losing to Ryde in very disappointing fashion given that they absolutely dominated the game in terms of possession and circle penetrations (approx. 30 to 5); smashing SW Strikers 14-1, with Hinnerk Saathoff farewellling his team mates with 6 goals, a close loss to inner west rivals Briars, and finally a get out of jail 4-3 win against Sydney Uni, with Chris Holmes making a long awaited comeback to his DFK role by scoring the winning goal from a penalty corner after the final siren had sounded. The Club Captain felt very privileged to play in this game and be a part of the victory.

3rd grade had a dynamite month winning all games to make their winning streak 12 games long. However, Moorebank still remain only one win behind, so we just have to keep on winning every single game until the end of the season in order to secure the minor premiership. The definite highlight was Brad's 5 penalty corners in the trouncing of Sydney Uni's 5th grade side and strong wins against the 3rd and 4th placed competition, UTS and Macquarie Uni.

4th grade also have been fantastic extending their undefeated streak to 13 games. Chris Farrugia has been outstanding all season and has led the side impressively, scoring a number of goals, including field goals, which is a great effort for a fullback. Paul Jowett got into the act also of scoring a big bag of goals with six of his own against Sydney Uni. He is the fourth player at the club this season to score 5 or more goals in a game. Wow. The kids in this team have been great and I look forward to seeing them move up the grades in seasons to come.

5th grade have been battling according to Googa, yet their results have kept them in 3rd place and well on track for the finals. 5th grade are lucky to have Simon Wark returning for them, a young lad who has played a fair bit of 1st grade and who always gives 100%. The return of Jamie and Geoff has also added strike power to the team with Geoff making his application for goal of the season in their win against Monterey.

6th grade have had a great month with much improved efforts, including 3 wins in a row. Nick Ball also earned the rare honour of scoring three hat tricks in a month. Massive. The guys generally in this team have improved a lot during the season and much of this can be put down to attendance to training and being able to train with the 3rd and 4th grade boys. The training games at these sessions are always well contested with plenty of push and shove ensuring a match like environment.

Thanks to all the guys who have helped out in whatever grades they have been required. Some more than others – Sam Bagley, Ambrose Hill, Mack Noller, Brayden Mead, Simon Bracht, Victor Dunand, Mitch Tudor, Jake Ribarovski, Shane Kelly and Bevan Miller. I appreciate your patience and your willingness to help the club and on occasion to play in a lower grade when needed. I do appreciate it although I might not show it very well.

The President Danny O'Brien stated in the last Red Rag newsletter that July was potentially a make-or-break month for the club given that we had a number of players unavailable. We seem to have got through it relatively unscathed. It looks like we will have 5 of 6 teams competing in finals in 2013 – a great achievement. Bring it on!

Cheers

Adam Campano
Glebe District Hockey Club Men's Club Captain

Our Glebe 1 ladies had a great win two weekends ago against rivals Ryde. Going out to a 3-1 lead, they still had 25 minutes to go in the game and the girls fought hard to secure the final 3-2 win. The girls have now had two wins, equal amount of wins as UNSW, Ryde and Baulkham Hills. There is little between the bottom four and it is important that the girls secure a few more wins towards the end of the season to make sure they stay in ML1. How they played against Ryde showed they are big contenders and deserve to be there.

Glebe 1 also welcomed back Saskia after she had her daughter Elise last year. Sas brings a whole bunch of fight and attitude to the front group and is an asset to the team. It is great to have her back in the maroon and white.

The Glebe 2 girls continue to hold 1st place on their ladder. They recently suffered their first loss of the season to Ryde, going down 3-2. It was a bit of a kick in the bum for the girls, who attacked well in the first half but didn't take their chances. They should have been up by more and put the game away. The next week the girls took on Briars for Glebe-Briars Day. Would we take our chances early? Yes. The girls went out to a 3-0 lead after 20 minutes, made it 5-0 by halftime. Full time score was 7-0. There equal best score of the season. Well done ladies for helping the Club secure the Cup!



The Glebe 3 girls continue on a bit of an up and down season. They had a great 2-1 win against Ryde a few weeks ago but then went down 1-0 the following week. The team has some great players and is improving on working together in the short passing game. They have lost some key players to overseas commitments and injury, but are only two points away from fourth place. A three-point win in this competition is a big deal so girls, dig deep!

The might 3B team, who compete in ED3, are currently second on their ladder by 6 points. They have a very strong side coached by Sue Brady. Mel Newton, who rocked up her 350th game for the season the other day, puts in some great tackles and short corner hits to get the girls across the line. Hard working forwards like Katie, who has doubled up a few weeks and helped out the 3A girls, give them great attacking chances and work for those 50/50 balls. Their main rivals are Bosco who are top of the table, but it can all change at finals time!

The Glebe 4 girls are the biggest improvers of the season. They only had their first win later in the first half of the season and now have collected four wins and two draws. Googa has helped these girls put together their hockey style, but beyond that, many of the girls are very willing to learn and improve. They are now fourth on the table. If these girls could keep working for the wins, they could make the finals, which is a huge achievement for this new team. Great work ladies!!

Thanks

Louise Tapsell

Glebe District Hockey Club Womens President.

The end of the regular season of hockey is drawing closer with only three rounds left to play. At this stage, we expect to have four teams in the Finals with three of those teams being strong Grand Finals chances. Such success is wonderful to achieve however as a junior sporting club, our main goal is to provide a safe and happy environment where boys and girls can play in a team sport and experience both wins and losses. Premierships and rep team selections are the icing on the cake!

We were finally able to train on Federal field after six cancelled trainings due to the rain! Additional training spots at Cintra have been secured and the teams are making full use of this time.

Minkey continues each Saturday with new players always coming along. Many of our new recruits have come from people walking through the park on Saturday mornings and seeing Minkey in action. Some of our Minkeys also played at the Glebe-Briars day on 20 July (see photo above).

Mark Noller
Glebe District Hockey Club Junior Convenor



State Team Selections for Glebe Juniors

Congratulations to Angus Baird, Tim Pritchard and Dean Morrow. They all participated in a 9 hour day selection trial at Erina with the NSW U13 State Squad, albeit two as trialists and one as assistant coach.

Angus Baird was selected into the U13 State team and will now participate with that team at the National Championships in Melbourne in the next school holidays.

Tim Pritchard was selected into the NSW U13 State Development team and will participate with that team during the next school holidays in a week long camp at Coffs Harbour and Grafton with a series of games against the Queensland Development team.

Dean Morrow (long term Glebe supporter and Dad of Braydon in the U15's and Talia in the U11's) is the assistant coach of the U13 State team, a position he has very successfully held now for a number of years.

Good luck to Angus, Tim and Dean.





Mim Pritchard (L) and Kloe Mannering®

At the recent Hockey NSW Under 15 State Titles, Glebe juniors Kloe Mannering and Mim Pritchard were selected in the NSW State team squad and participated at a 3 day residential trial at Newcastle to see whether they could make the U15 State team or either of the U15 or U14 State Development teams.

After the trial, both Kloe and Mim were even more fortunate to have been selected into the U14 State Development team and will now participate with that team in a series against Victoria and ACT while residing at the AIS in Canberra in the October school holidays. This is really the State U14 team so it is a fantastic effort by the girls.

Kloe and Mim play in Glebe's Under 15 Metro team as well as for our senior Women. Well done girls, the club is very proud of you both!

The Trevenar-Wark Cup Day traditionally draws a large crowd to Cintra and this year's Cup day was no exception. During the afternoon the sky was blue, the sun shone brightly, and there was little wind, perfect conditions for players and spectators alike. At 1430 hours, after the Minkey exhibition finished and before first grade men game started I counted around 375-400 people at the ground, of which approximately 200 were Glebe supporters.

There was a good atmosphere on the terraces, with plenty of repartee and amusing, good natured banter between the supporters of the two clubs.

There are usually four games held on Cup Day and this was the case this year, two women's games and two men's games.

This is the only round where Glebe's men's and women's and Minkey teams play on the same day, at the same venue. The occasion is an important Club building occasion for players, parents and supporters alike.

Some of the Club's supporters can only come to one or two round games per year, often the games in the finals series however this is a fixture which draws these supporters. Some occasional and regular attendees spotted in the crowd were

Noel Pye (who came from Blackheath), Terry O'Flynn, Steve Casey, Shane Casey and family, Greg Organ, Noel Anderson, Mr Palmer (who came from Crookwell), Adrian Howe, Colleen Howe, Amrat Parbhu, Les and Carole Wark, Robert and Robyn Wark, Colin Rochester, Jim and Cheryl Oman, Beverley, Emma and Pat Nilan, Mick Tapsell.



The Cup is won by the club that wins the most games on the day and in the event of an even number of games being won by each club, it then goes to goal difference. If it is still equal after that, the current Cup holders retain the Cup. Glebe won the Cup in 2012. The afternoon commenced at 1230 hours when the Glebe second grade women's team played Briars' third grade in a Metro League 4 match. Glebe has their first side playing in Metro 1, however Briars have teams in Metro 1 and Metro 2 as well. This game was followed by a Men's Premier League game, a women's Metro 1 game and then a men's Sydney Cup game (second grade).

In the four games played Glebe won the women's second grade 7-0, and the men's first grade 3-1 and Briars won the Metro 1, 3-0 and the men's second grade 2-1. With the games drawn at 2-2 it came down to over-all goal difference to decide the Cup. In the four games Glebe scored 11 goals to Briars 6 and retained the Cup.

The announcement of the Cup winners was held at 1930 hours after the second grade men's game had finished. It was a long, seven and a half hour day for whose supporters and players who had arrived at the field at around midday to watch the start of the women's second grade game and stayed until the Cup winner announcement.

There were a hardy band of 15-20 second grade Glebe women players/supporters who were at the field from the beginning to the end and they were still laughing and enjoying themselves as much at 1730 hours as they were at midday.

The Briars Club and all the people who organised the afternoon are to be thanked and congratulated for hosting such an outstanding event, which provided fun, entertainment and enjoyment to many people. By any measure the afternoon was a resounding success. Congratulations Briars.

By Harry Wark

July saw a few social events for the Glebe Hockey Club. Some of the club patrons took in the first two State of Origin games at our sponsor pub The Exchange Hotel enjoying two for one meals and on the first occasion, even a NSW victory!

There was a farewell for our German import Hinnerk Saathoff who returned to his homeland upon the completion of his exchange semester at the University of Sydney where Hinnerk studied in the field of Biochemical Engineering. It was enjoyed by all who attended and Hinnerk especially. He was so moved and excited by the gesture that he was unable to contain his emotions and remain stable on his bike as he rode home. While many of us will miss Hinnerk's tall and lethal presence up front, Chris Holmes is very much looking forward to re-warming the DFK throne.

The Trevenar-Wark Cup day occurred on the 20th July and saw a big crowd attend the games to support all teams playing. There were wins to Men's First Grade and Women's Second Grade with this being enough to secure the cup for another year. The after party at the newly painted clubhouse, was attended well into the night by members of the club and a great day was had by all.

The next major event for the club is the Trivia Night. It will be an over 18's event held at Balmain High School on the 17th August. Tickets will cost \$25 with all proceeds going to the Club. Each team within is expected to field a table of 10 people at a minimum. There will be silent auctions, raffle prizes and much more entertainment, not forgetting the actual trivia side of the night. There will be plenty of alcohol for purchase, a free drink on arrival and also a gourmet BBQ. So find your team and book a table!

Senior Presentation Night will this year be held at The Grandstand Bar & Function Centre at Sydney Uni on the 12th October so keep this date free in your diaries as it is always a great way to cap off what is shaping up to be a very successful year for all!



Aaron “Chopper” Nilan achieves the 300 Club Games Milestone

The Glebe District Hockey Club congratulates Aaron on the attainment of his 300 Club games milestone, which he reached in the game against Briars at Cintra on 20 July 2013.

For my money Aaron is the best left-wing to have ever played for Glebe and makes my All Time Best Glebe Team. Aaron just pips Vern Turner (1942-58)

for the Best Left Wing of All Time award. Vernon still makes the top six best Glebe forwards of all time, which for mine are Aaron Nilan (1988), Vernon Turner (1942-1958), Pat Nilan (1957-1985), Basil Bates (1933-1937), Mark Paterson (1999-), and Robert “Charlie” Brown (1958-1992) on the right wing.

Aaron is the second of Pat and Bev Nilan’s three sons was born in 1974. Aaron’s elder brother Shane played 376 games for Glebe from 1985 to 2007, as well as representing NSW at both junior and senior levels. Aaron’s younger brother Matthew played rugby union for the Eastwood Club. Aaron’s elder sister Emma took up netball.

Pat Nilan, Aaron’s father, played 454 club games for Glebe from 1957-1985, 361 of these in first grade, and this is a Club record for the most games played in the Glebe first grade team. Pat played 86 games for Australia from 1961 to 1972, and represented Australia at three Olympic Games, Tokyo, Mexico and Munich. Aaron’s uncle, John Nilan is the current Glebe first grade manager and he has managed Glebe teams since 1985. John played rugby league for Newtown on the wing, but managed after his league days were over, to play in the 1968 premiership winning Glebe second grade team, affectionately known as the “Easy Beats”.

Aaron started in the Glebe junior teams in 1984 and played in total around 150 junior games for the Club. He represented NSW at the under 13 level in 1987 and was in the 1990 Under 16 NSW Touring Team.

Aaron had a few fill-in games in the lower grade senior teams in 1987 and in 1988 his senior career began in earnest where he played in the Club’s lower grades. He was playing third grade by 1990 and in 1991 he had a few games in first grade to replace injured players. By 1992 he was a regular member of the first grade team, and was coached by his father Pat. Aaron played first grade for Glebe from 1991 to 2005, missing the 2004 season through injury. In total he played 14 seasons in the Glebe first grade team, winning premierships in 1995, 1997, and 2005.

Injury forced Aaron to retire after the 2005 season and he stayed in retirement for six years. In 2012 he made a came back and played for the premiership winning Glebe second grade team, of which he was a vital cog.



Aaron
(Chopper)
Nilan

Aaron does not have a well-developed sense of self-preservation on the hockey field. He is fearless in tackling opposition defenders with the ball and as a consequence over the years, his body has taken some substantial injuries. His closing down of opposition fullbacks in possession of the ball is the best I have ever seen in over 60 years of watching hockey. Aaron has sustained several injuries over his time in hockey, the major ones being a traumatic cataract of the eye, fractured facial bones, dislocated shoulders, and fractured foot bones. Operations have been required on a few occasions to correct the situation.

Aaron is a team player, he is not an individualist and all he does on the hockey field is in the best interests of the team. Throughout his entire hockey career he has always been well liked and respected by his team mates. He is a good sport, an affable chap, with a good demeanour on and off the field.

In 1993 Aaron played in the NSW Under 21 team at the Australian Championships. For the seven years from 1996 to 2002 Aaron played in the NSW senior team at the Australian Championships. In 2001 he was chosen in the Australian train-on squad, but did not make the Australian team that was selected that year.

He played Indoor Hockey for NSW for many years and was selected in the Australian Indoor Hockey Team for the four years from 1999 to 2002.

Aaron was a member of the Men's New South Wales Institute of Sport Squad early on his senior hockey career and during this time he met Briony Lupton who was in the Women's NSW Institute of Sport Squad. A friendship developed between Briony and Aaron and they married on 24 March 2001 at St. Andrews Church in Cronulla. Briony is a keen hockey player and has played for over 20 years with the Esquires Women's Hockey Club. Like Aaron she is still playing good hockey.

Aaron and Briony live at Loftus and have three children Riley, Liam, and Kalea. Riley has played hockey for a couple of years and is a current member of the Glebe Under 11 team. Riley frequently helps out as a ball-boy for the first grade home games.

Aaron is a carpenter by trade, as was his now retired father Pat. He has worked for the same company since he left school.

Aaron has won many Hockey Club awards during his hockey career, which are listed below:

In 1990 and 1991 Aaron won the V J Turner Cup. This perpetual Cup is awarded each season to the most improved junior under the age of 17 years.

In 1992 and 1993 he won the Michael "Abbo" Memorial trophy. This a perpetual Trophy awarded each season to the player with the most potential in the Club.

In 1999 and 2001 Aaron won both the J W Kenny trophy and the Robert Diviney Trophy. The J W Kenny trophy is awarded to the most outstanding first grade player for the season, and the Robert Diviney trophy is awarded to the most outstanding Club player, junior or senior for the season. Also in 2001 Aaron won the A J Oldfield Cup. This trophy is awarded to a player under 21 years who has been adjudged the most improved and best behaved during the season.

Back in 1987 I was playing in the Glebe lower grades and Aaron, who was in his early teens at the time, filled-in for us on a few occasion, so that we did not have to take the field a player short. Aaron was a help, but as might be imagined young, tentative and inexperienced at the senior level. I wondered at the time how he would develop in the future. It was not too many years before I realised that he had developed into an outstanding hockey player, and much more importantly was a balanced, reasonable and insightful human being.

Aaron is an exciting player both in attack and defence and has the knack of making things happen on the hockey field. Congratulations Aaron on your achievement. You have given me countless hours of enjoyment, entertainment and excitement and for this I am truly grateful. It has been a privilege and a pleasure for me to have followed your hockey career for the last 25 years or more, thank-you for this.

What follows is for the historically minded of our readers only. I find the information fascinating, but my enthusiasm may not be shared by all.

Aaron's maternal grandmother Noelene Reddie (nee Jones) now in her early 90's has lived in Hereford Street Glebe all her life, in the same house in fact. Noelene went to school, as did Aaron's mother Bev, at the Saint James Catholic Parish School in Woolley Street Forest Lodge in the 1930s, at the same time that the Founder of the Glebe District Hockey Club, the Reverend Brother Macartan Keegan, taught at the Patrician brother's School next door. Noelene and Irishman Brother Macartan Keegan attended the same church and were part of the same congregation in the 1930s at Saint James over 80 years ago. If you follow my rather tenuous logic, you can see that Aaron has a distant connection, a spiritual connection to the Club's Founder, through his maternal grandmother.



This photo was taken in front of the Grandstand at Jubilee Oval Glebe in 1990. It shows Peter Busch coaching the Minkey Squad. The other adult in the photo is Helen Howe.

Peter Busch 600 Club Games

All Hockey Club Players and Supporters would like to congratulate Peter on his attainment of the 600 Club Games milestone. He is the twelfth Club Member to have reached this milestone.

As well as playing 600 games for the Club Peter has contributed to the life and times of the Club in many ways and these contributions continue. He has been and still is an outstanding Clubman, and Glebe has been extremely fortunate to have had Peter as a Club Member for these past 29 years. Not only has Peter played 600 games of hockey for Glebe, he has made substantial contributions to the coaching and organis-

ing of the Club's juniors, seniors and women's teams during his years of involvement with the Club.

If it were not for people like Peter the Glebe District Hockey Club would have become defunct long ago like the Glebe Rugby League Club, the Glebe Rugby Union Club, the Glebe Cricket Club, the Glebe Harriers, and the Glebe Cycle Club, all of which were flourishing thriving clubs in their day, but no longer exist. Fortunately the Glebe District Hockey Club has had sufficient community minded, generous people, willing to labour for the common good to enable it to survive and flourish for its 83 year history.

Peter started his hockey at the age of 8 years, in Lismore, where he grew-up, playing for the Northern Star Hockey Club. He went to school at Marist Brothers Lismore up until the end of 1981. He came to Sydney to pursue a primary school teaching career, and did a teaching degree at Australian Catholic University, graduating in 1988. He has worked as a primary school teacher ever since and in 2013 is the Assistant Principal at Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School, Beverley Hills.

Peter's brother Jeff, after leaving school at the end of 1983, came to Sydney in 1984 and started playing for the Glebe District Hockey Club. Jeff enjoyed his first season at Glebe and persuaded Peter to join him at the Club. Peter was a skilful and accomplished hockey player when he came to Glebe and slotted straight into the Club's first grade team. In 1988 he won the J W Kenny Trophy, which was donated to the Club by the late Jim Kenny and is awarded annually to the most outstanding first grade player. Between 1984 and 1998 Jeff Busch played 300 games for Glebe. Jeff now resides in Melbourne with his family.

Peter played in the Club's first grade team for 11 years, winning a first grade premiership in 1995. When his first grade days were over Peter played in the Club's second and third grade teams. For the last 15 years has been captain/coach of the Club's third grade team, winning third grade premierships in 1996, 1997, 2005 and 2011. In 2013 Peter is still a vital cog in the Glebe third grade team and playing good hockey.

Peter has played for most of his career in the half-line. He is a thoughtful player who reads a game well, takes good options and takes excellent field position. He has excellent ball distribution skills and he is an effective tackler. For the most part, Peter has been injury free during his hockey career, save for the odd hamstring twinge here and there.

Peter was the Club's Minkey coach in 1988, when Minkey hockey for 4-8 year old children was reintroduced as a sporting option for the children of the area. Hockey for players too young to play in the Club's under 11 teams had been tried several years earlier, but this endeavour had been unsuccessful. In 1990 Peter coached Mark Paterson, a Glebe player who went on to play over 50 games for Australia. Many of the 2013 Glebe first grade Glebe players were coached in the Minkey by Peter, and again by him in third grade as they worked their way up through the grades. Peter's coaching has had a profound influence on the success Glebe has enjoyed on the field since he joined the Club in 1985. It gives him a deep sense of satisfaction watching his Minkey graduates enjoying themselves playing for the Club on a Saturday in the senior ranks.

Peter was the Head Minkey coach until the end of the 1994 season, when he handed over the position to Robert Wark, the then President of the Hockey Club. Robert and Vernon Howe ran the Minkey squad in 1996 and since 1997 Vernon Howe has been the Club's Head Minkey coach, a period spanning 17 years. In 2012-2013 Peter has again become involved with the Club's Minkey program. He brings his daughters Molly and Sophie down to Minkey for hockey skill acquisition, exercise and socialisation.

For seven years from 1987 to 1993 Peter coached a women's hockey team for the Club. A couple of the women's teams Peter coached won the premiership.

Peter was Club Captain for six years in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993 and 1994. He was on the Club's Management Committee in 1989, 1994 and again in 2013. In 2013 Peter is the Club's Vice President, with Danny O'Brien as the Club's President.

In the mid-late 1980s Danny O'Brien and Peter Busch shared a house together in Saint John's Road Glebe. There is a strange sense of symmetry in the fact that in 2013, close to 25 years after they shared a house, Danny is the Club's President and Peter is the Club's Vice President.

Peter met his wife Trudi, in 1991 and they married five years later on 12th October, 1996 at the Sacred Heart Monastery in Kensington. They live in Petersham and have two daughters Molly and Sophie.

Well done Peter.

Other players to have played over 600 games for the Club are:

Les Wark	813	(1966-2009)
Harry A Wark	757	(1947-1987) deceased
Steve Casey	720	(1970-2007)
Martin Howe	712	(1961-1998) deceased
Colin Brown	660	(1962-1994)
Harry J Wark	643	(1961-2003)
Peter Howe	641	(1959-1995)
Danny O'Brien	633	(1977-)
Victor Westacott	629	(1952-1992)
Vernon Howe	620	(1972-2004)
George Manou	613	(1975-)
Peter Busch	600	(1985-)