

President's Address

To the Glebe Juniors, Women and Men

As we approach the Grand Finals, I just want to pass on my congratulations to all the teams/players who have qualified and my best wishes as you strive to be the premiers.

To those teams who have not qualified, my commiserations, but I trust as players, you really enjoyed the season, made some new friends and now cannot wait for next year.

Given the finals are upon us, I urge all club members to get out and support our teams. This is such an important aspect to finals success and I believe we do this better than any other club - by a country mile.

I note we have teams from all areas of the club in the finals and this is a great achievement. The teams left remaining all have a genuine chance of winning their respective competitions. How good would that be?

So, all I have left to contribute is:

“When you put on that maroon shirt, you grow 2 feet taller, 2 feet wider and run 2 metres faster”
= PREMIERS!

Good Luck to All!!!

Danny O'Brien

Glebe District Hockey Club President.



What a month for the Red Men with 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade all winning the Minor Premiership in their respective divisions and 1st and 5th grade finishing 3rd after the preliminary rounds. 6th grade ended their season coming a very respectable 6th place after a terrific surge in form in the second round. All augurs well for 2014 – in all grades.

Attendance to training continues to be fantastic and enthusiasm has been maintained, more so I imagine because of the winning culture developed and enjoyed at Glebe this season.

With 5 out of 6 sides placed to represent in finals, 2013 represents the most successful year for Glebe since 2005, when 5 out of 7 sides made the grand final. Apart from Moorebank, Glebe is the only club to have five sides represented in finals making us one of the premier two clubs in the SHA competition overall. Congratulations to you!

To all the players, coaching and management staff for making this happen – congratulations and much respect. In particular the efforts of Aaron Oman, Mark Paterson, Mick Bougoukas and Peter Busch, should be singled out for praise in driving and conducting skills and fitness training all year round. The fruits of this hard labour are being seen now in our tremendous results.

The beauty about finals hockey is that anything can happen. You can crash and burn or you can step up to the plate and dominate, depending to a large degree on the mindset and discipline you as a player can bring to the finals campaign for your team. In recent years, Glebe has had some very successful finals campaigns, particularly in several cases when they were underdogs and other sides took us lightly (e.g. 1st Grade Premiers in 2008 against the highly fancied NWS). Beware any clubs who head down this path – we will be ready and gunning for you!

I have nothing more to say but train hard, play hard, work together as a team and premiership glory awaits. Let's not die wondering.

GO GLEBE!!!

Adam Campano

Glebe District Hockey Club Men's Club Captain



The regular season came to an end last Sunday with four of our five teams finishing up. Special mention should be made to 3B, who made the ED3 Final last Sunday. They were down to 11 players thanks to annoying injuries. They fought hard but unfortunately didn't make it to the Grand Final. Getting to the final in the first year up in the ED3 competition is a great result ladies, well done!

The only surviving Glebe team is Glebe 2, who face up against GNS in the Grand Final this Sunday. Stay tuned for the time of the match!

Glebe 2 were minor premiers in their division, so we will be requesting to be promoted in Season 2014.

As UTS finished minor premiers in ML2, it is likely that they will want our ML1 spot and the Glebe 1 team may be relegated to ML2. Although this is disappointing for the girls who tried incredibly hard and improved as a team every week, this will mean that Glebe 1 and 2 grades will compete in the ML2 and ML3 competition, creating less of a gap between the two teams.

Are you still with me? I hope so!

Matt Wark plans to take the Glebe 1 girls again and this comes as relieving news to me as Matt is a fantastic first grade coach and I can speak on behalf of the committee to say we are very happy he is committing to another year.

The Glebe 3A team also finished with a good 1-1 draw against UTS, giving them 6th place for the year. They were unlucky not to make the finals but were unfortunately affected by injury to

some of their key players. I got to personally play with them several times and think that they have really improved and another year of playing as a team will see them really take it to their opponents.

As the season finishes, I cannot stress enough the success a team will get if the players stick together. I hope to see everyone back next year to give it a go. We welcomed a lot of new players this year and I really hope to see them back. Take the time off, enjoy the off-season and hopefully see you in January for some fitness sessions down at the park!

But before then, see everyone at Presentation Night (Oct 12) to celebrate the season!

Louise Tapsell



The final rounds have been played and the positions of our junior teams were as follows:

U11A Redbacks – 2nd
U11B Hornets – 2nd
U11B Vipers – 3rd
U11B Strikers – 5th
U13A Redbacks – 2nd
U13B Hornets – 6th
U13B Strikers – 7th
U15B Strikers – 7th
U15A Redbacks (SJHA Metro) – 7th
U17A (SJHA Metro) – 6th

The club is very proud of all our junior teams as the children, coaches and managers have worked very hard to make sure it has been a rewarding season for all.

Four teams went through to the Finals and congratulations to the U11A Redbacks, U11B Hornets and U13A Redbacks who have made it to Grand Final day to be held at Sutherland next Sunday 8th September. Each team will be up against very strong opposition so Glebe supporters are needed. Good luck!!

Minkey continued through the month and has been well attended. The last day will be on Saturday 7th September.

Junior Presentation will be on Saturday 14th September at 9.30am outside the clubhouse, Jubilee Oval. All club members are welcome.

Glebe will be entering teams in the SIHA Indoor Hockey competition and teams are currently being finalised. The competition starts on 20th October and runs until 15th Dec for teams in the semi-finals and finals.



On Sat 17th August 224 Glebe junior parents, and players from the club's men and women's teams (and a couple of well natured firemen) gathered at Balmain High School for a long awaited full club event. From the feedback we've had so far whether we came for the tricky trivia delivered by Adrian Howe, the great gourmet BBQ served up by Adam White, Imogen Tear and Erin Schlicht or just to enjoy a drink or 6 and a catch up with old friends in the amazingly decorated Winter Wonderland themed hall a great night was had by all as we raised just over \$14,500 (after expenses). This is a great boost to the club as it has lived through low canteen takings and added turf expenses due to Jubilee Oval resurfacing, cancelled rainy Wednesday training nights and no junior home games.

I hope all who won a prize or successfully bid on one are enjoying their spoils. A flip of a coin saw the men's 4th grade team have the honour of being proclaimed overall trivia winners over Vernon's u17s parents.

A big thankyou goes to everyone who sourced and / or donated prizes as well as the great hampers donated by each junior team. Please have a quick look at the businesses that helped us out, they have been listed below (many are local) and be sure to mention say thanks from Glebe hockey.



Also a thanks to the team that tirelessly rang, emailed, drove around drank red wine at the Thursday night meetings and hassled in order to make the night happen as well as those who helped on the day (especially the kids) who blew up balloons, made snowflakes, decorated, picked up, dropped off, marked trivia sheets and then cleaned up! The team : Meredith Clarke, Cecelia Farrawell, Terrie Iglesias, Sarah King, Maria Moraitakis, Melissa Newton, Katy Paltenghi, Imogen Tear, Bruce and Litiana Field and Alasdair Brown. Also Simeon King for his great flyer and winter music and Andrew and Jack Field for tending bar

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- 1 yr Victoria Park Gym membership,
- a day out sailing Ride for one 18ft Skiff Race Boat Plus
- a 2 night stay in Avoca
- a great morning with Gai Waterhouse at her stables.

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The Glebe District Hockey Club would like to thank to following sponsors who generously donated prizes for the night and made the Trivia night a roaring success.

Gai Waterhouse Racing Stables	18Footers League and Sydney city Marine
Star Shots Glamour Photography	Galluzzo Fruit Market
Harold Park Hotel	AB Hotel
Grace Hotel	Jimmy Liks Restaurant
Nag's Head Hotel	Just Hockey
Rydges Camperdown	Padded Gloves
Kyeemagh RSL and Community Club	Officeworks
Volo Group Australia	Ombretta Restuarant
Victoria Park Pool	Oakley
Crunch Female Fitness Centre	Trek Bicycles
Mallam and Katz Electrical	Phizz Kidz
Tripod Café	Naggy's Café
Glebe Books	Kmart Broadway
Just Cuts Broadway	Tip Top nails
Cincotta Discount Chemist	Bacardi
Cargo Road Wines - Orange	

Also don't forget the Glebe District Hockey Club Presentation night on Saturday October the 12th at The Sydney University Grandstand Bar at University Ave, Camperdown.

This is shaping up to be a fantastic night DON'T MISS OUT!!!!!!

If you wish to book a team table please contact Alasdair Brown on:

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Vale Isabella and Harry Butler, Belated Obituaries.

Eighty-eight year old Dave Robertson, a Glebe Hockey Club stalwart, contacted me and suggested that I write an obituary for Isabella Butler and publish it in the Red Rag, the Hockey Club's Newsletter.



Dave Robertson played for Glebe from 1940 to 1958 (245 Club Games). He still receives the printed edition of the Red Rag, which is sent to him at Ettalong, and he follows the affairs of the Club closely. Dave, a toolmaker by trade, founded an engineering company in the 1945. Harry Butler joined Dave's tool making business a few weeks after it was formed and he worked in the business until he retired in 1989, never working anywhere else. As an aside, Dave remembers that in the early 1940s when he was doing his apprenticeship his weekly wage was 15 shillings and thrupence, which is less than \$50 in today's money.

Initially the business operated out of an eighteen foot by twelve foot shed at the back of Dave's mother's house in Nelson St Annandale. The shed was built by Dave Robertson and another member of the Hockey Club, a friend of Dave's and Annandale resident, the late John Collett (1946-1954, 124 Club Games). The business, which was called Roblan, was started with working capital of £50, which is equivalent to \$2,800 in today's money. The money was to buy materials, tools and machinery.

Dave and Harry were business associates and close friends. Dave knew Isabella and the two Butler children Rodney and Christine very well.

When I thought about Dave's suggestion that I write an obituary for Isabella, I came around to the view that it would be more interesting to most Club Members and Supporters if I wrote an article that outlined the contributions of both Isabella and her husband Harry to the life and times of the Glebe District Hockey Club. This article outlines their contributions from 1939 to 1961, a period of 22 years. They were generous contributors to Club affairs and acted as role models for those coming after them.

Isabella Butler (11 June 1924 - 1 April 2013), Harry Butler (July 1924 - 4 January 1990)

Isabella and Harry were Hockey Club stalwarts from the late 1930s until the early 1960s.

Isabella Baxter Butler (nee Grant) died in Berry on 1 April 2013 aged 88 years. She was born on 11 June 1924. Her husband Harry Butler (1939-1961, 356 Club games) died on 4 January 1990.

Isabella was the principal typist for the inaugural Red Rag published on 10 May 1958. She shared the typing duties for this edition with the Editor's wife, the late Pat Rogers. Isabella was an accomplished typist - a much valued skill in those years, and worked for the managing director of Westinghouse Australia. Interestingly, the Hockey Club's first Life Member the late Jack Logan Quinlan (1931-1948, 262 Club Games) worked at Westinghouse at the same time as Isabella, as a storeman.

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The First Editor of the Red Rag Paul Rogers writes about Isabella and Harry

“It was Harry who encouraged me in starting the Red Rag. I think it was his idea of the name. Many a night was spent at their place in Bankstown while the 4 of us worked on articles for the paper, and we didn't leave their place until near midnight. They were a great help, Isabella with her typing skills and Harry with his ideas.”

Isabella was brought up in the Bankstown area of Sydney. In the mid-1940s she became a friend of the Hockey Club Member Reg Matthews (146 Club games from 1942-1957), who now lives in retirement at Thirroul just north of Wollongong on the Illawarra Coast. Isabella was introduced to Harry through her friendship with Reg.

The 1946 Annual Report recorded that in that year Isabella Grant helped the Hockey Club with typing and secretarial tasks. Isabella and Harry married in 1947, set up house at 15 Dutton Street Bankstown where they lived for decades. In the 1960s they moved to a waterfront house at 39 Abbotsford Parade, Abbotsford. Several Members of the Hockey Club frequently visited Harry and Isabella at Abbotsford, where they would throw in a fishing line and sip the odd ale, often not leaving until late at night. Isabella and Harry being the perfect hosts, never had the heart to tell the good-time-Charlies it was time to go, particularly when work was to beckon the next morning.

Isabella was a volunteer at the Children's Hospital for many decades. She was a kind, considerate, caring and thoughtful person who gave of her time freely and willingly for the benefit of others.

She helped at the Hockey Club where and when she could with typing, administrative duties and on the Ladies Auxiliary of the Club in the 1950s. The Ladies Auxiliary organised Club Balls, Cabaret Dances, children's Christmas Parties, and picnics to places such as the Lane Cove National Park, Clifton Gardens and Parsley Bay. Isabella often joined in with the men, as did some of the other ladies of the Club, for the annual Club Golf Day.

Isabella was a great contributor; she had an outgoing, bubbly personality which often brightened up the life of those she came into contact with. During her association with the GDHC she freely gave of her time, efforts and energies for the common good and did so willingly, in good spirits and with good cheer. In return she was loved by many.

Isabella and Harry had two children, Rodney and Christine. Rodney became a mechanical engineer and is a shareholder in the Roblan Company. Christine married an anaesthetist Wayne Houghton. Living at Bankstown when they were growing up, Rod and Christine were many kilometres from the action at Jubilee Oval and neither of them played hockey.

Harry was brought up in Marrickville and started playing hockey with Glebe in 1939 when he was 14 years of age. In 1938-39 Harry had played cricket with a Saint James' Sport's Club cricket team, after being encouraged to do so by a couple of his teachers at the Newtown Technical High School on King's Street Newtown (now known as the Newtown School of the Performing Arts), Tom Irvine and Billy Atkinson. At the time Tom and Bill were playing first grade hockey for Glebe in the winter after their cricket commitments had finished.

When the cricket season finished in April 1939 Harry decided to try his hand at hockey where he played with a few friends from his cricket side. Harry started off in the Hockey Club's fourth grade team, which in 1939 played 17 games, and of these it won four, had twelve losses and had one draw. Harry enjoyed his first season even though it was not a particularly successful one on the field.

Harry also knew the Hockey Club's President at the time Charlie Humphreys (1937-1945, 89 Club games). Charlie was a police sergeant based at the Newtown Police Station. He was closely involved in the training of motorcycle police in the Moore Park Area and a onetime he was Chairman of the Police Union. Charlie was an Englishman and an accomplished hockey player; who learnt to play hockey in India. At the time India and Pakistan ruled the Hockey World.

In 1944, '45 and '46 Harry played representative hockey for the Metropolitan Senior men's team. By 1945 he had played 50 first grade games. Dave Robertson remembers Harry as an excellent left half, and difficult to get past. He held his position well. He was an efficient, effective trapper of the ball, read the game well and passed the ball to the most suitable member of his team. He was a team player, no hero runs for Harry. Dave opines that Harry's traditional methods of playing hockey are still relevant for the players of today.

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Later in his playing career, when he could not get to training and his speed became not what it was, Harry passed on his skill and approach to the game to the players coming up through the ranks. He played for many years in the Club's lower grades. The 1954 Annual Report records that he was captain of the 1954 Third Grade team, and that he was the team's Wise Old Owl. Many of the Club's up and coming players of the 1950s were mentored by Harry Butler, often known as Butch to his teammates.

Harry treated first grade players, z grade players, women, men the young and the old, equally, with compassion, encouragement and good cheer. Dave Robertson remembers Harry as being "friendly to everyone". The camaraderie and friendships formed between players and supporters in the era of Isabella and Harry Butler frequently lasted a lifetime, and often long outlived their playing and supporting days.

Harry played hockey for Glebe for twenty-two years and in this time played 356 games for the Club. Towards the end of his career he had trouble with his knees and his varicose veins, which in the end lead to his retirement from the game in 1961.

Paul Rogers remembers spending a Sunday with the Butlers at a Carnival in the late 1950s:

"It was the Annual Canterbury-Bankstown Hockey Carnival at Parry Park, Punchbowl, and unusual for Glebe, we didn't have enough players. We were two players short. We got Frank (can't remember his surname); he was free-lancing, and a solid player. In an attempt to round up a full team of eleven, a couple of us drove over to the Butler's house in the near-by suburb of Bankstown and cajoled, coerced, begged and eventually persuaded Harry to join the Glebe team at the Carnival. It was not the way he had expected his Sunday to unfold. Being the senior player we elected Harry captain of the team..

Rather surprisingly we made the final against Canterbury (their 1st grade side). Our full backs were George Griffiths (1957-1969, 56 Club Games, Glebe and NSW Representative Cricketer), and "Freelance" Frank, and both men could hit the ball a million miles an hour. Bennett Dunn (1950-1972, 496 Club Games) scored early in the game, and from then on our plan was to hit the ball into the storm water canal that ran through the park (it was empty, as it was low tide). This plan was specifically devised to waste as much time as possible and shorten the time Canterbury had to score an equalising goal. Our plan worked and against the odds we won 1 nil.

After our victory Harry and Isabella invited us all back to their house to celebrate, with food and drink provided. It was a great post-Carnival celebration. The events of the day were retold for decades. Isabella and Harry were great hosts to anyone who came to their house, their hospitality was legendary."

Harry had done an apprenticeship as a fitter and turner and was responsible for the development of the pressed metal division of the Roblan business. Harry was Roblan's first employee and learnt that Dave Robertson was starting up in business in 1945 when he saw a advertising sign painted for the business by another Club Member the late Tom Pearce (1931-1948, 199 Club games). Tom was the first Australian player produced by the Club.

The business Dave established in 1945 is still going strong today, 68 years later, and the Head Office is located at Catherine Street Leichhardt in the inner west of Sydney. The company has a satellite manufacturing facility at Ingleburn in South Western Sydney. Harry was renowned for his tooling skills, sound business judgement, and insistence on a fair deal for all echelons of the toolmaking industry.

As a great supporter of the apprenticeship system, Harry helped in the training of many apprentices. Apprentices training at Roblan have won the NSW Apprentice of the Year Award on seven occasions, which is a record unequalled by any other engineering company in NSW. In days past some of the starting apprentices at Roblan were referred to the company on leaving school by Glebe Club Member and Father of the Glebe Juniors Vernon Turner (1942-1958, 259 Club games).

Vernon on leaving school did a sheet metal working apprenticeship. After completing this apprenticeship Vernon went back to TAFE, did his Leaving Certificate, and went on to become a school teacher, taught at Saint Mary's High School in Western Sydney and became an excellent talent scout for the Roblan apprenticeship scheme.

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Current first grade player Pat Wark did a three month placement at Roblan in 2004 in the fourth year of his mechanical engineering/commerce degree at Sydney University.

Interestingly a young accountant Jack McPharland (1948-1959, 146 Club games) became the Club's Auditor in 1949, a position he held for many years, and he played in the same team as Dave Robertson. Dave recognised Jack McPharland's accounting talents and invited him to join the staff at Roblan. Jack subsequently became Chief Financial Officer of the Company and worked at Roblan until he retired.

Harry was a keen sportsman and as well as hockey and cricket he participated in a number of different sports. He played golf, squash, and snooker and was a founding member of the Southern Alps Ski Club.

Harry contributed to Hockey Club life where and when he could, even when he was quite young. He was assistant secretary in 1943 and 1944, as well as being on the Club's Management Committee in 1944 when at 20 years of age.

He was Treasurer in 1945, '46, '47, and '48 and again in 1955 and 1956. He was assistant treasurer in 1957. He was on the Club's Management Committee for six years from 1943-1948 and again for seven years from 1955-1961.

Harry helped Editor Paul Rogers (Life Member, 1950-1984, 557 Club games) with the Club's first Red Rag Newsletter which was published on 10 May 1958. The Red Rag has been published intermittently over the years and all copies ever published are available for viewing on the Club's Web Site.

They make interesting reading, and are worth a look.

When Harry retired from Roblan in 1989, having turned 65, he moved with Isabella to the NSW South Coast. Several months after the move, Harry suffered a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm, and died suddenly. After Harry's death Isabella remained on the south coast where she lived life to the full, regularly swimming, walking and having a single, small nip of Grant's whisky (for medicinal purposes only) at 5 pm most afternoons. Isabella Butler (nee Grant) was of Scottish descent, and a Scottish Piper played at her Memorial Service on 8 April 2013 at Gabbys, 13 Prince Alfred Street, Berry.

Vale Isabella and Harry Butler—Rest in Peace and enjoy your Eternal Reward in Heaven. The Hockey Club Isabella and Harry nurtured and helped in the 1940s, and 1950s is still going strong today in 2013, only because of the contributions over the past 83 years of people such as the Butlers—long may it continue.

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Harry Butler is shown in the middle of the back row. He was attending a function at the Glebe District Hockey Club,



Clubhouse at Number Four Arch Jubilee Oval Glebe in 1962, to celebrate the attainment of the 500 Club Game Milestone by Jim Kenny. Jim was the first player in the Club to have achieved the 500 Club Game Milestone.

Back Row: Greg Harris, Harry Wark snr, Kelvin Dickey, Harry "Butch" Butler, Ray Thorpe, Frank Murray, and Les Waight.

Middle Row: Joe Krepp, unknown, Jack Cummings

Front Row; Jim Kenny

The Glebe team that won the 1958 Canterbury Carnival at Parry Park Punchbowl.

Back row: Jack Buckley, Frank (Easts player), George Griffiths, Jack Thompson (or Gary Sullivan), Harry (Butch) Butler,



Len Needham, Bennett Dunne.

Front row: Paul Rogers, Ron Payne, Max Jeffs and current Patron Bill Stubbs.

By Harry Wark

Glebe District Hockey Club Historian