

## President's Reports

Well, it's the last bumper issue of the red Rag for 2013 and it's a real beauty!

Whilst the season may seem to be over there is much going on behind the scenes administratively. Please note that the women will be holding their AGM on Sat 16th November and the full club AGM will be held on Sunday 8th December.

Please, I ask as many of you as possible to take a real interest in your club and attend these very important club events and have your say, volunteer to help the club and ultimately make a difference. The club is as strong as its members and I believe we all could do more.

Please look out for reminders of these AGM's and attend.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mark Paterson and Harry Wark Jnr for their wonderful work in making this year's Red Rag the best ever. Some of the stories on past members has been outstanding and a joy to read. I cannot wait for more next year.

Finally, on behalf of the management committee, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and of course, a fantastic 2014.

Danny O'Brien  
Glebe District Hockey Club President



**Club President Danny O'Brien & Club Secretary Mark Paterson at the 2013 GDHC Presentation Night held at the Sydney University Grandstand Bar.**

What can I say? The Glebe men's season pretty much ended up in tears, except for the fact that as we all know, Glebe Boys Don't Cry! Nevertheless, the high hopes held by five out of six men's sides making the finals resulted in just the one Premiership win – to the magnificent 4th grade boys in SLA 4 who came from behind to score the winning goal (albeit an own goal) in the final minute of play. At the end of the day, the result was great reward to the fantastic and renewed efforts of these boys at training this season. Traditionally, 4th grade have not come to training previously apart from the few young boys coming through the grades on their way to higher honours. This year almost everyone in the team, including the Club President, Danny O'Brien, trained for an hour every week.

The 4th grade win was somewhat soured by the heart-breaking losses of 2nd and 3rd grade. For whatever reason, Glebe's most consistent team, 2nd grade started flat as a tack and were caught against the run of the play by an enthusiastic Moorebank side and found themselves an incredible four goals behind at the break. While Glebe mounted an incredible, pulsating comeback in the second half, coming within a goal of Moorebank, the hockey gods were not with Glebe on this day and they failed at the last hurdle to defend their 2012 triumph. The 2nd grade guys have given everything all year, well supported by the efforts of their coaches Mick Bougoukas and Geoff Paterson, and are to be congratulated for their efforts, particularly in assisting 3rd and 4th grade with their attempt to be promoted back into SL1 and SL2 for 2014.

The 3rd grade loss was also equally devastating with a number of shots at goal hitting the crossbar, the post and being saved by the rival goalie's outstretched big toe on several occasions. The defence was magnificent throughout and thwarted the opposition's counter attacks time after time, but tragically cracked once and critically with only two minutes to go. The ensuing stroke was converted by the opposition leaving the Glebe boys absolutely gutted. Congrats to the evergreen Peter Busch for, as always, lifting this team to new heights and instilling confidence and positive vibes in the team. The team will need to work on its goal shooting with only 2 goals being scored during the final three games of the season. Fingers crossed that 3rd and 4th are promoted next season following their efforts in winning their respective minor premierships this season. If this doesn't happen, I am afraid to say that the season's efforts will have been in vain.

1st grade came within a whisker of securing a grand final berth after charging back from being comprehensively outplayed for the first half and from a 3-0 scoreline to get back to 3-2 with only minutes remaining. The Northwest Strikers superstars were absolutely packing it the last 15 minutes of the game and were very lucky to get away with the win. Possibly their confidence was shattered so by such a lucky scrape against Glebe that this precipitated their heavy loss at the hands of Moorebank the following week in the decider. 1st grade were magnificent all season. Their training ethic was the best for many seasons, and the will and determination to win among the squad was clear for all to see. There is a strong self-belief within this unit that the side is destined for Premiership glory in the near future, if not as soon as 2014. The guys warmed to Aaron Oman as coach and are looking forward to further impressing in the coming pre-season.

5th grade lost their minor semi-final unfortunately but were probably short a striker or two on the day. This team looks to be consistently a finals prospect for many years to come.

I am very pleased overall with the efforts and performance of the Glebe Men's club this season and already look forward to bettering this performance in 2014.

Cheers

Adam Campano

Glebe District Hockey Club Men's Club Captain



Will Noller with the Patrick Nilan Trophy Winner & GDHC Club Captain Adam Campano at the 2013 GDHC Presentation Night held at the Sydney University Grandstand Bar.

The 2013 Glebe District Hockey Club Presentation night was held on Saturday the 12th of October 2013 at the Sydney University Grandstand Bar. Below is a list of award winners for the night.

### W.J.Taylor Cup

The trophy was first awarded in 1941. It was donated by W.J. Taylor, who at the time was the Club Patron. The award was originally for the "Most Improved Player", however, since 1954 the wording was altered to "The Club Member Who Has Set The Best Example by Consistent Play and General Demeanour".

Recipient: Owen Bailey

### J. W. KENNY TROPHY

This Trophy was first competed for in 1975. It was donated by Jim Kenny, Patron, Life Member and Foundation Member of the Club. The Committee along with Jim decided to award the trophy to the most outstanding 1st grader each season. It was further decided that the Committee would take into consideration points allocated in the SHA Brian Booth Medal Award. However, since 1980, in making the award, the winner was not necessarily the highest points scorer from the Club in the Brian Booth Medal list.

Recipient: Bj Bruton

### HARRY WARK SNR TROPHY

This trophy is dedicated to the memory of Harry Wark Snr, Club Patron, Life Member who played a record 754 games for the Club, including 1st grade and the lower grades. Harry was a passionate and committed member of the Club who supported the development of younger players and the enjoyment of the game amongst the lower grade players. This trophy is awarded to a member in the lower division who participated with the same loyalty, enthusiasm and dedication to the true traditions of the Club.

Recipient: Erin Schlicht

### V. J. TURNER CUP

In their efforts to foster Junior Hockey in the Club, the Management Committee of 1950, decided to present a trophy for the "Most Improved Junior Under the Age of 17 Years". The Cup was named after Vern Turner in appreciation for his work for juniors. Vern was an outstanding player and an equally outstanding Coach. He first started with the Club in 1942, playing Left Wing and soon went into 1st. Grade. He played 261 games and scored 84 goals. His ambition was to coach a winning Under 16's team. This ambition was unfulfilled when he left the Club in 1957. In the following 1958 Season, two teams which he had coached played out the Final.

Recipient: Max Tintner

### MICHAEL "ABBO" ATTERTON MEMORIAL TROPHY

Michael Atterton died tragically in early 1978; the Club awarded this Trophy in fond memory of him. In 1965, at the age of 6, "Abbo" commenced his hockey with the Club. Whilst still a junior, at the age of 14, he played his first senior games. He was considered to be, potentially, one of the most outstanding prospects in the Club. The Trophy was first awarded in 1978, for the "Player With the Most Potential".

Recipient: Bj Bruton

### A. J. OLDFIELD CUP

The A. J. Oldfield Cup was also first awarded in 1941. The Cup was presented to the Club by the late A. J. (Burt) Oldfield, the former Australian Wicketkeeper. The trophy is awarded to the "Colt Under 21 player" who has been adjudged, "The Most Improved and Best Behaved During The Season".

Recipient: Dominic Tintner

### ROBERT DIVINEY MEMORIAL TROPHY

This Trophy was donated by the Club in memory of Robert Diviney who died in 1982. He was hit by a car on his way home from hockey training at Jubilee Oval. The trophy is awarded to the Most Outstanding Club Player, Junior or Senior.

Recipient: Mark Paterson

### PAT NILAN TROPHY

Pat Nilan, ex Triple Olympian, donated this Trophy to the Club. It is to be presented to the "Most Outstanding Club Member", Junior or Senior, for the year as adjudged by the Management Committee.

Recipient: Adam Campano

This year we had two milestones to start our season. The first was moving up to Metro League One, First Grade. The minor premiership the year before had rewarded the girls who were now ready, with their coach Matt Wark, to take on a huge challenge.

The second milestone, and one I was very excited about, was that we got to enter a new team, meaning Glebe Women would field five teams this year. I know an extra team doesn't sound that exciting, but it means that we are attracting new people, that when they come to try Glebe out they decide to stay and most importantly, that existing players are staying with the Club. It was very exciting to welcome these new players.

And speaking of players hanging around, our Glebe 2 side remained almost completely unchanged from 2012, with the inclusion of only three new players. The Glebe 2 girls went into the competition as defending major premiers and were able to secure both the minor and major premiership this year. And thanks to everyone who came to watch these nail biting games. Apologies if we stressed you out, just keeping it interesting.. With the minor premiership we hope to go up to ML3 next year, narrowing the gap between our two top teams.

The ML1 side were not the only Glebe side to be promoted this year, with our Glebe 4 team, after winning two premierships in a row, going up to ED3. The team was renamed 3B and ready to take on stiff competition. I personally thought this would be a difficult year for the girls, as is the step up to a new competition, but these ladies came second on the table and only just missed out on a Grand Final appearance. If it weren't for some annoying injuries, they would have made it.

Our Glebe4 side, under Googa, found rhythm and developed skills and missed out on a finals appearance only by goal difference. Our Glebe 3A side started the season well but unfortunately were affected by injury. The team did showcase the skills of five junior players this year which is very encouraging for the future of Glebe Women.

All in all, we got on with the job, got some exciting wins and learnt a lot. We'll take everything we got out of this season into 2014 and be a stronger and unified club.

I want to thank coaches Matt, Bish, Alison, Sue and Googa who kept their teams disciplined and worked every week to develop team and individual skills. The Women's Committee, consisting of Club Captain Angela Wark, who got the teams on the pitch every week and was a great help to me, Terrie, Alex, Amy, Sue, Bish, Becky and Anna.

Ladies, we have positions available on the Women's Committee for Season 2014! Don't all put your hand up at once, but if you are interested in helping out we would welcome some new faces. Please come along to the Women's AGM on November 16, 10am at the Clubhouse. Contact Louise at [atdingtap@hotmail.com](mailto:atdingtap@hotmail.com) for any further information.

Congratulations to all the girls who competed this year, especially to the girls that consistently came to training. We should be proud of what we achieved this year and of the strength of the women's club.



Congratulations to all the ladies winners from Presentation Night:

**TEAM AWARDS:**

1st Grade Players Player: Josie Barron

1st Grade Coaches Award: Rebecca Howe

2nd Grade Players Player: Terrie Iglesias

2nd Grade Coaches Award: Tessa Bruin

3rd Grade Players Player: Ana Moraitakis

3rd Grade Coaches Award: Lara Frolchenko

3B Grade Players Player: Carissa Glynn

3B Grade Coaches Award: Katie Inglis

Natalie White Junior Player Trophy:

Winner: Litiana Field

4th Grade Players Player: Emma Clemmans

4th Grade Coaches Award: Jasmine Russell

Highest Goal Scorer: Tessa Bruin

200 Club Games: Angela Wark

**PERPETUAL AWARDS**

Ann Rochester Most Outstanding Player Trophy

Winner: Rebecca Howe

Molly Wark Commitment to the Club Trophy.

Winner: Louise Tapsell

Margaret Howe Encouragement Award

Winner: Katie Inglis

Carole Wark Umpires Trophy

Winner: Mark Short

So what's a player to do when the start advancing in years are no longer eligible for U21's, NSW Arrows or the Hockeyroos?

Well the answer is start playing in the Overs, that is Over 35, Over 40's all the way to Over 60's in women's (over 70's for men)

Did you know there currently 5 Glebe women playing in various levels of Masters competition in Sydney, the State and maybe even for Australia!

Alex Glading & Jo Symes from the 1st grade with Terri Iglasias and Nicki Osbourne from 2nd Grade play for Parramatta 1, in SWHL Div1 Masters Competition played alternate Wednesday evenings at Homebush (the Mens masters play the alternate Wednesday evenings). Sue Brady plays for Canterbury 1 in SWHL Div3, played every Monday night during the season & Ruth Standring Sharon Westermeyer play with Sue in the Canterbury 1's, so we have 7 GDHC ladies playing masters.



Parramatta 1's made the Div 1 Grand Final but were beaten ED (some of the ED players also have connections to Glebe too), while Sue's Canterbury side went out in the Div3 Semi Final also to ED.

Each year there are half or full state competitions one weekend in July. This year it was Half State championships, Parramatta went South to Parkes, whilst Canterbury had the long road trip North to Armidale.

So if you still want the challenge to play at a higher level, then it's off to the State Trials you go.....

Once you make a State Team it off to the National Championships, which rotate around the State Capitals of Australia. State trials are competitive for example over 40 players nominated for the O40's NSW Team in 2013.

Glebe Women's NSW Masters representatives:-

- Alex Glading -Australian Master Over 35's Winner in Perth 2011
- Jo Symes has represented NSW for the last 4 years in the Over 40's Team, including being Australian Master Over 40's Winners in Perth 2011 & Adelaide 2013.
- In 2013, Jo Symes was named in the Leadership Team, and captained the NSW 40's team to wins over South Australia & Queensland.

Finally, after several years of nominating for National Selection, was named as a Shadow Player for the Australian Women's Over 45's Team to go on a developmental trip to Fiji in April/May 2014. Needless to say she is hoping that someone drops out and she gets pulled in to represent Australia in 2014! But also attributes the training at Glebe with the Matt Wark and the whole 1st grade squad of keeping her playing at a level high enough for National Selection.

So Glebe Hockey Club may have a National Representative in 2014!

Most of the Glebe juniors are taking a well-deserved break after a very busy field season. To find out more about how the year went, you can download the 2013 Annual Junior Report from the website at <http://www.glebehockey.org.au/history/annual-reports-minutes/>

Despite the season being finished, a number of players have been attending the first trials for the 2014 SJHA representative teams in Under 13 and Under 15. Final selections will not occur until early next year.

The SIHA junior Indoor season has just started and Glebe has entered eight teams – 2 x Under 9, 3 x Under 11, 2 x Under 13 and 1 x Under 15. Thanks to Laura Torrible (mother of Mim and Tim Pritchard) for taking on the role of organising this and to the parents who have volunteered to be coaches and managers. Many of the Glebe players have also been selected in representative teams

This is my last year in charge of Glebe Juniors having been involved for twelve years serving as Assistant Junior Convenor (2002-04) and Junior Convenor (2005-13). It has been an enjoyable and rewarding time and also an honour to serve such a wonderful club. I will still be around helping out with the juniors and the club in general so I look forward to seeing the young players progress to our senior teams but more importantly enjoying their hockey with their team mates.

### **I would like to thank the following people who have helped with juniors this year:**

- All our wonderful coaches, managers and volunteer umpires
- Parents who provided photos and reports
- Vernon Howe , Peter Busch and Dina Kinkaid who ran the Minkey each week (with help at times from juniors Dylan Howe, Mack Noller and Max Tintner)
- Googa in the clubhouse
- Cecelia Farrowell and friends who did an amazing job fundraising (Trivia Night, Bunnings BBQ) and working in the canteen
- Club President Danny O'Brien and the committee
- Our sponsors Just Hockey, Exchange Hotel Balmain, Galuzzo's Fruit Market Glebe, Pilcher Residential and Bakers Delight Glebe
- Junior Co-convenor Ian Dallen

Ian Dallen will take on the Glebe Junior Convenor role in 2014. Ian has four children playing for the club – Grace, Hugh, Prudie and Archie – and has been a willing helper, taking on team manager duties and helping at Indoor. He will do a wonderful job.

Sign-on for the 2014 field season will be Wednesday 29 January 2014 (5:30pm - 7:00pm) and Sunday 2 February 2014 (9.00am - 11:00am) at the clubhouse.

Mark Noller  
Glebe District Hockey Club Junior Convenor



**Mark Noller standing with some of his younger charges during a GDHC Junior Development Clinic at Cintra in 2013. GDHC members also in the picture, Patrick Nilan (GDHC Life Member, Triple Olympian & Club Legend), Geoff Paterson (Life Member) & Mark Paterson (1st Grade Captain).**

The past few months have seen a few big celebrations on the social calendar. With Men's Second Grade, Third Grade and Fourth Grade Teams making their respective Grand Finals, the clubhouse after-party was always going to be a great night. Unfortunately only Fourth Grade were able to bring home the bacon, but nevertheless, all who attended the after-party had a great night which continued well into the hours of Sunday Morning.

Pat Wark also organised a splendid Boat Day for the second consecutive year. Thanks to Pat for doing this and I'm sure all who attended are equally grateful as it was a great day out on the Harbour.

Presentation Night this year was held at Sydney Uni's Grandstand Bar & Function Centre on the 12th October. It was attended by 125 people including players, partners, coaches and other members of the club. Congratulations to all those who won awards on the night! It is always great to recognise the individual efforts of players as well as coming together as a club to celebrate the achievements of the whole club. The impromptu after-party was held at the Camperdown Hotel with many people enjoying themselves there until the venue finally closed!

The Men's club have 2 Bunnings BBQs in December so keep an eye out in your emails for notification from Adam Campano on this. See you all next year!

Alasdair Brown  
Glebe District Hockey Social Convenor.



## The GDHC Music Scene

### Band Night's Act, Made in Japan on the Rise

For the last seven or eight years the GDHC has held Band Night's at the Clubhouse under the Arches at Jubilee Oval Glebe. These nights have been a huge success both socially and financially. A band that has played at the majority of these nights called Made In Japan, MIJ to its followers, has increased in popularity over the last few years.

The Band has played at all the leading Sydney and Melbourne live music venues, such as FBI, Brighton-up-Bar, The Annandale Hotel, Oxford Art Factory, The Standard, Horse Bazaar in Melbourne, Tone, The Kings Cross Hotel, and 34B.

In May 2013 MIJ played at Great Escape, Europe's leading music festival for emerging bands, held at Brighton on the English south coast. This English appearance exposed the Inner West Band to the Dream-Pop music lovers of Europe and established for themselves an international following.

On Saturday 19 October 2013 the Band released a single named History, which is the second single it has released from its album entitled Tame All Those Thoughts Once Had. Accompanying the release of the single was a 4.07 minute Film Clip, with MIJ music accompanying it. The theme of the Film Clip relates to the lyrics/melody of the song. The Film Clip was directed by Tim Russell, produced by the Glebe first grade centre-forward Michael Wark, with John Gadliff as director of photography, Michelle Campano ( Christian's wife) as assistant director/producer, and actors Indigo Sparke and Lukasz Embart. A link to the Film Clip is below.

The following description/ biography of MIJ is reproduced from the Band's Facebook Page.

Made in Japan are a dream-pop band from Sydney, Australia. Their debut album 'Sights and Sounds' (2012) was nominated for the Australian Music Prize.

### Biography

Brought together by their adulation for 'Silent Alarm', then schoolmates James Cooney and Jono Graham formed Made in Japan to build on what was an exciting niche subgenre. Tom Davis and Andrew Knox were soon drawn into the project to bring life to some promising early demos.

Determined to create captivating groove based indie music, Made in Japan find themselves in a lonely space somewhere between dream pop, post-rock and the pastel Sydney skyline.

Since releasing their debut album Sights and Sounds in 2012, Made in Japan have been nominated for the Australian Music Prize and galvanized audiences with their unique colonial sound at Europe's leading festival for new music, The Great Escape.

Their forthcoming sophomore album 'Tame All Those Thoughts' promises to be a showcase of their compositional prowess. With their sober attention to detail and harmony, Made in Japan create an experience that is unmistakably more than the sum of its parts.

**Founded:** 2009

**Genre:** Dream - Pop

**Member:** James - Vocals, Drums

Jono - Guitar

Tom - Guitar

Andrew - Bass

**Record Label:** Independent

**Current Location:** Sydney

**General Manager:** [info@madeinjapan.net.au](mailto:info@madeinjapan.net.au)

**Contact info:** <http://madeinjapan.net.au>

**Film Clip:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r22vcgofU14>

For those readers who like MIJ's music, their songs can be purchased from their Facebook Page.

By Harry Wark

Glebe District Hockey Club Historian.



**Band Members from Left to Right: Andrew (Bass), James (Vocals, Drums), Jono (Guitar) & Tom (Guitar)**



**This Photo was taken at Graeme Gilmour's 70th Birthday dinner held at La Casa Restaurant Russell Lea on the 31st of July 2013.**

**GDHC Club Members left to right: Colin Rochester (577 games), Bill Stubbs (Life Member and Patron), Danny O'Brien ( Club President & Life Member), Charlie Brown (Life Member), Graeme Gilmour (Life Member), Tony Martin, Patrick Nilan (GDHC Legend & Life Member), Robert Wark (Life Member), Brett Gilmour (255 Club Games), Geoff Paterson (Life Member).**

On Saturday the 31st of August Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC) stalwart Graeme Gilmour celebrated his 70th birthday with some of his closest friends from the GDHC.

Graeme could talk the leg off an iron pot and hence his nickname "Have-a-chat" Gilmour. When he was not playing or training for hockey, Graeme beat a mean tune on the drums in his brother's band, The Noel Gilmore Quintet, a popular band of the 1960's & 70's, which sometimes appeared on television and had permanent gigs at various venues around Sydney. Graeme was an accomplished musician; he enjoyed his music and his interactions with other band members.

Graeme Gilmour was born on the 22nd of August 1943 to Inez (a derivative of Agnes) and Robert (Bob) Gilmour at the Royal Women's Hospital Paddington and lived with his parents at 18 Victoria Road Glebe. Victoria Road is the road which runs along the top of the Glebe Hockey Club's Home Ground, Jubilee Oval in Glebe. It is probably little wonder that Graeme developed an interest in the GDHC considering his home was only 100 metres from the hockey field.

Graeme's father was of Scottish descent and a self-employed electrician. In the book on the Club's History; Under the Arches, the authors Harry Wark and Max Solling make the following comment; "Bob was a legend with the boys of the Glebe Police Boys Club team, a real enthusiast with an infectious optimistic view of life."

During the 1950's and with Graeme in the team, Bob as coach would often collect players in his Under 14 team from the Glebe Post Office on Glebe Point Rd in his Austin A40 work ute. The whole team of eleven or twelve players would pile into the back of the vehicle for the two or three kilometres journey to St Paul's Oval at Sydney University where the competition was based in those days. The Ute would slowly head down Glebe Point Rd, turn up into City Road at Broadway and then turn right into the driveway of Saint Paul's College, a Residential College at Sydney University.

The singing, cat calls, jokes and repartee emanating from the back of the Ute made the team a well-known feature on Glebe Point Rd on a Saturday morning during the hockey season. It was an epic journey which delighted the boys of the Glebe Police Boys Club team, even though the mode of transport was a touch on the risky side. Fortunately no one ever came to any harm during these trips, hockey player, pedestrian or other road users.

If the side won by more than 10 goals Bob would stop at the Riviera Milk Bar on the corner of Glebe Point Road and Broadway and shout milk shakes all round, before heading back to the Glebe Post Office where everyone would alight.

Graeme's father was a driving force with the Club's juniors in the 1950's. Inez performed various home duties and also looked after several boarders during her time.

Graeme was a product of Forest Lodge School from 1948 to 1954 and Fort Street High School from 1955 to 1960. After completing his Secondary School education in 1960 Graeme went to work as a Clerk with the Sydney County Council performing various administrative duties.

Growing-up in Victoria Road, Graeme and was constantly "down the park" practising his hockey and socialising with his fellow Club mates. The Cowans, Attertons, Sullivans, Caseys and the Whitemans were all families living in Victoria Road, Glebe in the 1950s, 60s and 70s who had sons play hockey for Glebe at the time..

In 1960 Graeme met Delma and they married in 1966 and had two children a daughter Kellie (1971) and son Brent (1972) before being divorced in 1976. Both the children played hockey for the Glebe Hockey Club.

In 1990 Graeme's partner, Sue, moved from Tasmania to live with him in Sydney then, in 2006 they moved to Hobart to live and still reside there. Graeme and Sue visit Sydney three or four times a year to time to catch up with family and friends (and to go to the dentist).

Graeme hit the hockey ball around the park at Jubilee Oval from an early age, but first started in the Club's junior teams in 1954 aged 11 years, when he played in the Glebe Police Boys Club under-14 team.

In 1955 Graeme won the most outstanding player of the season award for the Glebe Police Boys Club Under-14 team. The Glebe Junior Organiser and coach Vernon Turner had this to say about Graeme in the Club's 1955 Annual Report: "Graeme excelled in all phases of the game. His stick work was excellent, the result of constant practice, and his positional play good. He showed a great deal of hockey sense in his passes and placements although at times too much stick work was used unnecessarily. Graeme must remember that stick work should only be used to eliminate trouble, not beget it. A cool head at all times is essential. Keep up the good work and practice as much as you can." Vernon's comments are just as applicable to the emerging talent of today as they were to Graeme in 1955.

Graeme spent four years, 1954-1957, in the Under-14 team and 1958 and 1959 in the Glebe Police Boys Club Under-16 team and would have played around 90-100 junior games for the Club.

During the 1959 season while he was still an Under-16, Graeme filled-in for the Club's fourth grade team when they were short of players. In that year Graeme won the V J Turner Cup, which is awarded to "The Most Improved Junior under the Age of 17 Years." V J Turner was a driving force in the Club's Junior Development in the early 1950s.

In 1960 Graeme played in the Club's premiership winning second grade team with Jim Kenny, Robert "Charlie 'Brown, Alan Halls, Bill Stubbs, Jack Thompson, Ted Woodhouse, Fred Letts, Max Jeffs, Vince Halls, Brian Howe, Paul Rogers, Ken and Harry Wark. Other players that played second grade that year were Daryl Fishenden, Jack Taylor, Ron Callaghan, Bennett Dunn and Len Needham.

At 17 years of age, in 1961, Graeme progressed to the Club's first grade team. He played left full-back in the first grade team until the end of 1973, a total of 13 years. He won first grade premierships in 1962, '63, '64 and '65 and captained the first grade team in 1972.

In 1961, 1965 and 1972 he won the W J Taylor Cup which is awarded annually to the person considered by the Management Committee to have been "The Club Member who has set the Best Example by Consistent Play and General Demeanour." W J Taylor had succeeded the Reverend Brother Macarten Keegan as Patron of the GDHC in 1937.

After his first grade career was over Graeme played in the Club's lower grades mainly third grade until the end of the 1979 season when he retired, having played 335 senior games for Glebe. He won third grade premierships in 1974, '75, '76 and '78. Graeme was a vital cog in the team's penalty corner combination, which was a well-oiled outfit. He had a powerful hit resulting in many goals for Glebe over his career.

During his years in the lower grades Graeme mentored many of the players he had coached as Under-10 players. This involvement with the development of his ex-junior team members and being able to smoothly integrate them into the Club's senior teams gave Graeme a deep sense of satisfaction, and rightly so. Over many years he helped a lot of lads develop as people, as athletes and as balanced human beings.

He was elected the Club's twelfth Life-Member at the 1974 AGM and was the Club's President for four years from 1981 to 1984. He was on the Club's Management Committee for twenty years from 1965 to 1984. When Graeme was Club President, much of the business activity of the Club was conducted at the Public Bar of the Toxteth Hotel. The Toxteth Hotel was a sponsor of the Club at that time, and the Club had chook raffles and many fund raising activities at the Pub. The Publican of the Toxteth at the time Mr Darcy Henry was a strong supporter of the Hockey Club and had a good working relationship with Graeme.

In 1984 he was the inaugural winner of the Pat Nilan trophy, which is awarded to "The Most Outstanding Club Member for the Year." Pat Nilan is an ex-Junior of the Club, a Club Life-Member, an ex-Club President and played for Australia from 1961-1972.

Graeme represented Sydney for decades at both the junior and senior levels. He played for the NSW Under 16 team in 1959, and in 1967, 1969 and 1970 he represented NSW Seniors at the Australian Hockey Championships.

He coached the NSW Under 18 team for four years from 1971-1974. Graeme was the chief catalyst in enticing a young Geoff Paterson and Keith Pritchard to the club for the 1974 season from the Cumberland (Parramatta) Hockey Club. Both Geoff and Keith went on to win multiple First Grade premierships with the club.

Graeme had his first year coaching the Glebe junior teams in 1964, when he worked alongside Robert "Charlie" Brown, Pat Nilan, Barry Goodrick, Martin Howe, Kevin Weeks and Victor Westacott. He coached the Club's Under-10 team for 19 years from 1964 to the end of the 1982 season, which is an impressive feat by any measure. Graeme's coaching record is an amazing example of devotion above and beyond the call of duty. His unselfish devotion to the youngest players in the Club was an inspiration to others.

Transporting players to their games was often a problem for the Glebe Hockey Club and Graeme Gilmour only had a little 'banger' at the time, which was not adequate for the task. On a Saturday morning he would drive over to Harry Wark's Butcher shop at 107 Mansfield Street, Rozelle, collect Harry's big utility, leave the little banger, drive to the Glebe Post Office and collect the team, before driving them to the ground for their game. After the match the process was reversed and win, lose or draw the team had a great time being transported to and from their game, huddled together in the back of the utility, being gazed at by passers-by and giving cheek to all and sundry. Somewhat replicating what Graeme's father had done years before. The team was out of its depth on the hockey field but champions in the repartee stakes. Their trip to and from the game was Saturday morning's highlight for some, perhaps the majority of the team members, with the enjoyment of these good times shared together, remembered long after the result of the morning's game had been long forgotten. Good times were had by all, irrespective of the result on the field, which is experiencing sport at its best.

Tradition, commitment, a sense of history, effort, trying, responsibility and gratitude were all qualities that Graeme had tried to instil in his young charges over the long period that he coached the sides.

For decades Graeme helped coach at Hockey Coaching Camps, which at one time were sponsored by the Rothman's Cigarette Company. This cigarette sponsorship occurred before the days that it was fully appreciated that the glamorisation of cigarette smoking was an activity not to be promoted in the community. Most of these camps were conducted in country New South Wales, and organised by the New South Wales Junior Hockey association, although some were held as far afield as Tasmania and organised by the Tasmanian Hockey Association.

Thank you Graeme, you have contributed mightily to the life and times of the Glebe District Hockey Club over four decades. Your efforts are much appreciated by us all.

Graeme's son Brent is the third generation of the Gilmour family to be involved in Club affairs. Brent came up through the junior ranks and for many years was a valuable cog in the club's lower grade sides. Retiring at the end of the 1998 season Graeme's son Brent had played 255 games for the club winning multiple lower grade premierships along the way. In 1996 Brent won the W. J. Taylor Trophy. Delma and Kellie were frequent spectators at Brett's games and enlivened the sideline atmosphere. They lent their support to his teams when and where they could. Brent is a self-employed air-conditioning and refrigeration technician and has three children Georgia (14), Emalee (14) and Sophie (13). Graeme also has four Step Grandchildren: Aeron (21), Catrin (17), Connie (6) and Cleo (2).

By a strange quirk of fate Graeme's partner's son Todd Williams played with Ken Wark jnr in the Australian team back in the 90s. In addition, Todd coached Michael Wark's English Premier League Hockey team Hampstead-Westminster in 2011-2013 when Michael was living in England.

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## GDHC Where Are They Now?

## JACK TAYLOR



This photo was taken in mid-September 2013. The GDHC's Patron Bill Stubbs (left) was holidaying on the Gold Coast and called in to Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast to see ex-Glebe man Jack C Taylor (right). I am told they shared a few laughs and reminisced about the good old days.

Bill (73) and Jack (89) played together in the 1959 and 1960 Glebe first grade team. This article is about the contributions and involvement of Jack C Taylor with the GDHC.

Jack was born in Hobart on the 6th of October 1924. The Taylor Family moved to Townsville when his father was offered a "good job" as a motor trimmer in 1930.

He went to Central State School in Townsville, where in Jack's own words he was "fairly successful in my studies". While he was at the School he joined the first ever School Band, which started his life-long love of music.

What brought him to Glebe/Sydney? Read-On.

Jack's brother Bill was a good swimmer (North Queensland Under 11 years, champion). While competing at a swimming meeting in Townsville, against all rules, regulations and common sense, a person dived from the high diving platform onto Bill, who was swimming in a race. Bill's head was crushed by the impact and his skull fractured. The doctors caring for Bill at Townsville advised Bill's parents to take him to Sydney for specialist neurosurgical treatment.

Mrs Taylor and Jack came to Sydney with Bill for his neurosurgical operation, which turned out to be very successful. After Bill's operation the Taylor Family decided to stay in Sydney. They may have liked Sydney life, or they may have stayed in case Bill required further treatment as a result of his fractured skull. The family lived at 29 Darling St, Glebe. The Darling Street residence was close to where prominent Glebe Hockey Club identities Vernon Turner and Jack Worley lived on the Broadway side of Saint John's Road Glebe, just down from the Glebe Post Office. He did not know them until he joined the Glebe District Hockey Club.

Jack had started playing hockey for the Pirates, a junior club in Townsville, when he was about 13 and played a couple of seasons of hockey in Townsville. His hockey career stalled when he came to Sydney, until early in 1940, aged 16 years, Jack went to the movies at the Astor Picture Theatre on the corner of Glebe Point Road and Hereford Street Glebe. Among the advertisements before the film started was one for the Glebe District Hockey Club.

After seeing the advertisement at the Astor, Jack contacted the Club's then Secretary Jack Worley and arranged for an interview/chat/exchange of information. Jack liked what he heard about the Club from Jack Worley and decided to join the Club and see how he liked it.

Jack started with the GDHC third grade team in 1940. Players in this team were Jack Hegarty, Leo Ryan (c), L Cook, Merv Nixon, Kevin Ryan, Larry Scanlon, Harry Butler, Jack Hayes, Max Steadman and Jack William Taylor. Many of the players in this team were new to hockey, but the captain Leo Ryan welded the team into a capable outfit and the team won the competition.

In 1941 Jack progressed to the Club's second grade team and also won the Club's W A Oldfield Cup for being the most improved and well behaved junior player in the Club.

By 1943 Jack played some games in first grade and won the W J Taylor Cup for being selected as the Club's Most Improved Player.

In his early years with the Club Jack was occasionally referred to as Jack junior to distinguish him from J W Taylor, no relation, who was a prominent Club man of that era who died suddenly of heart disease in 1946. Jack's name is J W C Taylor, but people simply dropped the 'W' and he became J C Taylor a name he is still called to this day. For the most part though Jack's fellow Club mates referred to him, affectionately, as J C.

In 1944 Jack cemented a place in the first grade team and played full-back with Tom Taylor, J W Taylor's brother. Jack played full-back in the Club's first grade team for close to 300 games over 18 seasons

By the end of the 1945 season Jack had played 100 Club games with 50 of them being first grade games. In 1946 Jack was selected in the Metropolitan Hockey Association Representative Team for the first time and made the team every year until 1951, a period of six years. In 1952 the Metropolitan Hockey Association merged with the North Shore Hockey Association to form the Sydney Hockey Association. Jack made the Sydney Hockey Association Representative Team every year from 1952 to 1960, a period of nine years. Jack played for New South Wales at the 1955 Australian Championships.

In those times NSW Representative Players had to fund their own expenses to the Australian Championships as well as take time off work and cover their family's outgoings. Not all club players, Jack included, were always in a position to seek NSW Representation. Jack could probably have represented NSW in more than one year, if it was not for work and family constraints.

Jack's brother Bill, who had had the fractured skull in his early teenage years, and subsequently made an excellent recovery died in tragic circumstances in 1950, when he was in his mid-twenties.

At the time of his death Billy Taylor had played Glebe 159 games for Glebe

Bill's car was hit on the driver's side by a drunk driver who lost control and went through a red light. Bill's car was crumpled on the driver's side trapping him inside the car. He died 3 days later at Balmain Hospital. This was a tragic outcome. Initially, despite his injuries, the family was told that Bill had a good chance of recovery. However on the night of Bill's death, the family was told by some of the health care professionals looking after him that one of the life lines came out of his arm and he bled to death. Officially, this explanation was denied by the Hospital. Bill left a wife, a three month old daughter, Jack and both his parents to mourn his loss.

In 1950 Jack played his 100th first grade game for Glebe.

The 1952 Annual Report contained the following comments about Jack: "the tea cosy, the man of a thousand repartees, the Court Jester". Jack often played in a Glebe Cricket Club cap, which was maroon and had several 1 inch (30 millimetres) white rings around the lower part of the cap. It was a distinctive design and looked like a tea cosy. For younger readers a tea cosy is a woollen item, designed to snugly cover a teapot and help stop the tea cooling down too quickly. The Glebe Cricket Club cap was Jack's signature piece of playing kit.

Jack held many Official positions with the GDHC. In 1945, 1946 Jack was the Club's Assistant Treasurer and was on the Club's Social Committee. He resigned as Assistant Treasurer in 1947, but continued on as a Member of the Social Committee where he served for many years.

He was Publicity Officer in 1955, 1956, on the Club's Management Committee in 1957, 1958, 1959 and Club Vice-Captain in 1960.

In 1960 and 1961 he served as the Secretary of the Sydney Hockey Association.

Jack played first grade for 18 years from 1943 to 1960, eventually losing his first grade spot as left full-back when aged 37 years, to the emerging Graeme Gilmour.

Jack played in the Club's second grade team in 1961 and 1962. By the end of the 1962 season Jack had played 402 games for Glebe. He was the second Glebe man to reach the 400 Club Game milestone after Jim Kenny, who, by the end of the 1962 season had played 502 Club games.

By the time he stopped playing for Glebe aged 38 years, over 50 years ago; he had played close to 300 first grade games and had won 12 first grade premierships. He played in the Club's golden era when the Club's first grade team won seven MHA/SHA first grade premierships on the trot from 1947 to 1953. This achievement of seven consecutive first grade premierships still stands as an SHA record to this day.

As a 17 year old in 1940 Jack met his wife to be June when they worked together at a music store. They married in 1953 (not in the hockey season of course). June followed the mighty Maroons enthusiastically and was active on the Club's Social Committee for many years with such Icons as Dot Kenny, Joyce & Molly Wark, Fran Harris, Isabella Butler, Phyl Dickey, Joan Ryan, Beryl Thorpe, Thelma Murray, Gloria Halls, Pat Rogers, Bev Stubbs, Thelma Worley, Win Worley, Heather Turner etc.

Jack and June had 3 sons, Greg born in 1955, Jeffery born in 1956 and Rodney born in 1961. Greg played one season with the Glebe juniors in 1962.

When Jack retired from playing hockey with the GDHC, the family moved to Beacon Hill in 1963, where the boys joined the Manly H.C junior teams, as travelling to Jubilee Oval for training and playing would have been an arduous task.

Jack followed his children's hockey careers at the Manly HC with interest and it wasn't long before he was persuaded to become a playing coach for the Manly Hockey Club. He helped form Manly Hockey Club's first veterans team, which won the inaugural comp. He played his last game for Manly when aged 62 years. He was a Club President at Manly for some years, and he was made a Manly Hockey Club Life-Member for his services to the Club and Jack is very grateful for this acknowledgement. While playing for Manly Jack won a couple of lower grade premierships.

Two of Jack's son's Jeff and Rod moved to Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast, while Greg continued to live in Sydney at Curl Curl. June and Jack visited Caloundra several times to visit Jeff, Rod and their families and fell in love with the place. They eventually moved there in the late 1980s and built a comfortable 3 bedroom home.

They both joined Caloundra Golf Club. Jeff and Rod had been members of the Club for some years. Jack and June enjoyed a wonderfully relaxed life at Caloundra, and then out of the blue June was diagnosed with a very aggressive cancer in 2005. June and Jack carried on as best they could, with wonderful support of their boys until June died on 20th April 2007.

After June's death Jack moved to a two bedroom apartment, which was closer to the golf club, and closer to a music rehearsal room, where he played and continues to play in a 40 piece concert band. Jack helped establish the concert band/Orchestra 16 years ago and for his services to the Orchestra, Jack was elected a Life-Member.

Currently, Jack's interests are now with his family, golf, music, genealogy, enjoying the Sunshine Coast lifestyle and the G.D.H.C. Jack follows the fortunes of the GDHC closely, and has regular contact with players of his era and some players that followed after his time. He keeps up to date with the activities of the Club via the GDHC Website, and he is on the Club's Supporter e-mail list.

Jack is always keen to catch-up with his fellow GDHC friends whenever they are up his way. Mark Paterson the GDHC Secretary has contact details for Jack. Anybody interested in making contact with Jack can get his contact details via Mark.

If readers of the Red Rag have any reminiscences, and/or humorous stories about Jack, we would love to hear them. Please send them to the Red Rag Editor. Any contributions received will be published in the first Red Rag of 2014.

By Harry Wark

## Glebe District Hockey Club Historian

This is from the Golden Era of the GDHC, where the 1st Grade team won Seven 1st Grade Premierships on the trot from 1947 till 1953. This record is still unmatched by any Club in the Sydney Hockey Association.



Above: Jack Taylor's Blazer Pocket