

President's Report

I think this is about update No.3 on the current Hockey NSW (HNSW) Association Reforms.

In my last report I advised in closing:

“Next 2-4 Weeks

- A delegation from SHA is to meet with HNSW to present their proposal.
- I will be attending a Hockey NSW information session to all SHA clubs on Thu 5th June
- Peter Busch will no doubt be attending a working party meeting for our new Association.

I will keep you all up-to-date on this as we move through the process.”

Sydney Hockey Association (SHA) did indeed meet with HNSW and were to again meet with them last week but pulled out – in essence, because as I have previously stated, Hockey NSW will not budge on its position. Following on from this, HNSW sent a letter to all clubs last week advising of SHA's withdrawal from the planned meeting and in response, SHA sent a letter to all clubs advising why they withdrew. Letter from HNSW is provided at the end of my report.

In a nutshell, it looks like? SHA might still operate next year as a body to run the SHA competition (much like the Sydney Women's Hockey League operates with a non-association body at its helm). I will be attending a SHA General Meeting on Monday 14th July where I will again be updated on where SHA is going. I am sure the clubs will have many questions such as:

Will SHA be wound up? It seems there are no provisions for this in the SHA Constitution.

How will the funds held by SHA be distributed?

Who will run the competitions next year? Will it be men, juniors and women from SHA?

In regard to the new Association working party meetings, our VP Peter Busch has now attended two meetings and things are well on the way to setting up this new association.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Many Thanks

Danny O'Brien

PS: HNSW letter hereunder.



GDHC President Danny O'Brien flicking one over the top at Ryde Hockey Complex (Adrian Howe in the background)

Open Letter to all Sydney Hockey Clubs Association Reform Update

Firstly, on behalf of the Hockey NSW Board, I would sincerely like to thank all Executives and members of Sydney hockey based clubs for their ongoing support during the roll out of the Association Reform framework thus far.

As you are no doubt aware, during this roll out of the reform framework, Hockey NSW (HNSW) has been in discussions by way of meetings (amongst other communications) with Sydney Hockey Association (SHA). These meetings were held as a direct result of your requests to us and they have been conducted in good faith.

Whilst there are a number of elements to the reform that both parties agree to, it is disappointing to report that SHA have elected to cancel a planned joint meeting for earlier today and appear to have effectively (and prematurely in the opinion of the Board of HNSW) ended all future collaboration on this important reform roll out.

In this regard, it is necessary to note that there were a number of important areas regarding Association Reform that we both agreed on. These included:

- The need for change and the fact that the 4 Sydney zones (excluding Nepean and Macarthur) had merit. It was pleasing that SHA saw the benefit of this structure and its ability over time to address the lack of growth in our sport.
- There is continued merit in Sydney wide competitions. As we have stated publicly beforehand, there is great benefit in finding the right model for localised competitions. Importantly, the ability to run Sydney wide competitions also meets Hockey NSW ongoing strategic plans.
- We also agreed that SHA was in the best position to continue to run those Sydney wide competitions they currently have responsibility for. Put simply and for the avoidance of any doubt, HNSW wishes SHA to continue to run its competition into 2015 and beyond. We are of the firm belief that SHA has the systems, resources and processes in place to continue on this path.

It is also vital to note that whilst SHA did provide what we consider to be a limited alternative to the current reform agenda, importantly it failed to meet the strategic aims that have been implemented in the best interest of the growth of the game of hockey in this State. These strategic aims include providing a structure that is not only viable, but allows the sport to again grow in this State, to guarantee that we maintain our support and funding from government, and to comply with the new regulatory requirements unfolding in this State and Country. SHA's proposal did not satisfy these requirements for the reform. Finally, and of significance is the fact that their alternative did not enjoy the full support of the wider Sydney hockey community.

It is also important to openly address the issue of SHA's continued assertions that HNSW wish to have them disbanded. This is not correct. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is a rich history in SHA that should be maintained where possible. HNSW acknowledges the legal status and structure of SHA and this is a matter for its member clubs. HNSW will only consider being involved in this regard, should the member clubs require our assistance. This is consistent with our approach with all member associations across the State.

What is important from this point onwards is how we work together to implement the approved Association Reform model and timelines as previously communicated. Many of the new Sydney based associations have made progress towards the new structure for 2015 and you can be assured that HNSW will continue to work with these new entities as we implement this important reform.

Synthetic Turf Matters

On Thursday 26th June 2014 the NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation Mr Stuart Aryes called for a study into the Future needs of sports in NSW. The NSW Liberal and National Governments have committed at least 500 Million dollars to the Sporting and Cultural fund which aims to increase sporting opportunities for sporting organisations.

The Glebe District Hockey Club responded to this media release with a written letter to the office of Mr Stuart Aryers detailing the Clubs struggle over the past 26 years to obtain a parcel of land on which to site a Multipurpose Synthetic Surface within it's heartland to provide for it's large community Supporter base. Every blade of grass in the Inner West seems to have a passionate sponsor, protector or guardian. You only have to look at Federal Park, Annandale in it's current state which resembles somewhat of a defunct, disgrace of a cow paddock.

Where in years gone past it once remeblemled a pristine Hockey Field which supported top flight hockey. But, at least dogs now have a place on which roam freely. If anyone feels strongly about this please write, ring or send an email to the office of Mr Stuart Aryers. A copy of the letter can be seen below in the GDHC Under the Arch's News Section. Please use the Letter as a template if you wish to write to the Minister or simply send the Minister an email using the exact same letter.



Glebe Players after the 2008 First Grade Grand-Final won against Moorebank-Liverpool at Sydney Olympic Park Hockey Pitch

SHA Competition Update for 4th Grade (SL3)

The Manly Hockey Club has withdrawn it's 4th Grade Team (SL3) from the SHA competition sitting too few playing numbers to sustain a team in the competition. SHA have been trying to reconfigure the draw so as the teams left can still play the same amount of games during the season instead of encountering a bye on the weekend they were due to play Manly. Just recently SHA advised the GDHC that this wouldn't be feasible and team's will encounter an extra two byes during the second half of the season.

GDHC Website

If you don't already know Harry Wark, Mark Noller and myself have undertaken the task of writing Biographies for all the Club's Life Members. There are now Ten GDHC Life Member Biographies now posted on the GDHC Website located in the History Tab located at the Life Members page at the bottom of the drop menu. Curtailing one's life into a vibrant document has not been an easy task, but the contributors think it is a worthwhile project to honour members who have contributed mightily to the life and times of the GDHC. The club recently submitted a notice to the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) asking for information on its first six Life-Members: John Quinlan, Ester Taylor, Jack Worley, Jim Kenny, Kelvin Dickey and Bill Ryan, all of whom lived in Glebe during most of the time they were involved with the Club. If anyone in Red Rag land has any information pertaining to the above Life Members or even contact details for relatives of the life members could you please alert either myself or Harry Wark.

Mark Paterson

Glebe District Hockey Club Secretary



Glebe 2nd Grade 2003 defeating Moorebank-Liverpool in the Grand-Final Homebush Olympic Pitch

Well we have turned the first bend and we are on the back straight now with all grades playing their second matches in the second half of the season. The top three grades are all have a finals place well within reach but it will take discipline and a renewed enthusiasm if all three grades want to finish at the pointy end of the ladder. 4th grade continue to perform well considering they are often the grade that draws the short straw with 5ths and 6ths paired up and playing away from them a lot of the time.

First grade had a great finish to the first half the competition knocking off Moorebank for the first time in 18 months but have failed to back up that form in their past two matches.

Team standings prior to round 11:

- 1st grade: 2nd on 21pts
- 2nd grade: 4ths on 18pts (game in hand)
- 3rd grade: 3rd on 22pts
- 4th grade: 4th on 14pts
- 5th grade: 6th in 15pts
- 6th grade: 8th on 5pts

A shocking run of injuries of late plus a number of players missing for various commitments outside of hockey has made it tough over the past couple of rounds to field our strongest sides, especially in the lower grades. I understand that players have commitments outside of hockey on the weekend but I would urge all players to think about their teammates because it isn't fair on them when they have to back up or play short each week. When you signed up to play hockey at the start of the year it would be expected that you are doing so in the knowledge that you will be required to play each Saturday from March through to August and hopefully September.

Training attendance from the top grade players hasn't been great over the past two weeks, which has been noted by the coaches and there will be a renewed focus on this now that we are past the halfway point of the season.

I remind all those who haven't paid their fees yet to do so as soon as possible.

Thank you and good luck for all the grades

Ian Paterson

Glebe District Hockey Club Men's Club Captain



GDHC Women's 2nd Grade team 2010 Glebe - Briars Day Cintra Hockey Complex

With the second half of the season well and truly underway, all our women's teams are really hitting their stride. I'm please to advise that all five Glebe Women's teams are currently sitting in the top four of their respective ladders, positions we all hope to hold in the lead up to finals.

Glebe 1 are dominating the SWHL division 2, while Glebe 2 and 3 have had some mixed results this month they are still in good contention. Glebe 4 and 5 have had some high scoring games bringing them back into contention in the EDWHA competition. With a few team members away, both teams have been helping each other out to field teams.

Keep up the good hockey this July girls!

Shannan Craig
Glebe District Hockey Club Publicity and Website Coordinator

Our junior teams are, for the most part, performing well this season. In the Central Area competitions, 5 of our 7 Glebe teams are on track to qualify for the finals. In the Sydney wide Metro competitions, our combined U17A team (with Briars) is performing extremely well and is also on track to qualify for the finals.

Our Junior teams' current competition placings are as follows:

1. Central Area Competitions

U11A Redbacks 4th place

U11B Strikers 3rd place

U11B Hornets 6th place

U13A Redbacks 3rd place

U13B Hornets 3rd place

U15B Strikers 4th place

U15B Hornets 5th place

2. Sydney Metro Competitions

U15A Redbacks 6th place

U17A Glebe-Briars (combined) 2nd place



U11B Hornets vs U11B Strikers at Jubilee on 28 June 2014

Glebe is also participating in the Central Area U9 (small pitch / 6 a-side) round robin competition which is providing our youngest players with the opportunity to play competitive team hockey outside the Minkey program.

On the representative hockey front, following the U15 Boys & Girls Hockey NSW State Champs, 5 of our final year U15 players - Sam Alexander-Prideaux, Chloe Mannering, Litiana Field, Mim Pritchard and Emma Grant - were selected into Hockey NSW top Age U15 squads to attend a one day High Performance Development Clinic later in the year and, from this clinic, a squad of 32 athletes will be chosen for admittance into the U18 2015 state trials and AAP program.

Ian Dallen

Glebe District Hockey Club Junior Convenor



Photo taken at 80th Celebrations for the GDHC 2010.

June was a quiet social month for Glebe Hockey Club with most people staying in with the inclement weather to watch a bit of world cup soccer and hockey, state of origin football...and now the Tour De France to come! How good was it that Australia women the Men's Hockey World Cup and were valiant runner's up in the Women's World Cup in The Hague, Netherlands!!!

There have been good turn outs by the Women's club to organised team lunches at the Exchange Hotel and the Men had a night down at the clubhouse to watch the Wallabies vs France game on the big screen which went to the wee hours after 1st grade's amazing win against Premiers Moorebank.

Thanks to Googa also who has turned it on by cooking spag bol and curry on each of the first two State or Origin games.

July promises to be a big social month with the Wark-Trevenaar Cup to be played on Saturday 12 July at Cintra and then a big kick-on planned for the Clubhouse.

Then on Saturday 26 July there will be a Xmas in July function at the clubhouse starting at 2pm. The event will start early so that juniors, their parents and the women (who play on Sunday) can attend. The men will attend a bit late after their games. Sara Bala and the women's club are helping to organise the event and it should be a fantastic occasion. If everyone can bring some baked goodies and/or a nice winter beverage to share that will be awesome!!!

Adam Campano

Glebe District Hockey Club Social Convenor

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Re: Future Needs Of Sports

Dear Minister

The Glebe District Hockey Club, a club established 84 years ago, read with interest your Media Release of Thursday 26 June 2014 in which you called for input into the future needs of Sport in NSW, with particular reference to grassroots facilities.

For the last 26 years the Glebe District Hockey Club has been trying to secure a site within its heartland on which to build a synthetic playing field. A suitable site has not been found. We have explored the option of siting a synthetic field at the Harold Park infield, the Wentworth Park infield, Leichardt Oval Number Two, Federal Park Annandale, Glebe High School, Leichhardt High School, the Rozelle Bay Shunting/Train Stabling Yards, Fort Street High School and Perry Park Alexandria.

All our efforts have failed to secure a site on which to build a synthetic field. Suitable land in the inner city/ inner west is hard to come by.

There is a pressing need to site a synthetic playing field in the inner west of Sydney. There is no synthetic hockey field within a 13 kilometre radius of the Sydney GPO, which is the densest populated area in Australia. I estimate that around two million people live within a 13 kilometres of central Sydney.

There are currently 12 synthetic hockey fields in Sydney, none within a 13 kilometre radius of central Sydney. If possible this situation needs to be rectified and a new synthetic turf hockey field built, to redress this deficiency in facility provision to a large population base.

The Glebe District Hockey Club was established in 1931, and in 2014 is 84 years old. The Club has a long and proud history of providing a community resource for the local community of Glebe and surrounding areas. In 2014 the Glebe Club fields six men's teams, five women's teams, eight junior teams and has forty registered Minkey players. In addition it has close to two hundred fully paid-up Social Members. To be able to prosper into the future the Glebe Club needs to be able to play and train on a synthetic hockey field within its traditional heartland.

The Club would be delighted to share the facility with all local community groups and local schools. The resource could be accessed by all local sporting groups and it would not be an exclusive hockey facility. Being a synthetic field it could be used in wet and dry weather conditions, 12 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, and still be in excellent condition. The Club is confident that with the help of the City of Sydney Council and the NSW State Government it could fund a synthetic field. The Club has produced several business plans for a synthetic field in past years and is confident in its ability to fund and administer a synthetic field.

The Rozelle Bay Shunting Yard site at White Bay is under the control of the NSW State Government and this area has been identified by the Club as being a suitable site for the installation of a synthetic turf playing field.

Would it be possible for you to investigate whether the NSW State Government would give the Glebe District Hockey Club a lease over land at the Shunting Yard Site, on which to build a synthetic playing field?

Any help you could give the Club would be much appreciated.

Kind Regards

First Glebe Players to Play for NSW and Australia: Tom Pearce and Basil Bates



Above is a copy of an article which was published in The Sunday Sun And Guardian Newspaper on 8 August 1937.

The article describes and records a game between NSW and a visiting New Zealand team which was played at the Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park. The Sydney Sports Ground is now known as the Sydney Football Stadium. NSW won the game 3-1. Playing for the victorious NSW were two Glebe players Tom Pearce and Basil Bates. Basil Bates, who played on the left wing, scored NSW's first goal.

The Sunday Sun And Guardian, a Sydney Newspaper was published from 29 September 1931 to October 1953. The article records "Pearce of Glebe, at centre-half, showed delightful stickwork, controlling the ball with amazing skill." The predecessor of the Glebe District Hockey Club was the Saint James' Sports' Club hockey teams. Saint James is a Catholic Church in Woolley St Forest Lodge (Glebe) and in the 1930's had a Primary School, and Boys and Girls Secondary Schools associated with it. The Boys and Girls Secondary schools closed in the 1960's, but the Primary school is still running.

A Saint James Sports' Club Hockey team started out in the third grade competition of the Metropolitan Hockey Competition in 1931 with Patrician Brother Macarten Keegan as captain/coach. Seven years later the Club had two players in the NSW Senior Men's team.

Tom Pearce who was born in 1910 lived with his family on the Glebe Estate, which in those days was administered by the Anglican Church. He lived next door to the family of the late ex-Liberal Premier of NSW Mr Robert Askin.

Like many of his mates, after he had left school he became a Member of the Saint James Sports Club which set up in 1928 by ex-pupils of the Saint James Secondary Schools. A brief history of the Saint James Sports' Club written by the late Mr Denis Donovan, who was Secretary of the Club for many years, is shown under the History Tab of the Glebe Hockey Club Website. Denis Donovan lived in the same neighbourhood as the Pearce Family on the Glebe Estate. It was Denis who encouraged Tom to join the Saint James's Sports' Club.

The Saint James Sports' Club ran Tennis, Cricket, Debating and Rugby League teams, and organised dances, social outings and activities. In 1930 Tom and a few of his mates played Rugby League for the Saint James' Sports' Club Rugby League team and in Tom's own words the team was flogged every week.

As luck would have it, Irishman Brother Macarten Keegan who hailed from Galway in Ireland came to Saint James School as a teacher for the 1931 academic year. Macartan had taught in the Himalayan Mountain Range in the Punjab Region of India for decades, which is where he learnt to play hockey, eventually being selected in the Indian National Team. In 1929-1930 Macartan had taught at another Patrician Brother's School Holy Cross College Ryde, Sydney where he introduced hockey to the school and it was particularly popular with the boarders.

On arriving at Saint James early in 1931, Macarten asked around the traps if any of the local lads would be interested in playing in a hockey team. After being "flogged" in the rugby league competition in 1930, there were sufficient men interested in playing hockey to form a team and Tom was one of the "volunteers". Tom played in the inaugural Saint James team of 1931, which also included his Brother Roy. Macartan Keegan was captain/coach of the team, which won the competition and was awarded the Kippax Cup. The Cup had been donated to the Metropolitan Hockey Association by Mr Alan Kippax, an Australian cricketer, who in the 1920s and 30s ran a sports store in Martin Place, Central Sydney.

1932-33 were the worst years of the Great Depression and regular, full time employment was hard to come-by. Tom Pearce and his brother Roy had an ice run in those years, which meant they finished work by mid-morning. Tom recalled how a number of Glebe men without regular employment would gather at Jubilee Oval Glebe and play hockey to fill in their days. Even men with regular employment would join the unemployed chaps when and where they could.

Tom Pearce recalled how Mick Dunn would pop down to Jubilee during his lunch break. Mick worked at the family broom factory in Darghan Street Glebe and could "pop-out" for the odd hour during the day to perfect his hockey skills. There was great camaraderie among the Jubilee mid-week trainers and the Jubilee gatherings kept the men fit and occupied.

Given all the practice he did at Jubilee, Tom Pearce developed into a gifted hockey player. In his first season of playing hockey he was selected for the NSW under-21 team. He played in the NSW senior team from 1936-1939. In 1937 he together with Basil Bates was selected in the Australian team that played against New Zealand. Tom and Basil were Glebe's first Australian representative players.

In the late 1930s international tensions developed, which eventually lead to World War Two, which ran from 1939-1945. Tom joined the Australian Army during the war and this prematurely curtailed Tom's representative opportunities.

Early reports describe centre-half Pearce as the Club's "most brilliant and outstanding player" a man who played 199 games for Glebe before joining the Saint George Club in 1948 when he moved into the area, where he remained an active member until 1962. He was Glebe Club Captain in 1947. In those days to play for a district club a player had to live in the club's designated boundaries. When he had come back to Sydney after the war Tom eventually settled at Brighton-Le-Sands on the banks of Botany Bay, within the Saint George territorial boundaries, which is why he changed clubs from Glebe to Saint George.

For most of his working life Tom worked as a sign-writer. Tom's son also called Tom played at the Saint George Club for many years and in the 1960s represented at the NSW Senior level. For a time Tom was an Australian Men's Hockey Selector. Tom died in his 80s and for the last couple of years of his life lived in Orange, NSW with his daughter.



This above photo was taken in 1990 at the 60th Anniversary Dinner of the Glebe District Hockey Club. L-R: Issey Wyner, Ken Wark snr, Tom Pearce, Pat Nilan, Ken Wark jnr

Issey Wyner was an Alderman of Leichhardt Council at the time. Ken Wark snr, Tom Pearce, Pat Nilan and Ken Wark jnr are all Glebe players who played represented Australia. Tom Pearce was 80 at the time this photo was taken.

The other Glebe player in the NSW team that played New Zealand on 8 August 1937, Basil Bates, came to Glebe in 1933, having played in the Holy Cross Ryde hockey teams organised by Brother Macarten Keegan in 1929 and 1930. Basil knew Brother Keegan from his school days at Holy Cross, which at that time accepted boarders.

Basil played 80 games for Glebe from 1933 to 1937, before transferring to the Randwick Hockey Club in 1938. In those days if a player moved to a different area he was, under the rules of the Metropolitan Hockey Association, obliged to play for the club designated for that particular area. Basil moved to the Randwick area and played out his hockey career with Randwick. As an aside, the Randwick Hockey Club merged with the Saint George Hockey Club around 2009.

Basil scored many goals in his hockey career playing at left wing and centre-forward. If any reader has photos, information, or newspaper clips about either Tom Pearce or Basil Bates the Club would love to hear from you. The GDHC is always looking to improve its historical collection.