

Linda Fay Tait

1950 – 10 January 2012 RIP

A player in the Glebe women's ranks for 21 seasons, Linda Tait, has died after a relatively short illness. She was diagnosed with a melanoma in August 2011. She is survived by her mother and her son Sam who was a constant supporter on the sideline from the time of his birth. The Glebe District Hockey Club extends its condolences to them both as well as her partner Rod and her extended family and many friends.

Linda, a school teacher, most recently at MLC, had her name first appear in club records in 1983 when she took the field for the club's 2nd grade side. That team made the semi-finals in the North Shore Women's competition. Over the years the teams she played in had some good results. She played for First Grade in the 1992 season when the team took out the Premiership in the Eastern Districts Third Grade Competition. A photo of that team is shown below taken after the Grand-Final win at David Phillips field Daceyville.

Linda's contribution to the team effort was well recognised. 1993 saw her take out the Player's Player Award in her second grade team. In 1995 and again in 1996 she took out the Player's Player Award in the Club's Fourth Grade side. In 1998 she was once more voted Players Player for the season. The annual report of that year noted that Linda was:

...always outstanding and so helpful to the players around her. Linda's speed in the forward line gave us the edge we so often needed.

And from the 2000 report:

Linda Tait was, as always, outstanding on the right wing. She's just like a vintage red isn't she? Gets better with age.

In 2001 she was again voted as Players Player.

She was a significant contributor to the administrative running of the Club and was Club Secretary for the Women in 1991. Other office bearers that season were Carole Wark and Anne Rochester. She served on the Committee of the Women's side of the Club for many years and was, from time to time, on the Women's Social Committee.

One of her fellow players during most of those seasons, Carole said that Linda was recognised for her incredible fitness, her tenacity on the field, her wonderful commitment both to the Club and her hockey friends and her many kindnesses. She was a gregarious and warm personality with an easy laugh.

By the end of her last season with Glebe in 2003 she had played an impressive 376 games for Glebe

After leaving Glebe she continued playing hockey in the UTS Veteran's sides alongside some of the friends she's played with in the maroon shirt including Elaine McNichol and Phillipa Williams. As recently as July 2011 she was still scoring goals and attracting votes from fellow players at UTS, for the team's Best and Fairest award.

Her contributions here on earth were substantial and there is little doubt that as you read this Obituary Linda is enjoying her well deserved Eternal Reward in Heaven.

Vale Linda.



The Glebe Women's 1992 Third Grade Team that played in the Eastern Districts Competition, after its 2-1 grand-final win against YWCA, at David Phillips Field Daceyville. Back row left to right, Peter Busch (coach), **Linda Tait**, Elaine Trodden, Christine McNichol, Melanie Reid, Nicole Horley, Adel Lucas, Anne Rochester, Lisa McPhail. Front row left to right, Helen Howe, Carole Wark, Jane Goldsmith, Leanne Hodges, Vanessa Hardman.