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Welcome to the 2017 season and I wish you all the best in your hockey endeavours with our great Club.

It was a great honour for me to be elected President of the Glebe District Hockey Club at the 2016 AGM. I have been involved with the Club all my life. My parents, Molly and Harry Wark Snr were both Life Members and my brother, Harry Wark, and I carry on that family tradition. At present I hold the record for the most games played for the Club with over 800 games. I'm not sure that I'm looking forward to seeing that record beaten, but there are plenty of young juniors working hard on the pitch who could take that record with some commitment and contribution in the years ahead. I have filled several managerial roles on the Management Committee but this is my first time as President. History shows that I have big shoes to fill.



Since my retirement from the game I have not been as actively involved with the Club as I once was. This break away has allowed me to reinvigorate my passion and my thinking about what and where the Club should be moving into the future.

2017 will be a year of change within the Club as we try to face the challenges of keeping a hockey club viable in the 21st century. Some of these changes will be shaped by decisions made by the membership at the AGM. These are

- a review of the Club Management Structure
- a revised Club Constitution

Other challenges we are trying to face are bringing the Club's social media and web presence up to date, managing our finances well for the future, identifying the areas which hold us back in our competitiveness as a hockey force in Sydney and acknowledging the huge amount of work done by volunteers across the entire Club. We have an outstanding hockey club with a rich history. When we look into the traditions of the Club we can see that the hockey experience at Glebe is one of family. The Management Committee, along with the Junior Committee and the Women's Committee, will continue to work hard to provide this family experience for all our members, a great playing and social environment for the whole Club for



2017 but also for beyond.

It won't be easy - there is a lot to do if we are to be successful in achieving our goals. We need every member to make their own contribution and commitment, no matter how small. I have been very impressed by how many people have come on board with all of the requests I've made so far. I'll be continuing to ask so I hope that as many hands will go up for the work that is still to be done.

Our teams begin the road to the finals in the coming weeks. I wish you all the best for an enjoyable and successful season. Work hard to be the champion in your team so that our Club motto is our reality this season:

**A CHAMPION CLUB, A CLUB OF CHAMPIONS.**

## **TRADITIONS AND VALUES OF THE GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB**



During a discussion earlier in the year I was asked by a Club member about the traditions and values of the GDHC. People speak about the traditions and the values of the Club often but what exactly are they? And are they still relevant for today?

These were hard questions for me to answer and I had to think about it. The traditions and values of our founders back in 1931 could have been different to the ones I played under, and different again to the values of



today. The Club values I grew up with were

- Never ever give up
- Everyone in the Club is equal
- You give back to the community
- You play hard, within the rules but you never give anything away to the opposition
- When you become part of the Glebe family, you have friends for life, you look after your mates in times of trouble and you share the good and bad times with them.

I was interested to see if these values are different again for our younger members, so with this question in mind I asked approximately 25 people from Under 15s to Life Members, from all areas of the Club to write down what they thought were the traditions and values of the Glebe District Hockey Club.

A few weeks ago the three Club Committees met for some planning and we used the traditions and values data that was collected in our work. What was so pleasing to me was that when we started collating all the answers, it was clear that the values and traditions of the GDHC have not changed at all. From the 25 responses the following statements and themes were put together:

- **Family/Community:** The Glebe District Hockey Club is a family, an intergenerational community which values highly the mateship and lifelong friendships formed as we enjoy our hockey and our interactions with one another.
- **Equality/Equity:** At Glebe DHC everyone is equal. We are not elitist – we are a club for all. We base our attitudes on respect – respect for our team-mates, our opposition, our officials, our supporters.
- **Contribution:** At Glebe we recognise that we have a legacy to pass on and so we give back to the Club. We pass on our skills and knowledge by developing our own juniors and by looking after them in the game and in life.
- **Commitment:** We recognise that dedication and commitment give us the results we achieve. We work hard, play hard, train hard. Our team game is characterised by fair play, sportsmanship, courage, determination and a never give up attitude. We play within the rules but at the edge of the rules.

I would like to share with you one of the replies I received from a young player of the Club about the traditions and values of the GDHC.

- **Loyalty :** This is a very important one for me. Loyalty relates not only to the loyalty to stay with the Club through thick and thin, but it extends to loyalty to teammates, loyalty to coaches and the loyalty that makes senior players, week in and week out, help with juniors, run barbecues and go above and beyond what's expected of players in other clubs. This loyalty is especially evident in the number of juniors currently playing senior level: for



example, nearly all of the men's first grade team last year were homegrown juniors.

- **Mateship:** Mateship is another biggie, because without it the sole usefulness of the club would be in playing hockey. The connections between players, however, extend far further than the pitch. Though Glebe is a hockey club, it creates friendships and mates for life. Furthermore, by creating such strong connections between players, officials and coaches, this mateship is extended on the field, with players willing to give it their all and then some for their teammates, who are not only their teammates but their friends.

- **Tradition/History/Pride:** I know that including tradition as one of the true traditions of the club is an oxymoron, however the pride that tradition gives players is, for me, one of the most enduring qualities of the Club that is unrivalled in Sydney, and indeed probably in the majority of sporting teams. The rich history of the club gives younger players idols to look up to, and creates almost a 'storybook' quality to the Club's history. Walking around the clubhouse, looking at the pictures of past Olympians, Glebe teams, and the unparalleled and unchanged pride that each and every player has in the Club imbues me with a huge sense of connection and family. This history is not only evident in photos, however. It is alive and well with current teams and players. At the start of last season, the first grade side that I was a part of had our jerseys presented to us at the start of the first game by a former Glebe great. In my first full year of first grade, I was as excited by this opportunity as much as every other player, some of whom had been in the side for over a decade, and every time I put on the dirty red jersey I knew I was playing for more than myself. The pride I felt to play for the Club, to play for a side with so much history, was exacerbated every week by the ritual of tucking-in shirts before every game. I know of no other club in Sydney that does this (perhaps not every side in Glebe does), but for such a small and ostensibly insignificant gesture, it represents the many traditions that make the Club great (including the singing of the Glebe song, which has little to do with hockey but is brilliant nonetheless). Furthermore, pride for the Club runs further than a first grade side, evidenced by the past players and stalwarts that continue to turn up and watch both senior and junior games. (The Glebe, Glebe, Glebe chant is another example of this).

- **Courage:** The result of Glebe's intense loyalty, mateship, tradition and pride is courage on the field. Though Glebe may not necessarily have the most skilful teams, what they lack in skill they make up for in heart. The never say die attitude, the diving saves and the emotion generated each and every game amounts to a courage that is a definitive value of the club.

As you can see from this outstanding response, the Glebe traditions and values are being passed down. We acknowledge with gratitude the great work done by those who have gone before us. Great job. And we accept the challenge, that now the job falls to us.

  
**Les Wark**  
**Glebe DHC President**

# MEN'S CLUB CAPTAIN



It gives me great pleasure to provide the Glebe family with a brief update on the 2017 season.

Overall, we have built some good depth within our grades, with many juniors playing their first season or two of senior hockey and many new or returning players. This will allow us to start exploring the option of running 'squads' across the grades, with fresh players coming off the reserves bench. It will also mean that we will have a healthy competition for selection, which ought to keep both the selectors and players on their toes!

An improved commitment to both preseason fitness and skills training has meant that the Men's teams start the competition better prepared than the several preceding seasons. Whilst I would like to congratulate all of those who have been putting in the hard yards so far, I would also like to remind everyone that there is still a lot of room for improvement across all grades. This year, the GDHC has set the goal to have at least three of our five grades qualify for finals (preferably all grades though), so keep working hard gentlemen!

For grades 1-4(PL 1-4), the first two rounds of the competition took place over a double header weekend on the 25th/26th of March, where despite some mixed results, we played some very good hockey across all grades. 5th Grade (SL2) commence their campaign this weekend.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the Club running and improving, and would like to encourage all players to dig in and help when you can.

Many thanks,

**Alister Cullen Men's Club Captain**

# WOMEN'S REPORT



We have had a fabulous start to the season for Glebe women. It is a privilege to report on great enthusiasm and hard work, on and off the pitch, in preparation for what promises to be a crackingly good season.

The season hits off Sunday 2 April and Glebe will be fielding six strong women's teams with 15 players in each – 91 women in all. We will have four teams in the Sydney Women's Hockey League and two equally matched fifth grade teams (fondly known as Glebe Red and Glebe White) in the Sydney East competition.

The turnout at training and trials has been most encouraging and the obvious commitment of new and returning players gave the women's committee the confidence to register six teams, one more than last year. In amongst our players we have a lovely list of aspiring and elite players, returning club stalwarts and many who just love their hockey and are appreciative of the friendly and supportive environment offered at Glebe.

Here are some highlights about our current mix of our players :

- **Glebe girls in blue** - our very own home grown Litiana Field and Mim Pritchard will represent NSW (and of course Glebe) at the upcoming U/18 Nationals in Hobart in April. Best of luck to these impressive young women. We know that Glebe's resident photographer David Pritchard will be there to keep us all up to date with action shots.
- **Return of the greats** - Louise Tapsell and Lisa Williams will make a dynamic duo as captain and vice captain of third grade. Louise is a former first grade great and coming back after the birth of her son Ted. Lisa is returning to her roots – she was a mighty junior for Glebe under the arches in the late 70s and was the first girl player to compete with the boys in the then u/10 competition. She had to retire by the time she reached u/12's because in 1980 boys and girls were not allowed to play together in the older age groups. Under the kind patronage of Molly and Carole Wark, Lisa went on to excel in

Glebe women's teams. Welcome back to both Louise and Lisa - third grade is in very safe hands.

- **How good are they** - the Howe girls are showing that hard work pays off. Alanna is looking strong, fit and unbeatable in first grade; in third grade Teagan is proving to be a feisty striker and Jasmine is precise and unflappable in goals. These young women represent everything that is great about our club - quiet achievers who are modest, hardworking, give back and just get on with the job of playing good hockey.
- **A great gaggle of goalies** - for the first time in recent years we have goalies for every grade and what an impressive bunch they are! The line up includes Aisling Klimoski (first grade), Sarah Moore (returning to second grade after a few years off to play on the field), Jasmine Howe (third grade), Aishling Farrell (who has recently joined us from Ireland to play fourth grade ) and Rachel Borm (who will play goalie for both fifth grade teams). Rachel took up the position for fifth grade last year as the team did not have a goalie and is doing so again this season. Well done Rachel. Special acknowledgement also to Josie Barron who will be kitting up again for 1st grade while Ash recovers from a recent injury – thanks Josie and good luck when you face off against Gordon North Sydney's new recruit, former hockeyroo, Anna Flanagan.
- **Mother and daughter combos** - are everywhere, including Terrie Iglesias as our ever dependent second grade captain who is also coaching her daughters Isabelle and Sam in fourth grade; and Kerry Hunt managing fourth grade with her two girls Erin and Asha in the team.
- **Hard work rewarded** - with the promotion of Laura Schmahmann to first grade. Laura has been working tirelessly off the field as our administrator (the impressive efforts in getting so many players registered is testament to Laura's persistence and abilities with spreadsheets) and at the same time attending all trainings and fitness sessions. Her dedication and skill on the field was so great that she caught the eye of selectors and was one of only a few who moved up the ranks. Well done Laura - we are all looking forward to a great season from you.

This season we have been offering two training sessions a week for those aspiring to play in the higher grades, as well as fitness sessions down at Jubilee. The turnout has been consistent and the feedback from coaches has been most positive. We have worked hard to make sure all of our players have the opportunity to improve their game and have been thrilled to add Clare Prideaux and Ken Wark (both former Australian players) to our coaching ranks. Clare has been working with Matt Wark for first and second grade, as well as running the additional skills session on Thursday and a before school session for our junior girls. Ken has been working with fourth grade at training as well as doing some individual work with juniors – spreading his job tackling expertise throughout the club!

The Women's Committee has been working behind the scenes to prepare for the season and has set in place some goals for the coming years. Our aim this season is for our women's teams to be promoted through the Sydney Women's Hockey League ranks , to make finals and, most importantly, to make sure that all our players have an enjoyable and rewarding season. We were grateful for an extraordinary commitment of external selectors over three weeks in March – former Glebe greats Nat White and Helen Howe – who worked with over 90 players to finalise six teams. They were guided by our first formal selection process and were so diligent that they recorded individual comments for every single player.

Our juniors are looking impressive and starting to challenge for top spots. The feedback from Clare Prideaux at the extra training session has been that she is enjoying working with such a dedicated bunch and the support of the senior women for the juniors has been a stand out as has the work ethic of all players. Judging by the social media video footage from some of these sessions there has been some fun had as well - Glebe girls learning to dive and perfect their 3D skills makes for popular viewing.

Sincere thanks to the Women's Committee for all the work to date to launch this season – in particular Laura, Lynsey, Kate G, Rachel, Phoebe, Terrie, Martin, Kerry, Tess, Cecile and Lindesay.

All teams will be well looked after, as seen below

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Manager</b>	<b>Captain</b>	<b>Vice-Captain</b>
First	Matt Wark Clare Prideaux	Alisha Middleton	Alisha Middleton	Lynsey Askew
Second	Martin Bishop	Kate Gleeson	Terrie Iglesias	Alex Glading
Third	Dean Morrow	Deanna Morrow	Louise Tapsell	Lisa Williams
Fourth	Terrie Iglesias Ken Wark	Kerry Hunt	Mel Newton	Nicki Osborne
Five White	Karen Rowe	Rachel Borm	Sian Morgan	Brooke Robson
Five Red	John Parsons	Rachel Borm	Jena Prince	Olivia Edwards

It has been lovely to see the women getting involved with all aspects of Glebe club life - helping out with junior coaching at the recent Glebe at Glebe night, umpiring, attending fitness training with the men and having a great time at the recent new player's night.

Looking forward to some wonderful hockey from all of our women's teams - let the season begin.

## **Kate Alexander Women's Convenor**

# **JUNIOR REPORT**

Welcome to Glebe Juniors in 2017! Our junior numbers just get bigger each year, and we are excited to be able to provide opportunities for all children wanting to play hockey at Glebe, with new formats and new softer safer balls for our youngest teams. There has been much action behind the scenes; a wonderful show of support at our season opener Glebe at Glebe, and plenty of planning and sorting and counting of equipment. There's been lots of enthusiasm and commitment at training and things look bright for the year ahead. The season has already started for our Metro teams, with the opening rounds of trials for the SEHA competition on 1st and 8th April, with the season proper commencing on 28th April. And the Minkey season is getting started on the first weekend of April down at Jubilee.

Congratulations to all of those juniors who have been brave and put your names forward for selection in representative teams this season. We are proud of you, whether you made the team you aspired to, or showed grace and resilience if things didn't go as you hoped. We can report that Glebe is well represented in the SEHA representative squads for 2017, across all age groups. Thank you to our team parents who are also giving their time in coaching and managing roles.

Extra special congratulations to Teagan Howe, who recently became what we think may be the youngest Glebe junior girl to reach the one hundred game milestone. Teagan is an absolute stalwart of the Glebe club, at the ripe old age of 13, and represents us with tenacity and humility and quiet warmth in each of those games. She has also been selected in Glebe Women's third grade for another season at senior level. Teagan also was successful in being named for the Combined High School girls' team for 2017. Yay Teagan.



We also acknowledge Riley Nilan who is about to represent NSW at the U15 Boys National Championships at Moorebank and was also successful in being selected for the Combined High School boys' team for 2017. He was selected in both the SEHA U15 and U18 boys top squads. To top off the week of achievement, Riley made his seniors debut for Glebe, alongside his father, as the third generation of his family to play for Glebe. And he scored a goal on debut. Riley has been fast and skillful and generous with his warm smile this season, and we look forward to hearing of his further sporting honours.



And while technically not Juniors anymore, we think of them as ours, and so our warmest and best wishes to Sam Alexander Prideaux, Litiana Field and Mim Pritchard as they venture to Hobart for the U18 National Championships next month. They are outstanding ambassadors for their families, Glebe and hockey, and they are lovely young people.

Thank you to parents who are contributing each week through efforts at training, collecting balls, umpiring, bringing oranges and keeping the washing and family diaries up to date. We also appreciate that many of our junior's team are contributing through coaching junior teams, umpiring and supporting the club generally. Thank you, both for what you are doing now and will no doubt give throughout the season. And our acknowledgement and thanks for support of juniors in the whole of club family approach, with significant contributions from our senior players, Management Committee and Life Members already this year.

Thinking about entering the Glebe Skills Challenge? Check out the link on the website, there are great prizes to be won! And keep following and adding your photos to our Instagram page #glebefamily. This is a fun and easy way to stay connected.

Otherwise, please stay across the Juniors Page on the website and the various social media platforms Glebe has to stay up to date with Glebe Junior Hockey.  
Glebe Junior Skills Challenge 2017

## GOOD LUCK ON THE FIELD!

# GLEBE JUNIOR SKILLS CHALLENGE 2017

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The graphic features a central shield-shaped logo with a white border and a black background. Inside the shield, the text '2017' is in large black font, 'GLEBE JUNIOR SKILLS CHALLENGE' is in pink, and 'OSAKA HOCKEY' is in green. Below the shield, there are two stylized hockey sticks, one pink and one green, with the text 'Click Here To View Video' in white. To the right of the shield, the text 'GLEBE JUNIOR SKILLS CHALLENGE' is written in large pink letters, and 'OSAKA HOCKEY' is written vertically in green. Below this, there is a paragraph of text in white: 'In 2017 we are looking for our juniors to show off their stick skills and be a part of the Glebe junior skills challenge. Send us a video of no longer than 45 seconds demonstrating the best of your skills and we'll upload it to Instagram. We'll tag you but you need to get as many friends as you can you like the post. Send your videos to [glebeskillschallenge@gmail.com](mailto:glebeskillschallenge@gmail.com) for us to upload'. Below that, another paragraph in white: 'An Osaka stick will be awarded in the U7's, U9's, U11's, U13's, U15's and U17's category to the best skills as judged by Aaron Oman at the Glebe Carnival later this year. Click here for some ideas on what we are looking for and get practicing.'

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# SOCIAL REPORT

The opening fundraising event for the 2017 season took form in a Bunnings BBQ held at the Alexandria Store and manned by representatives of the Glebe club. We had great participation from all club members and sold out of sausages just before closing time! There are plenty of left over drinks from the BBQ which you can purchase from the clubhouse fridge after your next training session.



The opening round of the men's hockey season on the final weekend of March was highlighted by the New Player's night for the whole of club, which was held at the major sponsor's venue, The Merton Hotel & Bistro, which was wildly successful with about 100 members attending over the course of the night. I'm looking forward to conducting future social functions over the course of the season including the annual Pub Crawl; movie night/s; team dinners; and more!

The club welcomes new sponsors, Dresden Optics (in Newtown) and Assure Wealth (headed by former player Patrick Casey) and welcomes back long-serving sponsors, The Merton Hotel, Galluzzo's Fruit & Vegetables; Pilcher Real estate and Osaka Hockey.

Please keep on supporting the club by attending as many social functions as possible; supporting the club sponsors by purchasing, utilising or advertising their products; and volunteering where possible to support the club's fundraising activities and to support the smooth running of the junior club by coaching and umpiring, where required.

**Adam Campano, Social Convenor**

# AROUND THE GROUNDS HISTORY REPORT

## History of the Glebe District Hockey Club



In March 1931 a Patrician Brother, Macarten Keegan, was a teacher at Saint James' School Forest Lodge (Glebe). He asked around the Members of the Saint James' Sports' Club, to gauge if there was any interest among members in fielding a hockey team in the 1931 Metropolitan Hockey Association Competition (MHA), when the season commenced in April 1931. Thirteen players were interested and a team was entered in the third grade competition of the MHA, with Brother Keegan as captain coach. The team won the competition. An Irishman, Brother Keegan had learnt hockey while working in India and had represented that country in the sport.

The playing strip of the Saint James Sports' Club hockey team was a gold shirt, blue vee and blue shorts. The Saint James' Sports' Club hockey teams morphed into the Glebe District Hockey Club at a Special General Meeting held at the Saint James Hall, Pyrmont Bridge Road on Tuesday 20 December 1932. All sporting clubs representing Glebe up until 1932 both on land and water had worn maroon, and at the Special Meeting a decision was made that the Glebe District Hockey Club strip would be a maroon shirt with a white vee, white shorts and maroon socks with white tops. Local wags mused that the choice of the maroon colour was influenced by the presence of the Glebe Island abattoir and the colour of the waters in the bay nearby.

The home grounds used by the 1931 team were Saint Paul's Oval at Sydney University and Jubilee Oval Glebe Point. Early on in the hockey season, Jubilee was being used by the Glebe District Cricket Club. The last senior men's game was played at Jubilee in 1998, although the ground is still used by the Club's lower division junior teams.

In 1960 the Club acquired the use of a Railway Arch at Jubilee Oval Glebe and it has had a Club Room under the arches for 57 years.

Initially a one-team outfit, the Club developed and in 2016 it fielded 19 teams every Saturday, five men's teams and five women's teams, and nine junior teams. In addition the Club provided modified

hockey every Saturday morning at Jubilee Oval Glebe for 60 registered Minkey players. In 2016 the Club had 420 Members; 108 Social Membership Subscribers, 177 junior, 70 senior men, 75 senior women and 15 living Life Members.

Since its inception close to 10,000 people have been Members of the GDHC. The Club fielded its first junior team in 1948. In 1934 and 1935 the Saint James Sports' Club fielded a women's hockey team, but women's hockey at Glebe did not get going in earnest until 1978, when the Glebe Women's Hockey Club was formed. The Glebe Women's Hockey Club merged with the Glebe District Hockey Club in 1990.

To protect Club Officials from the threat of personal loss resulting from possible litigation while acting as a Club Official, the Club became an Incorporated Body in 1989.

The Club has won 29 men's first grade premierships: 1940-1943, 1945, 1947-1953, 1955-1956, 1958, 1962-1965, 1974, 1976-1977, 1980, 1982, 1995, 1997, 2005-2006 and 2008. First grade competition hockey started in Sydney in 1928, and the inaugural competition was won by Randwick. The Club has won 24 men's second grade premierships and 22 men's third grade premierships. It has also won numerous lower grade men's, women's and junior premierships.

The core values that the Club espouses are social interaction, exercise, good fun, all Club Members to be treated equally, fair play and a spirit of esprit de corps.

The Club is available for all members of the local community to join and to enjoy their sporting activities. Some club members over the years have achieved success at the national level. Eleven men and two women who have played for Glebe have gone on to play for Australia, at a senior level. The Club has had its champions, but it is an egalitarian organization that exists to service the local community, first and foremost.

All Club officials are volunteers, and the Club does not pay any player to play for the Club. It is truly an amateur Club.

Club teams at the senior level have not played in the local area since 1998, which was the first year all hockey in the Greater Sydney Area was played on artificial grass surfaces.

For the Club to flourish and prosper it is imperative for the Club to have a high profile and a presence in its catchment area of Glebe and its surrounding suburbs. Access to a synthetic grass field in the traditional Glebe heartland would be a great boon for the Club and give active sporting opportunities to local children, who now have to travel out of area to play at the highest level of competition.

In an age of childhood obesity, the provision of active recreational opportunities for children seems to be an excellent way to promote, encourage and facilitate a healthy lifestyle for the younger generations. Providing appropriate active recreational facilities close to where the children of Glebe live is a public health measure that ultimately, will reduce the incidence of diabetes, hypertension, and arterial disease in the years to come.

The Glebe District Hockey Club's future would be given a great boost if it could access a synthetic grass field in its traditional heartland. This aim is something that the Club has been trying to achieve for over 20 years, without success. Hopefully, a site on which to build a synthetic grass field will become available in the not too distant future.

**Harry Wark**

**Glebe District Hockey Club Honorary Historian & Life Member**

# OFF SEASON NEWS

The Passing of a Glebe Stalwart



It is with great sadness that on behalf of the Wark Family I inform all Red Rag readers of the passing of Molly Doreen Wark.

Molly passed away peacefully on Sunday 15th January 2017 aged 91.

During the 2016 season at the age of 91 Molly remained a keen Glebe DHC supporter, frequently attending both Women's and Men's competition games. Attending these games brought Molly great pleasure as she enjoyed conversing with people new to the Club and people she had known for well over 50 years.

Molly was a driving force in the merging of the Glebe DHC and the Glebe Women's Hockey Club in 1991 to form a single entity. The Glebe DHC has now fielded men's and women's teams for over 20 years and the 1991 amalgamation has been by any measure a great success.

All of us, family and friends, will take comfort in the expectation that Molly is now enjoying her eternal reward in Heaven, which God promises to those of Molly's ilk, who lead a good life here on earth. The world is a better place as a result of Molly's efforts and activities. She contributed to the betterment of her fellow man, where and when she could. To Molly's family Harry, Anne, Les, Carole, Mary, Anthony, Patrick, Amy, Gabrielle, Michael, Simon, Elizabeth, Henry, Emily and Vivienne the Glebe District Hockey Club extends its heartfelt condolences.

# BJ BRUTON SELECTED IN NATIONAL INDOOR HOCKEY WORLD CUP SQUAD



Glebe DHC Superstar Goalkeeper and all round nice guy BJ Bruton appeared in the latest edition of the Inner West Weekly Newspaper during the off season after a stellar performance at the National Indoor Hockey Titles held in Wollongong.

The NSW team were crowned National Champions sweeping all before them throughout the tournament. BJ was also selected in the National Indoor Hockey World Cup Squad which will compete in the 2018 Indoor World Cup to be held in Argentina. Congratulations and well done once again BJ on your recent success.

AT 12 years old, BJ Bruton took up hockey because he thought the goalkeeper gear made him "look like a transformer".

ow, more than 10 years later, the dressing up has paid off – with the Glebebased player being selected to play in the Australian men's indoor hockey team.

The 25-year-old was scouted after a stellar performance as part of the NSW side in the national indoor hockey tournament in Wollongong last week.

His team took out the competition for a 9th year in a row, winning every game bar one. To top off the win, Bruton found out he was being selected for the Australian side for the first time.

"It was my first time being selected and I couldn't believe it – I was so excited," he said. A dedicated player, Bruton moved from Parkes to Sydney to follow his hockey dreams and play with Glebe District Hockey Club.

He credited the club with his success.

"It is a great familyorientated club that really look after their players," he said.

"The coaches there are great they have worked with some Olympians and lots of rep players and really helped me a lot."

Bruton will spend the next six months training with his club before heading to Canberra to train with the Australian side ahead of the Indoor Hockey World Cup in Argentina in 2018.

U/21 NSW Indoor Champions  
(Insert Litianna Field Photo)

Well done to Glebe DHC young gun and superstar Litiana Field who along with the Hockey NSW U/21 indoor team were crowned national champions at the conclusion of the indoor national championships held down in Wollongong.

From all us here at the Glebe DHC well done Litiana on a fantastic achievement.

## 2016 GLEBEDHC JUNIOR INDOOR NEWS



The 2016 indoor club hockey season has now concluded after a big day of semi-finals and finals on a hot Sunday, 11 December 2016 at the Ryde Aquatic Centre.

This season, the Club fielded a U11B team (coached by Briony Nilan), two U13B teams (coached by Paul Riley, Audrey Millar, Tomy Khlam and other dedicated parents), a U15A team (coached by Aaron Nilan) and a U18B team (coached by Crichton Smith). As always, the focus was on skill development and having fun - with a free swim at the Aquatic Centre after each game.

All the teams did very well throughout the short, sharp 8 weekend season. All but 1 of the teams made the semi-finals. They did themselves and their Club proud yet again with their enthusiasm for the sport and the manner in which they played.

The U18B team deserves special praise. They had some big scores recorded against them. However, the kids never stopped trying; they improved remarkably throughout the season; and they were a happy and supportive group. Their Club was particularly impressed with all of them.

The performance of the U15A team is also worthy of note. They reached the grand-final against Ryde commencing at 6.20pm. Ryde was undefeated throughout the season and had had an impressive semi-final win 7 goals to 1 earlier that day.

The Ryde team looked big, fast and powerful. The Glebe team had won 3 and lost 4, including losing twice to Ryde, throughout the season and had a tough close semi-final win earlier that day. The game got underway. Glebe went down 0 to 2 goals within the first 4 minutes and things were looking particularly ominous! However, the Glebe team did not buckle. The kids fought back to 1 goal to 2 at half time. It was 2 goals all with about 10 minutes to go. It was very tight. Glebe then lost a player and only had 4 field players against Ryde's 5 field players. Was that the end of it? No! Remarkably, the Glebe team lifted again and pushed even harder in attack. With 3 minutes to go, they earned a short corner. The short corner shot was an audacious 12ft lob over a charging Ryde goalie into the goal on the full.

There was pandemonium and hugs all round. Glebe held on for the last 3 minutes and pulled off a truly remarkable 3 goals to 2 win. Lesser players could not have achieved what our Glebe kids did that day. It was a remarkable win. The Ryde kids were understandably very disappointed, but were magnanimous in defeat. Well done to all concerned. It was up there with the U11A outdoor grand-final win over Sutherland as the junior club highlight of the 2016 season.

## **KEN WARK JR-INDUCTED INTO THE HOCKEY AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME**



Ken Wark celebrated being inducted in the Hockey Australia Hall of fame in November 2016 along with eight of the game's greatest players

Kenneth Wark Jr (NSW)

Ken Wark debuted in 1985 at the Australia Games against trans-Tasman rivals New Zealand. Wark went on to compete in the '88 Seoul, '92 Barcelona and '96 Atlanta Olympic Games, and competed in every Champion's Trophy from 1986 to 1995 with the exception of 1993 due to injury. Ken Wark was part of the revival of Australia's fortunes in men's hockey at the 1992 Olympics. The Barcelona medal was the first medal won by the Kookaburras since 1976.

The son of veteran Sydney first grade club hockey player Ken Wark Snr, Ken Wark Jr joined his father's old club Glebe at the age of 15 in 1979. At the age of 18 he gained selection in the Glebe first-grade side and began one of the most famous international careers in Australian hockey history. In 1984 he joined the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Perth and he won selection in the Australian team in 1985 and remained an Australian representative for 12 successive years playing his last match for his country at the 1996 olympic games in Atlanta. He played in 214 games in more than 20 countries for Australia and remained loyal to the Glebe club at first grade level playing in more than 350 games for an amazing 26 years from

1979 to 2004. Ken Wark played in three FIH World Cups winning gold in 1986 and nine FIH Champions Trophy competitions winning two gold, three silver and two bronze medals. He also competed at three olympic games in 1988 at Seoul, 1992 at Barcelona and 1996 Atlanta where Australia won the silver medal at Barcelona and the bronze medal at Atlanta. In 1990 Ken was named in the International Hockey Federation's world's best team. In 1987 and 1991 Ken was named player of the series after the Australian championships. Former Australian coach Ric Charlesworth in his 2001 book the Coach selected Ken in his best Australian team of the 1960 - 2000 era. Ken's contribution to the Glebe District Hockey Club has been immense winning premierships in first, second and third grade including captaining the first grade side and holding several administrative positions along the way.

## GLEBE HOCKEY AND SCULPTURES BY THE SEA



Many Glebe DHC members may or may not know that Glebe DHC Womens 4th grade player Nicole Larkin designed and created a feature installation showcased in the 2016 Sculptures by the Sea which is Australia's largest annual outdoor sculpture exhibition.

Nicole is a Sydney Based artist focusing on engineered materials and digital fabrication techniques. Her work explores the blurred boundaries between the authentic and reproduction across sculpture, architecture and craftsmanship. Nicole's installation 'Dynamics in Impermanence' body of work focuses on exploring new and classical ways we view, interpret and inhabit artworks.

From all of us at the Glebe DHC congratulations on your recent success. Well done.

# OFF-SEASON BABY NEWS

The Glebe DHC "The Family Club" continues with a number of new editions over the off-season to current players and what is promising to one hell of a U/11's team in 2025.

The Glebe DHC would like to congratulate the following families and on their recent editions:

Mark and Gabrielle Paterson



Mark and Gabrielle welcome twins into world on 18th November 2016 - Grace Marie Paterson born at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPAH) and Frank Thomas Paterson Born at RPAH. Congratulations to Mark and Gab and of course to the famous Wark and Paterson families.

Sean Wotton and Mary Wark



Welcomed Rose Kathryn Wotton on Friday 3rd February at RPAH. Rose is the third child to Sean and Mary with Henry and Vivienne arriving first on the scene. Everyone's healthy, home and looking forward to the happy chaos ahead!

Michael Anderson and Louise Tapsel



Welcomed Teddy Anderson into the world the day after the NRL Grand Final. Teddy was born on 3rd October 2016.

Adrian and Amy Shipp



Continuing the trend of twins Adrian and Amy also welcomed twins into the Glebe DHC family. Maeve Florence and Violet Claire Shipp. Both Adrian and Amy are thrilled to welcome their newest additions. Adrian and Amy's eldest daughter Emily has now officially graduate to big sister status!!



Matthew and Angela Wark

Welcomed Stella Catherine Wark safely into the world on January 3rd 2017. Stella joins Archie into the Wark brood.



Mark and Amy Whalley

Are delighted to introduce Alfie Martin Whalley who was born on Saturday 4th February. Alfie and Mum are both doing well.

## OFF SEASON ENGAGEMENT NEWS



Ian Paterson and Josie Barron announced their engagement in late December 2016 with Ian surprising Josie with an early Christmas present. As it states in "Under the Arches", A history of the Glebe District Hockey Club - The Hockey Club provides an ideal vehicle whereby young men and women can meet and socialise in a warm, supportive atmosphere. The Glebe DHC wishes both Ian and Josie all the best for their upcoming nuptials.