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# THE RED RAG

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## A Champion Club, A Club of Champions

### President Report

Just a few comments for this issue.

As we approach the cold months of the season and possibly the toughest time of the season, I just want to wish all teams well and say keep working hard and the results will come.

On the club's constitutional restructure, this is well underway and the committee should be seeing the draft at our next meeting on 25th July. So all going well here!

Club legend and life member Pat Nilan, celebrates his 75th birthday on 30th June and from everyone at the club, our best wishes Pat for a wonderful day and only 25 to go until the big one!

Good luck over the next 4 weeks and please read and enjoy this issue of the Red Rag. It is always packed with great articles.

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## Secretary Report

Dear Glebe DHC members,

Welcome to the June 2016 edition of the Glebe DHC monthly newsletter the Red Rag. A lot is happening on and off the playing field and it is great to see individuals rolling up their sleeves to do the hard yards at the coal face so to speak. If you ever need a reminder as to why you play the sport or dedicate so much time and effort to ensuring this grand old club of ours grows and prospers you only need to visit Jubilee Oval of a Saturday morning. Watching either the Glebe DHC junior teams or the Club's Minkey squad play and to see the sense of joy and fun the game can bring to players, parents, coaches and spectators tends to reaffirm the good work which people are doing around the Hockey Club.

It is often the simple things they enjoy and it is a constant reminder again to me what a great Hockey Club we have. I know that these things don't happen automatically and it would be cognisant of me not to think of all those that have contributed before me and all those who are presently tending to the day to day operational needs of the Hockey Club.

### *Stronger Community Grants Submission*

During the past couple of issues I have been reporting back to Club Members as to the success or failure of the Hockey Club's Stronger Community Grants programme submission. I am pleased to announce that the Club has been **SUCCESSFUL** in securing funding to the tune of \$5000 for the acquisition of new hockey goals for Jubilee Oval and also a kitchen/amenities upgrade. The money should arrive in the Club's Bank account within the Month of July at which time the acquisition of new goals and an upgrade of kitchen/amenities improvement will take place.

### *Glebe DHC Artificial Turf Front*

Club Vice-President Peter Busch has been leading the charge and taken the reigns for the Club quest to site a synthetic hockey field within or as close as possible to the Glebe DHC heartland. The following information is an adapted report provided by Peter to the Club's management Committee.

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Following on from the Community Sports Forum hosted by Councillor Linda Scott on 8th June, Peter attended a thirty-minute meeting with Linda Scott. Linda is very understanding of the hockey club's position and will work with us to achieve our goal of a turf in the City of Sydney area. The basic points for the club to consider moving forward are:

- The council elections in September will be very important for the club and sport in general. If Clover Moore is reelected as Lord Mayor, sport across the board will stay in the disappointing situation it is in.
- Linda is one of the candidates for Lord Mayor and would be someone who would push for a positive result for the club. Labor is hoping that they will increase their numbers on the Council. This would be a very positive result for the hockey club.
- The council has \$600 million in the bank, which is boosted each year by a \$100 million surplus each year. Linda pointedly said, "money isn't the issue at all, but rather political will".
- Linda feels that we should be looking on three fronts for a field.
  - a) Perry Park, Alexandria in partnership with the City of Sydney Basketball.
  - b) Federal Park.
  - c) Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Bay. Linda would come along to any meeting with the school principal.
- I will be making contact with the basketball people to arrange a coordinated response for an outcome at Perry Park. I will also do the same for Sydney Secondary College.
- Circulating around the hockey club in the near future will be a petition which we can then send to council, as this is the only thing that will make an impact. If we can get people to write in, ask their friends to sign up, anything that has numbers behind them.

The Clubs quest for a synthetic surface has been a long and arduous one spanning more than 30 years. But..... hope springs eternal and I thank Peter on behalf of all Club Members to devoting so much time and energy to the project.

## *Hockey NSW Club In Focus*

Hockey NSW recently contacted the Glebe DHC wishing to publish a feature article or conduct an interview with whomever from the Glebe DHC is most appropriate to give an overall idea of the history of the Club, where you are now, what the future holds and what has made you so successful. Included with this would be photos and, given the proximity of Glebe, perhaps a small video might be appropriate. I will be hopefully following this up in the next week or two to hopefully have something produced in the near future. If anyone would like to lend a hand with the project please do not hesitate to contact me to register your interest.

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# Men's News

## Games Milestones

Congratulations to the greatest (and probably only) French man to play for the Glebe Hockey Club, Mr Victor Dunand, who plays his 100th senior men's game on Saturday in 2nd grade against Easts. Vic's pre-game ritual is 'whacking his shinnies' and his last ever meal would be 'a croissant' (of course!) - or so his player survey says on the Glebe website when he joined the club back in 2012. Vic is a much loved member of the Glebe club and we wish him all the best. Bonne chance en la fin de semaine mon ami!!! Oui oui tres bon!!!



## Games Milestones

Prior to the long weekend break, all round nice guy, Alister Cullen, had completed the incredible milestone of playing 200 1st grade games for Glebe (that's the equivalent of about 10 seasons in 1st grade). Al is also the Glebe club's Assistant Secretary and has previously coached Glebe U/15 & U/17 sides. Al should be an inspiration to all the young Glebe players trying to crack the senior ranks from juniors. Congratulations!

This weekend, Josh La Spina, will play his 150th 1st grade game for Glebe, also a tremendous achievement, given that Josh has often doubled up in 1st and 2nd grade over the years. Josh has in recent years become one of the competitions top goal poachers and is a great weapon on Glebe penalty corners with his well-timed deflection goals. Josh also has stepped up recently as the Treasurer on the Glebe Management Committee. Former club juniors showing the way through leadership in the club overall.

Best of luck to both young gentlemen as Glebe seek to retain the Wark-Trevenaar against Briars for a record 5th time in a row this Saturday at Cintra.



## Games Milestones

**200 club games - Will Noller.** Will is a proud Queenslander; in the top 4 Nollers behind his mum and dad; has a lovely French girlfriend who may soon become a better hockey player than him; is a great club member; and loves dogs.

**200 club games - Adrian McKeown.** The former Lower Grades Club Captain, Adrian was recently married and is busy bringing up a young family; playing 4th and 5th grade; and coaching a junior side; and is also a great club member!

**100 1st grade games - Daniel Cleary.** Achieved late last year, before jetting off to Germany to join Ross Bougoukas to party/play hockey, etc, DC, is a great young bloke who hopefully has a lot of top grade hockey ahead of him on his eventual return to Oz!



## Women's News

### Jules Reijnen

In mid-February, the Club was contacted by an unknown Dutch person, asking about the possibility of coaching while he was in Sydney for a short internship. He was asked to attend one of the pre-season training sessions, and was thrown in the deep end. He made an instant impression on the players (and parents + observers in the stands), and it's amazing to think that only four months have elapsed since the first appearance of Jules Reijnen!



He took on the role of Ladies Third Grade Coach, but has assisted with the Fourth and Fifth Grade teams as well, especially pushing them through grueling (but entertaining!) fitness sessions. He has also been a regular attendee at the Club's own fitness training sessions at Jubilee, and has been playing for the Mens Fifth Grade team.

But what do we really know about Jules? Here are a few snippets.....:

- Arrived in Sydney in February 2016 – he departs the city after the games on 10th July, but plans on a few tourist trips to the Hunter Valley and the Whitsundays before he returns home.
- Started hockey at what age? “I was born ready to play”!
- Why hockey? “I’m Dutch – I was born with a stick and balls!”

- What Club are you associated with at home? “The smallest club in Brabant” – subsequent investigations have found that North Brabant also hosts Den Bosch and Oranje Zwart, two of the most successful Dutch Hockey clubs.
- Preferred playing position? “I’m a coach first, and a goalie second – I don’t really know how to play!” (Haha – that may explain a lot!)
- Why are you coaching here in Sydney? “So that I can give back to the world....!”
- ....and why come to Australia? “Looking for Drop-bears....and to do a little bit of internship”
- Nickname? “Dutchtin Beiber”

Some of Jules’ Life Lessons (we have heard many yelled from the dugout!):

- “If it doesn’t challenge you, it doesn’t change you”
- “If you can’t run with your legs, run with your heart”
- “Losers complain, winners train”

The above “kit” was left at the Merton one weekend – not even obvious that it belonged to a sportsperson (apart from the fluoro footwear), but Jules eventually claimed it!

Jules – you have entertained us well in your short time here! We all wish you safe travels on your way home, and remember that you are more than welcome back to Glebe, when you get fed up with orange!!



## Second Grade Report

The Women's Second Grade team have welcomed a mixture of new players this season – a couple of Glebe Juniors, Isabella Shannon and Layla Riley; an Irish goalkeeper, Rachel Lambe; an English midfielder, Emily Bowe; a former Glebe first grade goalkeeper, Josie Barron, now playing on pitch and terrorizing opposition keepers; Alex Glading, stepping down after many good performances in first grade; and Georgie Hunt, another English player, but she has studied in Australia and now lives in Sydney.

The team got off to a poor start in the SWHL ML3 competition – a draw and two defeats saw them languishing at the bottom of the table. A big turnaround from their start last season, but the team then began to thrive under the captaincy of Terrie Iglesias, and put together a string of four wins without conceding a goal. All SWHL games were washed out on 5th June, due to the storms, but the team grabbed another victory against Briars on Wark-Trevenar Day. For their latest game, they travelled out to Narellan on Sunday to play Macarthur (on their home turf) – in a very tight game, they went down to a single goal. This has led to a very interesting league table, with four teams level in second place – there are eight competition rounds left, so we are hoping to be able to maintain our push for the top spot.

### Sydney Women's Hockey League - Metro League 3

|    | TEAM             | P  | W | D | L | F  | A  | GD  | POINTS |
|----|------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|--------|
| 1  | Sydney Uni 3     | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 24 | 5  | 19  | 21     |
| 2  | UTS 2            | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 9  | 6   | 17     |
| 3  | Macarthur 2      | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 12 | 2   | 17     |
| 4  | Glebe 2          | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 9  | 2   | 17     |
| 5  | GNS 3            | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 0   | 17     |
| 6  | Manly 1          | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 6  | 9   | 16     |
| 7  | UNSW 2           | 10 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 9  | 10 | -1  | 11     |
| 8  | Briars 3         | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6  | 22 | -16 | 8      |
| 9  | Hills Strikers 2 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5  | 17 | -12 | 7      |
| 10 | RHH 3            | 10 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 3  | 15 | -12 | 4      |



## Junior's News

At Association level teams are getting out and playing good hockey in a range of conditions each week, including torrential rain, fierce opposition and late nights. We recognise the efforts of each Glebe Junior, and their support team, and thank you for your persistence and commitment. There are a number of teams in finals contention, and we wish them well in the run to the end of the season.



The regular Under 9 season has just been completed, and the future of Glebe hockey is strong. With some of our Under 15 girls coaching, some firm friendships were formed and great plans for a premiership winning Under 11 team in 2017 were made. There are plans for some carnival hockey for our Under 9's this season, so stay tuned and keep practicing.

At a representative level, Glebe is well represented across all age groups. This can be seen in the photo of the Glebe Girls at the recent Under 15 State Championships, where no less than 15 girls represented SEHA with typical Glebe tenacity, excellence and loyalty. We also thank the Glebe coaches, managers and tech bench support and roving photographers for their outstanding efforts. The sense of club spirit and camaraderie amongst spectators was great.

We wish those kids still to complete the representative season safe and successful tournaments. We also warmly congratulate those Glebe juniors representing at the highest levels, including those named in NSW State teams and squads, as well as those training and playing at a National level.

We would also like to take this opportunity to apologise to Cameron Jones and Matthew West for their names not being included as representing Glebe for both SEHA and Southern Highlands at the recent U15 Boys State Championships in the last edition of the Red Rag. The boys both not only played well at the event, but represented the Club with good sportsmanship, as they are both doing with their regular efforts for the U15 Strikers, umpiring and helping out with U13's and U15 Metro teams. Thanks boys.

Coming up we have the annual Tudor Noller Cup against Northern Districts on 31st July, and are particularly excited about reintroducing the traditional Glebe Carnival for Under 11 and Under 13 teams on 7th August. There will be a chance for all Club Members to participate on the day.

And lastly, please Save the Date for Juniors Presentation Night at Jubilee on 21st September.

## *State Selection*

It has been announced that Aisling Klimoski, Glebe Women's 1st grade goalkeeper and premiership winner has been announced in the NSW U/21 Women's squad for 2016. The club historian might be able to correct me, but I'm pretty sure that Aisling would have to be the first Glebe junior to ever represent NSW Women in this age group as a goalkeeper. What a fabulous achievement. Congratulations to Aisling and to her very proud parents!

Aisling Klimoski is one of the best Goal Keepers in the competition , and learning and improving every week, always developing her skills which is a credit to her dedication to the game.



We wish Ash all the best in the coming months as she works towards her goal of representing NSW at the National U/21 Championships in 2017. Hold on to your hats the best is yet to come!

## *Glebe Juniors in 2017 Hockey NSW Athlete Acceleration Program (AAP) Squad*

In some wonderful news for the Glebe Hockey Club, the young stars listed below have been selected in Hockey NSW Athlete Acceleration Program for 2017.

- Amy MOLLOY
- Litiana Field
- Sam ALEXANDER-PRIDEAUX
- Tim PRITCHARD

The AAP is a program which is specifically designed to ensure Hockey NSW athletes in the U16 and U18 age groups are given the best possible opportunity to develop regardless of what region they reside.

Hopefully Glebe might have another Australia rep in a few years time with any luck! Best of luck with all the extra training and congratulations!!! The club is very proud of you all.

Glebe DHC Junior Management Committee

## Social News

The month of June has been a boom social month for the club. It started with the NRL State of Origin 1 which was held at the clubhouse and played on the big screen and attracted a crowd of more than 30. Then the Wark-Trevenaar Cup was held at Cintra on Saturday 18 June and there was a brilliant turn-up at the clubhouse afterwards, despite



our lack of success on the field on the day, with many partying well into the wee hours of the morning. The second State of Origin match was also shown at the clubhouse with a crowd of about 25 attending despite the cool weather to watch the Queenslanders regain the Origin series much to the delight of the Noller family collective and friends.

There has been good regular attendance at the The Merton Hotel, the club's major sponsor, with the Junior club now getting aboard, with families going for lunch and dinner in the bistro and using their gift vouchers which are awarded to the most valuable player (MVP) in each junior team each week.

There is a fundraising BBQ at Alexandria Bunnings booked on Sunday 17 July and I am still looking for volunteers in the 10am-12pm and 12pm-2pm slots. Please, if you can help out please contact me on [a\\_campano@yahoo.com](mailto:a_campano@yahoo.com) or Ph: 0414 783 440.

Finally, in very exciting news, Glebe Men's and Women's clubs will be co-hosting a Rio Olympics themed Pub Crawl for Saturday 30 July which will start at the Merton Hotel from 6pm. The lovely Laure Salou has agreed to specially design member shirts for the occasion. The shirts will be cheaply priced just to cover the cost of making them and will be the first club special edition shirt for some years – it will be first come first served so when information is released regarding cost and shirt sizes please respond ASAP so you don't miss out. More information to come in the near future – check your emails and facebook updates!!!!

Adam Campano

Glebe DHC Social Convenor

# Around the Ground - History Report

Will the Glebe District Hockey Club live to see its one hundredth Birthday in 2030?

2016 is the eighty sixth year of continuous operation for the GDHC. In 2016 the Club has five men's teams, five women's teams, eleven junior teams, a squad of around 30-40 Minkey players and more than 60 paid-up Social Members.

The Club has grown from humble beginnings, starting out as a single team men's club in 1931, which was known as the Saint James Sports' Hockey Club. The Saint James Sports' Club was formed in the late 1920s by old boys of the Saint James' Patrician Brothers' Boys High School in Forest Lodge. The school was in Woolley Street, across the lane from St James' Church. Forest Lodge is one of the original large sub-divisions of the Glebe Area.

The one hockey team in 1931 became two teams in 1932. In order for the Club to be able to compete in the Sydney first grade competition, it had to be a district club. The Glebe District Hockey Club had its formation in December 1932, with the first season being 1933, when it fielded three teams, with the Club's first grade team playing in the top grade of the Sydney Hockey Association Competition. Since 1933 the GDHC has always had a team in the top division of the Sydney Hockey association.

The Club was founded by an Irish Patrician Brother Rev Macarten Keegan, who learnt to play his hockey in India, at the Masoorie College in the Punjab, where he was posted after his ordination. Brother Keegan, who was teaching at Forest Lodge in the early 1930's, was a skilful hockey player and was selected in the All Indian Team in the mid-1930s.

The Club has had international stars playing for it since its inception.

Although Brother Keegan was a skilful, dedicated, international standard hockey player, the reason he initiated the sport of hockey at the school was to provide exercise, camaraderie, social interaction, and enjoyment for the ordinary people of Forest Lodge and beyond. Winning premierships and on-field supremacy were secondary aims of sport being accessible to all, regardless of skills. Even from the early days of the Club's history, the social aspects of the game were considered more important than winning competitions.

Over its 86 years the Club has been very successful on the field, winning 32 men's first grade premierships and countless lower grade premierships. Ten Australian hockey players have played for Glebe, including one Australian captain. Five Australian players have come from the Club's own junior teams, Tom Pearce, Basil Bates, Ken Wark snr, Past Nilan, Ken Wark jnr and Mark Paterson. Pat and Ken each played at three Olympic Games.

The Club won its last first grade premiership in 2008, but in recent years has been no higher than mid-table. The Club's on field successes over the last eight years has been not up to the standard of the previous thirty years, and number of men's teams the Club is fielding has dropped from eight to five in a ten year period. In 2016 the men's first grade mens and women's team are in the lower half of the competition table and the men's second grade team is last on the competition table out of 12 teams.

Does this lack of on field success mean the Club is in terminal decline? Will the Club see out the next 13 years to celebrate its 100th birthday?

There is no denying that the Club's on-field success has diminished in recent years and the chance of that being turned around in the near term is unlikely. The clubs near the top of the first grade competition table have either their own synthetic playing field, which generates a substantial cash flow from renting the synthetic field out to other clubs and from the canteens associated with the synthetic field (s), or alternatively have a benefactor who puts in tens of thousands of dollars per season to pay players.

The clubs with the money attract the best country players, and some quality overseas players with match payments and/or by not charging them fees to play. The best country and overseas players are concentrated in the top four or so clubs. The number of ex-junior players in any given top club is small compared with the number of players who come to the club as well established hockey credentials. Sutherland is an exception to this broad generalisation.

The Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC) has never paid any player to play club games. The Club has always given representative players a small amount of money, somewhere between \$100-\$500, with which to help defray their costs when on representative duties. All players that have played for Glebe for the 86 years of its existence have paid fees.

There have been no exceptions, accept on compassionate grounds, for those people who have fallen on hard times for one reason or another. This prerogative to waive playing fees is at the absolute discretion of the Club's Management Committee.

The Club depends solely on player subscriptions and a small amount of sponsorship to remain solvent. The fees are set so as to cover the playing costs and to provide a small buffer if unexpected costs or expenses were to arise. The Club has a sinking fund of sorts.

Not having the ability to pay representative and talented players from overseas and the country to play for the Club will mean that the Club will have to rely on its juniors coming up through the ranks and for those players from overseas and the country who are willing to play for the Club without payment or privilege. This being the case, I expect, in the near to medium term, the Club's on field success will be modest at best.

The Club's ability to once again to become a top-notch, competitive first grade team will rest pure and simple on the Club's ability to teach its own juniors and bring them up through the ranks. As an example of this the Club won the first grade premiership in 2005, 2006 and 2008 with a team full of its own junior talent. The seeds of this success were sown in the junior teams of the late 1990s. We can repeat this successful formula in the future and every effort must be made to encourage our junior base.

Our junior base is eleven teams strong in 2016, with a 40 odd Minkey playing squad. Our junior base, number wise, is probably as strong as it ever has been. I am encouraged by this. The organising and marshalling of the junior club is a back breaking, time consuming, thankless task. Providing coaches, managers, umpires, transport officers and back-room officials to provide hockey for eleven teams week-in, week-out is a major undertaking. Fortunately over the years the GDHC has been fortunate

enough to have had a sufficient number of willing volunteers to keep the Junior Club healthy and robust.

Ex-Glebe juniors have their own children and then bring them down to Jubilee Oval to join the Club's Minkey Squad. The ex-juniors then assume the roles of coaches, managers, administrators and motivators. The virtues, morality, teamwork, good sportspersonship, and social etiquette that were taught to them are passed on to the next generation. This is the life-cycle of a Club that will survive long term

It is much more attractive to buy in a gun centre-forward than to produce one from the ranks of the Club's under eleven team. The GDHC has produced five Australian players from the ranks of its own juniors and two of them have played at three Olympic Games each. This is an outstanding achievement and a record of which the Club is proud.

Without a committed administration a club will often fold and become defunct, over a period of one or two years. The Glebe area once had rugby union, rugby league, cricket, cycling, athletic, and lacrosse clubs all of which became defunct. The oldest Club in the Glebe area, the Rowing Club, established in the 1870s, was in the hands of administrators for several years in the 1980s and looked like it was going to head into the ether and disappear.

The concerted efforts of a dedicated band of devotees managed to salvage victory from the jaws of defeat and in 2016 the Rowing Club is a thriving, vibrant sporting organisation with a rosy future. The determination, dedication, sacrifice and hard work of a handful of people who threw in their own money at the tipping point rescued the Rowing Club. I think the GDHC has enough devotees of young to middle years who are sufficiently dedicated to club affairs, to do what is necessary at the appropriate time, to steer the Club to calm waters should a cyclone strike it.

I have emphasised the importance to the Club's long term survival of junior development. It should be recognised however that the Club does get its fair share of players from the country and overseas that come to the Club to play hockey. These non-junior players come to Glebe to obtain exercise, camaraderie, social interaction, friendship, and a sense of belonging that playing a team sport provides.

In a team sport each member of the team is interdependent on other team members and player interaction, cooperation, and an ability to do what is right for the team is paramount. This is why playing a team sport is such a potent avenue for personal development, particularly for the young, but also for players of all ages.

It is the commitment of the Club to its junior base that gives me confidence that the Club can survive for many years into the future. I predict that the Club will be strong and flourishing in 13 years' time. This can be achieved if the level of commitment and involvement amongst senior club members is not only maintained but increased. Willing people doing multiple small tasks so no one is overburdened will keep the club in a healthy state.

Many of the Club's ex-juniors have a sense of commitment and obligation to contribute back to the Club some of the advantages and help that they received from it when they were young. The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Women's Convenor of the Club in 2016 are all ex-junior

members of the Club. Not only will encouraging the juniors lead to better on-field success, it will also mean a continuing pool of Club administrators into the future.

As the Duke of Wellington said after his troops had defeated Napoleon's French army at the Battle of Waterloo on 18 June 1815: "The Battle was won on the playing fields of Eton". What the good Duke was trying to convey was that teamwork, cooperation with others, the ability to receive and take instructions, the ability to work harmoniously with others, and a sense that we are all in this together, are just as, if not more important than individual skill, and many people operating on a one out basis, in a non-coordinated way.

Many of the important lessons in life I learnt on the sporting field. They translated directly to other areas of my personal, working and social life. I suspect many ex-Glebe Juniors would say the same thing.

Team sport is a major socialising and civilising influence on children and young adults, and the GDHC provides an avenue for the psycho-social development of the young, as well as providing the opportunity for vigorous exercise and the pursuit of physical fitness.

The GDHC is a community resource and deserves to be nurtured, loved and provided for by those who care about the psycho-social and physical development of young people. My impression is that community sporting clubs are under-valued by Local, State and Federal Governments. Hundreds of millions of dollars are thrown at big stadiums for professional sport, with next to nothing being spent on grass-roots sporting organisations providing physical, social and moral learning opportunities for ordinary Australian children and their families.

In closing, I say with absolute conviction that the GDHC can survive until its hundredth birthday, providing all of us that can do so, put our shoulder to the wheel where and when we can and volunteer our talents for the benefit of others. Community wide volunteerism is in decline, no doubt about it. Let us all make concerted efforts to not let that happen with regards the GDHC.

The future of this grand-old Club of ours is in our hands, and let us all make a commitment to hand it on to following generations in the good shape it is in today, in 2016.

All comments, criticisms, insights and suggestions about the content of this article are invited and most welcome. I encourage all reader to ponder my comments and if they are of a mind, to contribute to the discussion by sending in a letter to the Editor of the Red Rag.

Harry Wark

Club Life-Member

Glebe DHC Historian



## Around the Grounds - Australian Olympic Team Selection

The men's hockey section of the 2016 Australian Olympic Team features 10 returning Olympians and six eager debutants ready to fight together to claim top spot on the dais.

The team will head into Rio as the number one ranked team in the world. The side recently claimed their 14th Champions Trophy in London and were the 2015 World League Champions.

When the competition begins on August 6 the Aussies will face trans-Tasman rivals New Zealand in the preliminary round as well as Great Britain, Belgium, Spain and the hosts, Brazil.

The top four from each of two pools will progress to the all-or-nothing quarter finals, with Rio 2016 being the first Olympic Games to feature the new format, all building to the gold medal match on August 18.

These 16 athletes take the overall 2016 Australian Olympic Team to 216 from 21 sports, with an expected final Team of around 440 athletes. Complete biographies on all selected athletes [here>>>](#)

### Australian Men's Olympic Hockey Team, Rio 2016

Athlete (Hometown) Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Daniel Beale (Brisbane, QLD) 1st Olympic Games

Andrew Charter (GK) (Canberra, ACT) 1st Olympic Games

Chris Ciriello (Melbourne, VIC) 2nd Olympic Games

Matthew Dawson (Central Coast, NSW) 1st Olympic Games

Tim Deavin (Launceston, TAS) 2nd Olympic Games

Jamie Dwyer (Rockhampton, QLD) 4th Olympic Games

Matt Gohdes (Rockhampton, QLD) 2nd Olympic Games

Blake Govers (Wollongong, NSW) 1st Olympic Games

Fergus Kavanagh (Geraldton, WA) 3rd Olympic Games

Mark Knowles (Rockhampton, QLD) 4th Olympic Games

Eddie Ockenden (Hobart, TAS) 3rd Olympic Games

Simon Orchard (Maitland, NSW) 2nd Olympic Games

Matthew Swann (Mackay, QLD) 2nd Olympic Games

Glenn Turner (Goulburn, NSW) 2nd Olympic Games

Jake Whetton (Brisbane, QLD) 1st Olympic Games

Tristan White (Wollongong, NSW) 1st Olympic Games



## **WHEN**

**Sunday 7th of August, 2016**  
**8am - 4pm**

## **WHERE**

**Jubilee Oval, Glebe**

**Social and Competitive Field Hockey**

**Junior Development for Players and Umpires**

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## **JUNIORS**

**Mimkeys / U9**

**U11**

**U13**

## **CANTEEN & BBQ**

**Coffee**

**Drinks**

**Lunch**

## **CAKE STALL**

## **LIVE MUSIC**