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GLEBE HOCKEY CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Glebe District Hockey Club Members,

Welcome to the final edition of the Glebe DHC Red Rag Newsletter for the 2016 season. I hope you have enjoyed reading about the life and times of this grand old club of ours. Much time and effort goes into producing the Red Rag each month from the contributors dedicating their time and effort to report on club affairs, to the sourcing of pictures to make the Newsletter vibrant and attractive and from the editors being able to piece it all together to form a living breathing document.

Whilst some players take the time during the offseason to indulge in other fitness choices and recreational pursuits some Glebe DHC players are busy competing in summer hockey competitions and indoor hockey competitions representing the Glebe DHC. I wish them all the best for their seasons ahead. There will be some advertisement for pre-season fitness training starting in Mid November 2016 and continuing right through to the end of December 2016 before we break for the festive and holiday season. Fitness training will aim to start back up again in Mid - January 2017 with turf training starting Mid - February 2017.

Also next year the training times for the men's and women's club has been swapped around with the following training times to be implemented in 2017 and conducted on a rotational, year - by - year basis:

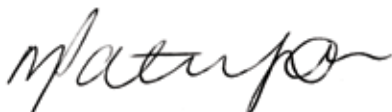
- Juniors 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- Senior Men: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- Senior Women: 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Please also do not forget that the Glebe DHC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday 8th December 2016 7pm START with a complimentary BBQ to follow. This is one of the most important events on the Clubs calendar as it gives the Management Committee the chance to report on the operational condition of the club and it also allows the Management Committee to outline any agendas which it deems necessary for the Club. It also gives players and members a chance to pick up their copy of the 2016 Annual Report.

Lastly as of next season I will be using the following email address: glebesecretary@gmail.com. In the future please use this email for all correspondence relating to the Glebe DHC.

On behalf of the Glebe DHC Management Committee, have a safe and enjoyable off - season, a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Mark Paterson



Glebe DHC Secretary

SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT 2016



The Senior Presentation Night was held on Saturday 8th October 2016 at the Sydney University Grandstand Bar which is where it has been held for last 4 - 5 years. There was just over 120 players and members in attendance which is one of the biggest responses we have had in the last little while. The Presentation Night offers a chance to acknowledge individual and team performances throughout the course of the season and also celebrates those club members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

A huge thank you to Alister Cullen (Men's 1st Grade) and Phoebe Kershaw (Women's 2nd Grade) for co-hosting the M/C duties on the night. They both did a fantastic job on the night being new to the role and talking to an elder statesman of the Club they both received a better than a PASS night for their efforts.

It was a fantastic night and on behalf of the Glebe DHC Management Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thanks all attendees on night who made the Presentation night such a vibrant, lively and energetic occasion. The chance to mix, engage and socialise with all facets of the club does not happen all that often and the senior presentation night provides this opportunity. A full list of award winners can be seen down below for your perusal.

If any Club members have any suggestions or wishes to provide some feedback regarding the Senior Presentation Night the Glebe DHC Management Committee would be keen to hear your thoughts. Please send them through to Club Secretary Mark Paterson.

PERPETUAL TROPHY



Mark Paterson
ROBERT DIVINEY
MEMORIAL TROPHY

The trophy is awarded to the Most Outstanding Club Player, Junior or Senior.



Phoebe Kershaw
Margaret Howe
Encouragement Award

This trophy is awarded Annually in her memory to a younger club member who has consistently provided the best example of club spirit in their contribution to the club, on and/or off the field. In conferring this award the club recognises the achievements of the recipient and hopes to encourage their continued involvement.



Sam Alexander Prideaux
A. J. OLDFIELD CUP

The trophy is awarded to the "Colt Under 21 player "who has been adjudged, "The Most Improved and Best Behaved During The Season."



Tim Pritchard
MICHAEL "ABBO" ATTER-
TON MEMORIAL TROPHY

The "Player With the Most Potential."



Bill Eustace
V. J. TURNER CUP

"Most Improved Junior Under the Age of 17 Years."



William Noller
J. W. KENNY TROPHY

This Trophy is awarded to the most valuable player in Men's 1st grade.



Angela Wark
Molly Wark Trophy

The Trophy is awarded annually to the Clubwoman who has contributed most to the Club both on and off the field and/or in administrative affairs.



Mark Paterson
PAT NILAN TROPHY

Most Outstanding Club Member", Junior or Senior, for the year as adjudged by the Management Committee.



Lynsey Askew
Anne Rochester Trophy

Most Outstanding Player



Latiana Field
Natalie White Trophy

Awarded annually to the junior player (under 18 years of age) who has displayed the most potential throughout the year.



Ellie Sheard
Carole Wark Trophy

This trophy is awarded annually to the umpire who has helped out generously throughout the year through club commitments and/or representative duties.



Edward Noller
HARRY WARK SNR TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to a member in the lower division who participated with the same loyalty, enthusiasm and dedication to the true traditions of the Club.



David Reid
W. J. TAYLOR CUP

"Most Improved Player", however, since 1954 the wording was altered to "The Club Member Who Has Set The Best Example by Consistent Play and General Demeanour."

2016 MEN'S PLAYER MILESTONES	2016 MEN'S PLAYERS PLAYER AWARD
<u>CLUB GAMES</u> 300 – Andrew Cheong 200 – Will Noller 200 – Adrian McKeown 200 – Paul Jowett 200 – Dom Tintner 100 – Brayden Mead 100 – Victor Dunand	5 th Grade: Travis Dehnert 4 th Grade: Luke Pollock 3 rd Grade: Tim Pritchard 2 nd Grade: David Reid 1 st Grade: William Noller
<u>1st Grade GAMES</u> 200 – Alister Cullen 150 – Josh La Spina 100 – Daniel Cleary	

2016 WOMEN'S PLAYER MILESTONES	2016 WOMEN'S PLAYERS & COACHES AWARD
<u>CLUB GAMES</u> 400 – Melissa Newton 200 – Kate Gleeson 100 – Lara Pendle 100 – Michelle Hancock 100 – Jessica Higgs	5 th Grade Coaches Award: Sharanya Maheswaran 5 th Grade Players Player: Olivia Edwards 4 th Grade Coaches Award: Renugah Jagadisan 4 th Grade Players Player: Nina Van Der Kley 3 rd Grade Coaches Award: Olivia Cain 3 rd Grade Players Player: Madeleine Scott 2 nd Grade Coaches Award: Phoebe Kershaw / Laura Schamhmann 2 nd Grade Players Player: Laura Martin 1 st Grade Coaches Award: Lynsey Askew 1 st Grade Players Player: Litiana Field

JUNIORREPORT

Our season culminated with the Annual Juniors Presentation Night held under a moonlit sky (and that was all the lighting we thought appropriate) at the clubhouse. Thank you to Googa and Kerry for your efforts in having the clubhouse and catering all sorted, and to the Goodridge and Nilan families for your contingency shelters for the anticipated bad weather. We hope everyone took the opportunity to reflect on the season and recognise the achievements and efforts of our juniors. The Annual Report was a bumper edition this year, and we encourage everyone to look through it and read about the season's highlights.

We most warmly congratulate our U11A Redbacks on their golden goal grand final victory in the SEHA competition. We are reprinting the article in the newsletter, in case you have missed it. Thanks to all who helped out under sunny skies at St Luke's, as Glebe took its turn hosting the day. We especially thank Lindesay Brine, who was tireless in his efforts throughout the entire day as the technical official. To those who assisted on the BBQ, many thanks, but particularly to those juniors who are developing not only their on field hockey skills, but BBQ talents and sense of community.

It seems like just yesterday we were finalising our registrations and entering Glebe teams into the SEHA and Metro hockey competitions for 2016, and yet here we are planning already for next year. Turf has been booked from mid February for Redbacks teams selections, and Glebe at Glebe will again be held to kick off Season 2017 at Jubilee. Dates will be on the website early in the New Year once confirmed.

It however takes a village for things to run well, and we have many people in our community who have much to contribute. The Glebe District Hockey Club holds its AGM on Thursday 8th December, and interest in any Executive positions can be made to our Club President or Secretary. Nominations for juniors coaching positions (particularly for Redbacks teams) are encouraged by this date. Please forward your nomination, along with the age group you are interested in to glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com

The Juniors Committee will also meet early in the new year, and your input is most welcome, and encouraged. If you have any suggestions, feedback or skills (particularly in website care and maintenance) that you would like to contribute to Glebe Juniors in 2017, please let us know at glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com

Thank you again to everyone who has participated, played, coached, umpired, supported and cheered throughout the year.

Information regarding summer sports options, including particularly Indoor Hockey has been distributed through your team managers. Good luck in your endeavours, whatever they may be.

Wishing you a safe and restful off season, and looking forward to another great year for Glebe in 2017.



The U11A Redbacks has always been an important flagship team for the Club. It provides the highest first age group competition for many girls and boys who go on to play for the Club for many years with other junior and, ultimately, men's and women's teams. The success of this particular team has always been seen as a healthy sign for the future of junior and, ultimately, senior hockey for the Club.

This year's U11A Redbacks, coached by Brad Goodridge, did well in the regular season finishing 2nd to Sutherland at the end of competition. Ultimately, the team made the grand-final match v Sutherland on a bright, sunny Sunday, 11 September 2016 at Cintra, as one of 7 grand final games in various age groups and grades on the day. Importantly, the team was the only Glebe team participating on the day at the Glebe hosted event.

Going in to the game, the omens were mixed. The U11As had not won a grand final since 2011. The 2016 team had many fine players, but had lost the major semi-final 2 goals to 5 against Sutherland 2 weeks earlier. The Glebe parents and supporters were subdued, if not tense. However, as is often the case, the kids were pretty oblivious to all the pressure and had a happy time warming up with Brad.

At 12.15pm, the game got underway. Glebe scored an early goal and were still leading 1 goal to nil at half time. About half way through the second half, Sutherland scored an equaliser from a short corner. The score was 1 goal all. With about 10 minutes to go, big Will, Glebe captain, stepped up to take a short corner hit for Glebe. As he has done all season, he belted the ball and Glebe took the lead 2 goals to 1. Sutherland came back hard.

U11A REDBACKS PREVAIL IN TITANIC 2016 GRAND-FINAL WIN

Glebe's goalie, Clark, pulled off some mighty saves, including one save with stick alone that will always be remembered by those who were there. With 2 minutes to go, Sutherland was awarded a short corner. The young female captain from Sutherland, who later deservedly was awarded player of the match, stepped up and absolutely smashed the ball into the backboard. 2 goals all. A couple of moments later, regular time ended.

Unlike the parents and supporters, the kids knew there was extra time of two 6 minute halves with a golden goal winning the game. They ran off the field, had a strategy conference with Brad and were straight back out. It was the hottest part of the day. All the kids from both sides had run their hearts out. They were tired. The pressure was palpable. The Glebe kids knew what to do. They started hard and fast. Within a minute or two, the ball was passed into the Sutho circle, where it was cracked into the backboard by Glebe. The golden goal! 3 goals to 2 to Glebe. It was a remarkable win to Glebe. The kids all embraced each other in genuine and deserved emotion. The Glebe parents were a little less restrained or dignified. The Sutherland kids were gracious losers.

While everyone performed magnificently, the player of the moment was undoubtedly Michael, a striker. He scored both of Glebe's 1st goal and the golden goal. What a moment for him, his family, the team and the Club AND it was his actual 11th birthday too! The stuff of legends.

There was a lovely after game ceremony. Andy Van Pelt, Hockey NSW's Regional Coaching Coordinator, presented the medals and winner's trophy. There were plenty of photos and there was a happy photo of all the Glebe and Sutherland kids mixed together, with both captains holding the trophy. The day was made more special by the fact that so many Glebe legends turned up to attend the game, including Geoff and Mark Paterson, Harry Wark, Aaron Nilan, Dom Tinter and other current grade players. It is really what the Club tries to be all about: happy kids doing well with families, legends and grade players turning up to support the kids.

After a long season and a special day, all the kids, who were the 2016 U11A Redbacks, were the Premiers and should be very proud of themselves. The Club is very proud of them.



STRONGER COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME 2016

The Glebe District Hockey Club Management Committee would like to formally thank and acknowledge the Stronger Communities Grants Programme as the Glebe DHC was successful in obtaining a grant to fund capital works around the Club to the tune of \$5,000 from the Federal Government through our Local Member Tayna Plibersek. The grants programme was a Co-funded initiative where applicants were required to match the SCP grant in cash or in kind on at least a dollar for dollar basis. In stating this the Glebe DHC contributed \$5,000 of its own money to help fund the capital works.

The Glebe DHC Management Committee decided to prioritise the grant money into upgrading the Hockey goals down at Jubilee Oval to new lightweight aluminum goals with heavy duty wheels which should make setting up and transporting the goals onto the field of a Wednesday night and Saturday morning a lot less of an arduous task for teams and coaches. The current goals were cumbersome and well past their use-by date. We hope that by obtaining the new set of goals the junior teams will be able to utilise them more during training.

The Glebe DHC Management Committee also decided to fit-out and upgrade its kitchen facilities including new cupboards, sink, benchtop and fittings to accommodate players, parents and supporters during Wednesday night training sessions and also during Saturday morning competition games with the service of food items.



OPINION PIECE

Should NSW Senior Men's Team Selectors attend Sydney First Grade Competition Games?

NSW Hockey put out a 16 page information bulletin entitled: State Team Selection Policy Field and Indoor 2016

This wordy document sets out in fine detail the responsibilities and requirements of players aspiring to represent NSW. It is silent on the responsibilities of the people who select the teams.

From my observations in 2016 the NSW State Selectors did not attend most Sydney Hockey Association Men's Premiership Division games. Over 90-95% of the players in the NSW Senior Men's Team squad play in the Sydney Premiership Competition. For NSW Selectors not to observe NSW squad members regularly in the best competition in the State seems to me to be hypocritical. Selectors are holding the players to a high standard of behaviour and attendance at training but the selectors themselves short change the players, by not observing them in competition fixtures.

The NSW Senior Men's team has one coach and three assistant coaches, but none of them regularly attend Sydney Hockey Association Men's Premiership Division matches. Why is it so? in the expression made the famous by one time Sydney University Physics Professor Julian Sumner-Millar.

Glebe's goal-keeper BJ Bruton has been a member of the NSW Men's Senior Team for the last few years but this year he missed out. The goal-keepers that were selected in front of him may have been superior to BJ, but from what I saw of the Sydney Hockey Association Men's Premiership Competition matches I would be surprised if this was the case. Perhaps I am biased towards BJ and did not have an objective view of the comparisons between the goal-keepers vying for selection.

I would have been more comfortable accepting BJ's non-selection if the selectors had of kept

an eye on the goal-keeper's form throughout the Sydney Hockey Association Men's Premiership Competition. My mine BJ is a great goal keeper, one of the best in Australia. He puts in great goal-keeping displays week-in, week-out for Glebe. Not only is he a great goal-keeper, he is a top team man and a top Club man.

I suppose selections are always subjective decisions and subject to the whim of the selectors. This is a fact of life, it happens in all sports and I accept this.

If BJ had of been notified of his NSW Senior Men's non-selection in sufficient time, he most probably would have been able to arrange a spot as a goal-keeper for another State. He has done this in the past. If players are not wanted by NSW, and if NSW selectors think that the player is inferior to the players selected for the NSW team, given enough notice the over-looked player can make himself available to play in another State team.

The recommendation of the Australian Hockey Association is that the States announce their teams six weeks before the Australian Championships. If the NSW Senior Men's team had of been announced as per the usual timeframe BJ would have had the opportunity of approaching other states and informing them that he was available for selection for that state.

In 2016 the announcement of the NSW Senior Men's team was delayed. This meant that by the time BJ found out about his non-selection the window of opportunity had passed him by. It was too late for him to be selected in the State team of another state.

Was this a deliberate act by the NSW selectors to prevent the NSW Squad Members who did not make the final NSW team from seeking selection for another state team? We will probably never know.

Whether the late announcement was deliberate or not, the end result was that the over-looked NSW Squad Members did not have the opportunity to make themselves available for another state. This treatment of non-selected players from the NSW Squad seems to me, not to meet the required standard of respect, honesty and courtesy, which should be extended to young men who have fulfilled all the obligations and requirements

made of them by NSW Hockey.

The NSW Selectors did not treat these young men with the respect, dignity and consideration they deserve. Why not?

If there is another logical explanation for the late announcement of the NSW Men's senior team, which significantly disadvantaged non-selected NSW squad member, I am sure readers of the Red Rag would like to hear it.

Any correspondence on this matter will be published in the next Red Rag. Readers are encouraged to make a contribution to this debate.

Dr. Harry Wark

Glebe DHC Life Member and Club Historian

Response from Hockey NSW

Mark/Harry

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I will wait until I can review this with Warren and his coaching staff before I reply, so I will miss the deadline as I will not interrupt the campaign in Perth.

The NSW Waratahs Team is available on the website and has been since 10am on the 1st September as advised. (Hockey NSW Website, Performance/Teams/Field/Waratahs)

It should be noted that coaches and selectors of NSW teams are in the most voluntary positions (not the Head Coach on this occasion), nominations are sought, shortlisted applicants interviewed and then successful applicants appointed. The successful applicants then attend State Championships (Long Weekend in June), numerous training sessions and trial matches and then attend the National Championship at plus minus 10-12 days. This is onerous on a volunteer and reduces the applicant list due to availability.

Thanks and I will reply shortly.

Has the Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC) had a good 2016 Season?

A club is comprised of a collection of people who come together to share a common goal, to share something of themselves with others, to be entertained and to entertain, to experience the esprit de corps of a collection of friends and associates and, in the case of a sporting club, to get exercise, to get fit and to acquire or retain skills.

A club is no better, or no worse than the sum of its membership. Clubs exist to promote camaraderie; fellowship, a socialising experience and opportunity, and a support network for its members, whether they are old or young, male or female.

First and foremost, playing sport is about enjoyment, sportspersonship and getting fit. If we win a premiership it is a bonus, but to equate many won premierships with a good year is delusional. Playing in a dysfunctional, unhappy, bitchy, team where players play for themselves and their own honour and glory, and where denigration and belittlement of team members who make a mistake, or take a wrong option is the norm, and where respect for fellow team mates is not given at all times is not fun, even if the team wins the premiership.

Camaraderie, esprit de corps, fellowship, respect and putting the requirements of the team before your own individual wants and needs are the qualities that stamp a team as successful. A good year for a team is achieved when each and every member of the team enjoys their participation in the activities of the team, and the successes and failures of the team are shared equally among the team members. Players in a good team do not play first and foremost for themselves in order to fulfil their own wants and desires; they play for the benefit of the team, and accept the direction of the team captain and the team coach with good grace and equanimity.

With the above discussion in mind, I am of the view that the 2016 season was a very successful one for the GDHC. Good times were had by the vast majority of players, parents, supporters and many friends of the Club in the Community. 2016 was a fun, enjoyable year for the hundreds of people who associate with and connect to form the GDHC. Fun, exercise and enjoyment are why people play sport. Winning premierships comes a distant second in importance.

A case in point is the Club's second grade men's team who won one game out of the eighteen it played in the 2016 season and came last in a 12 team competition. This team always played to the best of its ability, always tried hard, always showed great sportsmanship on the field, were always respectful of each other and accepted defeat with good grace, dignity and equanimity. Team members enjoyed each other's company and the each week's game was an enjoyable experience for each and every team member. The team came last in the competition, but never-the-less it was an enjoyable, rewarding, satisfying season for the 2016 Glebe second grade men's team.

Participation is important, doing your best is important, being respectful to team-mates and the opposition is important, accepting victory with good grace and defeat with equanimity is important. Winning the premiership is less important.

Winning is easy to do, losing with dignity, good grace and equanimity, without getting despondent, depressed, irritable and angry is a harder proposition. All Glebe teams I saw in action during 2016 were gracious in defeat and their behaviour on the field was exemplary.

The only men's team that made the finals play off was the first grade team. Who snuck into sixth spot by winning their last round game against UTS. The team was defeated in the three-plays-six match by Sutherland 4-1. The Glebe team played to the best of its ability, played with skill and spirit but lost to a slightly superior team. The game was a lot closer than the score indicated. No disgrace here.

Nine of the eleven run on players in the first grade team that were defeated by Sutherland came from the Club's junior ranks. Glebe has by a country mile, the highest number of local junior players in its first grade squad of any of the clubs competing in the Men's Premier Division. This is an achievement to be proud of. The team that won the Premier Division Competition would have no more than one or two players that came through its junior ranks.

The GDHC has no intention of enticing representative and outstanding overseas players

to the club for the purpose of winning a first grade premiership. Hirelings are unlikely to put back into a club anything like what they have got from it. A policy of favouring outside representative players over your own local talent will in the end lead to your local players retiring, or leaving the club. This must be to the detriment of a club, and to the club's ability to survive long term.

At the GDHC all players are equal from the best to the worst. Fees are paid and good times are had by all equally. No fees exemptions or inducements are given to elite players.

This discussion gives rise to the question, if the GDHC does not actively recruit elite players from outside the Club, can we ever be a force at the top of Sydney Hockey?

My observations over the last three weeks suggest to me that the GDHC has coming through its junior ranks many young people, children and adolescents, male and female who have the ability and the passion to make a difference in the Club's higher grades. If we nurture the budding talent we have I feel confident that the GDHC teams for the next ten years at least, will be strong and competitive.

The under eleven team won the South East Area Hockey 2016 Premiership beating Sutherland in golden goal extra-time 3-2. The under eleven team was cohesive, enthusiastic, and well coached. The five girls in the team more than held their own. They had good skills, were fearless and tackled relentlessly.

The under seventeen team were beaten 3-0 by Ryde in the final of the Sydney Wide Competition. Glebe had enough chances to win the game, but on the night could not convert golden opportunities into goals. This team gave a strong display and many players playing in this team will find their way into the Club's higher grades next year. It struck me how well the female members of the team played. They were an impressive bunch, who gave their all for the team.

In the under fifteen Sydney Wide final Glebe were defeated 2-1 by North Districts. This game could have gone either way. The two teams played high standard hockey and on the night North Districts got the rub of the green and won. It could so easily have gone Glebe's way. The behaviour of the

Glebe team on the field of play was outstanding, and the manner in which they accepted defeat was impressive.

The girls in this team, of which there were six or seven, impressed me. It is not usual in mixed teams to have girls in the high striker role, but this team had three of four girls play in goal scoring positions. The girls took excellent field position, ran into ball receiving positions well, read the game well and at times had excellent shots at goal. It will not be long before these under fifteen girls mark their mark in the Women's higher grades.

There were a few boys and a few girls in the junior finals games I saw who could easily play hockey for NSW and even Australia, if they set their mind to it. They may not want to devote the time and energy required to reach the top echelon of hockey, but hopefully they will be keep playing for this grand old Club of ours, enjoying playing with their mates and learning a few life's lessons on the hockey pitch.

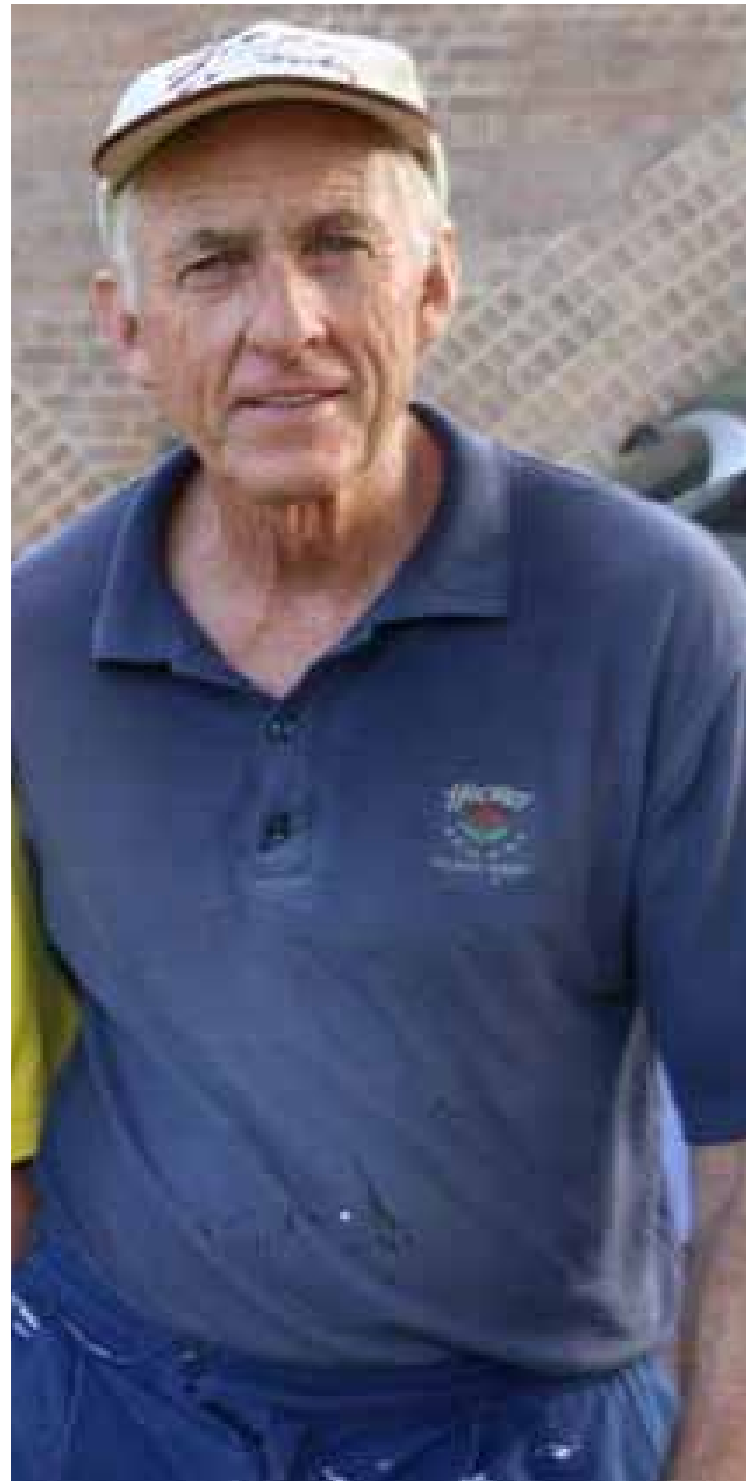
Playing with your mates, playing with long established friends, and enjoying the esprit de corps of playing for the GDHC, will hopefully keep these talented young people playing the game of hockey. Study, work commitments and injuries all have an impact on whether junior players progress through to the senior ranks.

Even if junior players do not progress through to the senior ranks and stop playing when their junior career finishes, like many of our junior will do, they have learnt many life skills along the way. Playing a team sport for children helps impart teamwork skills, negotiating skills, an ability to fit in with others, how to handle the emotions of disappointment and elation, and a sense that physical fitness and exercise is important in leading a healthy life.

In conclusion answering the question "Has the Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC) had a good 2016 Season?" I can say unequivocally that the GDHC Members and their many supporters had an entertaining, rewarding and enjoyable 2016 season.

Dr. Harry Wark

Glebe DHC Life Member and Club Historian



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AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC HOCKEYROOS COACH UNDER INVESTIGATION AFTER COMPLAINTS HE EXPOSED HIMSELF

AUSTRALIA'S disastrous Olympic hockey campaign has worsened with Hockeyroos coach Adam Commens under investigation after complaints he exposed himself after the gold medal game.

One of Australia's female players alerted Hockey Australia after Commens urinated in the street in full view of a group of his players. Those players were celebrating after the gold medal game in Rio after a campaign that saw the Hockeyroos crash out at the quarterfinal stage. Hockey Australia confirmed to the Herald Sun tonight that an investigation into the exact nature of Commens' conduct was continuing.

The context of the incident is not known, including whether Commens unwittingly exposed himself, but clearly it has been deemed serious enough to launch an official investigation.

Commens is still under contract to Hockey Australia but will move to work with Belgium's hockey federation in coming months to be with his European wife.

She had the Commens' family's third child before this year's London Champions Trophy, with his decision to move on made public before the Rio Olympics.

Commens, 40, won 143 caps for Australia including playing in a team which won the bronze medal at the 2000 Olympics before becoming Australia's women's coach in 2011.

It is understood Commens was among a group of players and officials who watched Great Britain's dramatic penalty shootout win over the Netherlands.

After watching the game they continued on for a night of celebrating, with the former Kookaburras

player at some stage relieving himself on the street.

He did that in clear view of female players, some of whom felt his conduct was inappropriate enough to report it back to authorities.

Hockey Australia chief executive Cameron Vale's continuing investigation is probing the exact nature and conduct of the episode.

A Hockey Australia spokesman told the Herald Sun tonight: "The chief executive has been investigating this matter and the investigation is continuing".

Australia's hockey campaign never caught fire, with the world No. 1 men and world No. 3 women both failing to reach the medal rounds.

Australia's Olympic campaign has turned nasty with an erupting funding war between the Australian Olympic Committee and the Australian Sport Commission.

The AOC also had to apologise to athletes after they were forced to pay fines for sneaking into the men's basketball bronze medal playoff with the help of AOC staff.

Swimmers Emma McKeon and Josh Palmer were also sanctioned for breaking team rules, with Palmer found on Copacabana Beach dazed and disoriented at 2pm.

The Australian Sport Commission will tomorrow morning hold a press conference detailing the way forward for the highly controversial Winning Edge Olympic funding strategy.

