

# THE RED RAG

"A Champion Club, A Club Champions"

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB  
APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Firstly on a sad note, our thoughts and prayers go out to the Busch family with the passing away last week of Peter's father, John. We extend our sincere condolences to Peter, Trudy, Molly and Sophie and offer them the support of the Glebe family in this difficult time.

It is great to see the teams of the mighty Maroon and White finally take the field and I thank the respective Committees on the great job they have done on making that possible. Getting 12 Junior teams, 5 Men's teams and 6 Women's teams on the field each week is no easy task.

Our results in all areas have been mixed but coaches, managers, parents and supporters have advised me that even in defeat the team members have been true to the Values and Traditions of the Club. Our core values of family, equality, commitment and contribution are being demonstrated on all of the grounds where our players put on that Glebe shirt. They are supporting their teammates when doing it tough, and sharing the disappointment of defeat. I have been particularly impressed in the games I have attended to witness the big one for me of "NEVER GIVING UP". Well done all teams on your commitment. Over these first few weeks of competition, when team numbers have been down through injury or unavailability, club members have been willing to step up to fill in. A special mention goes out to Jasmine Howe for her contribution and to her parents, Vernon and Elizabeth, for supporting her decisions. Jasmine has been playing Goalkeeper for both the Under 15's and 17's this season as well as stepping into 2nd and 3rd grade for our women. With injuries presenting problems on the goalkeeping front, Josie Baron has also been putting the Club's needs before her own, well done.

Over the last few months I have asked Club and Management Committee members to take on extra responsibilities outside the normal day to day running of the Club to work on several special projects. These projects include

The Management Committee Review Taskforce (MCRT) which is looking at the best way of structuring our Management Committee into the future. The Taskforce will be consulting the membership soon for feedback on their work so far.

The Constitutional Review Taskforce (CRT) which will be updating and rewriting the Club's Constitution when the MCRT have finished their work and members have agreed on a Management Structure going forward.



The Website review team is looking at what needs to be done to upgrade and revamp the whole Website to make it more user friendly, more efficient and more appealing. This is a very large project which is about better communication within the Club. It also involves looking at the way we engage with the broader community and designing a new Website that will work for us into the future.

The Turf Working Group. Getting access to an artificial playing and training surface in our local area has become critical for the Club's viability. This project will become the Club's number one priority into the future and we will need your help to mobilise all the Club's political and lobbying base to secure its future. More to come shortly.

I would like to thank everyone who has been putting in that bit of extra effort for their team and for the Club. It's your commitment and generosity that makes a champion club, a club of champions.

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



# MEN'S CLUB CAPTAIN



It's fair to say that the season is well and truly underway! With most teams (with the exception of 5th grade) six games into the season, we are beginning to get a fair gauge on how we are travelling as a collective. We are sitting mid table in our top two grades, and unfortunately our lower grades are not faring as well (see below). I'm a firm believer that this reflects a poor attendance from these grades at training. For the first time in many years, we have twice weekly turf sessions (Tues 6:30pm-8:30pm at Cintra, Thurs 9-10pm at SOP) and I strongly encourage all players to do their best to get to at least one of these sessions each week. All training sessions are welcome to players of all abilities. We need to continue to push each other and work hard at training in order to achieve and maintain competitive success across the competitions. Success does not happen accidentally.

Team rankings as of the 01/05/17:

- **1st grade:** 6th of 11 teams
- **2nd grade:** 6th of 12 teams
- **3rd grade:** 8th of 12 teams
- **4th grade:** 9th of 12 teams
- **Fighting 5th grade:** 7th of 8 teams (with 1 x makeup match to play)

## Game milestones:

Over the last few weeks, we have been fortunate enough to recognise and celebrate some major player milestones:

**Andy Leat:** 1st Grade Debut ( 01/04/17 v UNSW)

**Scott Glading:** 100 men's Caps (01/04/17 v Monterey)

**Dom Tintner:** 100 1st Grade Caps (01/04/17 v UNSW)

**Ian Paterson:** 200 1st Grade Caps (08/04/17 v St George)

**Matthew Wark:** 200 1st Grade Caps (29/04/17 v Bankstown)

**Paddy Gompels:** 1st Grade Debut (29/04/17 V Bankstown)

Well done gentlemen, you should be proud of your achievements as they reflect many years of blood sweat and tears shed for the maroon and white (200 Caps = approximately 12-13 seasons of 1st grade)!

## Representative Honours:

In addition to the abovementioned club milestones, we have also recently had a number of noteworthy representative honours.

**Riley Nilan:** was a member of the U/15 NSW Blues who competed at the National Championships in Liverpool from the 5th-13th of April. Despite a few injury concerns leading up to the tournament Riley pulled through and managed to string together a series of good performances. His team finished 5th overall.

**Sam Alexander-Prideaux:** gained selection in the U/18 NSW Blues this year and recently competed in the National Championships in Hobart. Sam reports that despite a promising start to the tournament, the boys were defeated by Tasmania in the semi-finals. Sam continues to develop as a player each season and I very much look forward to watching him make his own mark in the Sydney 1st grade competition over the next few years. Well done Sam.

**Tim Pritchard & Jonah Riley:** Recently participated in a tour of Japan with the NSW bushrangers. All reports were that the boys had a good time and represented themselves and our club with distinction.

## The Wark-Trevaror Cup:

Finally, the annual Wark-Trevaror Cup is going forward again this year, so mark Saturday the 22nd July down in your calendars. As always, it promises to be one of the year's biggest derby days. Stay tuned for updates closer to the date regarding playing schedules and social function after the days play!

**Alister Cullen**  
**Men's Club Captain**



# WOMEN'S REPORT

With four rounds down it has been wonderful for the women's teams to get out playing the game they love. Thank you to the hard work of the women's committee and coaches in your patience early in the season with the process of registering, selecting players and settling them into teams. Onwards and upwards from here!

## FIRST GRADE

It has been a tough start to the season for the first grade women's team results wise and we have had many players out injured, on holidays or away on representative duties. There have been a quite a few positives though. We have had Josie Barron back in goals for a few games and it was like she never left, Laura Schmammann made her first grade debut in Round one (proving administrators make top players) and Sarah Moore made hers in goals in round three.

Litiana Field and Miriam Pritchard have just returned from the Australian U18 tournament in Hobart. Miriam was part of the NSW Blues team after almost two years out with knee surgery. She bamboozled opponents with her stick work, scored many goals and was voted player of the match in the game against W.A. Litiana was a key defender in the NSW team which was narrowly defeated by QLD in the finals. Litiana scored two goals, captured widespread applause when she saved a drag flick (which we hear she is pretty proud about), and was awarded player of the match in the game against QLD. As well as battling the competition, the girls also had to battle the Hobart weather. With single digit temperatures for the late afternoon and night games, as well as Antarctic wind chill, and if this isn't bad enough they had an ice bath after every game! Both girls played in true Glebe spirit – hard but fair, and with the biggest smiles on their faces afterwards. We are all so proud of them.



## SECOND GRADE

After four rounds second grade sit in 4th position on the ladder. We had a washed out game against arch rivals GNS which resulted in a 0-0 draw. This past weekend we played UNSW who are sitting just below Glebe and it was a tough match; well fought by both teams. It ended in a one all draw thanks to an outstanding goal by Kate Gleeson and some particularly tireless defence by Maddy Scott and Terrie Iglesias. The team is working well together so far and will only grow in strength as the season progresses.

## THIRD GRADE

Third grade have made a strong start to the season with two good wins. Dean and Deanna Morrow have made a fine coach/manager team and under their gentle and wise leadership the team is finding its feet beautifully. It's a lovely mix of old, new mothers and young. And that mix works on the field and off - with parents offering childcare on the sidelines and the next generation little Elise and Emily sitting quietly with full concentration in team meetings. Welcome back to Lou Tapsell as captain who has shown her skill, grace and calm leadership style under pressure. Also welcome to Amy Whaley who played her first game back after give birth to lovely Alfie not long before the season started (that is impressive!).



## FOURTH GRADE

Glebe fourth grade women's are off to a good start for the season with two strong wins under their belts (including a six nil match this past week). Lots of hard work up front that is starting to pay off with goals. The team has been playing some spirited hockey with great passing, long hits up to the wings and tremendous defence. As the comp continues the players will continue to gel as a team and the terrific coaching by Kenny on Tuesday nights (it's all about the footwork) and Terrie at the games will certainly means that the results will come. Particular standouts have been Sam Iglesias who is new to women's hockey but has taken to it like a duck to water (she has scored goals for fourth and third grade and won Player's Player), Mel Newton who has been cracking in goals; and welcome back to Charlie Pepper who has been strong and tireless in defence.

## FIFTH GRADE WHITE

Icebergs right ahead! The Glebe White fifth grade girls have formed the team spirit from the get go. With the team a mix of oldies and newbies there is a lot to learn, but the newbies have brought energy to the team. Even though it's been a slow start to the season, the girls are keen and upbeat and ready to sink the opposition! Bring on the local derby against the Reds! Go Glebe!

## FIFTH GRADE RED

Only three games in, and the Reds are already bonding well as a team under the captainship of Jena Prince, vice captain Olivia Edwards and our super dad/coach John Parsons. The very new – and very young – team are working beautifully together with plenty of talk on and off their pitch. The Reds welcome two brand new players to the team, Wendy Villarosa and Mary Prince – Mary picked up some players points in her very first game of hockey! We're also very excited to see that four junior players have stepped up to women's grade; Scout Hathaway-Wilson, Emma Smith, Madelyn Smith and Roisin Sullivan. Although we are yet to notch-up our first win, our spirits are high and we're all excited for the season!

**Summing up:** While some of results have been mixed the enthusiasm, teamwork and good spirits have been high. Attendance at Tuesday trainings has been excellent and the extra session on Thursday is starting to attract players with high calibre coaching. The next four rounds should really see some more positive results - watch this space loyal Glebe supporters!!!

**Kate Alexander Women's Convenor**

# JUNIOR REPORT



It's been quite the start to Season 2017 at Glebe! As we go into the opening rounds of the SEHA competition, we have 166 juniors registered to Glebe. The weather has not been especially helpful, and we appreciate everyone's patience with the uncertainty about training, teams and match draws during this time. There's been lots of enthusiasm and commitment at training, trial games went well and things look bright for the year ahead as things settle down.

Our Minkey sessions continue to grow on Saturday mornings, and we thank U15 junior Cam Jones who is assisting Vernon and Mark this season. Pop in and support our local supporter of Minkey, if you have a chance: - The Source Bulk Goods in Glebe. Our U9's got off to a great start at the recent launch of the Kookaburra 8's series where we were the best represented Club in attendance, securing our kids some great coaching and development time.

We look forward to hearing more about our U11 to U15 SEHA teams this season-keep in touch on Instagram and send your stories and photos to [glebejuniors@gmail.com](mailto:glebejuniors@gmail.com) to be featured in the Red Rag. We hope to feature our U13B Strikers, being coached by a trio of our first grade men's team soon. We look forward to hearing some great stories from their dugout this year, and thank Dom, Al and BJ for being so generous with their time in supporting juniors.

It is Celebrate Goalkeepers Month! Let's start with Jasmine Howe: - she's playing 2 games each week for juniors as well as her women's and SEHA rep commitments. Thank you Jasmine, your efforts are valuable and important and we can't play without you!

Thanks to those kids taking their turn kitting up each week, and if you discover it's your favourite spot on the field, we are happy to give you support and development opportunities, just let us know. Special note of thanks to our generous anonymous donor of a new kit, which has gone to Clark Foster as he hones his skills between the posts. And at a recent specialist session, we saw all our junior goalies have the opportunity to learn from Glebe's star Goal Keeper BJ Bruton, who was incredibly

generous with his time and expertise on his road back from a shoulder injury. The image of two of our upcoming goalkeepers James Brine and Clark Foster warms your heart, and I know both boys have found someone to look up to, both literally and metaphorically.

In news, which alas broke just outside our last edition deadline, we want to recognise and celebrate Bridget Kelly, who also played her 100th junior game for Glebe recently. From the heady days of the Under 11 Vipers, through to her seniors' debut for Glebe Women this season, Bridget's smile, warmth, kindness and boundless skill and enthusiasm have been featured in every game. Bridget scored two goals in her 100th game leading her team to a sound victory, and is pictured here with the supporters and teammates who make up the #glebeU17family.

It's a reflection of the dedication of so many kids (and their families) that we have many more celebrations of 100 games to come in the next few weeks, and the lovely Tim Pritchard is rapidly approaching 150 junior games.



The representative season is in full swing at the moment, and we recognise those kids who are striving for excellence, and wish them well in their endeavours and safe travels. There are far too many to list individually, and we value you all. However you will find a separate article about NSW Bushrangers in the Rag, as well as mention of our current State players Riley Nilan, Sam Alexander Prideaux, Litiana Field and Mim Pritchard.

Remember, please stay connected across the Juniors Page on the website (you'll love it even more when the revamp is complete) and the various social media platforms Glebe has to stay up to date with Glebe Junior Hockey. Enter the Glebe Junior Skills Challenge. And good luck on the field!

**Glebe District Hockey Club Junior Management Committee**

# SOCIAL REPORT



The Glebe Hockey Club has been fortunate this year to get three separate fundraising BBQ's at various Bunnings warehouse locations in Sydney. The next one is set for Sunday 18 June at Mascot. Thanks to everyone to date who has volunteered to help out on this date. As a result we don't need any more volunteers! Please put your hand up to help, if you have not already, when I put the call out for the next BBQ which will be held on Sunday 30 July at the Ashfield store. The proceeds of these three BBQ's brings in almost \$5000 to the club, which is a great help!

The next social function will be a cracker! It's the annual GDHC Pub Crawl on Friday 12 May which starts at the Merton Hotel at 6pm. There will be free nibbles put on by the club at 6:30pm. Otherwise, please make sure you dine at the Merton Bistro to line your stomach before the night kicks off proper. The other stops will be nearby culminating in an after party at the clubhouse. The theme of the night is 'Mad hatters'. Interpret as you wish. All friends and family of the Glebe club are welcome. Children may attend the beginning part of the function at the Merton Bistro, as long as accompanied by an adult.

Please also add Wednesday 31 May (State of Origin 1 at the clubhouse) and Saturday 22 July in the social diary as following the annual Wark-Trevenar Cup between Glebe and Briars there will be a whole of club social at the Clubhouse.

**Adam Campano**  
**Glebe District Hockey Club Social Convenor**

# AROUND THE GROUNDS HISTORY REPORT

Glebe juniors tour japan



During the April 2017 school holidays, four of the Club's long standing junior players are touring Japan to play hockey with the NSW Bushrangers. They left last Thursday, 13 April 2017.

Emma Alexander-Prideaux, Tahlia Morrow (both U15's), Jonah Riley and Tim Pritchard (both U17's) are participants with the respective U18 Boys and Girls teams to play high school, university and prefecture teams on a 14 day, 2495 kilometre tour around Japan. The tour involves 6 days of competitive hockey at Matsuyama on Shikoki Island in the south and Gifu, Utsumomiya and Kurihara on Honshu Island.

The tour will be a wonderful cultural and hockey experience for the kids during the high point of the spring cherry blossom period. There will be lots of dinners and social events with Japanese hosts, cultural tours and even some teaching of Japanese minkeys involved. If everyone plays well, there is even a trip to Disneyland in Tokyo at the end of the tour. As usual, the manager was our own Barry Reid of Lithgow and dad of David Reid. Barry regularly organises and manages NSW Bushranger tours to Perth and overseas. He does a wonderful job and provides a fantastic opportunity for hockey playing kids.

**Mr David Pritchard**  
**Glebe District Hockey Club roving reporter**

## Passing of Kevin Rix

It is with great sadness that the Glebe DHC informs its members and past players of the passing of Kevin Rix. Kevin was a stalwart for the Moorebank - Liverpool Hockey Club for many years. The Rix family has had a long and distinguished association with the the Moorebank - Liverpool Hockey Club over many years. The Funeral was held on Thursday 20th April 2017 at 3pm Leppington cemetery. Kevin was a hard and determined forward for the Liverpool Club, who we had many a tussle and drew blood on many occasions. Kevin played hard but fair and would always join the opposition team for a beer after the game and recount the day's play with grudges held. All of us family and friends will take comfort in the fact that Kevin will be enjoying his eternal reward and may he rest in peace.

# GLEBE DHC HISTORY

History of the Glebe District Hockey Club's Railway Arch at Jubilee Oval Glebe



Jubilee Oval was opened in 1910 and was used by the Glebe Cricket Club lower grades from then on until the 1964/65 season when the Glebe Cricket Club amalgamated with the Paddington Cricket Club to form the Sydney Club. The Sydney Cricket Club played its home games at Rushcutter's Bay Oval.

The Railway Viaduct was built after the First World War which ended in 1918. The railway link between White Bay and Darling Harbour was opened in 1922.

Up until 1940 the turf wicket at Jubilee Oval was rolled by horse drawn rollers. The horses were fitted with special shoes to avoid damaging the pitch. Throughout the 1930's the grass at Jubilee was kept under control by 50-60 sheep which were yarded under the viaduct at night.

At around 1940 some of the Railway Arches were bricked-in and used by the sporting clubs that used Jubilee Oval. The Number 4 Arch, the Arch currently occupied by the Hockey Club, was used by the Saint James' Sporting Club Rugby League team from 1941. It's unclear how the numbering system was arrived at. There are seven arches in this section of the viaduct. The 'Number 4 Arch' as specified on the Lease documents at the time refers to the arch which is third in the row, counting from the Johnstons Canal. This Club had negotiated a five year lease with the Glebe Council and this lease was extended after the Glebe Council was incorporated into the City of Sydney Council.

The Saint James' Sporting Club Rugby League teams played their last season in 1949. A new junior Rugby League Club, called "Bing and Swing" was formed by the players who until 1950 had played for the Saint James' Sporting Club Rugby League team. "Bing and Swing" played in all white with a blue and gold vee. The Number 4 Arch at Jubilee was used by them until the Club disbanded in 1960.

The Hockey Club was delighted at the prospect of acquiring the lease of Number 4 Arch. Negotiations between the Hockey Club and the City of Sydney Council were skilfully handled by Jack Doherty who at the time was a chauffeur with the City Council. Jack Doherty had a son Ken, who at the time played hockey for the Club. This acquisition of a club room was a boon for the social life of the Club and provided a venue for players and supporters to come. On Saturday afternoons during the 1960s, '70s and '80s, it was not uncommon for there to be over 200 people at the club room under the Viaduct after the first grade game at Jubilee. From the time Federal Park became their home ground in 1986, fourth graders were able to stroll across the canal, grab a beer and watch the first grade fixture.

In 1960, the Club's neighbours under the viaduct were the Glebe Youth Junior Rugby League Club, which became defunct in the late 1960's and the Glebe Cricket Club which left Jubilee after the 64/65 season. In the 1980s the Glebe Greyhounds Australian Rules Club acquired the use of number 5 Arch (the arch second from the Canal). The Hockey Club has always enjoyed a good working relationship with its co-user of the Oval.

In 2008 City of Sydney Engineers decided that the front and rear enclosing walls of all the Arches at Jubilee were unstable and needed replacing. This necessitated moving the existing tenants out of their traditional Arches and replacing the enclosing walls with appropriate materials. In 2008 the Hockey Club was moved to Number 1 Arch Jubilee Oval, the most distant from the Canal. The City of Sydney Council was most helpful in refurbishing Number 1 for the Club. It brought water and electricity to the Arch and helped with the fit-out.

The walls of the Hockey Club's traditional Arch have now been replaced and the City of Sydney Council requested that the Hockey Club move back into this Arch. On Sunday 5 August 2012 the contents of Arch 1 were transferred back to Arch 4. Number 4 Arch still does not have water on tap and the counter and fixtures have not yet been fitted. The interior fit out of Number 4 Arch is still a work in progress as the City of Sydney Council have not been as generous in helping the Hockey Club move back to Number 4 Arch as they were in helping refurbish Number 1 Arch in 2008.

Number 1 Arch and Number 2 Arch have been now been vacated by the Hockey Club and the Australian Rules, and the City of Sydney Council plan to replace the enclosing walls. After the walls have been replaced at the Number 1 and Number 2 Arches, the plan is to use these facilities for storage by the Hockey Club, the Australian Rules Club and the Cricket Club.

Number 4 Arch at Jubilee Oval Glebe has been the Glebe District Hockey Club's Club Room for 53 years, except for the recent temporary four year relocation to Number 1 Arch.

## **Glebe District Hockey Club History archives**