

# THE RED RAG

"A Champion Club, A Club of Champions"

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This will be the last Red Rag of the year and I would like to thank Mark Paterson, Laure Salou and all the contributors who make our Newsletter such interesting reading.

Please save the date of Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm for the Club's AGM. More information and reminders will be sent to you in the following weeks. The meeting is open to ALL members so please come down and have your say.

Our recent GDHC 2017 Presentation Night was enjoyed by all who attended and was a great opportunity to congratulate all those people who achieved Club honours. Below you will find the speech I gave on the night which I think sums up where we are but more importantly where we are going. Enjoy.



## GDHC 2017 PRESENTATION NIGHT PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

Good evening everyone,

I would like to welcome all of you to tonight's celebration of the 2017 season, but I'd especially like to welcome our special guests, Natalie White, Elaine and David Trodden, Helen Howe, Ann and Colin Rochester and Simon Pilcher, who has continued to be one of our Club sponsors again this year – thank you for your ongoing support of us, and welcome to our Life Members, Geoff Paterson, Charlie Brown and Harry Wark.

I have been told to make my speech brief and to the point, so that I do not take away from what this night is about, celebrating our year as a Club and congratulating the members who have been voted by their peers as this year's trophy winners.

What I am pleased to say is that most of the membership said in the recent Club Survey that they enjoyed playing for the Club and that the Club was living up to its traditions or core values of Family, Equality, Commitment and Contribution. People play hockey because they love the game, but also so they can enjoy time



with their friends, get some exercise and push themselves competitively. Since the beginning of the Club in 1931, people have chosen to play hockey with Glebe because the special mix of these core values makes Glebe different to other Clubs – a champion Club, a club of champions. Off the field this year we've had plenty of success strengthening our community.

However, I'd like to say that our performances on the field this year were not as successful as the survey. Our results have not been up to what this great Club has been used to in the past, with only three senior teams, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade women and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade men, making the final series. Celebrate tonight with an eye on improving for next season. I think with the strong foundation of the Glebe family, success will soon join us.

But, as Albert Einstein once said, Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

The Management Committee has been working to put several new initiatives in place in 2018 that we hope will make a difference to the success of our teams moving into the future.

**Some of these initiatives are or will be:**

- Two nights of turf training with the booking of the Camperdown Tennis Centre for extra Junior and Senior Training on a Wednesday Night
- A New Constitution and Management Committee structure which has just been voted in with specific responsibility for the development of players, coaches and umpires
- The Junior Academy will be extended in 2018
- In 2018 we will be launching a yet to be named Sports Foundation for the continuing development of Hockey within the Club. All Donations to this foundation will be 100% tax deductible. The Foundation will support the professional development of hockey skills over all playing groups
- An improved online presence with a new Web Page that better reflects what makes Glebe a champion club and a club of champions.

The Glebe District Hockey Club will not be sitting back anymore; we will be moving onto the front foot so that the mighty Maroon and White will be back up into the top echelons of Sydney Hockey, men, women and juniors. This will be a hard road for everyone, both players and management, but the Glebe Family has never walked away from something challenging. It is in our blood.

I would like to thank the three Committees, the Juniors, the Women's and the Management Committee for the tremendous work done week in, week out to get our 23 teams onto the field each week. It might be seamless to most of you, but believe me, there is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes on so you can have that seamless environment. To the coaches, managers and captains for all your dedication and commitment to run your teams, thank you.



To Simon Pilcher, Damien Galluzzo, The Merton Hotel, Patrick Casey, Dresden Optics, Pharmacare and Osaka, thank you for the financial commitment you've made to the Club. It makes a huge difference to us, especially in what we can provide for our juniors.

To Adam Campano and his band of workers, a huge thank you for all the work that has gone into planning and preparing tonight.

And to the people who aren't on any of the committees, some who are not even members, that just get in there and do some critical jobs for the Club when asked because they are part of the Glebe Family, I thank you for your generosity, contribution and commitment.

I just want you now to look around the room. If you're looking past your teammates, you will see that our membership is not just made up of one kind of player or supporter. It's made up of people who love to play hockey and who are proud to do it in the Maroon and White. We are all different, but that doesn't matter, as it's our diversity in the one Glebe Family that makes our Club great.

Thank you and have a great night.

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





# SECRETARY'S REPORT

It has been a busy year concerning all things Glebe Hockey. As this is my first report for the year in what will be the last Red Rag newsletter for the 2017 season I wanted to relay a few important dates for the upcoming 2018 season so as players can hit the ground running come the new season. But firstly, it has been a privilege to be involved and play but a small part in producing, collating and distributing the Red Rag since returning from Perth in late 2012. This sadly will be my last year being involved with the Red Rag newsletter and in what will be my last year as Club Secretary. At this juncture in my life I need to devote more time to my family and with my spare/free time severely diminished I can not dedicate the required amount of time and effort to perform the role/roles adequately.

The Red Rag was first published on May 10th 1958 and is still going strong in 2017. It is a testament to our forebears that every Red Rag newsletter produced can be found on the Glebe DHC website. The Red Rag Newsletter has adapted, changed, ebbed and flowed with it's publication but has enjoyed a strong resurgence in recent years. With the Red Rag newsletter being published sporadically through the 2000's since 2012 it has been published every month during the hockey season (March - September) without fail. As stated in my Secretary's report the publication of the Red Rag is not the sum of one person's work but the combination of all sections of the club pooling their resources to provide insightful, interesting and vibrant reports that record the life and times of this grand old club of ours. Along with the Glebe DHC annual report the Red Rag provides a detailed historical account of each season month by month. I look forward next year to reading the Red Rag newsletter as a club member and player which I am very much looking forward to.

## **Important Dates for 2018 season**

### **Cintra training for the 2018 season**

- Time: 5:30pm - 9:30pm Full Field
- Start Date: Tuesday 13th February 2018

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** That training times for the senior men and women swap from the earlier timeslot to the late timeslot for the men (7:30pm START - 9:30pm FINISH) and from the late timeslot to the earlier timeslot for the women (6:30pm START - 8:30pm FINISH). Juniors stay the same.

### **Camperdown Tennis Courts booked**

- Time: 5:30pm - 8pm
- Start Date: Wednesday 14th February 2018

**2018 Wark / Trevenar Cup: Saturday 19th May 2018 - Playing times TBC.**

### **Glebe District Hockey Club Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- Date: Wednesday 29th November 2017
- Where: Glebe District Hockey Club House  
—Jubilee Oval Glebe Archway NO 5



- Time: 7pm START
- Details: BBQ to follow

In closing it would be remiss of me not to mention the efforts of Laure Salou who unselfishly over the years has helped collate and produce the Red Rag newsletter. Laure has added a touch of professionalism, style, quality and panache to help create a newsletter which the whole club is immensely provide of. From all us here at the Glebe DHC and me personally thank you for your unwavering commitment Laure it is very much appreciated by us all.

Kind Regards

**Mark Paterson**  
**Glebe DHC Secretary**

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## **Assistant Secretary's Report**

### **A Champion Club, a Club of Champions**

The Glebe District Hockey Club has a new way of looking after its members through the governance of the Club which will take effect from the 2017 AGM to be held on 29 November 2017.

On 13 September 2017, thirty three GDHC members met at the Clubhouse to vote on a resolution to accept a revised Constitution prepared for the Club by David Pritchard as a result of the consultation with members undertaken by the Management Committee Review Taskforce, the Constitution Review Taskforce and the GDHC Management Committee.

The business of the meeting was to vote to accept (or not) this revised version of the GDHC Constitution which incorporates the management structure proposed by the Management Committee Review Taskforce.

### **There were two parts to the proposed resolution**

1. That the Glebe District Hockey Club Incorporated Constitution October 2017 and its Regulations be accepted as the constitution by which the Glebe District Hockey Club Incorporated will function from 1 October 2017, and
2. That the elected 2017 GDHC Management Committee continue in their current roles to ensure the Club's efficient operations and smooth transition until the 2017 AGM to be held on 29 November 2017. The resolution was proposed by Carole Wark and seconded by Adam Campano.

There were a few questions and clarifications around the number of Directors and



their length of tenure put by members to Les Wark and David Pritchard about the proposed structure outlined in the Constitution, as well as some concerns expressed about how the Club will go about getting people to do the jobs that have traditionally been done quite differently.

Les Wark expressed his conviction that the Club has a significant talent pool of people that we will be able to tap into to spread the workload which has been done by very few in recent years. Asking people to do smaller jobs specific to their talents will be the plan. He reiterated his personal experience this season that people have generously accepted the invitation to help out where needed and when asked. He saw no reason for that to be any different going forward.

When the resolution was put to the vote of the meeting, it was passed unanimously.

The nominations for the positions of Directors for the 2018 season will be called for with the Notice of Meeting of the 2017 AGM that will be in your inbox in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to receiving nominations from members who are keen to work together to continue to build the Club's future as a Champion Club, a Club of Champions.

The GDHC now has a Constitution in line with the current legal demands for sporting clubs, and a structure which we hope will be a useful springboard for our players and members into a very successful future on and off the pitch.

Special thanks to the Management Committee Review Taskforce, Adam Campano, Sean Wotton, Adrian McKeown, Jess Higgs, Louise Tapsell and Kerry Hunt for their hard work and commitment in bringing the recommendations together so that we are well placed for making the next phase of GDHC history. Particular thanks to Kerry Hunt who did an enormous amount of work with organising the Taskforce and the consultation with committees and members and also to David Pritchard for the significant work done with the Constitution.

See you at the AGM.

**Carole Wark**  
**Glebe DHC Assistant Secretary**

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# MEN'S REPORT



Overall, the 2017 season, one that promised great things back in March, was a little underwhelming. A mixture of injuries, bad luck, poor performance and wavering attendance at training saw most teams place lower than expected.

## **Final team placings (at the end of the regular season)**

- PL1: 8<sup>th</sup>
- PL2: 10<sup>th</sup>
- PL3: 6<sup>th</sup> (Eliminated in 1<sup>st</sup> round of finals)
- PL4: 7<sup>th</sup>
- SL2: 7<sup>th</sup>

Third grade competed well in their semi-final against Moorebank-Liverpool. It was a fast paced game where both teams saw an equal share of possession. The team came out strongly after half time and were the first to find the net after Oliver Brownbill scored an excellent field goal. The lead however did not last long as Moorebank-Liverpool scored two goals in quick succession. Glebe controlled the final minutes of the game, but unfortunately the clock wound down before we could trouble the scorers again. Well down to the team, led by the seemingly ageless (and fearless) Aaron "Chopper" Nilan. I hope that you can go a couple of games further into the finals race next season.

After the season, a small working group of senior players sat down to analyse the year. We have managed to identify many areas in which we believe we can improve in future seasons. I am looking forward to putting some of the suggestions into practice, and am confident that next year will be bigger and brighter for all.

Finally, I'd like to wish all readers a very enjoyable and safe summer. See you all in a couple of months for some fitness sessions!

**Alister Cullen**  
**Glebe DHC Men's Club Captain 2017**

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# WOMEN'S REPORT



Our six women's teams are enjoying a very well earned break after a long and mostly successful season. Having said that some of them can't seem to stay away from the game and the club they love even for a few hot months - we have three teams signed up for summer competition at Kyeemagh!

This final Red Rag edition for the year covers a quick recap of the highlights of the end of the season, relying on the fact that there are more detailed reports on individual teams in the Glebe Annual Report.

**First Grade:** A steady improvement from last season (one win and three draws equates to three draws that were three loses last week). Each of these games has been hard fought. Special thanks to those woman who attended training all season – Laura Schmahmann not only won the Molly Wark award for her outstanding services to our women's teams, she also attended more training sessions than any other player. Talk about commitment.

**Second Grade:** A strong finish to the season ended Seconds in fourth position. It was an awful way to lose a semi final with one goal difference in a penalty shoot up. Our women played hard, our goalie Sarah Moore was brilliant, it was just one of those games that didn't end our way. Well done Seconds for another successful season and another finals berth.

**Third Grade:** Congratulations to Thirds on being minor premiers and very likely to be moving up the SWHL grades next season. With four games to go Thirds were in sixth place. The four games were against teams they had either drawn with or been beaten by. Two of the games were against the top two teams. Thirds won all four games to make to take the top of the ladder and be the only Glebe senior team to make a grand final. Unfortunately they were beaten in it by Mosman one nil.

**Fourth Grade:** A steady season for our Fours, coming in fifth position with only one point separating them from the top four. As a new team I have full confidence they will be higher up that ladder next season.

**Five Red and White:** a respectable finish by both teams that made us proud all season. Next season we want all these players back and will promise coaches and the right grading. The turn out from our Fifth grade women at presentation night was excellent and many have signed up to summer competition – thank you for your resilience and commitment this season, onwards and upwards!

### **In other news**

\* Congratulations to our very own **Litiana Field** - who was nominated for the Loretta Dorman award for the most outstanding player of the season at the recent Sydney Women's Hockey League awards night.

\* Best of luck to our young women about to sit their HSC – **Erin Machin - Hunt; Eden Riley; Mim Pritchard; Litiana Field; Isabelle Iglesias; Emma Grant.** Study hard, we will be thinking of you.

\* A big thanks again – to our loyal, reliable, skilled and dedicated umpires this season. Particularly **Lindesay Brine** who organised everyone and everything and **Ellie Sheard** who took a year from playing for study but still met her umpiring commitments (we need you back on the field next season as well Ellie).

### **Other thanks in wrapping up**

Sincere gratitude has been most appropriately expressed in abundance lately – through awards at the recent presentation night and in the Annual Report (make sure you read it this year, a lot of hard work brings some great stories to life). In signing off here I just want to mention all who have helped in the behind the scenes ways this season – turning sausages at our BBQ's; buying a sausage or a cake and tanking our players who made them; minding babies; selling raffles tickets; washing bibs; transporting players (I wasn't going to name people here but cannot go past Nadene's efforts in getting Makenzi in goals for Firsts every week from Newcastle); cheering and supporting our players; wearing the maroon with pride; collecting balls and just being a part of it all. Thank you – it's these efforts that make our club.

## **What's ahead for next year**

So now is the time we start thinking about next season. We plan to build on success and that means training for our top two teams. We need to grow our own juniors and we need to be an option for others to join up – the key is training, skill development and training. Did I mention training? We will make sure all our teams play in the right division and every team will have its own dedicated coach, manager and captain. We will be committed to the enjoyment and success of all teams and we will be aiming again for six. We will include family, organise babysitting and value all our players. The women's committee will be back, with experience under its belt and looking, as always, for new members and to connect with others who want to help in some way, however small. Get on board, be a part of something special. See you there #glebefamily.

**Kate Alexander**  
**Glebe DHC Women's Convenor**

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We made it. All of us here at Glebe Juniors want to close off our season by saying thank you all for your support and warmth throughout the year. Kind messages, engaging side-line conversations and a generous amount of laughter have been features of the season. It's fair to say that each player, parent, sibling and friend has made valuable contributions throughout the year, and are certainly committed to the Glebe Family.

Thank you to those who were able to attend Presentation Night and we hope you all appreciated the lighting, provision of sand castle entertainment and expert service in the canteen this year. We are grateful for the support of the Club Executive, Life Members and senior players for their participation and involvement on the night. Thank you particularly to David Pritchard, who has so carefully maintained a photographic record of the year, and captured some very special moments along the way.

The 2017 Annual Report is a lovely (and comprehensive) document to record the key events of season, recognise achievements and contributions and read a bit about your endeavours, the teams and the whole of Glebe Juniors. It will be available soon on the website if you missed getting a hard copy on presentation night.

We most warmly congratulate our U13A Redbacks on their grand final appearance in the SEHA competition. There's a beautifully crafted article in this edition dedicated to the game, but they are a team that has represented Glebe with talent, and smiles and deter-

mination and we are proud of their achievements this season. They are in many ways the flagship team of Glebe Juniors, representing some of the best and brightest talent, as well as making significant on and off field contributions.

It takes a village for things to run well, and we have many people in our community who have much to contribute. The focus of the Management Committee in 2017 has been to adopt an inclusive One Club approach, and involve members from all parts of the club, Juniors, Women's and Men's in the decision making processes and activities of the club. Glebe District Hockey Club will be holding its AGM later this year, and interest in any Executive positions can be made to our Club President or Secretary.

The Juniors Committee will also meet early in the new year, on Wednesday 31st January, 7pm at Jubilee and your input is most welcome, and encouraged. If you have any suggestions, feedback or skills that you would like to contribute to Glebe Juniors in 2018, please let us know at [glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com](mailto:glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com) or just come along on the night. 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](mailto: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. Those of you on top of your social media will receive regular updates on hockey over the summer months.

We are of course hoping to see you all back in Maroon and White and definitely Save the Date for Glebe at Glebe night on 7th February at Jubilee, with registrations and selections to follow.

Wishing you a safe and restful off season, and looking forward to another great year for Glebe in 2018.

**Clare Prideaux**  
**Glebe DHC Junior Convenor**

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# THE BEAUTIFUL DAWN 2017 U13A GRAND-FINAL



It was a fine, early spring, Saturday afternoon for the 2017 SEHA U13A hockey grand final hosted by the St George Randwick Hockey Club down at Kyeemagh (being an Aboriginal word meaning "Beautiful Dawn").

The fabled U13A Glebe Redbacks, under the expert coaching of Kate Alexander and management of Audrey Millar, had made the blue ribbon event against Sutherland Monitors. The team had had a solid season. It finished 4th out of 6 teams to get into the semi-final mix. In the semi-final, the team had a magnificent 3 to 1 win over Sutherland Geckos, the deserved 1st place minor premiers of the competition. The Sutherland Monitors finished 2nd in the competition and had knocked out 3rd place St George Randwick in the other semi-final.

Glebe certainly had the "cattle" (a technical hockey term) to win the grand-final. The team had a good and effective mix of size, skill and speed amongst its players across all positions. Even more importantly, it was a team that believed it could win and were happy and excited about the challenge. There was a real sense of purpose in the air. Many Glebe legends were on hand, including Googa, Harry Wark, Clare Prideaux, Aaron Nilan and Peter Busch, the Men's 1st grade coach. Before their warm up, Kate and Audrey took the kids for a team talk under the increasing shade of one of the two Aleppo Pines (seed stock originally from the famous Lone Pine of the Gallipoli peninsular) adjacent to the little war memorial within the hockey grounds. The parents and supporters kept their distance. Some of the siblings did encroach to soak up some of the buzz. As has always been the case, the radiant Kate spoke to the kids in inspirational words the kids could understand. The kids, the parents and supporters all knew full well how fortunate they were to have Kate as the coach.

Shortly thereafter, the kids started their warm up on the pitch. The drills were crisp. The short corners were working. The team was ready for the contest. The Glebe parents and supporters all gathered together, shoulder to shoulder, at the eastern end of the pitch. The game got underway. It was fast and furious. Tragedy struck early. Sutherland scored a magnificent individual

break-away goal. Some of the parents looked deflated at such an early goal against the team, but the Glebe kids would have none of that. They poured on the pressure with wave after wave of attack and some mighty fine hockey. There was a lot of running. No one tried to over-play their role. There was plenty of passing and encouraging support of their teammates on the field. No complaints about umpiring decisions. It was wonderful to watch.

While Sutherland did have some chances thereafter and there was some magnificent saves at the back, the rest of the game was really Glebe's. The style of the hockey the kids played was exemplary. In the few years that most of them have been playing, they have come to master the basics and develop real skill and understanding. They obviously have an enjoyment of the game and a deep affection and respect for their team mates and their Club.

Ultimately and with fair due to Sutherland, the final score was a 1 goal to 0 victory to Sutherland. What a tense last 10 minutes. None of the parents, supporters, coaches and managers had any doubt that our kids tried their very hardest and came so very close to success. Amongst the parents and supporters, there was a hint of a tear, but overwhelming pride of and respect for these children who had tried their very best and covered themselves with such glory, even if they did not ultimately win the game on the day. Someone thought of the words of General Douglas Macarthur when stationed in Australia during World War II when (incongruously?) he wrote a prayer for his only son to be "one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat". Our 2017 Glebe 13A Redbacks were entitled to be and were proud and unbending. Very well done kids! The Glebe Family is very proud of you.

In many ways, this team, this season and this particular game represents to many parents and supporters why they encourage their kids to pursue the game of hockey with this Club. Proper competition involving skill and enthusiasm between boys and girls conducted in a respectful and dignified manner (yes, the parents too) is something which this team, this Club and this sport should be justifiably proud.

After the game, onto the presentations. Medals for both teams. There were lovely words spoken by Annie, our captain, and the Sutherland captain. SEHA announced that the winner of the best and fairest for the grand-final was Glebe's very own Allegra. Allegra was magnificent in the game and was undoubtedly the deserving recipient of the award from both teams. The day ended with a joint photo of both the Glebe and Sutherland teams and hugs all around. The wonderful thing was that, while disappointed in the ultimate result, the kids knew that they had done well, that they had tried their hardest and that they had had a happy winter season of hockey with Kate and Audrey.

**Many more seasons await these wonderful kids. A beautiful dawn indeed.**

# SOCIAL'S REPORT



How good was the senior presentation night? Not the most politically correct evening you've ever seen, but highly entertaining nonetheless. The MC's Ed Noller and Jessica Higgs kept things interesting with their alternate pronunciation of some well-known player and family names, but they were fun and lively and well, we got there in the end. The food was great as always, as was the company. Congrats to all the winners on the night and thanks to The Grandstand Bar venue staff for being so welcoming. The bus drive down to the arches and the after party at the clubhouse was also great fun.

I'd like to thank everyone who has supported me in the past 4 years in my role as Social Convenor. While I'm happy to continue in the job, or help out in some way, it is unclear what role I will have in season 2018 with the new Executive Management Committee to be voted in as part of the new Management Committee structure in November 2017. So if I don't see you again in this role, it's been a blast!

Just a footnote. When the hockey season finishes, it doesn't mean you stop being a member of the GDHC. The club still has sponsorship obligations to fulfil. Please continue to support our major Sponsors, The Merton Hotel, by having lunch/dinner and drinks there, going to Trivia on a Thursday, or organising your next function there (hire of the covered outdoor area is free). It's a family hotel run by a lovely local family.

Thanks to all other sponsors: Galluzzo's fruit & veg, Pilcher Real estate, Osaka Hockey, Dresden Optics and Sambucol. Without your support we would run at a loss. Finally, thanks to all the volunteers during the season who responded to my call for arms for assistance at the 3 fundraising Bunnings BBQ's held. You beauty.

#glebefamily

**Adam Campano**

**Glebe DHC Social Convenor**

Around the Grounds - Glebe DHC News

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## Baby News



Congratulations to Pete and Anthea Dodsley who welcomed Maeve Heather Dodsley into the world on Sunday 17th September 2017 20:10 weighing 3.4kg or 7.4lbs in the old scale. Pete has been stalwart in the fighting fifths for many seasons playing 140 senior games for the club. Pete is a tough competitor and never takes a backward step on the field. From all of us here at the Glebe DHC we want to wish you congratulations on the birth of your daughter Maeve. We may even see Maeve in the famed Maroon and White in years to come.

## Good Luck and best wishes

To Chris Farrugia and his fiancée Meaghan Ryan who are due to tie the knot on Saturday 4th of November 2017 at Tobruk Sydney, Maroota. Chris has played over 200 club games for the Glebe DHC and is one of the Club's best trainers hardly if ever missing a session. His commitment to the club is unwavering and has served on the Club's management committee for many years as the Club's equipment officer. Chris and Meaghan will be traveling around Europe and USA, too many cities to name on their honeymoon. On behalf of the Glebe DHC we want to wish you all the best for your big day and the safest of travels around US and Europe and we look forward to seeing you in 2018.

# **Dave Robertson**

**Passed away Sunday 24th September 2017**

It is with great sadness that I inform the members of the Glebe DHC of the passing of Dave Robertson. Dave was a stalwart of the Club from 1940 - 1958 playing 250 senior club games for the Club during that time predominantly in the Club's 2nd and 3rd grade team. This period in the Clubs history is often seen as the golden years with the club winning:

- 15 - 1<sup>st</sup> grade premierships (1940 - 1958)
- 7 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade premierships (1940 - 1958)
- 6 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade premierships (1940 - 1958)

In the book Under the Arches (A history of the Glebe District Hockey Club to 1993) it states: Harry Butler (365 games) and Dave Robertson (250 games) toolmakers by trade, were partners in the medium - size company "Roblan", in Moore street Leichhardt. The Company still exists to this day and is located at 233 Catherine St, Leichhardt. Dave was one of the few past members to receive the Red Rag via the post. He would often write back informing the editors how much he enjoyed reading about the life and times of the Club in the modern day.

Dave was a Stalwart in Australian Manufacturing and Tool Making Industry. Dave's company wrote this citations pertaining to his founding involvement in Roblan:

Roblan Pty Limited's founding Chairman. David Robertson began the Company over fifty years ago, based upon his belief in Australian enterprise and his ability as a skilled toolmaker. David's leadership, his close friendship with his partners and work mates, and his determination to succeed were the foundations upon which the business has flourished. David was the Founding President of the Australian Toolmaking Association, Past President of the Main Anjou Cattle Breeders Association, and a member of the Australian Metal Trades Association, with whom he has served on numerous committees and Industry Development work groups. Through David's efforts, the trade of Tool Making was accepted and approved by the Industrial Commission of New South Wales. Many businesses within the Australian Manufacturing Industry currently employ Roblan trained executives and managers. Their skills and experience are attributable to David Robertson's dedication to properly planned training programmes for all apprentices, trainees and employees. David will be sadly missed by all of his Roblan friends and associates. On behalf of Fellow Board Members, Staff and Employees of Roblan Pty Ltd may I express our sincere condolences to all of David's Family,

From all of us here at that the Glebe DHC we pass on our condolences to Dave and his family. David made a difference in this world; he made a substantial difference to the lives of those around him and contributed to the Glebe District Hockey Club when and where he could. He was an honest hardworking man. The world is a better place for having David here. All of us, family and friends, will take comfort in the expectation that David is now enjoying his eternal reward in Heaven, which God promises to those of David's ilk, who lead a good life here on earth.

# Glebe District Hockey Club & Marriage Equality

## Proposal

Glebe support for marriage equality

### How?

By stating and communicating that: "We, Glebe District Hockey Club, support marriage equality. Equality, along with family, commitment and contribution, is a core value of our club. We support equality both on and off the hockey field and recognise the rights of our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) members to live and play, free of prejudice and discrimination, with all the essential freedoms enjoyed by other members of our community.

All are welcome and are valued based on their commitment and contribution at GDHC."

### Why?

We must live and stand up for our values:

- **Equality**— The state of being equal, especially in status, rights or opportunities. Marriage is about love and commitment. Standing up for the principle of equality means standing up for all our members to have access to civil marriage without discrimination.
- Sport has been shown to be the source of significant homophobic harassment and exclusion. Young LGBTI people are exposed to higher risk of suicide, not because of who they are, but experiences of discrimination, isolation and prejudice. A feeling of belonging to something bigger, including a community or sports team is a protective factor. At a time when negative commentary is increasing it is more important than ever that we make it very clear that we are a club of inclusion and show our support to our diverse members. Marriage equality is supported by our community:
- Polling shows that the majority of Australians support marriage equality, this extends to people of different faiths .
- Rainbow round in support of equality was positively received by women's teams, unifying the teams and igniting player's pride in their club. Feedback included that it was "a wonderful inclusive gesture" and "very proud of my club"
- Support has been extended by 1,511 other organisations who have also recognised the importance and power in standing up for the equality of their employees, students, members and followers. Examples include the

AFL, NRL, Sydney Swans, St Kilda Football Club, NBL, Volleyball Australia, Telstra, Sydney Airport, Fitness First, ebay and McDonalds. Our members have transactional relationships with many of these organisations but are part of our community – this is what makes our support so important and powerful.

## **Steps**

1. Endorse a letter of support on our letterhead
2. Provide a scanned copy to <http://www.australianmarriageequality.org/> and add the Australian Marriage Equality supporter logo to our website
3. Communicate our support to our community through social media and the red rag

## **Side note**

Dear Glebe Members & Community,

At a recent GDHC Management Committee meeting a decision was taken to support marriage equality. Equality is one of the Club's core values which have been the cornerstones of this Club since its inception in 1931. The GDHC has a duty to stand up for and live by its core values.

We support equality both on and off the hockey field and recognise the rights of our LGBTI members to live and play, free of prejudice and discrimination, with all the essential freedoms enjoyed by other members of our community. At the heart of marriage equality are real people and families, members of our club and community.

While the Glebe District Hockey Club respects the right of every Australian to make their own decision in the Same-Sex Marriage postal survey, as a Club, we support the same sex marriage proposal and encourage you to take action to get equal rights for all of the members of our community.

**Les Wark**

**Glebe DHC President**