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From the editor

Harry Wark, our Club Historian, tells us that the very first newsletter of the GDHC was published on 10 May 1958.

The Editor was Life Member, Paul Rogers, who was assisted by Harry Butler. In those early days it was called a 'newsPAPER' which is where the name came from, a 'RAG' being a newspaper of dubious quality which might end up in the outhouse as a primitive version of toilet paper. 'RED' was chosen as it refers to the dark red, maroon colour used by many sporting teams around Glebe because of the colour of the water in Blackwattle Creek, where during the 1830s the waste from the nearby slaughter houses was dumped.

Publishing a Club newsletter in the late 1950s involved a large commitment of time and energy. In those days there were no computers, no email, no word processing, and no printers as we know them today. Paul and Harry gathered the information, their wives typed out the copy and then the newsletters were printed using a low cost stencil printing press that worked by forcing ink through a stencil onto paper. After the newsletters were produced during the week, Paul and Harry would distribute them on Saturdays. Paul continued as Editor for 10 years.

Keeping members up to date with what's happening in the Club, providing an avenue for comment and for recording the celebrations of one of Sydney's oldest sporting clubs is done very differently today, but our members tell us that they still enjoy the Red Rag. Hopefully this will continue to be the case in 2018 when the

honour of editing the Red Rag falls to me. My sincere thanks to the many contributors in this first edition where you can read about what's been happening in the off season and all that's taken place to get us ready for a successful 2018 on and off the pitch. I hope you enjoy reading as much as I did the inspiring words of one of our young JDH Sponsor Scholarship winners, Izzy Shannon, and maybe you agree with some of the thoughts around where the GDHC Board should be putting its energy expressed by significant past and present members. Let us know! And of course the extended #glebeglobal feature by Adam Campano might have you packing your bags and your hockey stick and heading off to County Wicklow for an Irish experience of hockey family.

Publishing a Club e-news document in 2018 still takes time and commitment and I am very, very grateful to Laure Salou for her ongoing generosity, expertise and hard work getting our copy up and out to members and supporters in such a contemporary and professional way. Fortunately, we no longer have the slaughterhouse by-products in Blackwattle Bay providing us with our Club identity and, in the digital age, we know that this edition won't end up being recycled on the back of the outhouse door. I do hope that our offerings in this RR interest you though – I'm sure you'll let me know if they don't!

Happy reading and good hockey!

Carole Wark
Administrative Director & RR Editor

From the Chair

Welcome to the 2018 season. This year we have had to hit the ground running to accommodate the changes that moving from the old Management Committee structure to the new Board structure has presented.

Lots happens behind the scenes to make sure that each week our teams take the field to enjoy their hockey and I would like to thank all the Board Members and their committed supporters for the huge amount of work they have been doing in getting this season underway since the AGM in December 2017. In the normal Glebe way we are steadily working through our challenges and getting on with the job.

I am pleased to say that the Glebe District Hockey Club will be fielding 23 junior and senior teams again this year which was the same as last year - 12 Junior, 6 Women and 5 Men. This is good news for us as there are other clubs across Sydney reducing teams because of falling player numbers. Maintaining our player base, especially from juniors to seniors, continues to be one of the big challenges for the Club into the future. I'd especially like to welcome all our new players to the Glebe family. We're glad you decided to choose our Club for your hockey this season and we hope you enjoy all that the Club offers.

As a Club, we cannot rest on our laurels or rely on the glory days of the past to build our future. We must challenge each other on and off the field to strive to be the best that we can be, both as Club members and as players. We must be champions of the Club's core values of Family, Equality, Commitment and Contribution by making them our own in the way we approach the game and each other. That is what makes this hockey Club so special.

So what has been happening behind the scenes to make our Glebe hockey experience this season an enjoyable one?

- We have now moved to an electronic player registration and fee collection system which will certainly help in the administration and player management of our members into the future. All the competitions we play in this season will be using this player management data in different ways to do match cards, results, etc. Thanks to Josh La Spina, Sue Heath and Laura Schmahmann for all the work they did getting it up and running. I would also like to thank the membership for moving to this new system without any fuss.
- Wishing and waiting for our own turf is never going to give us on field success. Last year we took the decision to think outside the square and try and find an artificial surface that could support both junior and senior training close to Glebe. We were lucky enough to secure three tennis courts in one line at the Camperdown Tennis Centre on a Wednesday night for two and a half hours. This has been a huge success. For our Juniors there is no more cancelled training. If Jubilee Oval is closed, all training is transferred to Camperdown. It has also allowed our senior teams to train a second night close to home at a reasonable hour.
- Under the guidance of Clare Prideaux, our Development Director, several new coaching initiatives have already been undertaken to

From the Chair (ctnd)

develop players and coaches. We are now sharing coaching information and videos of drills and skills and team formations to all our coaches. This has enabled our coaches to be better prepared and up to date with the latest skills when conducting their training sessions. We ran a penalty corner drag flicking clinic over two weekends in February for all areas of the Club. This was a great success. The next initiative will be the Pilcher's Residential GDHC Junior Hockey Academy which will expose our juniors to the latest skills and drills coached by people who are the best in that field.

- We have secured two new grants (\$5400 and \$2450) and maintained our grant for the lease of the Clubhouse arch (\$). One other grant application is in the pipeline. The new grants will be used for much needed equipment and to begin a large project to digitise more of our old Club records and extend the written history of the Club to celebrate its 90 year anniversary in 2021.
- The Club's new website has been launched giving us a much better platform and functionality for the future. Most of our new player enquiries come through people looking at the website so giving people a great snapshot of our Club is important. Thank you Laure Salou and Carole Wark for all the time and effort you put in to finally get it up and running and to Deb and Mark Noller for their generosity supporting Laure's work on the project.
- Our social media presence is also having an impact in attracting and engaging members, supporters and other people interested

in the sport. It is also an important way of supporting our sponsors. Thanks Amy Shipp for revamping our Instagram and Facebook presence with initiatives like #glebeglobal, #wednesdaywisdom, #throwbackthursday which are being well received by an increasing number of followers and for lifting the professionalism of our efforts on these platforms. Rather than just scrolling through, please like and comment on our posts to widen the Club's reach among your own friends and followers.

- Preliminary work has begun on plans to refurbish the Clubhouse. If you have ideas or would like to be a part of the team working on this project, let me know.
- The Board has been looking at innovative ways of investing in our juniors to ensure the continuation of Glebe hockey as we know it into the future. We have decided to establish a Foundation with the Australian Sports Commission to secure funding for this important and exciting ongoing project. Colin Rochester will chair the committee of Aaron Oman, Josh La Spina and Carole Wark. Save the date of Wednesday 16 May 2018 for the launch. We'd like as many people as possible to join us at the Clubhouse on that night.
- The Board has also begun work on the 2018 Annual Plan. There are some interesting ideas from some of our members and supporters in this edition of the RR about what the Board should be doing. If you have ideas about where the Club should be heading, let us know. Email or speak directly to any of the Board members. We welcome and value your input now rather than your criticism later.

From the Chair (ctnd)

I will finish with some special thanks

- To all those of you who have taken up roles as coaches, managers and captains in your respective areas this year. With this appointment comes great responsibility as the way players are treated and led will have a lifelong flow-on effect on how they see and feel about our Club.
- To our sponsors, whose generous support means that we are able to fund the coaching initiatives and extra training sessions to develop our players and put in place the foundation stones to improved on-field success in 2018. Special thanks to Jim Oman for coming on board to help with the Club's relationships with our sponsors.
- To our senior players and older Juniors who make themselves available to help with the coaching of our Juniors on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.
- To all our members and supporters who filled in the Inner West Council's Recreation Needs Study Survey in late in 2017. The report has been released and it recommends the building of a multipurpose community level synthetic hockey field in the Inner West. This recommendation moves us a little further down the road to our goal of having our own artificial surface in the area. We are still in discussions with the City of Sydney Council regarding a surface at Federal Park. We will not be giving up in the fight on this one.



Have a great season but most of all enjoy your hockey.

Les Wark
President

Directors of the GDHC Board

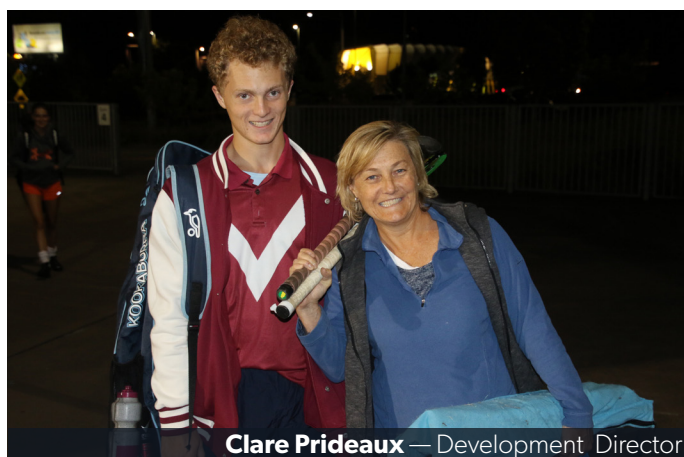
The Directors of the GDHC Board welcome your input. Here are their areas of responsibility, contact details and some of the good people who are assisting them in their roles

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Carole Wark — Administrative Director



Clare Prideaux — Development Director



George Manou (RHS), Goog & Adrian McKeown — Men's Director



Josh Laspina — Finance



Josh Laspina (RHS) & first grade men — Finance



Kate Alexander



Les Wark — President



Sue Heath (5th from the left) — Junior Director

#glebefamily: Words of Wisdom from People of Influence

Recently five of our Club's people of influence were invited to respond to the following questions

1. In 2018 the Club has some significant milestones (70 years of Juniors and 40 years of Women) and has begun preparations to celebrate the 90 years in 2021. From your experience of the Club's history and traditions, what would you hope that the Club retains of its past for the future?
2. What do you think is/are the Club's most significant challenge(s) going forward?
3. Where do you think the GDHC Board should put its energy this year? What should the Board be doing?
4. What's kept you connected to the Club since your significant involvement as a player, coach and/or administrator? What have you enjoyed most about being part of the Glebe Family?

Here are their responses

Col Rochester

I think what has held the Club together for the long term is its culture and values....some might say it's been the success on the field, but success can only be achieved with a solid foundation made up of a) a strong and growing junior base, b) effective administration and committee and c) going about our business in a way that is consistent with the Club's ethos and traditions – that is our culture and values. For me, if the Club keeps this as its foundation then success on the field will continue.

The one area that has always been a concern is the recruitment of juniors and the retention of players – particularly seeing players move down the grades after reaching their best hockey level. The world has changed and people's working hours are nothing like they used to be, but the draw doesn't seem to give players certainty of their weekly game. Keeping players interested when they have to travel long distances and

inconvenient times to play and train must be looked at. Teams playing apart and away from other teams also takes away their club spirit element and sociability that is a crucial element of playing sport.

I'm not really close enough to the day to day workings of the club, but like any Board (especially one which is comprised of hard working volunteers!) the temptation can be to try and do everything! Like business, a Board should always be working on strategy, administration/ financial priorities and recruitment/retention of people/ players. The players and members rely on the Board to run a good "back of house" and represent their interests to the Associations (SHA, SEHA, SWHL) – perhaps more convenient playing times & locations could be one area that the Board could work on with the Associations?

I've been on an extended break for the last few years... not for any real reason other than I wanted a break after playing and being involved from 1970 to 2010 – forty years straight! I'm looking forward to helping out where I can this year, getting back to watching hockey and contributing to the Club again in any way I can. The

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Club has and will always be a big part of my life. My best mates are Glebe players and members, the Club and its values contributed and influenced me greatly and in many ways shaped me to become the person I am today and through hockey I got to meet and marry Ann!

Mark Noller

I hope the Club retains its sense of community, family and inclusiveness with Juniors being a major part of the Club. Glebe has a wonderful history and this is always at the forefront through the continued involvement of generations of families such as the Warks, Howes, Manous, Nilans, Goodrick etc. But the Club is quick to accommodate and welcome new families and players – we were warmly welcomed back in 2000 which led us to actively get involved on and off the field.

A significant challenge for the future is the lack of suitable playing and training fields and cost of playing. If more fields are available, that means less travelling time and hassle for junior families and senior players; it also means more suitable/regular game times. Costs must reduce; we can't compete with the major sports so the cost of playing needs to reduce to make it attractive for juniors to play hockey and continue through to seniors.

I think the Board should be putting plenty of energy into working with all hockey groups and local/state governments to get our own field and other fields within the metropolitan area (not a third or fourth field at the established hockey Centres in SW and NW Sydney.)

Besides my sons still playing Men's hockey, I enjoy seeing the juniors now playing senior hockey and achieving higher rep honours (especially all those girls that have come through!!). Also, seeing Vernon's Minkey players continuing through the Juniors.



Aaron Nilan

I do hope that the Club continues to have a big junior base that will always hopefully grow and develop. I feel it's always been a club that prides itself on being tough (not necessarily rough) on the field and to play and train with a never give up attitude. The Club needs to maintain a high level of competitiveness against the other clubs, throughout the Juniors and both the senior men and women.



As for challenges, the Junior base is ok coming through. I'm not sure how, but the Club should try and get some more kids into higher Rep teams (NSW). There is also a big shortage of male juniors coming through. There doesn't seem to be too many players pushing for spots in the First Grade team. When some of the older ones start to drop down the grades, there is a big gap between the players that might take these spots. I know there's always some transition into senior teams but looks at this stage as a club we are just a little bit behind at the moment. Possibly some recruiting of quality players to boost the level of hockey is needed and then to be able to keep those players for years to come is a start. Or looking at top junior players from country areas that will eventually play in Sydney at some point (get them before they go to other clubs).

But it's also hard to get players coming to a club where the on field results haven't been all that great lately.

Possibly like I just said, for the men's side of things especially, looking at getting quality players or really developing our own so we have a competitive top 3 grades. And also- not sure if it's a Board or coaches' or individual player's responsibility, but just to get back to playing hard and tough and putting in the effort, on and off the field. The running of the club seems to be ok, I think the more people that do help out, makes it easier for everyone.

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What I enjoy most is simply just the love for the sport. It has kept me playing and coaching. I enjoy just being a part of the only club I've known.

Peter Busch

I hope that the Club continues to be a place of equity. The club learns from the things that have occurred over the history of the Club and continues to grow. Sometimes we tend to think of the past as a better place, we need to look realistically at the past and not let a small number of people carry the load. All members need to participate and be involved in the Club and the Club needs to be transparent in its operations in all ways.

There is only one thing that will enable the Club to grow and continue to be relevant. If a turf is not secured within the next two years, I fear that we will continue to slip further behind and will become a minor and irrelevant club. It has now reached the point of desperation, where the clubs with fields continue to grow and attract players of all standards and we as a club are unable to compete. This should be the major and most urgent focus, otherwise there will be no GDHC for the future.

I have always enjoyed the game! I've played it since I was small and I was driven to be the best player I could be. I was honoured to play so many First Grade games for the Club and to be part of so many winning teams with great people. I think that it's important to put back in more than you take out of something. I am always disappointed when people stop playing First Grade and don't keep playing or contributing. Playing with experienced players makes it easier for those coming through.

Starting the Minkey program was something that I've always been proud of and seeing so many of the children come through that program to become good players, even national and international players. More importantly, they are good people and good club members. I do like seeing my own children play and am grateful that they too enjoy the game so much and strive to be the best players they can be.

Helen Howe

Traditions from the past that I'd like to see continued

going forward are the continued focus on the juniors and giving our home grown every opportunity to play fun team sport, make friends for life and with ability, dedication and focus, to play first grade for Glebe in one of Australia's strongest competitions. I hope the club's juniors can see a pathway within our club to play their best hockey that puts them in good position/stead for further Sydney, SEHA, NSW and Australian representation. They've got to be able to dream big and the club has to support those dreams. Even if Rep hockey is not viewed as financially, politically, educationally worthwhile, if a player wants to play at the very highest level we need to support that unconditionally. We need to silence the naysayers.

I think challenges for the club are maintaining a better balance of keeping our players in the sport for longer, that is actually go down through the grades, not giving away the game once first grade is no longer attainable and attracting high quality players and possibly coaches from outside. We need to do more to attract strong regional players whether it be coaching clinics or old fashioned networking. We need to be open to different playing styles, coaching methods and personalities to continue to grow and evolve the club. We need to be viewed as a progressive positive club and not cliquey or insular. That might be hard for some people to hear!

I think the Board should put their focus into all aspects coaches and coaching. The players currently have every opportunity to train and be coached at a high level. We need to support those coaches, give them direction and guidelines and train and mentor future coaches. The players need to respect these efforts and turn up!

I feel like Glebe hockey is in my blood. It's my insides. My history, my past. It's my family, it's given me my family. The feeling of acceptance, the feeling of being home. Both of my parents had a long association, history and dedication to the club. My mum though in particular has instilled a belief I have that once you start something, commit to a team, you stick with it to the end (why have I gone for Souths in the footy all these years?). It's hard to articulate but the club is a part of me and to continue to be involved is just what you do. Your contribution in time will aid and continue the great history of the club. I know that I can still turn up at any Glebe hockey function/ training session/ game and there will be a familiar face that will greet me with friendship and warmth. My feelings for the club and the people will always be positive for me and I don't think they will ever go away. I could go on all day!

Save the date – Foundation launch and Briars day

Recently the GHDC Board decided to look for new ways to secure the future of our juniors so that they could develop their potential as hockey players and good GDHC members both on and off the field.

It was decided to register a Foundation with the Australian Sports Commission and to name it after Arthur Stubbs, a great supporter of junior hockey at the Club from 1956 until his death in 1972.

The Arthur Stubbs Foundation will allow members and supporters of the GDHC to make tax deductible donations to the hockey club, which will be used for the financial support of the Club in the areas of junior development, equipment and Clubhouse maintenance, officials and coaching development and pathways towards representative hockey.

We are planning to launch the Arthur Stubbs Foundation during the BACK TO GLEBE week, which will also culminate with the Wark Trevanar Cup against Briars on Saturday 19th May. As part of the launch, we would like to invite as many players, ex-players, members, supporters and friends of the hockey club to attend a function to be held on Wednesday 16th May at 6.30pm at the Clubhouse. This will provide a fantastic opportunity to not only learn about the Foundation, but to also catch up with old friends and celebrate all that is Glebe Hockey.

A beer and wine tasting will also be held on the night of the Foundation's launch and pizzas will be provided for attendees free of charge. It is hoped that the tasting will take place for approximately one hour, but if there is strong interest on the night, it is possible that it may run longer. NB: normal service via the Clubhouse bar will be available following the tasting.

So, save the date and invite others in your social networks to get back to Glebe to reconnect with the #glebefamily for this important night on our Club calendar.



#glebeglobal – The Irish Experience

During March 2018, I travelled to Ireland with my partner, Rebecca, and 2 young children, Axel and Tamara, in order to spend some time with the children's Irish grandparents, in their home town of Wicklow, which is located 50km south of Dublin.

As I was missing out on much of my pre-season at Glebe District Hockey Club, I decided to contact the local hockey club to see about joining temporarily to train with them. I spoke to the Coaching Director of Wicklow Hockey Club, Klaas Jan De Vries, who welcomed me to the club and advised that I was welcome to only train with the club (on Tuesday and Thursday nights in the freezing cold) and to play the odd game. As it turned out, I made a number of trainings and played 5 games in 3 weeks with the club's 2nd and 3rd grade teams (for 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss), including being part of the team to win the Minor Cup semi-final, who will play in the Cup Final in Dublin at Ireland's most decorated hockey club, Three Rock Rovers, in late April, albeit without me.

The Wicklow Hockey Club was formed in the 1920's but disbanded for a while before being reformed in 1996. The club was championed for many years by a good friend of my partner, who passed away recently, and the mantle has been handed over to the likes of Klaas (a Dutch emigrant) and a very capable Management Committee. The club on its reformation started with only one men's team, but has now grown to three men's teams, one women's team, and have over 200 junior members (boys and girls), many of whom have come from the local East Glendalough in Wicklow Town, where the home turf is based.

The 3rd grade side I played in was captained by Connor Kennedy, who works in Pharmaceuticals in the town of Bray, and the 2nd grade captain (see photo attached) was Jack Kinkhead, originally from Northern Ireland, the local Vicar at the Wicklow Church of Ireland. The 1st grade and Club Captain, David Nuzum, is an impressive young man from a local town in Arklow, who reminded me much of our own Al Cullen.

The Wicklow players come from all over the County of Wicklow, which has an area of over 2000 square kilometres and a population of 142,000, and they play in the Leinster League, which means that on occasion they may have to travel up to 3 hours to play away games (I know as I played one Saturday arvo game in the Midlands of Ireland!).



The Wicklow Hockey Club, like the GDHC, emphasises family values, social interaction, playing for fun and junior development as the core principles of the club. The club is heavily reliant on fundraising and of the generosity of its club members who volunteer their time to umpire, coach, manage teams and to help administer the club day-to-day. Best of all is that all the members have a great sense of humour, after all, don't forget many of us Aussies are distantly related to them.

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Perhaps the GDHC could look at having a brother/sister relationship with the WHC in the future, where players from each club would be welcomed with open arms at the other, on occasion when travelling through Ireland or when on a gap year. Wicklow is known as “the Garden County” and the prettiest of all the 32 counties of Ireland. It is a 50 minute commute to Dublin by train or by car (although don’t ever get stuck on the N11 in peak hour – it’s a nightmare), so a perfect distance from the capital city (in my opinion) and from the Guinness Brewery, Jameson Distillery, and the many amazing, snug pubs and bars that Dublin has to offer.

I had a great experience with the WHC in the short time I was there, and cannot recommend the club enough to anyone who is keen to play there if they ever venture to the Emerald Isle.

Adam Campano

Third grade men’s captain

#glebejuniors

It's been a crazy few months. We kick started the pre-season with our annual Glebe@Glebe night at our incredibly beautiful – when the sun shines – Jubilee Oval.

We had a terrific roll up on the night, welcoming back our existing players and families and introducing our great Club to our new recruits. Feedback was really positive and as a result our Junior registrations continue to grow.

We then moved onto Redback trials. Over the course of 3 weeks we facilitated trial sessions at Cintra which resulted in the announcement of five teams. Congratulations to all players that trialled for a place in these teams and took the opportunity to get a few training sessions in before the season begins.

One of the many positives we can point to this early in the year is the turf option we now have with Camperdown Tennis Centre. We've facilitated over 10 development skills and drills sessions so far, and the response is fantastic. Clare Prideaux and her dedicated senior players support crew have made such a difference. I've no doubt our kids will continue to benefit from the opportunity these sessions provide throughout the season ahead. Not to mention the fact that we've not had to cancel one Wednesday night training session due to rain. What a relief!!

Our U17 Redback Metro Team has commenced their season. I had the opportunity to attend a game a couple of weeks back and to say I was impressed with the speed and level of skill I witnessed - would be an understatement. They finished that night with a win and positive signs for the season ahead.

All other Juniors will start their SEHA season on the weekend of 4th and 5th of May, and I like you will be pleased to play some hockey!!

A big congratulations to our many Juniors who are playing representative hockey this year. We are incredibly proud of our talented kids that represent NSW CCS, NSW IGGSA, Sydney East CHS and SEHA across all age groups. Well done!!

Yes, it's been a crazy few months. However, none of the above happens without the continued support of our Club President, Les, and our Board Members, Juniors Committee, Coaches, Managers and Parents. Thank you to everyone that has contributed in all the ways you do. You make our Club the very special place it is. Family, Equality, Commitment, Contribution.

Sue Heath
Juniors director



#glebemen

Welcome to the start of the 2018 Hockey Season!

Firstly let me start by saying that I feel very proud to be your Men's Director for the Glebe District Hockey Club. The Club has undergone some structural changes, which will serve us well in the future. Welcome also to the new members of the Glebe Men's Committee of Alister Cullen, Adrian McKeown and Aleks Manou.

Our Club has a long and proud history but we can never rest on the deeds of the past but must strive towards a better future. During the 2018 season and moving forward, our club values of Family, Equality, Contribution and Commitment must become a focus for all our members.

Glebe has always been a family orientated club with family members playing side by side on the field. The youngest members of our family have been there on the sidelines cheering us on all under the watchful eye of other club members while their parents or siblings take part in the game. Our families and our Glebe Family help us celebrate our highs and lift us during our lows. This strength in numbers can never be underestimated and is paramount in the success of our Club. The Glebe Family also values diversity. We want our players to thrive and feel as scene of belonging whatever their age, cultural background, religion or sexual preference.



The feeling of belonging should be a goal we all strive towards. All members are encouraged to lend a hand. Get involved with the activities that club organizes and even become part of the organization of an event. Our fundraisers, be it the Bunnings BBQs or even after game social events for your team will be of value to all members of the club. Events at our sponsor's establishments such as the Harold Park Hotel or Saint John Espresso all add to the richness of club life. Be there and contribute to the Glebe's success.



As we get further into the 2018 season I call on all players to make a commitment to the club, to their team and especially to their teammates. Playing hockey is truly rewarding if you are willing to let it be so. Set yourself some personal goals. Life is very hectic in this day and age but to be able to get away and feel the exhilaration of playing can never be underestimated. Sometimes its hard to get to training or even get to a game but we all know when we get there, when we are with our Glebe Family, the effort is all worthwhile.

Yours in Hockey,

George Manou
Men's Director

#glebewomen: O Captain, My Captain

This week our women added an impressive bunch of captains and vice- captains to the leadership ranks. And modern sports' research points to the important role they will play.

In his book "The Captain's Class", Wall Street journalist Sam Walker studied the 16 best performing international teams ever - a group that includes our very own Hockeyroos. He found the "most crucial ingredient in a team that achieves and sustains historic greatness is the character of the player who leads it". Walker determined that all 16 captains shared subtle yet common traits - notably that they were relentless; played to the limits of the rules; communicated in low key, practical and democratic ways and; importantly, were in total control of their emotions.

Our new leaders have all these qualities and more. They were congratulated by Les Wark, GDHC President and Cec Crobach, Women's Club Captain, at training this week and talked with them about how they will strive to uphold club values. That won't be hard - this group has commitment, community, family and equality in abundance.

Most exciting is the addition of young women into vice-captain roles. Bridget Kelly (Third Grade) and Scout Hathaway- Wilson (Sixth Grade) are both still at school. We look to them now and in the future. A particular highlight in round one was Lou Tapsell (epitome of all things great captain) when she requested the very proud and smiling Bridget lead Third Grade onto the ground. It follows that Bridget played the game of her life and steered the team to a convincing win.

Then we have the tried and true stuff of legends - Alisha Middleton and Lynsey Askew heading up our mighty First Grade and Terrie Iglesias, stalwart and unflappable defender spreading a cool hand of leadership over Second Grade. These women and all their team mates made us very proud in round one - the extra training and diligent coaching is paying rewards in the form of fit, skilful and hardworking

athletes. Game on Glebe women - it's your time. A new partnership signals great hope for Fourth Grade - Jess Wright, our country girl from northern NSW pairs up with local girl Erin Machin- Hunt. They have been getting their team to training and it paid off with a blistering first round win, celebrated in fine style with their tradition of post game scones, jam and cream.

Last but not least is our leaders for our two teams playing in the SEHA competition. Elena Hux and Jena Prince led Fifth Grade to a gutsy draw in its first game - no small achievement as a new team in a strong level of competition. And welcome on board Julie Phillips who captains Sixth Grade in her return to hockey after many years away from it - one minute she was supporting her daughter Claudia from the sidelines, the next she was running around with the best of them.



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of Sixth Grade. It is a team of great hope reflecting everything that is wonderful about our club. It was the first team to register all players; when there was no coach Olivia Edwards from Fifth Grade just put her hand up; when there was no manager Rachael Beckett, mother of three upcoming Glebe juniors, decided that she had been watching the game for long enough and it was time to give it a go. She put a new stick in one hand and seized the opportunity to manage with the other. Add to the mix 12 year old Cate; our mother-daughter combination; our new recruits from Sydney Uni who seek a social club and Georgia, just finished school in Gunnedah and never lived in Sydney before. Their diversity is their strength; their enthusiasm is infectious. And when they crack their first win we will all be behind them.

Yours with a whole lot of pride in our women stepping up,

Kate Alexander
Women's director



Back row L to R: Terrie Iglesias, Erin Machin-Hunt, Bianca Osmond, Cec Crobach, Lynsey Askew
Front Row L to R: Scout Hathaway-Wilson, Jena Prince, Bridget Kelly, Louise Tapsell.

Senior results

Men

Glebe V Sutherland

Round 1	First grade	4-1 loss
	Second grade	10-0 loss
	Third grade	0-3 loss
	Fourth grade	0-0 draw
	Fifth grade	No game

Glebe V UNSW

Round 2	First grade	7-2 loss
	Second grade	6-0 loss
	Third grade	4-0 win
	Fourth grade	2-1 loss
	Fifth grade	3-1 loss

Glebe V UNSW

Round 3	First grade	12-1 loss
	Second grade	3-2 loss
	Third grade	3-3 draw
	Fourth Grade	9-0 loss
	Fifth Grade	2-1 loss

Glebe

Round 4	First grade	Bye
	Second grade V Easts	2-1 loss
	Third grade V UTS	4-2 loss
	Fourth grade V Easts	4-0 loss
	Fifth grade VUSYD	5-2 loss

Senior results

Women

Round 1	First grade V UNSW	3-0 loss
	Second Grade V Mac Uni	2-1 loss
	Third grade V Mac Uni	2-0 win
	Fourth grade V Mac Uni	2-1 win
	Fifth grade V Sutherland	2-2 draw
	Sixth grade V Bentstix	5-0 loss
Round 2	First Grade V Ryde	3-0 loss
	Second grade V Ryde	1-0 loss
	Third grade V Ryde	1-0 win
	Fourth grade V Canterbury	8-0 win
	Fifth grade V Easts	3-1 loss
	Sixth grade V Easts	2-1 win
Round 3	First grade V GNS	4-0 loss
	Second grade V GNS	2-1 loss
	Third grade V UNSW	3-0 win
	Fourth Grade V UNSW	2-1 win
	Fifth Grade	Bye
	Sixth Grade	2-1 win

JDH Sponsor Scholarships

As part of our relationship with our major sponsor, Jamie Dwyer Hockey (JDH), the GDHC Board has named the Junior players who will receive the JDH Sponsor Scholarship for 2018. Recipients receive a very generous 50% off their JDH hockey sticks and gear.

The applications were outstanding and all quite different. Young people of all ages and abilities told us about their hockey goals and how playing for Glebe had helped them achieve those goals. They also told us why they'd make good ambassadors for the Club and JDH. It was inspiring to hear what an impact our sport and our Club can make in the lives of the young people who put on the maroon and white from U11s to U18s. The 2018 recipients are Izzy Shannon, Maddy Scott, Talia Morrow, Sarah Brine, Asha Machin-Hunt, Lewis Francis, Hugo Moore, Ryan Maniarty, Michael Southwell, Janine Southwell, Emmerson Weiley.

Here's a little of what Izzy Shannon told us

How has playing for the GDHC helped you achieve your sporting goals?

Over the years I have always received encouragement and support from all my coaches, managers and team mates. Glebe is an extremely friendly and welcoming Club. From Day 1, I was made to feel welcome and quickly became friends with my team mates. I have been with pretty much the same group of team mates since U11As and we have built lasting friendships where we are able to laugh with each other whilst also giving each other help. One of my favourite parts would have to be trainings as no matter how hard they are we find a way to make sure we are having fun.

During our games we always encourage each other to get back up after we make a mistake or a goal is scored against us. This makes me want to improve as I feel constantly supported.

Recently GDHC has put on extra training – crazy early morning training with Andy from Hockey NSW, Glebe Junior Development, Thursday nights out at Olympic Park, Drag Flicking with Larry and Wednesday nights at Camperdown – you will always see me there!! I mightn't be the best player but I want to be the best player that I can possibly be.

Support also comes from the support we give each other as players both on and off the field. When I started playing Women's Hockey, I was made to feel welcome and not treated any differently to anyone else on the team. The women on my team have basically become my family as they are constantly helping me improve whilst making sure I'm having fun.

Support also comes from other parents, making sure I drink enough water and put on sunscreen even though I don't always like too! It's these little things that show how much of a family we are!! Other parents also spoke to Barry last year to support my application to be part of the NSW Bushrangers team that went over to Perth in November. Barry did not know me but the recommendations that came from parents of a couple of Bushrangers meant that I was successful! I am now going over to Japan in the Bushrangers in a few weeks.

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Why do you think you would be a good ambassador for the GDHC and JDH

I feel I would be a good Ambassador as I have a great commitment to GDHC. I really enjoy representing Glebe in the Metro Comp, Women's Comp, in SEHA U 18s and Open Women's teams. I have also just been selected onto the NSWCCC Opens team!

I have helped out at various Glebe events including Bunnings BBQs in the past and most recently the Glebe Juniors day in February. I have helped get hockey onto the sports programme at St Scholastica's and have the official role of Student Coach for the younger players. I feel this will give me the experience to help more with the younger players at GDHC and I look forward to being more involved in this after my HSC this year. The main reason I would be a great Ambassador is that hockey is my passion and I would love to encourage others to get more involved and to achieve their best! I believe that Jamie Dwyer is an absolute role model for young hockey players, I would be honoured to be sponsored by JDH.



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Remember to mention the phrase "Glebe hockey loves the Harold Park Hotel" to receive your 10% discount when you visit the Harold Park Hotel in Wigram Rd, Glebe. We are doing some relationship building with them to try to secure a more lucrative sponsorship in 2019.

#glebefamiltupdates

The Glebe District Hockey Club is much more than 23 teams of players who love their hockey. Part of the Club's tradition is to look after our own and being aware of what's happening around the family traps has been a feature of the RR since its beginnings. Here's a little of what's been happening since the last edition.

Adam Howard and Polly Dunning recently welcomed their second child - a daughter, Esther Catherine Dorothy Howard.

Travis Denhart and his partner Lisa also welcomed a baby daughter, Nikola, born at the very end of the 2017 season with an excellent birthday for rep hockey in the future – 12 December.

Sarah Moore has recently moved to the UK on a working holiday visa. Sarah played for Glebe from 2012-2017, most recently as GK for Glebe 2 in 2017. We're looking forward to hearing about her adventures in the UK and seeing her upon her return.

Good luck to Abbey Walker as she heads to Tasmania for half the season for her uni work placement. Enjoy the hockey in Hobart, Abbey, so you can jump straight back into the maroon and white when you return in July.

Dom Tintner has also taken leave of absence to play hockey in Germany for a few months. We're looking forward to having him back towards the end of the season injecting his new-found skills and experiences into our men's First Grade line-up.

We said farewell and good luck to Will Noller and Laure Salou as they headed to the US to start a new adventure living and working in Denver. It's great to have them home for a few weeks for a number of weddings but they'll be heading off again soon.

Some stunning couples tied the knot over the off season – congratulations and very best wishes to Megan and Chris Farrugia, married at the end of the hockey season in 2017, and to Josie and Ian Paterson who were married in January and to Zac Farlow and Lonnie Wilson who were married on 7 April impacting somewhat on selections that weekend!

Welcome to all of our new players this season, over 45 of you, and many, many more when we add our Juniors and their families! We're looking forward to getting to know you over the course of the season and to making you feel very much part of the Glebe Family. A special welcome back to Alex Sheard, back in the fold after three years away, and to the amazing Melbourne couple, Colleen and David Downs, who are currently circumnavigating Australia, dropped anchor in Blackwattle Bay and decided to stay for the season! We're very grateful for the incredible contribution they have already made through their umpiring, coaching and playing.

Quite a few players have milestone games coming up this season. For our men, congratulations to Sam Chrysos for 100 club games and to Jake Ribarovski for 50 first grade games. For our women, congratulations to Terrie Iglesias for 150 club games and to Kate Pearsall for 200. Our Juniors have also been ticking the commitment box with their games played - Maddy Scott with 50 games and Lewis Francis with 100 games since his debut for the U11 Vipers!

Glebe men won the A grade final in the Indoor competition over the off season, in December, and of course we're very proud of BJ's Bruton's selection in the Australian Indoor Squad. Well done winners and congratulations BJ!

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All the best to David Reid who is currently away with Australian Country team. More representative honours for George Manou with his selection in the NSW Masters Over 55s.

And our Juniors are blitzing it with the following rep honours:

NSW CCS Opens Isabella Shannon (Women's/U17 Metro)

NSW IGGSA U16 Destiny Peris (Women's/U17 Metro)

Sydney East CHS Cameron Jones (Men's/U17 Metro)

Sydney East CHS Alanna Howe (Women's)

SEHA U18 Girls (4-6th May at Newcastle)

Emma Alexander-Prideaux

Sarah Brine

Olivia Cain

Prudie Dallen

Alanna Howe

Jasmine Howe

Bridget Kelly

Asha Machin Hunt

Talia Morrow

Destiny Peris

Isabella Shannon

Maddy Scott

Caitlin Wasserman

(Kate Alexander coaching, Wendy Machin managing)

SEHA U18 Boys (11th-13th May at Bathurst)

Lewis Francis

Cameron Jones

Riley Nilan

Rodrigo Pedraza Luna

Tim Pritchard

Jonah Riley

Matthew West

(Dean Morrow coaching, Liz West managing)

SEHA U15 Girls

Annie Millar

Allegra Symonds

SEHA U13 Girls

Molly Busch

Cate Heath

Billy Pritchard

Coralie Currie

In 2018 there will be four editions of the RR newsletter. Deadlines for contributions are: 1 June, 20 July, 22 September 2018. If you have comments, suggestions or something to contribute please send your material to Carole Wark on glebesecretary@gmail.com

Every copy of the RR that has been published is available to those who are interested. We have the last three years' editions published on the website. If you'd like to dip into some fascinating social history, don't hesitate to contact us to ask for any past edition.

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Zac Farlow & Lonnie Wilson's wedding



Ian Paterson & Josie Barron's wedding



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Dom Tintner



Megan and Chris Farrugia's wedding



Maddy Scott & Lewis Francis



Colleen & David Downs Glebe washing line



Sarah Moore's Farewell



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