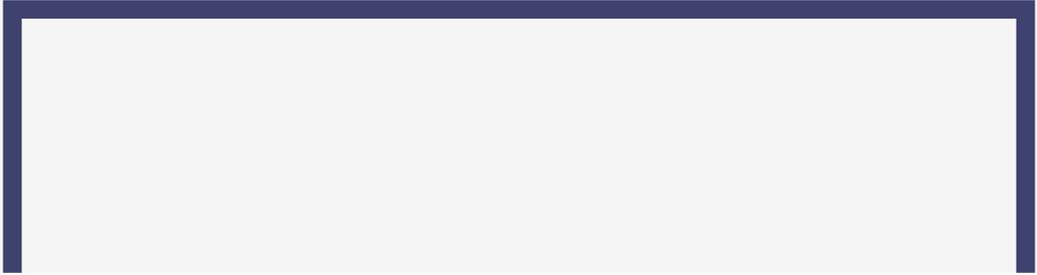


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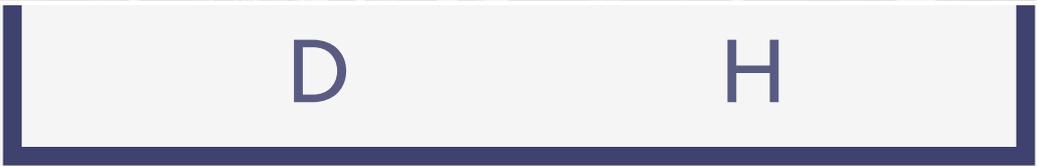


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From the editor

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The Player Survey has provided some helpful feedback on the RR Newsletter which I'm glad to say most people enjoy and would like to see published more often. Feel free to join the editorial team to make this happen! Some think it's too long, so this edition is structured little differently with the longer reads towards the end. If you're a sit-and-have-a-cup-of-tea reader of the RR you'll find a pot's worth of reading at the end where the extremely interesting biographies of Fred Eastaugh from Sydney University Hockey Club and our own Vernon Turner can be found. The names of these two club stalwarts grace the Eastaugh Turner Cup, trophy for the Derby Day against Sydney University. Vern Turner's story of contribution as an outstanding Glebe

player, administrator and 'father of the juniors' is an inspiring read. It's also a cautionary tale about the volunteer burn-out factor that is clearly not a new feature of our Club's history. Even people with Vern's extraordinary energy, commitment and generosity couldn't continue to work for the Club's future without more help from more people.

The GDHC Board and the Men's and Women's Committees will report back to the Club on the 2018 Player Survey which has only just been completed but if you're interested in the editor's opinion of some of the material coming out of the survey, head to the end pages for a read. Your comments and opinions in response to some of that material would be welcome. Just send it to me at glebesecretary@gmail.com for inclusion in the next RR.

We have some outstanding people doing wonderful things to get teams on the pitch each week but making the load lighter by sharing it benefits everyone. There are plenty of ways that members and supporters can help with the many jobs that get done week in and week out as well as slowly

From the editor

across the season. Check out the list that we have compiled and put your hand up for 2019 to help make volunteering at Glebe a little less overwhelming. Giving back has always been a part of the #glebefamily way of doing things.

With the season coming to a close there are plenty of reminders about end of year events, so check those out and lock them in. Celebrating our achievements and showing our commitment to one another when times are challenging is also very much a part of the #glebefamily way of doing things.

In the meantime, thanks for your patience and enjoy this edition.

Carole Wark

Administrative Director & RR Editor

From the Chair

Firstly, I would like to thank Kate Alexander for the great article she did on my behalf for the last edition of the RR Newsletter back in July when I was toughing it out in the Italian Alps.

The article really got down to what as a Club we have to start trying to do and the support we need to give to our fellow Club mates when things are not as rosy as they were in the past. Difficult times are when the true Glebe club spirit comes out. As the #glebefamily we have a never-say-die attitude and when our backs are against the wall that's when we are at our best.

The Arthur Stubbs Foundation was launched to assist in the development of hockey within the inner west of Sydney. The launch was a great success with the Foundation passing its target by raising over \$26,000 dollars to assist the development of hockey, particularly juniors, within the Club. The Board has prioritised a list of projects to be sent to the Foundation's Trustees for their approval to proceed. That list will be communicated to the membership through the 2018 Annual Report.

The fight for a Multi Purpose Artificial Field within the Inner West continued last month when I asked members and supporters to respond in a positive way to the Inner West Council's Recreation Needs Draft Paper which recommended building a hockey field. Thank you to those members and supporters who answered the call and filled in the survey. We have no chance of lobbying councils if we don't translate your support into the digital trail of council surveys. The Club submitted a comprehensive response to the draft paper. Thank you to Mary Wark for all the background work she has been doing on all these submissions to all the different councils and consultants.

This gets me to the point of VOLUNTEERS. A club like ours cannot survive without volunteers who do the unselfish jobs of keeping this great Club running. Coaching, organising and putting 23 teams plus Hooked

into Hockey/ Minkey onto the field week in week out just doesn't happen by itself. At the moment it's happening because of the generosity of a few. It's not surprising to see at this end of the season that they are showing signs of burn-out.

In the first year of a new structure the Board has let some of the old ways of doing things



From the Chair (cont.)

continue while those of us volunteering at the Board level have tried to find our feet. But I am advising the club membership now that the Club in 2019 needs a lot more members to step up and volunteer. Put your hand up to do a little bit. Don't just turn around and say someone else can do it. That someone is not there. The Club cannot continue to rely on small numbers of over-committed volunteers trying to make hockey an enjoyable experience for everyone else. To reach our full potential people need to give a little bit back. As one of our great Life Members, Pat Nilan, says:

"Every member has to look into the mirror sometimes and ask who am I in club life and do I tick all the boxes?"

So don't wait to be asked to volunteer in 2019. The AGM is around the corner and we need people to help us lessen the burden on the few. If you're not sure how you can help, ask a member of the Board or your individual administrators. We are all hoping for your enthusiastic 'yes' to the many jobs that need doing to get us moving for 2019.

A lot of members have asked how my holiday was climbing the Dolomites and the Italian Alps. One picture says a thousand words.

Les Wark
President

GDHC Sponsors

We're very pleased to announce that the TRAMSHEDS have come on board to join our team of fantastic sponsors. There will be more information coming soon about the deals you can get at the many eateries at this vibrant local, close to the Clubhouse, in addition to their generous cash input.



Foodworks

King Street, Newtown

Galluzzo Fruit Market.

Glebe Point Road near the corner of St John's Rd.

Pilcher Residential

Booth Street, Annandale

Assure Wealth

Bond St, City

St John Espresso

St John's Rd near the corner of Glebe Point Rd

JDH Sports

jamiedwyerhockey.com
(Luke Pollock is our sales rep)



Two of our Pilcher Residential Junior Academy up and coming stars, Molly Busch and Olive Currie.

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.

Save the Date!

Presentation Night

Date: Saturday 22nd September

Location: Grandstand Bar, Sydney Uni

Ticket Price: \$65 per person

Dress Code: Cocktail

Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start

Numbers are limited so please get in early to buy your ticket. Please pay using the Club's Bank Account details below and include your name in the reference.

BSB: 082 356

Account Number: 466 231 070

Account Name: Glebe District Hockey Club

There will be a complimentary bus to transfer members to the afterparty at the Clubhouse from the Grandstand Bar.

If anyone requires any further info please contact Josh.laspina@gmail.com



Glebe Junior Carnival will be held at Jubilee Oval on 26 August 2018.

Get back to Glebe to enjoy plenty of heart-warming and heart-stopping hockey as our next generations tough it out in a great day of carnival hockey on the grass.

For more information or to volunteer please contact the organisers at glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com



**GLEBE
JUNIOR
CARNIVAL**

26 AUGUST JUBILEE OVAL

Juniors Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday 19th September 2018

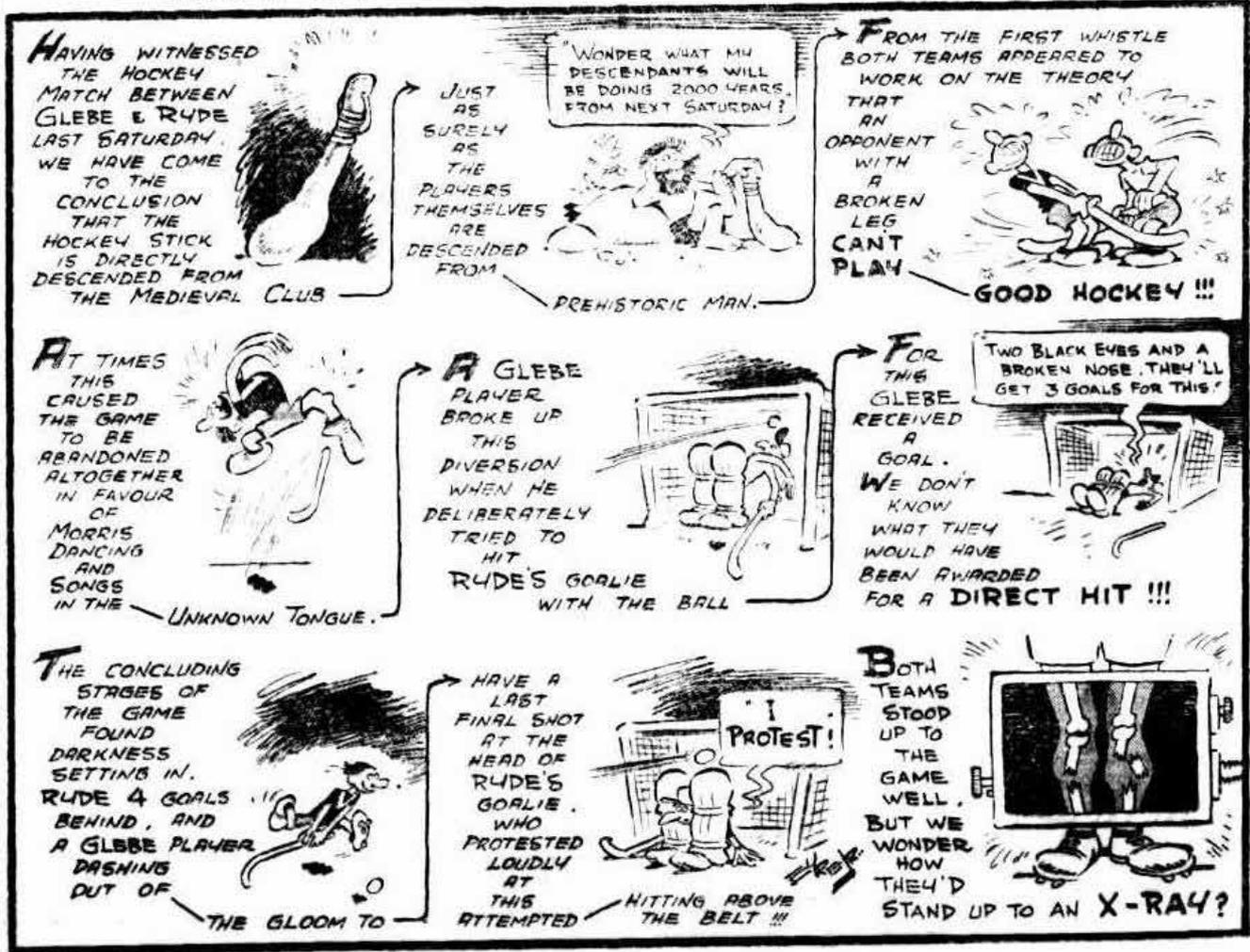
Our Juniors night of nights!

You are cordially invited to our Juniors Presentation Night where we get to celebrate the season, present some awards and recognise the fantastic efforts of our children and our incredibly generous volunteers. We come together every year under the arches at Jubilee, so please mark the calendar and join in the fun. Bring the extended family with you - nans and pops are most welcome!

#fromthearchives

Our Club Historian, Harry Wark, has been doing some fantastic research on some of our Club greats and during the course of the research has been sharing resources with Brett Radcliffe, the Sydney University Hockey Club Historian. Brett sent Harry this cartoon published in the Sydney Morning Herald on Monday 16 July, 1945, 73 years ago. Harry thought members and supporters might be interested in seeing it, so we publish it here with thanks to the Trove initiative of the National Library of Australia and Brett Radcliffe.

SHINS BEAR BRUNT OF GAME AT HOCKEY



#Contribution

The 2018 GDHC Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 December 2018 at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse, Jubilee Oval, Glebe.

In 2018 the Club moved to a Board structure which provided an opportunity to begin developing some strategies to ensure the future success of the Club across all of its operations. There are 7 portfolios with a variety of responsibilities. This year has been about seeing how things work without too much direction from the Board. It has become clear that we have some work to do developing the Committees which are overseen by the Board Directors. We need more people to volunteer. Can you help?

Everyone is busy. Everyone. The old adage about if you want something done, ask a busy person to do it, seems to work at Glebe. We have incredible people doing LOTS of work. Very rarely do people at Glebe seem to say 'no' if they are asked to take something on, so here is a list of the areas of responsibility that the Directors and their committees have to do to keep things ticking over. Someone might ask you to take something on to make 2019 a slightly easier year for everyone. Or you could volunteer!

President's Portfolio

Current: Les Wark

- Review of Director and Committee effectiveness
- Strategic Planning
- Liaising with Hockey Australia, HNSW, SHA, SWHL, SEHA, local councils, politicians
- Special Project: Turf Committee: Mary

Wark, Clare Prideaux,

- Other Special Projects: Arthur Stubbs Foundation; Clubhouse renovation

Finance Portfolio

Current: Josh LaSpina

- Public Officer
- Budgeting
- Fee collection
- Fundraising
- Grant allocations
- Equipment and asset recording
- Club room Management
- Maintenance of Insurances
- Financial reporting and payments
- Social Committee
- Sponsorship
- Arthur Stubbs Foundation - Trustees: Colin Rochester (Chair), Aaron Oman, Josh LaSpina

Development Portfolio

Current: Clare Prideaux

- Coach and manager pathways and development of all teams – Coaches and managers for 12 Junior teams plus minkey
- Umpire pathways, badging and development of all umpires – Umpire coordinator, Juniors and Women: Lindsay Brine
- Player pathways, grading and age allocation
- Player Development –specialist training, fitness, skills and goalkeeping
- School clinics and academies

#Contribution

- Arthur Stubbs Foundation

Juniors Portfolio

Current: Sue Heath

Juniors Committee: Allison Cummins (Administration and Managers' Convenor); Rowena MacPherson (Social and Fundraising); Kerry Hunt (Grounds and Equipment Manager); Lindesay Brine (Junior Umpires Coordinator); David Southwell (Social Media, Juniors Presence, Indoor); Laura Torrible and David Pritchard (Historical Records); Aaron Nilan, Margot Rawsthorne, Lester Currie (Coaching and Players); Vernon Howe (Minkey)

- Oversight and admin of junior teams
- Appointment of junior Club Captains
- Junior player, umpire, manager and coach numbers participation, selection and coordination for 12 junior teams
- Promotion of Club culture and values
- Communication with junior members, their parents and guardians and GDHC Board, SHA, HNSW, SEHA
- Facilitation of social and administrative interaction between club members with a focus on junior and student members
- Carnival and Minkey coordination
- Assisting the Administration Director with grievances and disputes including junior members

Women's Portfolio

Current Director: Kate Alexander

Committee: Laura Schmahmann (Admin, Registration); Cecile Crobach (Club Captain); Other volunteers: Terrie Iglesias (uniforms)

- Oversight and admin of women's teams
- Appointment of Club Captains
- Player, umpire, manager and coach numbers participation, selection and coordination for 6 women's teams
- Promotion of Club culture and values
- Communication with members and GDHC Board, SWHL, HNSW, SEHA
- Facilitation of social and administrative interaction between club members with a focus on women members
- Assisting the Administration Director with grievances and disputes including women members

Men's Portfolio

Current Director: George Manou

Committee: Al Cullen (Club Captain); Adrian McKeown (Assistant Club Captain); Aleks Manou (Admin and Social Media); Josh LaSpina (Registration and weekly Revolutionise Admin)

- Oversight and admin of men's teams
- Appointment of Club Captains
- Player, umpire, manager and coach numbers participation, selection and coordination for 5 men's teams
- Promotion of Club culture and values
- Communication with members and GDHC Board, SHA, HNSW, SEHA
- Facilitation of social and administrative interaction between club members with a focus on men members
- Assisting the Administration Director with grievances and disputes including men members

Administration Portfolio

Current Director: Carole Wark

- Committee: Amy Shipp (Social Media)

#Contribution

Gatekeeper); Laure Salou (Web Design/Troubleshooting & Publication of RR Newsletter); Louise Tapsell (Web Gatekeeper); Harry Wark (Club Historian); Mark Paterson (Assistant to Club Historian)

- Grant preparation
- Archives and Club History
- Communication and Marketing: Social Media; Website; RR Newsletter; Foundation
- Policies and Procedures, Compliance, Child Protection Policies – preparation and implementation; Grievances and disputes
- Business and correspondence: Associations – SHA; SWHL; SEHA; GDHC Board Agenda and Minutes; Annual Report; Liaison with other organisations – City of Sydney Council, Venues; Overview of Registration systems and record keeping, including committee agendas and minutes

#glebejuniors

This season of ours is moving faster than I would like and I expect you may feel the same. It has been an incredibly energetic run towards the season end, and as I look at results and ladders I'm thrilled that our Juniors continue to play competitive hockey week in, week out.

Whilst our Minkey children don't play for points, I am certain that Saturday mornings down at Jubilee, under the caring eye of Harry Wark and his support team, creates a similar competitiveness that is healthy and exciting for both children and parents.

With only five or so games to play of the season proper, I'm very proud to say that 8 of our 12 teams are a good chance of making finals. Not only is that a fantastic result for our children, it's also acknowledgement of the effort and hard work of our team coaches and managers.

The opportunity to train more, train harder and train at multiple venues with support from our senior men and women is resulting in increased skill levels and passion. That is truly a fantastic position to be in and sets us up for years to come.

But at the end of the day, regardless of a win, loss or draw – I am most proud of the positive spirit in which our children play the game. The way they interact with each other, the respect they show their coaches and the way they conduct themselves on and off the field is wonderful to observe.

There is no doubt that developing life skills starts

very early in one's life. Effective communication, being challenged, problem solving, awareness and making connections are just a few important skills that come to mind.

So as we head into the final games of the season, let's continue to do what we clearly do best – supporting the development and growth of our Glebe Juniors.

Sue Heath
Juniors director



#glebewomen

It has been a busy time for Glebe women with plenty of news about our players:

- **Farewell:** We said goodbye to lovely Litiana Field at a recent gathering at the Harold Park Hotel. Litiana has taken up a scholarship to study in Richmond, Virginia USA. She has been playing for Glebe since she was a curly haired six year old who could tackle boys twice her size with ease and grace. Litiana will be greatly missed; not only for her skill but also the role she plays in encouraging and supporting junior players. Go strong young woman – spread your wings and know we will be here for you when you want to land back in the maroon and white.
- **Congratulations:** to our very own Shorty (AKA Katrina Cochrane) who has been selected in the NSW Masters team that will compete at the Australian Championships later this year. Shorty plays with great skill each week and then passes it on by helping coach juniors on Wednesdays at Camperdown. We are also proud report that Makenzi Harvey led the NSW U16 All Schools team to a win at the recent Nationals. Makenzi rose to the occasion by clearing goals for her team in a nail biting penalty shoot out.
- **Respect:** Lisa Williams is soon to play her 150th game for Glebe. She will do so proudly and will run onto the field carrying on her shoulders the responsibility to inspire and guide younger players in the way Glebe elder stateswomen looked after her in years gone by. Lisa started her playing career under the arches down at Jubilee. She was the first girl to play mixed hockey with the boys at U17s. A feisty, skilled and determined player; Lisa's talent was spotted and nurtured by club members, most particularly Molly Wark who drove her to Manly for representative selections. The rest is history. After many years away from hockey Lisa has been back at Glebe for the last three seasons - inspiring and challenging our young women to do better. She is known for diving after the ball, never suffering umpires gladly and for giving her all every single time she takes the field.
- **Welcome:** to Molly Busch who joined her young mates Billy Pritchard and Cate Heath to play in our mighty sixth grade with the enthusiasm that will hold them into future seasons and will shape the leaders they will all become.
- **Good luck:** All the best to our young women embarking on HSC trials this month - Scout Hathaway- Wilson, Charlie Pepper, Alanna Howe, Caitlin Wasserman, Claudia Otto and Isabella Shannon.
- **Thank you:** to Colleen Downs for all the time and energy she has given to coaching our juniors and being a valued member of our Fifth Grade team – when your boat sails north we will miss you Colleen.
- **Wonderful news:** Mighty Fourth Grade has taken the minor premiership – with three games to go the team was ten points

#glebewomen

ahead of the next team on the ladder.
Well done and good luck for the finals.

Sincere thanks to the 71 women players who completed the club survey. At the time of writing we have just closed the survey off with the commitment to share the results across the club. What is obvious at first glance is that the great majority of our women players love their hockey, love playing with their mates and would recommend Glebe to others.

At the same time the surveys provide rich feedback about what we need to do to improve. There is no doubt that tangible progress has been made this season – we boast six strong and proud teams with people to look after each of them (coaches, managers, captains and vice captains); we have great numbers at training and quality coaching. Yet this progress has not always translated, as hoped, into consistent results across teams across the season. It is not the time to lose heart, we need to take faith in the steps we have taken - in our players, the legacy left by the women before us, the opportunities provided by committed coaches giving their time and energy.



Lisa Williams 150 games still going strong in Third Grade.

To this end we need to unite around our hopes. There will soon be a meeting for all women players to talk about next season; to be open and transparent about our survey results and to make some decisions about what our committee should look like next year and what it should work on. Watch this space for a date and place and then lock it in your diary - be a part of the change you want to see.

Yours in thinking about next season and how we can be even stronger,

Kate Alexander
Women's Director



Good luck Liti and thanks for being such a fabulous part of the #glebefamily!

#glebemen

Our Men's teams have been performing well during the final rounds of the SHA competition.

1st Grade has had 2 wins, 2 draws and a competitive loss to the competition leaders. One round to go, they are looking at finishing 2018 with a bang.

2nd Grade have also experienced some good results lately with 2 wins, a draw and 2 losses. Although well out of the finals with 2 matches to go, a strong finish is expected.

3rd Grade is well positioned with 2 rounds left and is currently in 4th position. Although the bye round has been a hindrance to them they have won 2 out of the 3 last games.

4th Grade also have improved their results and although they are in 12th position, have managed a win, 3 draws and a loss in their last 5 outings.

5th Grade in the Sydney League Competition have 1 match remaining for 2018 and have had 2 draws and a loss in the last 3 rounds.

Looking Forward

Planning for the next season should commence very soon. SHA have proposed changes to the competition structure for 2019. A copy of this structure is outlined below. If / or when this gets ratified action planning should commence asap.

George Manou
Men's Director

Extract

Proposed Premier League Structure for 2019

- A Premier League of three (3) grades.
- The Board envisions that between 10 and 12 teams will enter the Premier League competition. The competition will be limited to 18 Rounds, with no double headers and no hockey played on the weekends of the under 18 or open State Champs.
- Games in the Premier League will be played in four 17.5 min quarters (2 min quarter time breaks – players stay on field, clock starts when 2 minutes are up and a 5 minute half time)
- All Premier League matches will be overseen by a SHA appointed Technical Officer
- Clubs are to nominate a Premier League squad of up to forty five (45) players
- All Premier League players are to play in individually numbered shirts for the entirety of the season.

Eligibility of players for the Premier League

- Outlined in attachment.

Proposed Sydney League Structure

- All grades to be paired. [SL1 and SL2, SL3 and SL4, SL5 and SL6]
- Between eight to ten teams in each grade.
- Clubs are to nominate the number of teams by the second week of February
- Limited to 18 rounds.
- All games to be played in thirty five (35) minute halves.

Sydney Uni Derby Day

While the idea of a Derby Day against Sydney Uni has been mooted for many years by some Club members, action was finally taken at the end of 2017 to lock in an inaugural date with the SHA and SWHL competition organisers.

The games took place at Cintra Hockey Park on 4 August 2018. Similar to the Derby Day rules for the Wark Trevenar Cup, games were played between our First, Second and Third Grade men and our First and Second Grade women. The rules which were adopted though offer us the chance to play 6 games in the future, if and when we have three men and three women's teams in the top three grades of SHA and SWHL.



Go Glebe! Second Grade men take the field for Sydney Uni Derby Day.

In consultation with the Club Historians from Glebe and Sydney Uni, Harry Wark and Brett Radcliffe, the two Boards opted to name the winner's trophy after two great Club stalwarts, Vernon Turner (GDHC) and Frederick Eastaugh (SUHC). Vernon was one of the great contributors to the development of junior hockey at Glebe, running the juniors almost single-handedly for 10 years in addition to

being an outstanding Club and representative player. As 2018 is the 70th year of the Juniors at Glebe the GDHC Board thought it a fitting tribute to name the trophy after Vernon. Harry Wark has written a comprehensive biography of Vernon for the Club Archives. You can read a portion of the biography in this edition of the RR Newsletter. Fred Eastaugh was an extraordinary man who crossed the world with his new wife in 1907 to start a new career and a new life, and then dedicated himself to men's and women's hockey for decades. Brett writes that "the sport and the SUHC would be much weaker – if we survived at all – without his efforts. Frederick Eastaugh is a man to be honoured by all past, present & future players of the SUHC. Brett's summary of Fred's contributions is also published in this edition.

Being the first time we competed for the Eastaugh Turner Cup, the 2018 Derby Day was low-key with Sydney Uni coming away as winners. Here are some match reports to capture a little of the day's entertainment.



Sydney Uni Club President, Anthony McInnes accepting the Eastaugh Turner Cup from our Club President, Les Wark after the inaugural SUHC V GDHC Derby Day. Have that trophy ready for us in 2019, SUHC!

Men's First Grade Match Report v Sydney University 04/08/2018

Result 2:2

Goal Scorers: Ross Bougoukas (FG), Alister Cullen (FG)

Players Player: William Noller

By 6:30pm, when the 1st Grade game commenced, the inaugural Eastaugh-Turner Cup had already been lost to Sydney Uni. This did not dampen the spirits of the team, who for the first and only time in what has been a difficult season, fielded a full strength team.

Glebe started the game with purpose and controlled aggression. The team made several early attacking raids made possible by holding possession and hard, gut-running off the ball. Mark Paterson, Tim Pritchard and Ross Bougoukas were unlucky not to convert a couple of sharp chances up front in the opening exchanges. Defensively, we adopted a more aggressive, in your face, style of press and were effective in producing a few easy turnovers. It is fair to say that Glebe dominated the first 15 minutes.

A brief defensive lapse mid-way through the half saw the ball travel up to Glebe's defensive end. A questionably high cross from SUHC saw the ball travel across the circle and goal face, and arrive on the end of a SUHC player's stick. A deflection managed to evade GK BJ's pads, hit the post and land back in front of the SUHC player, who converted the goal.

It did not take long for the Maroon's to strike back. Minutes later, Tim Pritchard effortlessly beat three SUHC defenders at the top of the circle and found Ross Bougoukas on the back post. Ross neatly converted the play and the

sides went into half time at 1-1.

Throughout the second half, Glebe struggled to maintain the same control and ball possession. On multiple occasions, ill-discipline left us a man down. SUHC took advantage of this and the back group, led by player's player Will Noller were left to clean up with some inspired yet scrappy defence.

The rest of the game continued to be a real arm wrestle. We managed to take the lead briefly when your author scored a very rare field goal. The advantage didn't last long though because SUHC struck back shortly after with a PC conversion. Further rounds of to-and-fro were uneventful and the game petered out into a 2-2 draw.

This was a disappointing result for the team. From it, we learn about the importance of converting early chances and putting together a full 70 minutes of hockey. We also take away a sense of optimism, because we were able to display a few glimpses of 'Calypso Hockey' - perhaps a taste of things to come if the majority of the team can stay together over the next few seasons.

Once again, the Captain Courageous, Aaron Nilan, was awarded MVP for the game.

Alistair Cullen



Aleks Manou leading out the First Grade men as they take the pitch for the SUHC V GDHC Derby Day. Thanks David Pritchard for the arty photo!



SUHC V THE MARTINS! Laura from Second Grade Women and her brothers James, Ben and Dan at The Eastaugh Turner Cup Derby Day

Women's Second Grade Match Report

Glebe v Sydney University 04/08/2018

Result 0:2

Players Player: Talia Morrow

After coming away with a solid win over Sydney Uni earlier in the season Second Grade were nothing but confident about coming away with another win. Our movement around the pitch started off strong and the hype of the Derby Day was very much on our side. But Sydney Uni were too good early in the match and we conceded two short corner goals in the first half. We continued to push hard through the remainder of the first half, but our continuous endeavour to enter the circle and convert was denied by Sydney Uni's solid defence.



Not our best result but all smiles here! First Grade women from SUHC and GDHC compete for the the Eastaugh Turner Cup.

Whilst we definitely missed the mongrel of Terrie Iglesias in defence, Bala stepped up at half-time with a message to simply "be better" and get our heads and voices back in the game. The second half was a win in our books, with a dominant clean sheet. Our plan to force the ball up the right side of the field led to a lot of attacking possession for us towards the end of the game. Eliza's dominant skill up the middle along with Talia Morrow's smart passing up the right made for a lot of opportunities, but it simply wasn't enough to reach the back of the net.

Nevertheless, we celebrated long into the afternoon enjoying the hockey with our team-mates and supporters on such a beautiful Derby Day at Cintra.

Laura Martin

#glebeglobal

The Board has identified Recruitment as an area of challenge for the Club and has been exploring cost-effective ways of attracting new players to bolster our excellent homegrown junior base and provide back up for the increasing numbers of injuries as our more experienced players get older.

In the last edition of the RR Newsletter we heard from Dom Tintner, who is back in First Grade Men's after a few months playing hockey and being hosted by Charlottenburg e.V, a club based out of Berlin. He spoke of the benefits of the experience and recommended it to others. Ross Bougoukas, First Grade men's and First Grade Women's coach, has also had a few stints enjoying the same kind of experience in Germany where he was hosted by families from the club or shared accommodation with other players to help offset costs.

Every year our glebesecretary@gmail.com inbox is filled with expressions of interest from what are basically professional hockey players, men and women, looking for a 'professional playing package' to fund a season playing hockey in the top Sydney Leagues. This package often also includes visa assistance and full-time work options as well as accommodation. Increasingly our improved social media presence is taking us beyond our borders, also bringing this type of enquiry. Amidst the usual dross this year was a young person from a club just outside London looking not for a 'package' but some simple support to play hockey with a club like ours. We were unable to get things organised for him in 2017 but he accepted an invitation at Bankstown and has spent the season there, enjoying the experience and grateful for the opportunity. He has been in touch again to see if we might be able to start to organise something for him to return in 2019 so that he can improve his hockey by playing with a club that was recommended to him as a good fit by officials at HNSW.

Developing reciprocal relationships with aspiring young people from overseas who can make a contribution on and off the pitch to the #glebefamily is a practical way of getting quality young people into our ranks to boost our playing list as we rebuild. Our own players have benefitted from the experience and with their return to our playing ranks, so has the Club. Why not look to do something similar from our end? Our purpose after all, is the promotion, management and fostering of playing hockey and its growth in the Glebe District and beyond for the benefit of members and hockey players. (GDHC Constitution)

To that end, the Board has begun discussions with this young person who is keen to make a contribution to the Club and improve his hockey. **What we need to make this happen is accommodation for him probably from mid-June to mid-August. Is there a family out there, or someone who could offer shared accommodation at a reasonable cost? We have an offer for a short-term place from his arrival but would be looking for something or a combination of somethings for 2-3 months.**

If you are in a position to host, or know someone who is, please contact glebesecretary@gmail.com so we can get the ball rolling. This is a different way to volunteer, get to know someone new, support a young person and contribute to Club life.

Senior results

Men

Glebe V Ryde		
Round 11	First grade	4-0 loss
	Second grade	7-1 loss
	Third grade	5-1 loss
	Fourth grade	3-0 loss
	Fifth grade V Sutherland	3-0 loss
Glebe V UNSW		
Round 12	First grade	7-2 loss
	Second grade	5-1 loss
	Third grade	3-3 Draw
	Fourth grade	3-12 loss
	Fifth Grade V Syd Uni	3-0 loss
Glebe V Sutherland		
Round 13	First grade	9-4 loss
	Second grade	8-1 loss
	Third grade	3-1 win
	Fourth Grade	3-2 loss
	Fifth Grade V Moorebank-Liverpool	3-1 loss
Glebe V NWS		
Round 14	First grade	4-0 loss
	Second grade	4-3 loss
	Third grade	2-1 win
	Fourth grade	2-1 win
	Fifth Grade V St Gerge-Randwick	3-1 loss
Glebe V St George-Randwick		
Round 15	First grade	5-2 win
	Second grade	4-0 win
	Third grade	BYE
	Fourth grade	5-0 loss
	Fifth grade V RHH	6-0 loss
Glebe V Macquarie Uni		
Round 16	First grade	BYE
	Second grade	4-3 win
	Third grade	6-1 win
	Fourth grade	1-1 draw
	Fifth Grade V Monterey	1-1 draw

Senior results

Men

Glebe V GNS

Round 17	First grade	3-2 win
	Second grade	2-2 draw
	Third grade	5-1 loss
	Fourth grade	2-2 draw
	Fifth Grade V Moorebank-Liverpool	0-0 draw
Round 18	First Grade V Sydney Uni	2-2 draw
	Second grade	7-0 loss
	Third grade	4-3 loss
	Fourth grade	4-0 loss
Round 19	First Grade V Moorebank-Liverpool	4-0 loss
	Second Grade	4-0 loss
	Third Grade	3-2 win
	Fourth Grade	3-3 draw

Women — SHA Finals Series — Provisional Times

The SHA Finals Series will be held on 1 September at Moorebank, 8 September at Pennant Hills and 15 September 2018 at a venue to be advised. The only Glebe team in contention is Third Grade. We'll confirm times for 1 September for Glebe members and supporters to get to Moorebank to cheer them on.

The times for the Grand Finals on 15 September are as follows:

10:00am PL4
12:30pm PL3
2:15pm PL2
4:00pm PL1

Hopefully we'll be there in our maroon and white cheering Third Grade to victory!

Round 9	First Grade V Mac/Bankstown	2-0 loss
	Second Grade V Strikers	1-0 loss
	Third Grade V Strikers	2-0 loss
	Fourth Grade V Strikers	1-0 win
	Fifth Grade V Sutherland B	4-0 loss
	Sixth Grade V UNSW	7-0 loss
Round 10	First Grade V UNSW	5-1 loss
	Second Grade V Mac Uni	2-0 win
	Third Grade V Mac Uni	2-1 win
	Fourth Grade V Mac Uni	1-0 win
	Fifth Grade V POHOGS	5-0 loss
	Sixth Grade V Dolphins	10-2 loss
Round 11	First Grade V RHH	4-0 loss
	Second Grade V RHH	3-1 loss
	Third Grade V RHH	4-2 win
	Fourth Grade V Canterbury	1-0 win
	Fifth Grade V UNSW	5-0 loss
	Sixth Grade V Cronulla RSL	8-0 loss
Round 12	First Grade V GNS	5-0 loss
	Second Grade V GNS	2-1 win
	Third Grade V UNSW	2-1 loss
	Fourth Grade V UNSW	8-1 win
	Fifth Grade V POHOGS	1-0 loss
	Sixth Grade V Bentstix	5-0 loss

Seniors Results

Women

Round 13	First Grade V Moorebank Liverpool	5-0 loss
	Second Grade V Moorebank Liverpool	3-0 loss
	Third Grade V Wenty	2-0 loss
	Fourth Grade V Wenty	2-2 draw
	Fifth Grade V Easts	1-1 draw
	Sixth Grade	BYE
Round 14	First Grade V WD	3-1 loss
	Second Grade V WD	3-0 loss
	Third Grade V WD	3-0 win
	Fourth Grade V Mac/Bankstown	2-0 win
	Fifth Grade	BYE
	Sixth Grade V Easts	9-0 loss
Round 15	First Grade V Syd Uni	7-0 loss
	Second Grade V Syd Uni	2-0 loss
	Third Grade V Syd Uni	3-3 draw
	Fourth Grade V Wests Rugby	5-0 win
	Fifth Grade V Sutherland W	5-0 loss
	Sixth Grade V UNSW	5-0 loss
Round 16	First Grade V Briars	4-1 loss
	Second Grade V Mac/Bankstown	4-1 win
	Third Grade V Briars	2-1 loss
	Fourth Grade V Cronulla Sharks	7-1 loss
	Fifth Grade	BYE
	Sixth Grade	BYE
Round 17	Fifth Grade V Sutherland B	3-0 loss
	Sixth Grade V Easts	7-2 loss
	Fifth Grade V POHOGS	5-1 loss
	Sixth Grade	BYE

#glebefamilyupdates

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.

Harry Wark has just completed an amazing amount of work compiling the games played for every person, man, woman and junior, who has ever taken the field in the maroon and white. This season's games have not yet been added. Harry has been meticulous in his work but is keen for people to check the records themselves and let us know about any inconsistencies. These records are available on the GDHC website on the Club History section of the website under History Resources. If you have suggestions or questions about the data please contact Harry at awark@bigpond.net.au

More milestones since the last edition: congratulations to Matias Avellanal and Amy Whalley on 100 Club games; to Richard McKeough and Alex Sheard on 200 club games; to Jason McDonald and Ian Paterson on 300 club games with most of Ian's games being played in First Grade; and to George Manou, our Men's Director on a whopping 700 club games. Outstanding commitment!

Our juniors achieving milestones as the season comes to a close are: 100 junior games: Riley Nilan, Annie Millar, Olive Currie. 150 junior games: Jasmine Howe.

Congratulations to our juniors who competed successfully for the Tudor Noller Cup recently. It's back in Glebe hands! A strong Glebe contingent was part of the in the Under 11 SEHA team which competed in the York Cup and the Kim Small Cup in Tamworth in July. Coach, umpire and players. Great contribution Glebe Juniors!

Congratulations to Orlando Travis on his selection in the NSW U13 Stars side which will travel to Hobart in October for Nationals. Congratulations

also to Riley Nilan and Tim Pritchard for being selected in the HNSW Accelerated Athlete Program Squad for 2018-2019. These young men are an integral part of the Club's future and we're very keen to support their continued growth as players in the development space outside the Club.

Other representative honours and congratulations go to Katrina Cochrane (NSW Masters) and Makenzi Harvey (NSW U16 All Schools winner of the recent Nationals through penalty shoot out) , David Reid who was selected in the

Our very best wishes for a speedy recovery and good outcomes going forward for Terrie Iglesias who is one of the Club's significant contributors both on and off the field. Second Grade and Fourth Grade have been missing the consistent, tough, never-say-die attitude that she brings to her playing and coaching.

In 2018 there will be four editions of the RR Newsletter. Deadlines for the remaining edition is 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.

**Go Glebe – 'Champion club,
club of champions'**

#glebefamilyupdates



George Manou clocks up 700 Club games.



Orlando Travis NSW U13s



Makenzi Harvey NSW U16s All Schools



Katrina Cochrane (Shorty) passing on her hockey knowledge



Tim Pritchard



Tudor Noller Cup



York Cup & Kim Small Cup

Frederick Aldis Eastaugh – “Uncle Ted”

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SUHC the beginnings:

Hockey was just starting in Sydney when Eastaugh arrived in early 1907. The first men’s clubs Corinthians (1905) and Sydney University (1906) had only just been formed. The NSWHA was not created until a few months later, in July 1907. For hockey and SUHC he seemed to be the right man in the right place at the right time. It was immediately apparent to Eastaugh that the hockey club would not survive as a “University” club unless it fell under the umbrella of the University sports union. To gain acceptance the university hockey club had to abide by the stringent qualification rules of the sports union, undergraduates only. This would weaken the University team to almost beginner status, but this move paid off as the hockey club gained sports union acceptance in 1909. As a by-product he helped form the powerful Barbarians Hockey club, this new club contained University staff, graduates and many up and coming students from the Sydney Grammar school, enough players to put two teams on the park for 1907.

NSW Hockey Association:

On the Thursday 30th of May 1907 the existing seven clubs met to discuss the formation of a NSW hockey association, to be affiliated with the English association. In that meeting Eastaugh along with F. Peach and F.A. Sandilands was appointed to draw up and submit the first constitution. In which, they endeavoured to formulate rules that would suit local conditions and help firmly establish the game in NSW.

However the games actual playing rules would be the same as set down by the English Hockey association. Interestingly one of the guidelines of this constitution was that the purpose of the association was not to formulate a competition amongst affiliated clubs, prominent players holding the opinion that competitions tend to impair the amateur spirit. After much review the clubs meet again on Monday 15th July and the constitution was formally accepted, from this meeting the first NSW Hockey association committee was elected, the first president was Mr A.M. Hemsley.

Eastaugh as a SUHC committee man:

Professor Eastaugh was first elected president of SUHC in 1907 and except for 2 years during WW1 while he was in England supporting the war effort he served the hockey club as president until 1945 a total of 34 years at the helm. At this point he was elected president of the SUSU, a position he held for 3 years until retirement in 1948. He believed he could do more for University sport at the SUSU, but he declined to continue as SUHC president as he “could not wear two conflicting hats.” This was a remarkable run, not only in length of time but in history. “Uncle Ted” led the club through 2 world wars, the great depression and the influenza epidemics of the 1930s. His son Edward, unfortunately in 1935 contracted pneumonia during one such outbreak in Sydney and died after a short illness. His son’s untimely death hit his father hard.

Eastaugh as a hockey player:

From 1907 to 1915 he played for the Barbarians hockey club and several times for New South Wales. In this time he played approximately 70 games for the “Baa Baas” including a premiership. On returning from England in 1919 he discovered

Frederick Alldis Eastaugh – “Uncle Ted”

that the Barbarian’s club was extinct, one of many hockey clubs and sporting clubs in general that did not survive the war. After the war he took to playing grade tennis and golf.

Eastaugh as a newspaper columnist:

In 1907 Eastaugh started writing a regular hockey column in the Arrow newspaper under the name “By F.E.” His weekly columns gave good insights into the various clubs and players of the time. Eastaugh would continue writing his weekly column preaching and discussing all things hockey till the end of the 1911 season.

Eastaugh the umpire:

Due to the shortage of umpires, as it was a new sport in Sydney, professor Eastaugh did more than his fair share of umpiring duties from 1907 to 1914. These included both men and women’s matches at local, Intersarsity and state levels. Probably his umpiring highlight was in 1914 when he was chosen to umpire the first two women’s international hockey matches ever played in Australia. They were played between NSW and a visiting team from England, and were organised in conjunction with the NSW women’s state carnival at Rushcutters Bay in Sydney. After the carnival the players (good naturedly) presented both Eastaugh and the other umpire, a Mr Redgrave, with walking sticks.

Eastaugh the hockey supporter:

From early 1908 he opened his doors after Wednesday lectures to anyone – including players from any club, and women - who wanted to learn about the game of hockey, particularly the rules. His midweek lectures continued to grow and in some cases to whole teams, these included the Barbarians, Bandits and the newly formed University women’s team. He was a great supporter of amateur sport. He openly encouraged women to take up hockey and regularly coached/umpired and gave guidance to the University’s Women’s team. This was noteworthy because the Sydney University Sports Union was a male organisation frowned on this and refused to allow women to train or play on university grounds. This was partly why the University’s first sportswomen were called “the Newtown tarts”. They were tarts because their skirts were often 6 inches above the ground and

they were from Newtown because the only field they could use was near the Newtown garbage tip.

Eastaugh the Person:

As discussed previously his son Edward died from pneumonia in 1935 but what was not known till commented upon by a former student, Keith Bottomley in 1949.

Many students have had money problems, particularly in earlier days when government assistance was minimal. One such student before the war received a financial helping hand from Uncle Ted. The professor’s only son had died from pneumonia; he then sold his son’s books and gave the proceeds to his pupil. I do not for one moment believe that this was an isolated case, it merely serves to remind us that the somewhat gruff gentleman of later years was a man with a heart.

Eastaugh the Summary:

Nearing retirement the University student magazine Honi Stoit in late 1947 ran an article that probably summarises his sporting endeavours the best.

The sports union has a very able and useful president in Professor F.A. Eastaugh, who has made his influence felt increasingly since he accepted the office less than two years ago. His own summary of qualifications for the position is that he was no good as a swimmer and he has never played lacrosse or baseball.

The rather exceptional, if not unique, case of these two games is revealed by a little digging into sporting archives, which record more than a fair success in almost everything else. At school he was cricket and football captain, broad jumper and miler (running) and as an undergraduate at the Royal school of Mines he played rugby, soccer, rowed, sculled and boxed. During the Boer war he took up rifle shooting, and later represented England at hockey against France. Arriving here in 1907 he soon gained state representation in hockey and he also played a bit of cricket “with lots of fun but few runs.” It was at this stage of his career that he again indulged in boxing; this sport left him with a nose which was somewhat the worse for wear, much to the disgust of Mrs Eastaugh. Returning from the war in 1919 he found the Barbarians extinct. This used

Frederick Alldis Eastaugh – “Uncle Ted”

to be his old hockey club, of Varsity graduates. So he played grade tennis until golf lured him away, just as bowls now exercises a beckoning finger towards another recreation – which may even yet attain distinction of by becoming a constituent member club of the Sports Union. For the professor is a man of action as well as knowing what and how. Rumour has it that “Uncle Ted” as he is affectionately known in the precincts of the P.N.R. will be leaving us at the end of the year. If this is so, he will have the best wishes of sport Union members and inmates of the “Metal Polishing Institute” for blissful retirement amongst billiards and bowls. To use his own phraseology, he is one of our “better men”

This was an extraordinary man who crossed the world with his new wife in 1907 to start a new career and a new life, and then dedicated himself to men’s and women’s hockey for decades. The sport and our club would be much weaker – if we survived at all – without his efforts. Frederick Eastaugh is a man to be honoured by all past, present & future players.

Biography of Vernon Joseph Turner (1924-)

Vernon was born in at Coraki, near Lismore on the north coast of New South Wales in 1924, the youngest of nine children. The depression ruined his father’s business, and as a consequence the family home and its contents had to be sold. The Turner family moved to Glebe when Vernon was twelve and a half years old. He lived at 60 Saint John’s Road, Glebe with his cousins, the McGraths.

Growing up, Vernon was a keen sportsman, having played cricket for the Glebe Cricket Club and park soccer. He began playing hockey for Glebe in 1942, aged 17 years, in the H Team. During the War years the Metropolitan Hockey Association ran an ungraded competition. Players in the H team of 1942 were Sid Cainduff, Charlie Humphreys, Jack Cummings, Les Waight, Mervyn Nixon, Tom Irvine, Jack Tanner, Kelvin Dickey, Kevin Ryan, Charlie Whiteside, Vic Burton, and Jack Worley. Vernon had played 117 Club games over seven seasons as at the conclusion of the 1948 season.

Vernon was a member of the 1952 Premiership First Grade winning team along with Frank Murray (captain), Noel Walker, Harry Wark, Ray Thorpe, Bob Needham, Les Waight, Bill Ryan, Vince Halls, Ken Wark, Jack Taylor, Bill Lord, Glen Elliott and Fred Needham.

The 1952 Annual report had this to say about Vernon “scholar and gentleman, renowned after-dinner speaker, especially with single female audience. Obvious State captain.”

At the end of the 1954 season Vernon had played over 200 games for Glebe and this tally had increased to 259 by the close of the 1957 season. Of these, 250 were played in First Grade. Vernon was a talented hockey player, who played mostly on the left wing, but he spent a season or two late in his career as a left half. He had vision, insight, read a game well, his option taking was usually spot-on; he had a good turn of pace and a hard, accurate shot at goal. He rarely overplayed his own hand, and always tried to do the best by his team.

Hero, one-out, selfish, flashy, inane runs were not Vernon’s style. He was well liked and well respected by his team-mates. The Glebe teams in which he played were a tight-knit, resilient group in which the team performance was much better than the sum of the talents and skills of the individuals in it. Vernon played in Glebe first grade teams that were very hard to beat.

Vernon played in the Glebe First Grade team from 1942 to 1957, a sixteen year period, and in that time he played in twelve Sydney Hockey Association Premiership winning teams. The Glebe team won the first grade Premiership for seven consecutive years from 1947 to 1953 years, which remains a record for the longest period of consecutive first grade premiership wins in Sydney Hockey Association history.

On the administrative side Vernon held the following elected administrative positions for Glebe:

Assistant Treasurer 1942, 43
Management Committee 1944
Club Vice-Captain 1950, 51, 52, 53, 54

Vernon Joseph Turner

Vernon represented Sydney in the Sydney Senior Representative Men's Team continuously for the fourteen year period 1944-1957. He played in the NSW Senior Representative Team for the nine year period 1947-1955 and captained the team for six of these nine years.

Representative team selections are usually associated with some conjecture, and the question of vested interests is occasionally raised in association with selection controversies. Vernon was most unlucky not to have played for Australia. In the mid-1950s his Glebe team-mates considered Vernon to be far and away the best left-winger in the Country.

There was a strongly held view in the Glebe Club that Vernon was robbed of Australian selection because of politics. An Australian selector of that time had played for Glebe from 1931-1948, some World War Two years excluded, and had in fact played in Glebe teams with Vernon, but had transferred to another Club after the war, because of the residential rules that were then in place.

With the Melbourne Olympic Games coming up, the ex-Glebe-player-cum-Australian-Selector picked a left-winger from his new club over Vernon, on the pretext of giving youth a go. Vernon was 31 years old at the time, playing outstanding hockey, and at the peak of his hockey abilities. The player selected in the Australian team was well known to the Glebe players, as he played in the Sydney Competition. The almost universal view among the Glebe players was that he was nowhere near as good as Vernon. Animosity between the ex-Glebe-player-cum-Australian-Selector, the Glebe Club and Vernon himself continued for many decades.

Continuing on with theme of having to be residentially qualified to play for a District Club, Vernon was a savior as far as the Glebe District Hockey Club was concerned. For many years in the 1950's twelve to fifteen Glebe players were registered as living at Vernon's two bedroom flat in Leichhardt Street Glebe. When Vernon moved to Blaxland the players address 'moved' to the flats above and behind Harry Wark's butcher shop in Mansfield Street Rozelle.

The Club fielded its first junior team, an Under

16 team in 1948 with Mr. Vince Halls, Senior as its manager. Then Vernon took over. Not only was Vernon a champion hockey player, he was a phenomenally dedicated and committed coach. In 1949-1958 the Club's junior teams were supervised, inspired, organized, enthused and trained by Vernon Turner. The 2018 name for Vernon's role is Junior Convenor. For ten years Vernon was the driving force within the Club's junior movement. He was an optimist, an enthusiast, a great motivator, and a good organizer, ideally suited to his role working with younger players.

In 1950 the Management Committee of the Club dedicated a perpetual trophy in Vernon's name called the V J Turner Cup, which is presented annually to the player under 16 years who is adjudged the most improved and best behaved player for the season. Keith Riley won the inaugural V J Turner Cup in 1950.

By 1955 Vernon had built up the junior base to the extent that the Club fielded seven junior teams, a record for the Club at that time.

Vernon had the following to say in his end of season 1955 Junior Report: "There is a quality in hockey that is far more desirable than winning and that is the learning and acquisition of sportsmanship; the basic philosophy of our Club." Pursuing this point a little further, he went on: "it is true to say that the essence of our whole teaching has been to conduct yourself like a sportsman on and off the field."

Vernon was a stickler for teamwork, as exemplified by his comments in the 1956 Annual Report in describing the season had by a Glebe Under 16 team: "Obviously, a team can win only by superior ability either in individuals or in the team as a whole. Our teams as individuals were equal to any in the competition but the same could not be said of their teamwork. It is one thing to be a member of a team, but another to play as a team." And further "To the other players joining the senior ranks, remember at all times that the greatest asset you can take with you is your desire to play in the team selected as a member of the team, not as an individual. By doing this you will not only be helping the Club but you will join in the thrill of being a member of a winning combination."

Vernon Joseph Turner

Reading the Club's Annual Reports it was clear that Vernon did almost all of the organizing for the Club's six or seven junior teams in the mid-50s, and got little support from anyone else in the Club. Vernon wrote in the 1957 Annual Report: "With regards to the members of the teams comprising the Under Sixteen teams, a word of appreciation is earned by their undefeated spirit throughout the season in the face of a lack of support and encouragement from the senior members of the Club. This is a difficult problem at any time but one which appears to be able to be solved by every other Club except Glebe."

It was during this 1949-1958 period that Vern became known as the "Father of Junior Hockey at Glebe". He went to many schools in Glebe and surrounding districts, spoke to school teachers and school students and invited the children to attend St. Paul's Oval at The University of Sydney on a Saturday morning during the hockey season, where they would be given instruction in how to play hockey. Vernon had enthusiasm, energy and passion for the task. His commitment, his energy, community mindedness, and selfless dedication to the welfare of others is inspiring to recognize today.

Over the years more than 130 boys came along and were placed in teams. In the 50's the Club fielded seven or eight junior teams each season. Every Saturday the teams would participate in a well-organized and reliable competition at St. Paul's fields. Vernon made practicing and playing hockey good fun for his pupils. He was able to impart his enthusiasm for the sport, and for friendly, civil, polite human interactions between participants of the sport, onto his charges. Harry Wark who was coached by Vernon in 1957 and 1958 opines: "He was a legend with the boys he coached."

Vernon only coached boys. It was not until 1976 that Glebe had a girl play in its junior ranks, when Lisa Williams, the daughter of an ex-Glebe grade player Barry Williams and his wife Kathy commenced playing. Vernon coached Barry in the Under Sixteen team of 1955. Lisa is still playing in the Glebe Women's third grade team of 2018.

Eventually as these children matured and became young men, a large number of them played for the State and one, Pat Nilan, went on to play for Australia at three Olympic Games in 1960, 64 and 68. Vernon reminisced that Pat deserved his success because "he would practice anything and everything I asked him to do".

During this time many families were too poor to buy hockey sticks and playing shirts so Vernon purchased different coloured material and his sister made shirts for the children gratis. At the start of each season Vernon's sister often enlisted the help of other family members to help with the shirt making, and this help was always freely and willingly given. Vernon came from a generous family.

As well, Vernon collected broken hockey sticks from his senior hockey playing team-mates and had them renewed, restored and made as good as new, on the cheap, by two friendly cabinet makers, the Atkinson Brothers, who had a joinery business at 62 Glebe Point Road. It was in this way that every child had a stick and a team shirt. The children and their families were charged nothing to play.

Vernon contributed thousands of pounds (decimal currency came in, in February 1966) of his own money to buy materials for shirt making, hockey sticks, hockey stick repair materials, goal keeping equipment and other miscellaneous pieces of equipment. He was a generous man, and contributed greatly to the common good. This was all done in an unobtrusive, low key way, without any pomp, ostentation or ceremony. He did it because he thought it was the right thing to do, and it helped many children and young people along their life's journey.

In his last year playing for the Glebe first grade team in 1957 Vernon played in a team with five players he had coached in the Glebe Under Sixteen teams, Bennett Dunn, Victor Westacott, Bill Stubbs, Greg Harris and Bob "Rocker" Fox.

Vernon left Glebe after the 1958 season having played 259 games for the Club. He did not take the field as a player in 1958, but was still very active in the Club during that year as the junior organizer, administrator and head/only coach.

Vernon Joseph Turner

In 1958 the Club Management had not provided Vernon with the help and support he felt he needed to be able to coach and encourage the Club's junior teams in the manner in which he would have liked to have done so.

Ten years of unstinting devotion to the Club's juniors from 1949-1958 with little practical help, or encouragement from other senior players had taken a toll on Vernon. In 1959 Vernon started as a school teacher at Croydon Park Central School, and moved to Blaxland, at the foot of the Blue Mountains. Blaxland is 60 kilometres from Glebe and its home ground at Jubilee Oval and an hour's car journey at non-peak times. With regret, Vernon decided that after being a player and junior coach for sixteen years at Glebe it was time for him to move on to new challenges and to bid farewell to his many friends, young and old, at the Club.

After Vernon left, the Club's junior teams fell into disarray. The Club did not have the requisite number of junior teams to comply with the requirements of the Sydney Hockey Association By-Laws and for a time it looked as if the Club might become extinct. In 1963 the Club considered amalgamation with the Western Suburbs Hockey Club, but as it turned out, this did not eventuate.

Players that Vernon had coached as juniors in the 50s, Bob "Charlie" Brown, Graeme Gilmour, Barry Goodrick, Colin Brown, and Victor Westacott came to the fore and revived the Club's junior movement from its moribund state.

Rather than stop playing and coaching cold turkey, Vernon decided to play hockey with the Sydney University Hockey Club in 1959, where he was studying at the Arts Faculty of the University. Vernon had previously played for Sydney University at the Australian University Games in 1953, and was selected at these 1953 games into the Australian Universities Team. Vernon only played the one season with the University of Sydney, as by the following year Vernon's life and its living had moved westward.

Vernon was awarded a Blue from the University of Sydney Sport's Union in 2003, when he was 78 years of age, for his services to the Sydney

University Hockey Club, and to the sport of hockey in general over a period of 60 years. The following citation was presented when the award was conferred:

"Vernon was enrolled at the University of Sydney in 1953-1955, 1957, and 1959. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1964 and a Master of Education in 1973. Vernon played hockey for both the Sydney University Hockey Club and Glebe Hockey Club during that time. He is a Life Member of SU Sport. Vernon has an impressive representative career lasting from 1947 to the present. He achieved senior State representative honours at both national and international tournaments from 1947 until 1956. He played in excess of 100 games for NSW over this period, gaining a number of national titles and trophies along the way. For five years in a row Vernon was captain of the NSW team. In 1948 Vernon achieved the honour of being selected to play hockey for Australia."

After a career in teaching in public schools, Vernon took up a position as lecturer/senior lecturer at the University of New England, Armidale in the Faculty of Asian Studies, with his country of special interest being Indonesia. He stayed at the University of New England until he retired.

After he retired from the University of New England, Vernon has continued to live in Armidale, where he currently resides.

Veterans Hockey started in Australia in 1980 and Vernon was an enthusiastic participant in these Veterans (Masters) Competitions at both NSW and Australian Championships from their inception. He played Master's Hockey in the over 55s, 60s, 65s and 70s age groups, frequently representing both NSW and Australia at overseas tournaments.

In 1988, after playing for Australian Masters' teams for many years, Vern was asked to join an international hockey team called the "Alliance" centred in Belgium. He continued to play Masters Hockey until he was aged in his late 80s.

For his outstanding services to the Ex Services Checkmates Hockey Club, Armidale, Vernon was

Vernon Joseph Turner

awarded a Life Membership of the Club.

The Glebe District Hockey Club is grateful for the incredible contribution that Vernon made during his time with the Club. His example of selfless dedication to making a difference in the life of young people in his community through his association with our Club is exemplary and a model for us all.

Vernon's Biography was compiled with input from:

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The Biography of Vernon of on the Ex-Services
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Dr Joseph Turner, Vernon's son

#itsjustmyopinion

During the last month, when this edition of the RR Newsletter was due, I have been spending a great deal of time with my elderly parents and my siblings as my mother comes face to face with the no more treatment options part of her journey with cancer.

In Australia cancer of one sort or another is a reality which touches every family so our story is an ordinary one shared in some way by all of you. Helping people live through death is difficult. In the face of massive imminent change, it requires a reality check on lots of things that have ticked over for years unquestioned. And it needs courage.

In the glory days of the Club's decades of success, there was no need for the Management Committee to ask players to complete a Player Survey. Feedback was given by all and sundry after every game at the Saturday night Clubhouse 'reality check' when players and supporters of all grades would provide totally honest feedback on every pass you made, every trap you missed and every option you took if you did manage to trap the ball on those grass tracks. It was a very healthy way to do business, allowing large numbers of members to have their say and most especially it kept people accountable – not the anonymity of today's surveys and certainly the expectation that your opinion would be challenged by others. Please feel free to challenge the opinions that I offer here using some of the responses to the 2018 Player Survey!

Firstly, thank you to the 170 playing members who took the time to complete this year's survey just in time for the August Board meeting. Thank you for your reflections, your suggestions, your honesty on the issues that the Board identified as key indicators of the Club's health. Rest assured that the Player Survey is on the agenda for the September meeting for a more detailed analysis which will be shared extensively with the Club's players and supporters. As for solutions, that will require much more than a simple analysis.

The negative always seems to jump off the page when you start ploughing through survey

responses until you realise on closer analysis that it was only ONE comment, not a consistent pattern, that's keeping you awake at night worrying about the Club's future. (Though it's troubling when there is even one comment from someone saying that they have been at the Club for 7 years and key people still don't know that person's name.) Better to be curious about some of the other material that is repeated over and over and sift it out from personal and unhealthy criticism. While there are slight differences in emphasis between the responses from our men and women players, it is clear to me that they all want changes to the way Club administrators look at and organise coaching, training, selections and socials. They also want changes from their team-mates.

With the new Club structure, there has been a big shift this season in the way our men do business at Glebe. It has clearly been a difficult transition for some, and a significant number of the comments from the survey highlight some serious issues that will need to be addressed. Again, thank you to those courageous men who have provided us with helpful, honest feedback. Here are four comments of many from our men regarding commitment and some of the root causes of our lack of on-field success.

Mr Comment 2: Commitment: *We all know that this is an area needing much improvement if the Men's Club wants to remain viable in the coming years. To have 12-18 players, at best 25-30, turning up to training each week is an indicative sign that players are not committed or do not feel that if they are committed they are rewarded for their efforts. This, in my opinion, is an area that without change will greatly affect the club in the future. Without commitment, players leave or are unwilling to make the sacrifices necessary for a club. Commitment*

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and the reward for such is vitally important to the longevity and success of a club.

Mr Comment 3: *Commitment? The men lack it in spades, Tuesday nights are so sparse that we can't even run full field drills. The women's teams are fantastic with their commitment, the men are embarrassing when compared to 10 years ago. Also, where are all the injured players on a Saturday? Just because you are injured doesn't mean you get a free weekend, the men need to still show up and support their own team from the sideline, observe and be a voice. Commitment means giving in every and any capacity to your team from pre-season right up until end of season.*

Mr Comment 4: *Commitment. Commitment. Commitment. I want to see guys understand the power of a team that is united beyond the hockey field. Our teams have been a shambles because every week there are new faces coming and going, the changerooms this year were deathly quiet because some guys didn't turn up early enough and the ones that did, didn't know the others in the rooms with them. Team chemistry is a bigger weapon than any drag flicking on a short corner, if guys are truly committed to one another and they have bonds with each other they are going to play harder for each other. If guys are strangers to each other they're not going to be inspired to push themselves to give for the team and sacrifice. Give me a team of dedicated, committed and united players to play against 11 more skilled individuals and I will back the team to beat the individuals every time. Hockey is a dedicated team sport and individuals do not win team sports.*

This is healthy, transparent, open and honest feedback. Again, thank you for taking the time to offer it. But how do we find solutions for both our men's and women's teams? The reality check of this year's survey is a good starting point. A reminder though that the members of the Board do not have input or influence into your team selections. The Men's, Women's or Juniors Director's role is to oversee and support the management and operations of those

committees, not to do the nitty gritty work of them like selections. Do not be afraid to keep giving your feedback, especially to Board members whose roles are not Committee specific. We are trying hard to move away from a silo approach to the administration of the Club but we need your contribution.

The survey offered plenty of advice for improvements for 2019. Once again, thank you for taking the time to put down your ideas and suggestions, particularly in regards to the social aspect of the Club this season which has not been as organised as in the past. I am sure that the Board will take responsibility for the lack of success in this area, but it brings me to my next point about contribution. For many years now our Annual Reports have contained comments across all areas of the Club about needing more people to contribute and volunteer. The data from this survey shows that about half of our playing members are in fact volunteering for things like Bunnings BBQs, coaching at MInkey, helping out with umpiring and they are enjoying the experience. But comments like the following show what it is like currently and what needs to change for people taking on Committee roles:

Mr Comment 5: *I think there is a lack of Contribution and Commitment from a large portion of the club and the running and operation of the club is falling to a small group of people. Too many people expect to turn up on Saturdays and Sundays and just play.*

Comment Ms 1: *At the start of the season, it was incredibly bad. I found myself doing triple the amount of work than I had anticipated. Volunteers were put into roles they had no experience in and this made training and allocating tasks extremely difficult. The overall process has become easier since the season has gone on but there is definitely room for improvement.*

One of the premises under which the new Board structure was offered to Club members as a way forward for the future was the possibility of spreading the load and getting more people

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doing less. This has definitely not been the case particularly in those areas which don't directly involve getting people on the pitch each week such as the social and fundraising areas, both of which now come under Finance. There have been some generous people though who have stepped up to begin the job of fleshing out and supporting the new structure. They have found the going tough but rewarding and have offered us some positive ways forward:

Comment Ms 2: *While it was not something I would have put my hand up for and did because I was asked to fill a role - I feel I did a good job and did my best to fulfil expectations and support my team.*

Comment Ms 3: *It has been really great this year having the coach/ manager/ captain set up, perhaps another person who is the social liaison for that team, and can support the club overall with social events. For e.g each social liaison for the team organises one social event for the club for the year but is supported by all other teams. This year there have been very little socials - and understand that there are many people who are super busy, so perhaps sharing the load might help!*

My opinion on the extensive but useful feedback which we received regarding the social aspect of the Club this season is that it definitely wasn't good enough and that it needs to improve going forward. The two events which the survey indicated were successful, the Arthur Stubbs Foundation Launch and Briars Day, were organised because of the commitment and leadership of Josh La Spina, our Finance Director, not any of those people who indicated at the beginning of the season their willingness to be on a social committee. I am not being a defensive Board member here. The Finance portfolio is the largest in the Club and it has the largest number of opportunities to give something back without a massive effort - contribute to a social committee, support the work of the Foundation, help with a fundraising event, help out at the Clubhouse, take on the purchase of equipment, assist with procuring sponsors. Everyone wants engaging social events. If you were one of the people who

made some fantastic suggestions for 2019 in the survey, please volunteer. We need your ideas, yes, but we need at least 5 people to put up their hands to actually oversee and organise those ideas into events for 2019. Like coaching, training and selections, the other key areas for improvement identified in the survey, if we don't get this right, there are no more treatment options - the Club has no future.

There were so many useful comments made in the survey but I'd like to start my wind-up with a comment on this one, slightly edited:

Mr Comment 5: Traditionally what separated us from the competition was that our players were too tough for the opposition to crack. Other clubs either feared us or hated us because we had more desire, we were more determined and we were more dogged. The club has lost this identity, the identity that dragged us through even the seasons when we weren't the most skilled team. We need to instil the old Glebe spirit into the new skilled generations.

I believe that there is a key in this comment that helps us to understand something that is changing in the way we look at our Club's future if it is to be a healthy one. It is a question of language as well as attitude and spirit. Life, sport, hockey in 2019 are very different to 1950. Have a look at the Vernon Turner Biography for a reality check on what life was like then. Our Glebe toughness was born of a working-class desire in very difficult times to fight to build something better for the next generation. Sometimes this meant a literal fight against the privilege of better educated, more wealthy, more socially acceptable oppositions. In the foreword to *Under the Arches*, the then President, Geoff Paterson, praised the local sporting club as a means for contributing to the social cohesion, healthy recreation and moral and social support of millions of Australians. I believe that we should stand on the shoulders of those who have built this great Club by making our language match our time. Desire to win and a dogged determination as prerequisites for Glebe spirit can't be questioned, but using a language of hate and fear won't see us take our place in a contemporary

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sporting environment. It turns good people off and away and only encourages a safe haven for poor behaviour. Reframing our history around respect and humility would be healthier, particularly given our diversity. I believe that it is a sense of entitlement and lack of accountability to the team that are some of the biggest impediments to the toughness that has been the hallmark of past Glebe teams. That identity is not lost, however. I think in some ways we have just been looking for it in the wrong place and we haven't been asking the right questions of some of our coaches and players. Helping people live through death is difficult, and it needs courage, but we persevere in the hope that our efforts are a healthy springboard for a next generation to live the best of what the Glebe family has provided for so many of us. In the #wednesdaywisdom words of Kate Alexander: "Hockey has given me some of the very best people in my life. I owe it a great deal."

And now to really finish, I leave you with this final comment which is so healthy it's glowing:

Mr Comment 6: *The club has done the right thing in modernising its operational structure and working as hard as it has in the past 10 years to truly merge the men and women into one all inclusive club. In particular the amazing growth in the women's side of the club who continually increase in player numbers and each season find more and more success on the field because of it. But we need to ensure that the players in the club understand and appreciate the magnitude of our great history, players need to know of the deeds achieved by the club in years past as playing for our club means being tasked each and every year with living up to the expectations of success that were put forth by the men and women who came before us and made the club what it is. Our club's history should be a heavy chip on the shoulder of every player that puts on the maroon and white. But that heavy chip is a privilege that every player should be proud to be playing under.*

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