



# GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INC

## **Annual Report 2008**

### **78<sup>TH</sup> CLUB YEAR**

# **This is what makes this Club Great**

## **Les Wark Playing his 800th Game for the Club**



My road to my 800 Club games started 53 years ago. Being the youngest son of Harry and Molly, two great stalwarts of the Club, and the little brother of Harry, my genetic code dictated that I was always going to play the game. I have seen the game go through many rule and playing surface changes and this has brought with it different skill sets being required by players.

I have played against some of Australia's contemporary greats, Charlesworth, Walsh, Smith, Batch, Dearing, Reily, Proctor.

However, it was never as good as pulling on that maroon and white shirt and playing with some of the Glebe greats, Nilan, Brown, Gilmour, numerous Howes, Westercott and all the Wark Clan. That was certainly an experience, fighting amongst ourselves, but always ready to die for each other against the opposition.

Where else could I play with players with names like, Rock. (Colin Rochester) DOB or Clearence (Danny O'Brien), Blocker (Craig Stubbs) , Wing Nut (Kenneth Wark), Stinky (Steven Casey), Spag (Barry Howe), Walt Disney (Denis Brown), Body (Phil Dennis), Skull (Greg Howe), Gilly (Graham Gilmour), Darcy (Pat Nilan), Dinga (Graham Bell) , Snake (Geoff Paterson), Shock (Lenny Needham), Bear (Brian Howe), Charlie (Robert Brown), Mad Dog (Robert Wark), Chuck (David Rochester), Doc (Harry Wark), Buster (Warren Birmingham), Hunk (Wayne Sullivan), TBone (Graham Lisk), TC (Tony Cowan), Toe Cutter (Craig Martin), Effort (Craig McPhee), Mouse ( Alan Cameron), Porky (Jason Grieves), and Whispering Ted shortened to Teddy (Shane Nilan)

Other great memories were made at the many Carnivals we went to, Northern Districts at St Ives Showground, North Sydney 7 a side at Primrose Park and Tamworth. Also worth a mention are the games against Ryde and Liverpool which were like gladiatorial battles, knock-them-down, drag-them-out type of games. Getting battered and bruised was not an option, standing shoulder to shoulder with your team mates on this battle field of 100 x 60 yards in the same spirit of those who put on the mighty maroon and white shirt before you and to pass on something to those who will. You learn why we are the best Club in Sydney with our attitude of never giving in, standing beside your mates in good and bad times and especially the Club Spirit of being united as one, so willing to help, giving time freely to those in need when required. This Spirit handed down makes us what we are today and is what we are still instilling into all the players who play for our Club.

The Premiership games I played in have been many, but the games I really enjoy were and still are is when the Glebe Club Spirit is put to the test to overcome the odds to perform high above the expectations and really take it to the opposition. Some games we win, some we loose but that feeling of being part of this great Club, its never say die attitude, the Spirit and mateship, these things last forever.

For me there was no better experience than running out onto Jubilee Oval on a Saturday Afternoon at 3.30 pm. You could feel the passion, the bond, the spirit that bound all the Glebe Club Members together. All the members had the same attitude. It didn't matter where you came from in society we were all united as one against the opposition.

I must admit there have been a few bits of my hockey career and my life where the road narrowed, got bumpy and I could not see where I was going. But I knew that if I kept the GDHC faith, this Club, this "Champion Club - Club of Champions" and especially its members would come to my aid and give me the directions and encouragement to find the right road again.

800 games is a great milestone in my life but it really pales into insignificance for all the life experiences, the friendships, my family and love this Club has give me over the years.

Les Wark



## Mark & Geoff Paterson with the 2008 1st Grade Trophy



**Mark Paterson**, Captain Glebe 1st Grade, Winner of the 2008 Brian Booth Medal for the Best and Fairest in the Sydney Premier Competition and the winner of the Keith Paterson Medal for best player in the Grand Final.

**Geoff Paterson** has been Coach of Glebe 1st Grade for 4 years winning 3 Preminershps in that time and the proud father of Mark



# GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB Inc

## Founder - The late Reverend Brother McCarten Keegan

### OFFICE BEARERS AND OFFICIALS — 2008

Patron	Ken Wark
President	Bob Taylor
Vice President	Adam Campano
Secretary	Les Wark
Public Officer	Tim Sutton
Treasurer	Tim Sutton
Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer	Geoff Bortfield
Club Captain Men's	Danny O'Brien
Club Captain Women	Raelene Lindeberg
Clubroom Manager	Patricia Doughty/ Liz Flemming
Women Convener	Mary Wark
Junior Development Officer	Mark Noller
Equipment Officer	Andrew Goodrick
Social Organizer	Ian Paterson

Management Committee	Bob Taylor, Adam Campano, Les Wark, Tim Sutton, Geoff Bortfield, Danny O'Brien, Andrew Goodrick, Mark Noller, Mary Wark. Ian Paterson
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#### LIFE MEMBERS

B Bates *	C Brown	R Brown
K Dickey *	J Diviney *	G Gilmour
M Howe	Margaret Howe	J Kenny *
F Letts	P Nilan	G Paterson
K Paterson *	J Quinland *	P Rogers
W Ryan *	W Stubbs	Mrs Taylor *
Bob Taylor	H Wark Snr *	H Wark Jnr
K Wark Snr	Molly Wark	Les Wark
R Wark		J Worley *

\* Deceased

#### HON AUDITORS

Stephen W. Van and Associates  
206 St. Johns Road, Glebe NSW 2037

The Glebe District Hockey Club extends its appreciation for their time and support given

# Roll of Honour

## Past Principal Office Bearers

Year	Honary President	Honary Secretary	Honary Treasurer	Club Captain	Year	Honary President	Honary Secretary	Honary Treasurer	Club Captain
1932	E Mockler	J Donovan	JW Taylor	Not Established	1977	P Nilan	F Letts	K Wark	R Brown
1933	E Mockler	J Donovan	JW Taylor	Not Established	1978	R Brown	G Manou	K Kipp	I Mutton
1934	E Mockler	Gmockler	JW Taylor	Not Established	1979	F Letts	B Pink	K Kipp	I Mutton
1935	E Mockler	JW Taylor	R Dunn	Not Established	1980	F Letts	B Pink	C Savva	I Mutton
1936	E Mockler	JW Taylor	J Quinlan	Not Established	1981	G Gilmour	B Pink	R Wark	L Wark
1937	E Mockler	JW Taylor	J Quinlan	Not Established	1982	G Gilmour	D O'Brien	K Kipp	L Wark
1938	C Humphries	JW Taylor	J Quinlan	Not Established	1983	G Gilmour	D O'Brien	N Gullickson	L Wark
1939	C Humphries	C Eling	J Quinlan	Not Established	1984	G Gilmour	K Paterson	N Gullickson/ I Treharne	K Sweeney
1940	C Humphries	J Worley	J Quinlan	Not Established	1985	P Howe	K Paterson	I Treharne	D O'Brien
1941	C Humphries	J Worley	J Quinlan	Not Established	1986	D O'Brien	K Paterson	P Howe	C Rochester
1942	C Humphries	JW Taylor	J Quinlan	Not Established	1987	R Wark	I Treharne	P Howe	K Sweeney
1943	C Humphries	W Ryam	JW Taylor	Not Established	1988	R Wark	D O'Brien	P Howe	P Busch
1944	C Humphries	W Ryam	JW Taylor	Not Established	1989	R Wark	G Wark	I Treharne	P Busch
1945	C Humphries	W Ryam	JW Taylor	Not Established	1990	R Wark	D O'Brien	I Treharne	P Busch
1946	J Worley	JW Taylor	H Butler	Not Established	1991	R Wark	D O'Brien	I Treharne	D Rochester
1947	J Worley-	M Steedman	H Butler	Not Established	1992	G Paterson	K Corkery	B Taylor	P Busch
1948	J Worley-	P Rodgers	W Ryan-	H Butler	1993	G Paterson	K Corkery	B Taylor	P Busch
1949	J Worley-	P Rodgers	W Ryan-	F Needham Jnr	1994	G Paterson	K Corkery	B Taylor	P Busch
1950	J Worley	F Needham	N Walker	F Murray	1995	G Paterson	K Corkery Les Wark	G Dunn	C Stubbs
1951	J Worley	F Needham	N Walker	F Murray	1996	G Paterson	Les Wark	B Taylor	K Chivers
1952	J Worley	F Needham	N Walker	F Murray	1997	G Paterson	Les Wark	B Taylor	K Chivers
1953	J Worley	F Needham	N Walker	F Murray	1998	B Taylor	E Crook	G Dunn	K Chivers
1954	J Worley	WF Ryan	NWalker	H Wark	1999	B Taylor	E Crook	G Dunn	S Nilan
1955	J Worley	R Thorpe	A Robb	H Wark	2000	B Taylor	E Crook	G Dunn	D O'Brien
1956	J Worley	R Thorpe	H Butler	H Wark	2001	B Taylor	E Crook	L Howard	D O'Brien
1957	J Worley	R Thorpe	J McParland	H Wark	2002	B Taylor	L Wark	M Newton	J Wright
1958	N Walker	R Thorpe	G collett	G Harris	2003	B Taylor	L Wark	M Newton	M.Bougakas
1959	N Walker	R Thorpe	G Harris	V Westacott	2004	B Taylor	L Wark	M Newton	A Oman
1960	N Walker	R Thorpe	W Stubbs	V Westacott	2005	B Taylor	L Wark	M Newton	M.Bougakas
1961	N Walker	R Thorpe	W Stubbs	H Wark	2006	B Taylor	L Wark	M Newton	A Oman
1962	K Dickey	R Thorpe	J Thomson W Stubbs	H Wark	2007	B Taylor	L Wark	T Sutton	G.Brown
1963	K Dickey	R Thorpe	A Stubbs	P Nilan	2008	B Taylor	L Wark	T Sutton	D O'Brien
1964	K Dickey	F Letts	B Howe	P Nilan					

<b>Year</b>	<b>Honary President</b>	<b>Honary Secretary</b>	<b>Honary Treasurer</b>	<b>Club Captain</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Honary President</b>	<b>Honary Secretary</b>	<b>Honary Treasurer</b>	<b>Club Captain</b>
1965	K Dickey	F.Vanderp utt	B Howe	P Nilan					
1966	G Harris	F.Vanderp utt	F Letts	P Nilan					
1967	W Stubbs	F Letts	F Whiteman	R Brown					
1968	W Stubbs	F Letts	L Weale	R Brown					
1969	W Stubbs	F Letts	K Wark	R Brown					
1970	W Stubbs	F Letts	K Wark	R Brown					
1971	W Stubbs	F Letts	F Whiteman	P Nilan					
1972	P Nilan	F Letts	F Whiteman	M Howe					
1973	P Nilan	F Letts	K Kipp	R Brown					
1974	P Nilan	F Letts	K Kipp	R Brown					
1975	P Nilan	F Letts	K Kipp	R Brown					
1976	P Nilan	F Letts	K.Wark	I Mutton					



## WOMEN'S ROLE OF HONOUR

Year	President	Convenor	Secretary	Treasurer	Club Captain
1934	Jack Dwyer		Dennis Dovovan	Unknown	Unknown
1935	Jack Dwyer		Dennis Dovovan		
1978	Molly Wark		Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	No Appointment
1979	Molly Wark		Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	No Appointment
1980	Molly Wark		Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	No Appointment
1981	Molly Wark		Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	No Appointment
1982	Molly Wark		Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	No Appointment
1983	Molly Wark		Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	No Appointment
1984	Molly Wark		Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	No Appointment
1985	Molly Wark		Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	No Appointment
1986	Molly Wark		Judy Dean	Jan Hammond	No Appointment
1987	Molly Wark		Judy Dean	Jan Hammond	Anne Rochester
1988	Molly Wark		Jill Strachan	Jan Hammond	Lisa Williams
1989	Janice Farquarson		Jill Strachan	Pauline Sunderland	Jenny Evans
1990	Janice Farquarson		Roberta Inns	Pauline Sunderland	Elaine Trodden
1991		Anne Rochester	Linda Glassock	Jeanette Brazel	Jane Goldsmith
1992		Elaine Trodden	Jane Goldsmith	Anne Rochester	Michelle Opitz
1993		Anne Rochester	Jane Goldsmith	Fiona McVicar	Michelle Minett
1994		Anne Rochester	Jane Goldsmith	Elaine Trodden	Michelle Opitz
1995		Anne Rochester	Cathy Busch	Anne Rochester	Michelle Minett
1996		Carole Wark	Anne Rochester	Christine McNicol	Margaret Howe
1997		Carole Wark	Carmen Byrne	Christine McNicol	Margaret Howe
1998		Carmen Byrne	Mary Wark	Neale Lawson	Margaret Howe
1999		Carmen Byrne	Mary Wark	Neale Lawson	Margaret Howe
2000		Carmen Byrne	Mary Wark	Neale Lawson	Margaret Howe
2001		Carmen Byrne	Mary Wark	Neale Lawson	Lisa Usher
2002		Mary Wark	Rachel Wilkinson	Neale Lawson	Lisa Usher
2003		Moria Williams	Gabrielle Wark	Neale Lawson	Rachel Wilkinson
2004		Moria Williams	Gabrielle Wark	Vacant	Helen Howe
2005		Moria Williams	Gabrielle Wark	Ellie Williams	Helen Howe
2006		Amy Wark	Gabrielle Wark	Kylie Lawson	Helen Howe
2007		Amy Wark	Helen Howe	Kate Pearsall	Raelene Lindeberg
2008		Mary Wark	Helen Howe	Kate Pearsall	Raelene Lindeberg

**Note 1** The 1934 and 1935 teams played as the Saint James' Sports Club Women's Hockey Team. Jack Dwyer and Dennis Donovan were Office Bearers of the Saint James' Sports Club. The Saint James' Sports Club Men's Hockey Team (1931-1932), became the Glebe District Hockey Club in December 1932

**Note 2** Since November 1990, the Women's Club has been a Division of the Glebe District Hockey Club. Prior to 1991 the Women's Club was a separate entity to the Glebe District Hockey Club. After 1990 the Women's President's position was referred to as the Women's Convenor's position. The responsibilities were the same, except that the Women's Convenor reported to the Management Committee of the Glebe District Hockey Club, in the same way as do the Junior Convenor and the Social Convenor.

**Note 3** Any inaccuracies in this list should be brought to the attention of the Management Committee, so that appropriate amendments can be made

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

At the close of another successful season we should all feel confident and proud that our future is in such good shape and headed in the right direction.

Winning the Premier Grand Final is what every Club strives for, and in an era where paid players are becoming more prevalent, it's great to see a team made up almost exclusively of Glebe Juniors win the Premiership.

It's impossible to put a dollar value on Club pride and spirit, but at the end of the day it's what wins matches and unites all club members, without it why bother.

It also reinforces years of commitments to our Juniors by a good many members. And, I'm sure this tradition will continue well into our future.

Congratulations to the Under 17's and Under 11's Redbacks on their win, and to all other team members, boys and girls, who competed in the best Club traditions.

In closing I would like to thank our sponsors and supporters, managers and coaches for their contribution during the season, and finally the Management Committee who as usual have made a huge contribution to the smooth running of the Club throughout the year.

Best Regards and See you all next year

Bob Taylor

## **WOMEN'S CONVENOR'S REPORT**

The 2008 Committee of Helen Howe, Raelene Lindeberg, Larissa Barton, Kate Pearsall, Louise Tapsell, Neale Lawson, Caroline Lake, Kate Gleeson, Eliza Hollyoake, Alison Cheong, Tracy Bradshaw and Amy Smith were an enthusiastic and committed bunch, and I'd like to thank them for an enjoyable year.

With their not-insignificant efforts, the administration of our five women's teams ran smoothly this season. In addition to completing the tasks required to get our 60-odd players registered, financial, selected in teams, and kitted out, etc, the committee supported some new initiatives, including 3 Bunning's BBQ's and a wine sale, which raised a total of \$4,000, extended our publicity efforts to get some excellent local media coverage and coordinated a whole-club sponsorship deal with Just Hockey.

Unfortunately our on-field results were generally disappointing. Every team struggled to convert opportunities into goals; all teams except fourth grade scored the lowest number of goals in their respective competitions and as a result relegation is likely for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. These results belie the effort invested by our coaches, Colin Rochester, Danny O'Brien, Dean Benfield and Andrew Goodrich, each of whom has tremendous knowledge and enthusiasm for the game, and who's commitment to developing skill and teamwork in their respective teams was highly valued.

These results certainly don't reflect the talent and potential of our players. Each team, on its day, proved it was competitive with the best in the competition. I believe they actually reflect a lack of consistency and commitment – both of which we do have the ability to change. If we want to.

Fourth grade set a great example. Their commitment to training was unprecedented and even forced a re-shuffle of Tuesday night training times. This paid off, and they progressed all the way to the final. Congratulations girls.

Though wins were hard to come by, laughs, friendships and team spirit were in abundance through 2008. Naturally the season had highs and lows, but overall the social life of the club was healthy, and that is certainly the most important accomplishment of our club, regardless of the number of premierships won - Because it is the chance to hear the off-season gossip, catch up with old friends and make new ones that will motivate most of you to pull on the maroon and white again in 2009.

Thanks for your encouragement and support over 2008. I wish you all the best for 2009.

Mary Wark



# **SECRETARY REPORT**

IT gives me great pleasure to present the 2008 Secretary's Report.

The Club has continued on its drive to use electronic media to enhance the experience of its members, through emails but most importantly the use of the Club's website to diversify and store information. Our website is one of the best hockey sites in Australia with on average 1000 hits per month. More of those statistics can be found in Louise Tapsell's report which follows.

Louise Tapsell has made an extraordinary contribution to moving the Club into the electronic age. This year she has really pushed the publicity along. The webpage, the Club newsletter, articles to the local newspaper were all Louise's initiatives. The Club is so lucky in having people willing who contribute. What the Club achieved in this area was not matched by any other hockey club in NSW.

The Discussion Topics normally instigated by Harry Wark were controversial as well as enlightening and really set the keyboards humming (especially Adam's) in replies. The Club photographers Peter Cleary, Matt O'Donnell and Chris Jenkins provided some fantastic action shots that graced the webpages each week and are highlighted in the web-based version of this Annual Report. To the match report people, thank you, as without your articles on the games each week the website would not be as good as it is.

Harry Wark, our own Club historian, has done a great job in increasing the old Photo Library and one of his major works this year has been putting all the Annual Reports and Red Rags onto the web. The Club History is now stored electronically for all our future generations to see at their finger tips. Well done Harry. I look forward to next year's additions.

Although there is a great deal of excellent material available on the website, I do have a concern about the quality of some of it. The website is the image of the Club to the world and there needs to be more discipline in the content management. Members have to be more alert now that this medium is not only being read by Club members but by anyone anywhere. The fact that it is a very public medium must be taken into account when members reply or write an article to be published.

Again thank you to Deb and Mark Noller for being the web guardians and ensuring that the mechanics of the website function.

The Sydney City Council is still in the process of doing the Master Plan for an artificial multi purpose field at Parry Park. We still do not know when this will be completed. Leichhardt Council has been given Callam Park to look after on a 99 year lease and we should re-commence dialogue with them about Leichhardt Number 2.

Moving forward I think that the Management Committee must investigate a restructure of itself. We cannot continue to have a two committee structure for the Women and the Men. Both the Women and Men should be sub-committees which report to the Club's main committee. This will be something for the new Committee to discuss.

To Geoff Paterson, John Nilan and the whole 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Squad, what a great victory! Geoff's coaching brilliance, John's TLC and the spirit of the players overcame all the odds. Our Club motto to a tee. "A Champion Club – A Club of Champions".

I would like to especially thank Geoff Bortfield, the assistant Club Secretary, Mark Noller Junior Convener, Danny O'Brien, who does a fantastic job of getting teams on the field every week, Mary Wark, Helen Howe t Raelene Lindeberg and the Captains of all sides who manage and record all the Team details every week.

To all the Coaches and Managers who give their time freely to coach, inspire and develop all who pick up a hockey stick, thank you. You really are the passers on of that fantastic Glebe Hockey Club Spirit

To my family, especially my wife, thank you for your patience with the time needed to complete the many tasks done by the Club Secretary.

Les Wark

## **Glebe Hockey Publicity and Website Report:**

### **Publicity:**

Glebe Hockey appeared in The Glebe Newspaper (Circulation 51,306) nine times. Glebe Hockey also appeared in The Inner West Weekly (Circulation 52,560) twice. Glebe Hockey made a small appearance in The Fitz Files in The Sydney Morning Herald (Circulation 364,000) just once.

Four out of the 12 articles obtained throughout the year were the back page main sports story.

A thanks has to go out to Peter Cleary and Chris Jenkins for providing the photos that definitely helped the articles appear in the paper.

Publicity plans for the off-season: A profile of Mark Paterson and his win of the Brian Booth medal.

A profile of Aaron Oman and his career at Glebe. (Awaiting permission from Aaron)

Thoughts for next year: Lifestyle type stories are good to generate outside of the match review. Therefore, people's milestone's, state representative and awards need to be told to me so that coverage can be obtained.

### **Website:**

The website averages over 1000 unique visits every month. Each unique visitor visits the site around 3 times a month. Each time a person visits the site they visit don't just the home page but usually 3 to 4 other pages within the website.

Stats are available for everyone to view under <http://www.glebehockey.org.au/stats>

The success of the Glebe Hockey Website this year, and this is seen through growing visits throughout the year, is due to the regular updating of content. Mark Paterson

updated the men's website with reports every week on the men's section of the website. Harry Wark also contributed to the newsletter and several other tabs. New photos were continuously updated thanks to the efforts of Peter Cleary and Chris Jenkins. The home page was regularly updated by Danny O'Brien, Les Wark and Mark Noller.

#### Sponsorship:

The sponsorship policy document will be written up by myself, Colin Rochester and Shane Redenbach. The document was intended to be written during the season but with playing commitments, Colin's coaching commitments and Shane being tied up with the Olympics this had to be postponed.

The document will be written and distributed to committee members during the off-season. Initial interest has been shown by Fuzes Chemists and Bakers Delight in Glebe. Further investigation needs to be implemented to secure a sponsorship deal. Please contact me if you know of anyone interested in sponsoring the club or advertising on the website: [dingtap@hotmail.com](mailto:dingtap@hotmail.com)

Louise Tapsell



# **TREASURES REPORT**

It gives me pleasure to report on the Glebe District Hockey Club's financial position as at 31 October 2008 and its financial operations for the past year. The Club remains in a strong financial position. The result for the year was a Profit of \$12,652 (2007 – Profit of \$14,722).

Player Fees were increased by a higher percentage than usual when compared to recent years. The increase recognised the fact that fee revenue in recent years has been exceeded by playing costs, with expenses having risen sharply, and was partly successful in closing the deficit. The fee structure was further simplified and standardised between Men and Women. Men's fees were higher with increased player numbers and an extra team playing in 2008. Women's fees also grew substantially. There was a decrease in Member's and Junior's fees, and lower carnival revenue. Fee collection was better, but remains difficult and time consuming for some members.

Sponsorship, Donations, and Other Income fell when compared to prior year. The prior year included an additional sponsor and also featured the receipt of grants, which funded record keeping and clubroom improvements. We continue to receive great financial support from long term sponsors, the Toxteth Hotel, and Galuzzos, and we have benefited from the generosity of a new sponsor, Chemika. The Women members were active in fund raising, such as Bunning's BBQ days and selling wine.

Social Functions and Raffles income (net of associated costs) was comparable to prior year. The highlights were the presentation function (held at a new venue), the band night at the clubhouse, and the increasingly successful club raffle.

Bar Trading was also similar to 2007. The year featured a slow start, disrupted by a change in premises and management of the Clubroom. There were some wet days, which reduced the attendance and amount of days of training. There continues to be a reduced number of Saturday games played at Jubilee. However, revenues were strong after the changes, with a greater variety of food and beverages available than in recent times.

Equipment Trading is considered a service to players and not expected to be very profitable, and the result for the year exceeded forecast. The prior year loss included subsidising the cost of new Women's uniforms, related write-offs of old uniforms, and the purchase of promotional water bottles.

Interest Income improved due to increased average balances in the cash management account, and due to higher interest rates.

Playing Costs increased when compared to 2007, featuring a significant increase in Men's costs, offset partially by a decline in Women's costs. The Men's costs included the settlement of a late Sydney bill for 2007, and the purchase of higher grade playing shirts. The Women's costs were lower as a result of the registration of some players in an alternate association, and lower umpiring costs. The Junior's costs reflected an increase in the number of players registered. Equipment purchases, including balls and markers, and turf hire expenses, were higher across the Club.

Other Expenses other than Playing Costs and Social Function costs compared well to prior year and to budget, given that there were some unexpected costs associated with moving premises. The 2007 year included surveying costs in respect of the potential turf pitch at Alexandria, and the purchase of a new BBQ and projector for the clubhouse.

In Summary, the Club has remained profitable due to investment income, bar trading, sponsorship, and fund raising. These income streams have covered the fact that playing costs have exceeded fee income in recent years. The Club needs to be financially viable, yet keep fees as low as possible and competitive with other clubs. We need to ensure focus upon securing and maintaining sponsorship, and to support fund raising activities.

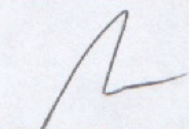
Thank You to the large number of members who have contributed to the financial operations of the Club. This includes those who have collected fees, raffle, canteen, equipment, and social function income, and collated invoices and other expenses, and contributed to the banking of monies. Amongst a large group, I would like to highlight the efforts of Kate Pearsall, Mary Wark, Helen Howe, Kate Gleeson, Raelene Lindeberg, Larissa Barton, Geoff Bortfield, Danny O'Brien, Adam Campano, Milcho Klimoski, Andrew Goodrick, Mark Noller, Ian Paterson, Patricia Doughty, Liz Fleming and the workers in the Canteen during the year.

Tim Sutton

**Auditor's Independence Declaration**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2008**

In relation to my audit of the financial report of Glebe District Hockey Club Incorporated for the financial year ended 31 October 2008, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code or professional conduct.

STEPHEN W VAN & CO

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S W Van', written over the printed name.

STEPHEN W VAN

SYDNEY: 21 November 2008



## AUDITORS' REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INC

#### SCOPE

I have audited the financial report of the Glebe District Hockey Club Incorporated for the year ended 31 October 2008. The elected committee of the Club is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Club.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant account estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the provisions of the Associates Incorporations Act of (NSW) so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the financial position of the Club, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### AUDIT OPINION

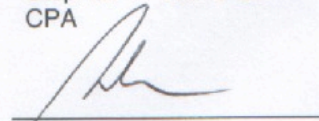
In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Glebe District Hockey Club Incorporated as at 31 October 2008 the results of its operations and its cash flow for the year ended 31 October 2008 in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, and with the provisions of the Associations Incorporations Act of (NSW).

**Date:** 21 November 2008

**Firm:** Stephen W Van & Co  
CPA

**Address:** 2/524 Canterbury Road  
CAMPSIE NSW 2194

**Signed:**





**GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED**

**STATEMENT BY OFFICERS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008**

In the opinion of the officers of the Club: -

- a) The accompanying Income and Expenditure Statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Club for the year ended 31 October 2008.
- b) The accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club at 31 October 2008.
- c) There are no circumstances, not otherwise dealt with in the financial statements that would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.

For and on behalf of the officers of the Club: -

Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ 2008

**GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank	3,180.00	1,297.57
Deposits	193,591.27	177,674.27
Telstra Shares	2,472.00	2,808.00
Stock on Hand	3,812.51	4,599.25
GST Refundable	244.26	2,675.11
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	203,300.04	189,054.20
 <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors	2,194.25	600.00
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	2,194.25	600.00
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 <b><i>NET ASSETS</i></b>	201,105.79	188,454.20
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 <b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		
Balance Brought Forward	188,454.20	173,732.11
Add: Profit for the Year	12,651.59	14,722.09
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<b><i>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</i></b>	201,105.79	188,454.20

**GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Fees - Men	32,665.40	29,622.83
Fees - Women	21,377.12	18,960.82
Fees - Juniors and Membership	5,073.57	6,341.80
Sponsorship, Donations and Other Income	11,154.63	22,418.45
Bar Trading - Net	3,895.89	3,611.45
Equipment Trading - Net	1,457.26	(3,457.13)
Social Functions and Raffles	17,186.39	13,273.08
Bank Interest and Dividends	13,344.51	11,498.04
Share Gains	(336.00)	432.00
Insurance Levy - Men	1,911.00	2,100.00
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	107,729.77	104,801.34
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<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Accountancy and Audit	500.00	400.00
Administration Costs	1,580.49	2,185.51
Bank Charges	546.11	609.86
Honorarium	1,200.00	800.00
Playing Costs - Men	42,555.57	35,412.74
- Women	20,116.92	23,154.30
- Juniors	10,636.66	9,825.64
Representation Allowances	1,363.65	1,090.96
Social Function Costs	13,154.32	8,451.62
Trophies	1,607.49	1,741.42
Turf and Legal Expenses	580.00	2,180.00
Repairs and Maintenance	1,236.97	4,227.20
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	95,078.18	90,079.25
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<b>NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	12,651.59	14,722.09

**GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED**

**REVENUE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b><i>BAR TRADING ACCOUNT</i></b>		
SALES	9,682.72	9,937.64
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LESS COST OF SALES:		
Opening Stock	1,332.75	1,103.00
Purchases	4,643.59	6,555.94
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	5,976.34	7,658.94
Less Closing Stock	189.51	1,332.75
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TOTAL COST OF SALES	5,786.84	6,326.19
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<b>BAR TRADING NET INCOME</b>	<b>3,895.89</b>	<b>3,611.45</b>
<b><i>EQUIPMENT TRADING ACCOUNT</i></b>		
SALES	5,101.38	5,874.72
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LESS COST OF SALES:		
Opening Stock	3,266.50	3,087.00
Purchases	4,000.62	9,511.35
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	7,267.12	12,598.35
Less Closing Stock	3,623.00	3,266.50
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TOTAL COST OF SALES	3,644.12	9,331.85
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<b>EQUIPMENT TRADING NET INCOME</b>	<b>1,457.26</b>	<b>(3,457.13)</b>

# GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED

## 2008 FORECAST

2008 FORECAST	2008 ACTUAL		2009 FORECAST
		<b>INCOME</b>	
31,000.00	32,665.40	Fees - Men	34,000.00
20,000.00	21,377.12	Fees - Women	22,200.00
6,700.00	5,073.57	Fees - Juniors and Membership	5,300.00
8,000.00	11,154.63	Sponsorship, Donations and Other Income	8,000.00
5,000.00	3,895.89	Bar Trading - Net	5,000.00
500.00	1,457.26	Equipment Trading - Net	500.00
14,000.00	17,186.39	Social Functions and Raffles	18,000.00
11,500.00	13,344.51	Bank Interest and Dividends	10,000.00
-	(336.00)	Share Gains	-
2,200.00	1,911.00	Insurance Levy - Men	2,000.00
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98,900.00	107,729.77	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	105,000.00
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		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
500.00	500.00	Accountancy and Audit	500.00
2,500.00	1,580.49	Administration Costs	1,700.00
700.00	546.11	Bank Charges	600.00
800.00	1,200.00	Honorarium	1,500.00
37,000.00	42,555.57	Playing Costs - Men	42,000.00
25,500.00	20,116.92	- Women	21,000.00
10,500.00	10,636.66	- Juniors	11,000.00
1,200.00	1,363.65	Representation Allowances	1,500.00
9,000.00	13,154.32	Social Function Costs	14,000.00
2,500.00	1,607.49	Trophies	2,000.00
4,000.00	580.00	Turf and Legal Expenses	1,200.00
800.00	1,236.97	Repairs and Maintenance	1,000.00
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95,000.00	95,078.18	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	98,000.00
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3,900.00	12,651.58	<b>NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	7,000.00

# **MEN'S CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

What a year!

Major highlights were:

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Alan Yates Cup

Premiers

SHA Top Goal Scorer - Michael Wark

SHA Brian Booth Medal - Mark Paterson

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

4<sup>th</sup> Division Club Champions

Semi finalists 7ths and 8ths (with only some 15-16 spread across both grades)

Grand Finalists (8ths)

## U/17's

Minor Premiers

Premiers

SJHA 2008 Junior Player of the Year - Scott Cleary

## Les Wark

800 Club games for Glebe

SHA Special Recognition Award

In regard to first grade, my congratulations to Geoff Paterson, John Nilan and the team for a magnificent victory over the reigning premiers North West Strikers. This was a wonderful occasion and there was no doubt we went in as official underdogs but how could they lose with such tremendous crowd support on the day. The Olympic venue was all but completely surrounded by Glebe supporters!

To Michael Wark and Mark Paterson congratulations on wonderful seasons duly recognised by Sydney Hockey.

To Milcho Klimoski and his fellow 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders, congratulations on taking out the club championship – a feat all the more meritorious given you had to double-up players each week. I had the pleasure of watching 8<sup>th</sup> grade over the final two weeks and they were a great credit to themselves and the club. To make the grand final was a great achievement.

Our U/17's are premiers again. Quite simply they were just too good. Brimming with representative players this team was clearly the best team in the competition and thoroughly deserved their title.

Congratulations must go to the coaching/management team of Dean Morrow, Michael Bougoukas and George Manou who gave their all each week quite often on cold and lonely Friday nights - your efforts were duly rewarded.

To Les Wark, well, what can one say – 800 club games. An achievement never reached before in the club's history. An achievement not reached in Sydney Hockey and possibly in Australia. Les has been a great contributor as a player, coach and administrator duly recognised by the club with Les being a "Life Member". He simply has done it all. Congratulations Les.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all players who achieved representative honours in 2008. I trust this is a pathway to greater honours over the coming years. Please note that all these players are listed separately in the annual report.

#### Lowlights

Player shortfall each week of anywhere between 10-30

Failure to reach semis for the majority of teams

The season was a real struggle each week. We regularly had players unavailable and on many occasions notice of unavailability was as late as game day. The effect of this was mainly felt by 3rds down and this had a major impact on those grades ability to perform consistently and eventually qualify for the semis.

To Adam Campano and Tim Sutton captain/coaches for 3rds and 4ths my thanks for a great job given the difficulties. These guys did a great job and led their teams admirably.

Our 5ths and 6ths also battled hard and unfortunately struggled in their respective grades, made all the more difficult by having to play some club's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams. Having said that, we definitely have some young talent coming through which will ensure we remain the top club in Sydney for many years to come.

On the admin side, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for all their support during the season especially to Les Wark and Mark Noller. To my fellow selectors (Geoff Paterson, Les Wark and Adam Campano) I thank you all for your assistance and for making the weekly selections a trouble-free collaborative process. It was a real pleasure to work with you. On this front, special mention to Milcho Klimoski who ran and I mean ran, 7ths and 8ths. Milcho was sole selector, chief bottle-washer (you get the picture) and his weekly selection emails meant I had nothing to worry about.

Finally, to all the Glebe hockey family, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Hockey Year in 2009.

Danny O'Brien



# **WOMEN'S HIGHER GRADES CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

The 2008 season was to be one of Glebe Women's best. The planning that had started in September 2007 by the Committee for this to happen was enormous which included multiple fundraising activities, quality coaches and managers, player development opportunities, a pre-season program that would have the players ready to take on the season in much better shape than ever before.

During the pre season stage the numbers of players wishing to play were at there maximum and this was a healthy sign that the teams would be well fielded for the season.

A pre-season fitness program of 9 weeks which included fitness tests, weekly fitness sessions were provided. At the start, this opportunity was well attended and improvements were being seen. A break for Easter soon interrupted the momentum and we saw a decrease in attendance which impacted on the overall success of this initiative.

Teams were selected for participation in the Sydney Women's Metro League for first, second and fourth divisions from numerous trial games.

First Grade was coached by Colin Rochester and Managed by Ann Rochester. I would sincerely like to thank Colin and Ann for their continued support, professional attitude and exceptional commitment to the success of Glebe Women.

The competition in this grade is tough and requires a commitment to 18 games of hockey at the highest level in NSW. The team this season lacked consistency in player availabilities and player injuries also impacted on the desired outcomes. When Glebe were at full strength they matched the opposition and displayed great skill which was exciting to watch. Along with this, the second grade players who were continually called upon, made the most of the opportunity and gave me belief in the future for Glebe Women.

Second Grade was coached by Danny O'Brien who although was heavily involved with Glebe Men offered to coach the team. Danny, your commitment to the team is greatly appreciated and I thank you for taking on this role under such an already enormous work load. You bought a hard nosed approach which highlighted critical development needs. The learning from this season will be actioned and the hard work will continue to develop our players to the standard required.

The team was made up of players with years of experience in this league along with young players keen to learn and challenge their skills. So many times our after game comment would be "we had the majority of the play". Goal scoring is a real issue for Glebe Women and needs serious thought as to how we can turn this around for next season.

Third Grade became the transitioning team where our young players could develop while participating in senior competition. The coach was Dean Benfield specifically chosen for his invaluable experience as a young player coach and also as an exceptional NSW player. The team was managed by Helen Howe who also has years of experience with

juniors and a lengthy playing career with first grade. Thank you, Dean and Helen for your high level of commitment, your enthusiasm for the girls to improve and your patience.

The development team approach taken this season was successful. Young players from other associations joined Glebe and the comments from the parents were very positive. The team included some experienced players which bought the leadership and encouragement required and by the end of the season you could see an improvement in the players.

Overall, some might say the season was less than impressive. There are definitely areas that need improving on and a stronger approach taken towards the expected commitment by players. The Committee is committed to making available opportunities for players to be successful, but we need players to support those opportunities.

My hope is that we stick together for next season, prepare well and be fully committed to make the most of every opportunity that is put in front of us.

Glebe Women deserve respect and it starts with the individual taking responsibility for their own potential.

Thank you all for your friendship and support throughout the year.

Raelene Lindeberg

## **WOMEN'S LOWER GRADE CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

It is with great pleasure that I can report the 4<sup>th</sup> grade women's team made it to the finals this year despite a rocky start to the season on the points table. This would not have been possible without the dedication of our coach Googa and the commitment shown both on and off the field from the girls.

The usual flood of girls to the lower grades at the beginning of the season meant the women's committee had to decide whether to field a third lower grades team. Experience told us to stick with just the two teams and, as in the past, many players dropped off leaving us with just enough players to field two teams.

The women's lower grades started the 2008 season on the back foot due to umpire badging discrepancies between Glebe and Eastern Districts Hockey Association. Glebe was promptly stripped of its wins and both teams were awarded with 3-0 losses for the first three games of the season.

Nevertheless the teams soldiered on and managed to play some wonderful hockey. 4<sup>th</sup> grade certainly was great to watch each week.

Tuesday night training sessions were well attended by the lower grades this year; Googa had the girls running up and down the embankment before turf time and his boxing classes were second to none! We were also very lucky to have Matthew Wark and Aaron Oman provide some input at our training sessions.

For most of the season a lot of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls played back to back games because of low numbers in both teams. If we play two separate teams in 2009 the players will be fresh and there will be a real chance of winning the finals.

This season we had a couple of weeks without our goalie Sheidan. Ellie Williams and Mel Newton were so kind to step in and help us out and I know all of the girls really appreciated the support they offered.

Finding umpires has always been a bit of a juggling act for the lower grades so a big thank you to Caroline Lake for doing all the stressing and finding the following umpires for us, Carol Wark, Thea Roberts, Ellie Bath, Sam Noller, Helen Howe, Krista Jenkins, Raelene Lindeberg and umpiring herself on many occasions. Thank you all for helping us out.

Id like to acknowledge Jonathan Gillis for his super efforts managing the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team this year. Jonathan did a wonderful job and it was a huge help having him there.

Jen Kean (our Scottish import who played half the season), Jane Charleson and Sara Bala organised the 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls this year. Top effort!

Most of all thank you to Googa for taking the time to train us, coach us, and put up with our constant chatter! You have a heart of gold which is reflected in the commitment from your girls.

Bring on 2009!

Larissa Barton

# JUNIOR CONVENORS REPORT

I am pleased to be able to present the 2008 Annual Junior Report of the Glebe District Hockey Club in its 78<sup>th</sup> year.

It has been a successful year for Glebe Juniors – Central Area Club Champions (ending Sutherland's string of 12 consecutive wins), two premierships (U17A and U11A) and six of the eight teams making the finals series.

Results for the year were as follows:

<b>Team</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Manager</b>
U17A	Premiers	Dean Morrow/ Michael Bougoukas	George Manou
U15 Strikers	6th	Catherine Wark	Catherine Wark
U15 Strikers	3rd	Ian Paterson	Greg Organ
U13 Redbacks	2nd	Alan Doughty	Philip Sherd
U13 Strikers	3rd	Simon Wark (helpers)	Mandy Burgess
U11 Redbacks	Premiers	Arvind Hughes/ George Manou	Shanti Hughes/ Veronica Podelec
U11 Strickers	4th	Alison Cheong	Jane Robinson
U11 Hornets	5th	Josh La Spina	Geoff Baird/ Glenn McMahon

Congratulations to all teams and a very big thank you to all the coaches, managers, players, parents and helpers who, apart from achieving success, provided an environment where the kids had fun and improved their hockey skills.

Once again our U17 team won the premiership with only one loss during the season. Glebe has dominated this competition - over the last 15 years, the club has played in every final series reaching 11 Grand Finals and winning 9 premierships (5 in the last 6 years)! Most of the players also played in the Club's Premier League and First Division teams – true club members!! I would also like to congratulate Scott Cleary who was awarded Sydney Junior Rep Player of The Year at the Sydney Hockey Association Presentation Night. It is the first time this award has been presented and it is indeed a prestigious award given the calibre of players representing Sydney Junior hockey.

We did not field an U15 team in the Metro competition this year, however the two teams in the Central Area competition played good team hockey and had an enjoyable season. The U15 Hornets were very unlucky not to make the Grand Final, losing a close Preliminary Final played in atrocious weather conditions. I would like to thank the two coaches – Ian Paterson and Catherine Wark – two of the club's elite young players and of course, former Glebe Juniors who

represented NSW this year but still found the time to put back into the club and coach our juniors.

It was pleasing to see our U13A Redbacks team make the Grand Final after a very difficult season in 2007. The team had a good mixture of second year rep players and enthusiastic players coming up from last year's U11 teams. Although losing to Sutherland in the Grand Final, they had the honour of inflicting Sutho's only defeat of the season. Congratulations to Jordan Dart who made the U13 State team that came second at the National Championships. I would like to make special mention of the U13B Strikers team. The team usually played short and also had six different game coaches during the season due to Simon Wark's work commitments. However the kids and their parents showed great enthusiasm and commitment turning up each week and even causing upsets defeating higher placed teams. Like the U15 Hornets, the team played the Preliminary Final in atrocious weather and with only eight players (including an U11 player) were unlucky to lose 1-0 to the eventual premiers Sutherland. For me, your effort was the highlight of the Glebe Junior club year!

This year we fielded 3 x U11 teams – one more than we have fielded in the last few years. This was due to the great work by Alison and Andrew Cheong and Vernon Howe with our Minkey kids who have now moved up to age competition. The U11A Redbacks were Minor Premiers losing only one round game. After losing the Major Semi-Final, the team gained revenge with a strong 3-0 win over Moorebank in the Grand Final. I am encouraged by the talent and enthusiasm of the kids in our two U11B teams. The Strikers made the semi-finals and the Hornets were able to score a 4-0 win against a team which played in the grand final. It was also great to see these two teams battle it out in the local derby on Jubilee – so much passion and skill!

Glebe Minkey is as popular as ever with Vernon Howe, Alison Cheong and helpers coaching up to 40 children each Saturday morning down at Jubilee. Ages range from 3 to 9 years, and the program is centred on fun and involvement whilst learning basic skills. This is a great breeding ground for the stars of the future plus it is a wonderful opportunity for parents and their kids to be involved together in an outdoor activity. It is hard to beat running around Jubilee on a crisp, clear winter morning!!

Our Junior Carnival this year was a much smaller event than in past years. It gets harder each year to get the commitment from other clubs to attend and we are now the only open carnival for club teams left. This year we were confined to Jubilee Oval but this created a very enjoyable and intimate atmosphere which everyone enjoyed. It also once again provided the opportunity for juniors from all clubs to umpire and attain there Sydney Junior Umpire badges.

Once again, I have many people to thank for another happy and rewarding year for the Glebe Juniors:

Our major Junior sponsors Just Hockey, Chemika and the Toxteth Hotel which makes a sizeable monetary donation each year for Junior Development.

Our coaches & managers – a mixture of dedicated parents, senior members and players. No other Sydney club has as many senior players and former Glebe juniors coaching junior teams.

☞ Vernon Howe & Alison Cheong, – Glebe has the happiest minkey players and parents in Sydney.

- Patricia Doughty & Liz Fleming who ran the clubhouse. Also the parents who helped with the BBQ each week

- Andrew Goodrick (“Googa”) – Our club equipment officer. Always there at Wednesday night trainings and a true Glebe clubman – always willing to help where needed.
- Louise Tapsell – our club PR officer. Made sure the community heard about our club’s activities and successes.
- Megan Humphries – our Junior Carnival convenor.
- ☒ Glebe Management Committee – Bob Taylor, Les Wark and the committee for their help during the season

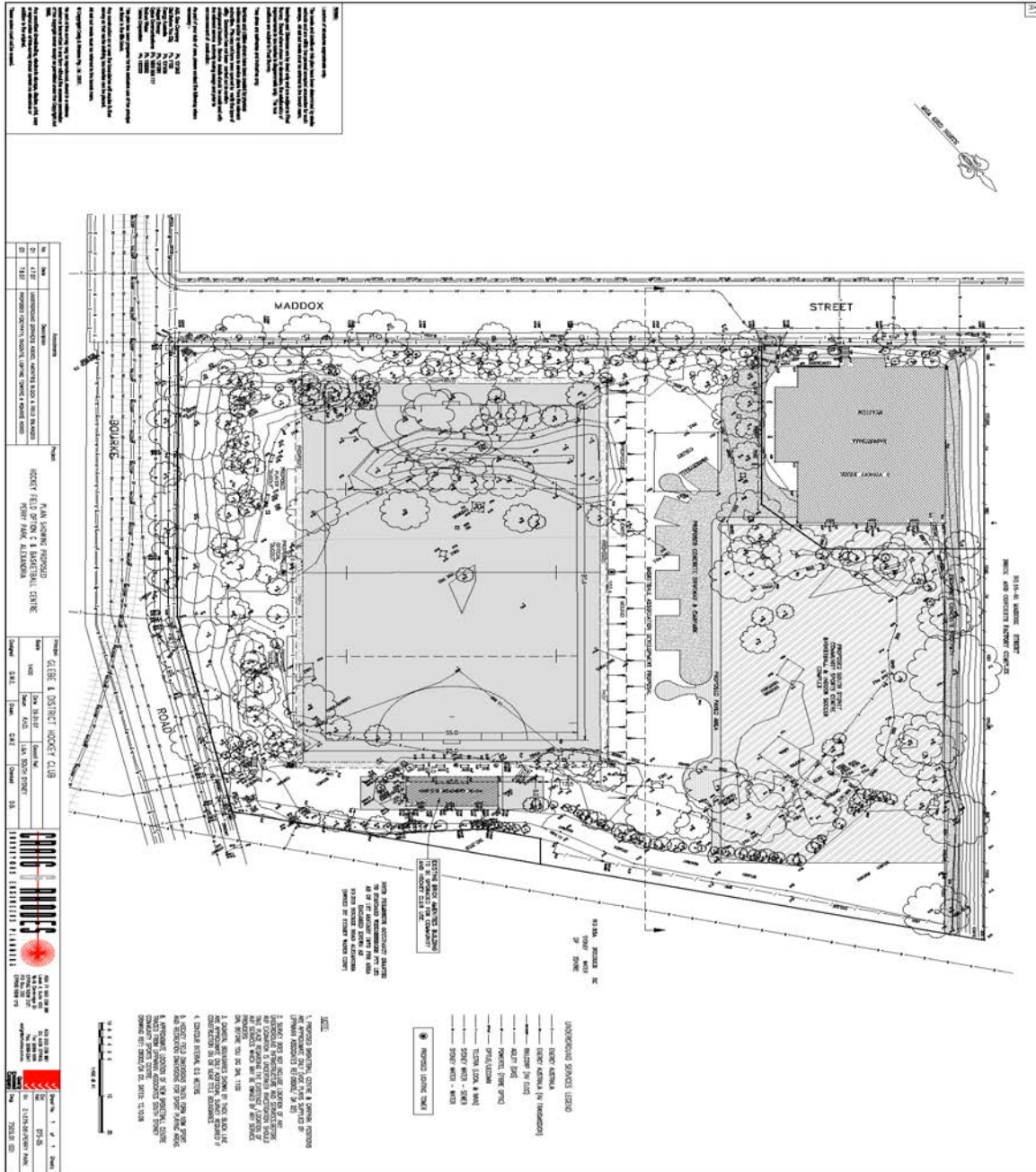
Thanks to all the helpers.

I close this report in the same way I did last year - I appeal to you all to assist wherever you can. Our club and hockey in general faces ever-increasing competition from the likes of football and AFL. We can’t match these sports in dollar terms, so it is up to us at club level to increase our numbers and improve the skills of the players. Please volunteer your services or consider how you can help if asked.

I look forward to seeing you all Under The Arches next year. Sign-on will be Wednesday 28 January 2009 (5:30pm - 7:00pm) and Sunday 1 February 2009 (9am - 11:00am) at the clubhouse. Until then, I hope you have a very happy Christmas with your families and please keep safe and well.

Mark Noller

# SYNTHETIC TURF COMMITTEE REPORT



### Proposed Field & Club House location

It has been a very slow year this year on the turf front. Council at long last is at present completing the Perry Park Master Plan. The draft plan is expected to be available at the end of January with the final plan presented to Council in April 2009.

The Club, like to thank the Glebe part of the Turf Committee comprising of Craig Bagley, Rodney Hammett, who have kept the pressure on the Council to get the Master Plan completed.

Lets see what 2009 brings on the Turf front

## Les Wark

# **SOCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

2008 proved to be a great year for the social calendar and a very successful one at that. The season started off with drinks at the Toxteth Hotel and this saw the women and men of the club come together to kick off the season and toast themselves to a successful year ahead.

I would like to start by congratulating Kate Gleeson on her first year as Social Officer for the Women's Club it was a pleasure working with her and also to Eliza Holyoake who also undertook her first year as a Social Officer as well they did a fantastic job and I thank them for all their hard work throughout the year.

The Glebe ladies began the season early running three very successful fundraising initiatives at both Mascot and Ashfield Bunnings Warehouse's. The three BBQ's were well received by the public and proved to be a great fundraiser for the club with the ladies managing to raise approximately \$2,000 - \$3,000 before the season proper had even begun. These BBQ's were a lot of work and took many people working in concert to make them such a success the club would like to thank everyone who helped out on the day and leading up to the BBQ your efforts are greatly appreciated.

With the Glebe District Hockey Club being relocated to Railway Arch No.1 this season there was a bit of a delay in the resumption of social functions down at the now famous or "infamous", Clubhouse depending on your viewpoint. However things kicked off with a bang when the Clubhouse was officially unveiled for the 2008 season with Band Night breaking the arches in for the first time. The night was a great success to the Club however attendances were down on the previous years night, maybe we need to be more exclusive with our Band selection? Nonetheless the night was a great event to unveil the new home of the men and women from the Glebe Hockey Club and a big thanks goes to Cristian Campano for organising all the bands to play at the clubhouse and to Amy Wark for making sure everything ran smoothly. Also thanks to all the people who helped behind the bar on the night and to those who did the little things that helped the night run smoothly and made it enjoyable for all who attended, and with the lead up to the night.

The Glebe vs. Briars day saw the Club retain the Wark – Trevanar Cup with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Women and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Men winning their games (it was the women's first and only game they won the whole year so it came in perfect timing to make sure that we took the trophy back down to the arches). A themed Mexican Night was held back down at the Clubhouse to celebrate the triumph of retaining the Wark – Trevanar Cup which saw a small but loyal band of club members gather back down at the clubhouse to celebrating their victory, Mexican style. The night was enjoyed by muchachas and muchachos alike and hopefully next year the game times will be altered so that more people can come down to help celebrate a rare occasion where the Men's and Women's teams get to play together on the same day.

This year with some new faces behind the bar saw the introduction of some new and exotic few foods to the Clubhouse on Wednesday Nights. The food was spectacular and I can vouch for that personally and I would like to thank the ladies behind the bar for their hard work throughout the season and I hope that they continue their great work next year. The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade team would also like to thank the ladies for providing them with a pre Grand Final dinner on the Wednesday night which I am sure was better than most of the dinners the boys receive at home especially those who are currently living out of home.



The 2008 season saw a rare and special occasion not only in the history of the Glebe District Hockey Club but also for the Sydney Hockey with Les Wark playing his 800th game for the Dirty Reds. The achievement was celebrated back down under the famous Railway Arches at Jubilee Oval and it was great that everyone came down and celebrated with Les a unique accomplishment.

The halfway point of the season saw the arrival of the Pub Crawl onto the social calendar and this year saw one the biggest turnouts in recent years. The pubs looked after us well with food and great hospitality and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves; although the timing at the pubs was thrown out a bit with a few people a little to keen to enjoy themselves at a few pubs for a little longer then the time manager thought was appropriate. The last stop was down at the Clubhouse and this turned out to be a great decision as everyone stayed together from the start of the night right till the very end, which made the night particularly special.

With the 1<sup>ST</sup> Grade Men winning the Premiership for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 4 years this called for a special celebration and the Glebe Men and Women dually provided this with many not sleeping till Sunday evening.

The Presentation Night this year was held at a new venue and the feedback has been very positive. The Presentation Night at the Canada Bay Club was a great event where all members of the club young and old had a chance to get dressed up and enjoy night and mix together to share a few old stories and a few new ones. The people at the Canada Bay Club looked after us well and provided a great night for the club and we would like to thank them for the venue and their co-operation. Congratulations to all the trophy winners and everyone that was nominated. A big thanks goes out to Kate Gleeson who was instrumental in the organisation of the Presentation Night, thanks must also go to Maureen Paterson, Googa, Mark Noller, Cath Wark, Louise Tapsell, Mary Wark and to anyone else who helped out setting up the night and on the evening for helping to make the night a successful one. Special thanks to George Manou who once again did a great job as Master Ceremonies who helped to make the night very enjoyable and I thank him once again for giving up his night.

Overall 2008 has been a great year for the Club both on and off the hockey field and I look forward to what 2009 has install for us as a club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped me throughout the year with organising events and helping set-up and run the events themselves. I would like to thank and congratulate Kate Gleeson on doing a great job this year as the Women's Social Officer she was a pleasure to work with and she was responsible for a lot of the background work of the social organisation of the various nights and she made my job very easy with her tireless efforts throughout the year. It is shame she is stepping down from her post as social officer next year but I wish her all the best next season in her capacity as the women's secretary.

Thankyou everyone for another memorable and momentous season and I hope that next year is another successful one for the Glebe District Hockey Club

Ian Paterson

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Premier Division	Points
Team	
Norwest Strikers	100
Glebe	96
Moorebank	95
Sutherland	79
Ryde	61
UTS	61
Gordon-Nth sydney	59
Bankstown	58
Briars	58
Sydney University	50
St George Randwick	33
South West Strikers	3

1st Division	Points
Team	
Ryde	96
Sutherland	74
Briars	71
Manly	70
University of NSW	58
NWS	56
Glebe	52
Gordon-Nth Sydney	47
Moorebank	41
Sydney University	31
Easts	31

2nd Division	Points
Team	
Macquarie University	95
UTS	88
St George Randwick	83
Ryde	79
SWS	57
Manly	52
Sutherland	50
Briars	41
Moorebank	40
Glebe	40
University of NSW	6

4th Division	Points
Team	
Glebe	58
Manly	54
Briars	52
Sutherland	48
GNS	43
Sydney University	36
Macquarie University	31
Wests	27
Glenorie	27
Ryde	23
Bentstix	13
St George	7
Easts	3

## TEAM POINTS TABLES

### Premier Division First Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Norwest Strikers	22	19	1	2	106	30	76	58
Glebe	22	17	2	3	109	54	55	53
Moorebank	22	16	3	3	96	46	50	51
Bankstown	22	13	2	7	99	68	31	41
Gordon-Nth sydney	22	13	2	7	89	58	31	41
Ryde	22	9	4	9	66	79	-13	31
Briars	22	8	4	10	76	64	12	28
Sutherland	22	6	5	11	70	80	-10	23
UTS	22	6	4	12	63	99	-36	22
Sydney University	21	5	4	12	50	62	-12	19
St George Randwick	21	2	2	17	50	135	-85	8
South West Strikers	22	0	1	21	32	131	-99	1

### Premier League Second Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Sutherland	22	18	2	2	88	25	63	56
Moorebank	22	14	2	6	71	47	24	44
Glebe	22	14	1	7	73	45	28	43
Norwest Strikers	22	13	3	6	66	35	31	42
UTS	22	11	6	5	77	52	25	39
Sydney University	22	9	4	9	54	53	1	31
Briars	22	8	6	8	54	52	2	30
Ryde	22	9	3	10	52	63	-11	30
St George Randwick	22	7	4	11	44	57	-13	25
Gordon-Nth sydney	22	5	3	14	43	55	-12	18
Bankstown	22	5	2	15	52	104	-52	17
South West Strikers	22	0	2	20	20	106	-86	2

### Division 1, First Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Ryde	20	19	0	1	75	26	49	57
Sutherland	20	14	1	5	63	35	28	43
Manly	20	13	2	5	77	37	40	41
Briars	20	10	4	6	48	40	8	34
Glebe	20	8	1	11	37	44	-7	25
NWS	20	6	7	7	32	39	-7	25
Sydney University	20	6	3	11	27	42	-15	21
Easts	20	5	5	10	40	56	-16	20
Moorebank	20	6	2	12	39	57	-18	20
University NSW	20	4	5	11	21	46	-25	17
GNS	20	2	4	14	21	58	-37	10

### Division 1 Second Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
University of NSW	20	13	2	5	85	43	42	41
Ryde	20	13	0	7	64	41	23	39
GNS	20	11	4	5	61	46	15	37
Briars	20	11	4	5	52	37	15	37
NWS	20	9	4	7	42	34	8	31
Sutherland	20	10	1	9	44	43	1	31
Manly	20	8	5	7	43	40	3	29
Glebe	20	8	3	9	43	44	-1	27
Moorebank	20	6	3	11	36	50	-14	21
Easts	20	3	2	15	21	69	-48	11
Sydney University	20	2	4	14	17	61	-44	10

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#### Division 2 First Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Macquarie University	20	19	0	1	104	15	89	57
UTS	20	17	1	2	79	19	60	52
St George Randwick	20	14	1	5	66	30	36	43
Ryde	20	13	2	5	66	25	41	41
Moorebank	20	10	1	9	66	56	10	31
Glebe	20	10	0	10	40	57	-17	30
SWS	20	8	2	10	39	51	-12	26
Manly	20	6	0	14	31	66	-35	18
Sutherland	20	4	2	14	29	72	-43	14
Briars	20	3	1	16	24	78	-54	10
University NSW	20	1	0	19	17	92	-75	3

#### Division 2 Second Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
St George Randwick	20	12	4	4	76	26	50	40
Ryde	20	11	5	4	68	23	45	38
Macquarie University	20	11	5	4	66	39	27	38
Sutherland	20	10	6	4	46	35	11	36
UTS	20	11	3	6	47	38	9	36
Manly	20	9	7	4	37	28	9	34
Briars	20	10	1	9	46	31	15	31
SWS	20	9	4	7	44	36	8	31
Glebe	20	3	4	13	24	53	-29	13
Moorebank	20	2	3	15	37	116	-79	9
University of NSW	20	1	0	19	25	91	-66	3

#### Division 4 First Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Macquarie University	16	10	1	5	41	21	20	31
Manly	16	9	3	4	39	24	15	30
GNS L/E	16	9	2	5	32	21	11	29
Glebe	16	9	2	5	25	17	8	29
Wests	16	8	3	5	42	28	14	27
Glenorie	16	9	0	7	41	30	11	27
Briars	16	8	0	8	34	31	3	24
Bentstix	16	3	1	12	21	39	-18	10
Easts	16	1	0	15	13	77	-64	

#### Division 4 Second Grade

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Sutherland	16	16	0	0	89	12	77	48
Sydney University	16	12	0	4	36	15	21	36
Glebe	16	9	2	5	44	29	15	29
Briars	16	9	1	6	32	34	-2	28
Manly	16	8	0	8	44	36	8	24
Ryde	16	7	2	7	35	43	-8	23
GNS	16	4	2	10	33	52	-19	14
St George	16	2	1	13	21	50	-29	7
Bentstix	16	1	0	15	8	71	-63	3

# MENS FIRST GRADE REPORT

## Premiers



**L to R Standing:** Geoff Paterson (Coach) Daniel Cleary, Sam Noller, Alister Cullen, Ian Paterson, Patrick Wark, Michael Wark, Matthew Wark, Patrick Casey, John Nilan (Manager)  
**L to R Kneeling:** Dean Benfield, Andrew Cheong, Mark Paterson, Josh LaSpina, Adam Howard, Zac Farlow, Peter Wark, Aaron Nilan, Stephen Madycki

## **Grand Final Winners**

This year began as many others with the goal of reaching the final series than onwards from there, we had our eyes on a few sides in which we needed to bench mark ourselves against. This year I wanted 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to set some goals early on in the season and to aim for 3 out of 4 Grand-Final appearances, if we couldn't do 3 out of 3 we had a great opportunity to at least try for 3 out of 4, and so we had a brainstorming session at the club house, facilitated by James Benson and a set of aims and actions were put on paper.

This year we spoke more about our final goal and how to keep that dream alive.

We couldn't do what we did without players wanting to improve throughout the year, we had the passion and we finished with the plan to go with this passion.

We have always gone out to play the best we can, to also enjoy ourselves and get the most out of every game; this over the years has been a point of satisfaction to me.

The Grand Final win means a lot to this team, with the majority having been together since u/11's or in that golden era of juniors where they have come to know each other well. Considering the loss of two players to Bankstown the loss of Mathew Wark after 7 games and Alister Cullen in July and Ian Paterson in July and during a period in August through injury, then James Benson at the business end of the season this was truly a well deserved victory.

We enjoyed being the underdogs and this only stirred the boys to greater improvement. If you stand still, you will eventually go backwards.

Having competition for positions brought out the best in everyone and it was done in the right spirit. It's not about the individual but the team, and what that individual can bring to the team; we had some great times and thrilled our supporters with the ball movement and exciting goals that were scored as well as the ones saved. The team handled adversity well and responded in a positive manner whenever teams looked like getting on top. As Maureen said to me "they hate to lose".

The season started well, then a set back in April when beaten by Bankstown with a number of players out, a loss in May against NorWest Strikers, but wins over Liverpool and Briars as well as a hard fought win against Ryde, kept us in second place at the half way mark of the competition. A win in the Yates Cup got the belief going within the group that we could go all the way. The 2<sup>ND</sup> round brought hard fought wins against Bankstown and Briars as well as a come from behind draw vs. NorWest Strikers and again Ryde was a close encounter. The loss to Liverpool really brought home to us that more had to be done to nullify the opposition if we were to turn things around in the Final vs. Liverpool. For once we focused on the opposition rather than our selves and it worked. Glebe 3 Moorebank 1.

The Grand Final was one of those games where the big time players rose to the occasion and inspired everyone to play their best Hockey. I for one won't forget those three goals for along time, just quite spectacular, and a few others that nearly came off. Our defence was superb, especially in the first half, which won us domination in the midfield. Again Dean made some great reflex saves in the 2nd half and we soaked up the pressure and in the end gave it back with interest.

We learned as a team to cherish the time we had together as you never knew when circumstances might change for any of us, we would make the most of the time together.

To have so many stars on the sidelines at different times of the year is a great testament to the depth of talent in the club and the culture within the club; we could be in for exciting times with the talent coming through and 1<sup>st</sup> graders won't want to stand still for too long.

We would benefit from having specific team training, next year a number of younger players will be able to commit to second grade on a Tuesday night. Running patterns of play within your

own team as the 1<sup>st</sup> grade team did in the last weeks showed in our game. It's common sense to practice simulated game situations.

Considering the lack of another training night we do very well.

Players need to consider Wednesday night physical training as an opportunity to train for your team mates and not just for yourself, to make sure you won't let any one down in the game. It's also another opportunity to get together as a club one night is not enough.

Using subs during the final series worked well, but during the normal rounds I believe players would like a full game but if people aren't at training, rotation of players may be the best way to go in keeping the consistency of play at a high level.

No doubt we all need to keep on improving in areas of our game and the club needs to keep providing the best training facilities it can.

Thanks to the team for making my year, by the cooperation and leadership taken by senior players. Taking the lead from time to time and driving the team forward as it only takes one person with the enthusiasm and drive to inspire others, so congratulations to everyone who put in; it only takes one or two not to want to do what the team wants and it can be a distraction.

It's a tribute to the players that everyone was on the same page in wanting to do the processes to eventually achieve the final goal. People put the team first in front of themselves.

Players spoke up at the appropriate times and it was always constructive and honest, being honest to each other and themselves is an important ingredient to success.

We had the right mixture of the leadership this year, with Mark an inspiration as Captain and Jnr the tactician with help from Deano and J.B. as senior players made a good combination. Others would have discussions between each other on understanding each others needs.

Thanks to all the supporters for making the Grand Final a memorable occasion, to the band of supporters situated on the southern corner of the Olympic pitch, you could always find them there each and every game.

To John Nilan from me and the team, you make it so easy for us to do our jobs, thanks again.

To Doc Wark I appreciate the help before and during the game, many hands make light work. So good not to worry about hockey balls going missing, by the way what do you do Tuesday nights 7.30pm to 9.30pm! Thanks for your thoughts on the games as well.

To Danny, Les and Campo thanks for your contribution at training and thoughts on selections and the game as a whole.

The players

The grand final team was –Dean Benfield, Peter Wark, Adam Howard, Alister Cullen, Aaron Oman, Zach Farlow, Daniel Cleary, Mark Paterson, Michael Wark, Ian Paterson, Patrick Wark, Josh LaSpina, Pat Casey, Andrew Cheong, Sam Noller and Stephan Madycki.

**Aaron Oman** - It was a fitting end to one of our best , Aaron who retired after the Grand Final had the last touch of the game to score from a penalty stroke, Aaron had a very consistent season and excelled when shifted to Centre Half due to injuries in the team and was a vital part of our success.

**Mark Paterson** - who had an outstanding season, winning the Brian Booth medal and player of the Grand Final, took his game to another level this year, improved his stick work and execution compared to previous years, more consistent.

**Dean Benfield** – this year won the Jim Kenny trophy and this reflected the significant contributor his was to the team and our success. His reflex saves and presence in goal is second to none.

**Michael Wark** –Top goal scorer in Sydney with 40 goals and a nominee for the Brian Booth Medal. Another outstanding year and when he gets in that circle and delivers that's as good as it gets.

**Ian Paterson** – Speed to burn, good work rate, decisive in attack, was injured through July & August, but is a dangerous forward, rewarded with selection in U/21 Australian Squad.

**Alister Cullen** – Consistent , can play in a number of positions and given more responsibility will only keep improving. U/21 NSW representative. Defends well and links well in attack.

**Matthew Wark** - Injured after round seven, is another state representative, with the potential to go all the way.

**Peter Wark** – Who played for the team and kept to the structure more times than not, valuable in his short corner scoring ability and tackling.

**Adam Howard** – The ultimate team player, the quite achiever, who was always dependable and cool under pressure. 2<sup>nd</sup> in player's player votes.

**Zach Farlow** – willing to step up in defence and linked well in attack. Reads the game well .

**Patrick Wark** – Another who plays many positions at a competent level (Stop Gap Man), didn't see him self playing 1<sup>st</sup> grade this year, always thinking of team first, must get a club trophy soon.

**Daniel Cleary** – the finisher of many attacking raids this season, will only get better from this years experience. 3<sup>rd</sup> highest goal scorer.

**Patrick Casey** – Another consistent player unsung hero gets the job done for the team.

**Andrew Cheong** – Fierce competitor and explosive off the bench, was always competing for the ball.

**Josh LaSpina** – Another young gun in a tough year played consistently and for the team.

**Sam Noller** – Smart player, levelled headed has a good future and supportive attitude to the team.



**Stephan Madycki** – With limited opportunities to play 1<sup>st</sup> gde when he did performed very well was reassuring to have him in the squad.

**James Benson** – Mr. Professional, on and off the field, preparation always exemplary a class player with deft stick work, competitive as much at training as on the field.

To the others that played first grade this year well done, may there be more opportunities ahead. Simon Wark, Scott Cleary, Anderson McDonald, Ross Bougoukas, Scott Howard.

The team scored 122 goals for and 64 against in 25 games.

The competition was competitive with only a couple of blow outs in the score but the majority of games were only won by a difference on average of 3 goals.

When all the dust has settled and I arrived up stairs from the dressing sheds and I looked across the field towards the scoreboard and saw Glebe 4 - NWS 2 it brought a smile to my face.

Thanks to my family for all the support they give me, especially to Maureen for always being there. Maureen did say they would win, because they hate to lose.

Geoff Paterson





















































## MENS SECOND GRADE REPORT



**Standing L to R:** Les Wark (Coach), Stephan Madycki, Anderson McDonald, Simon Wark, Brad Goodridge, Jake Ribarovski, Andrew Cheong, Sam Noller, Steve Howard (Manager)

**Kneeling L to R:** Scott Cleary, Ross Bougoukas, Alex Manou, Josh LaSpina, Patrick Casey, Scott Howard

Consistency and intensity are things all coaches try to instill into their teams. This is where I failed and it showed particularly over the last few games of the season. These games were the most important ones and only a few players stepped up to the mark to compete. We didn't step up as a whole and that is why we fell at the last hurdle.

Overall the team performed well during the season finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the end of the rounds. This was a good result in itself as it has been a while since 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade has been part of the Final Series.

Second Grade is always the team that suffers when there is injury or unavailability in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and this season was no different. Over the 21 games we played during the season I can only count on two occasions the team that was selected being the same team from the week before. This is not always a bad thing as it allows opportunities for younger players to show their wares to the Selectors and gain that experience necessary to establish themselves in the higher grades.

The team this year was made up of young members with five players aged 18 or younger and if the reserves were included it was seven. Three players were 21 and three were a bit older.

We tried to play a basic fast-flowing, open game which relied on player intensity and quick passing. When we were on song and the players “passed the ball, passed it early and ran into space”, we looked fantastic. Sometimes though we didn’t follow the basic rules and we struggled to make headway against teams we should have beaten easily.

The entire Club knows my three rules of hockey which I drum into all the teams I coach. I repeat them here:

1. Do not run the ball out of defence
2. Keep it wide
3. Keep it simple

Unfortunately, now and again, players in the team didn’t follow these basic rules and we suffered the consequences. We tried to overcomplicate things and basically we just were not tough enough all over the field.

This year was a year where the younger players learned what was required of them to play in the big league, where every ball is contested and you have to try and outsmart the opposition not just run through them. If the younger players took this away and know what is required of them to succeed then we have had a good year.

I would like to thank the three older players, Stephan Madycki, Pat Casey and Brad Goodrich, who contributed to the running of the team when I was not there and guiding the young ones both on and off the field during the season.

I would also like to thank Steve Howard. What a manager! His management skills are exemplary. It was great to have Steve there with me on the bench, we both have the same sense of humour and we had a many a chuckle during the game.

My thanks go also to Geoff Paterson whose coaching skills are second to none and who did all the hard work on Tuesday Nights with his drills and tips. The Club is lucky to have someone of Geoff’s talents guiding our players along.

Lastly I would like to thank the team for putting up with my ranting and raving about the same things week in and week out. It was a pleasure and honour to coach you as you all are gifted and talented in different ways and the effort and dignity you showed in victory and defeat was a credit to you all.

Team

**Stephan Madycki** (GK) One of the mentors of the team, did a great job during the season, kept us in many a game with his saves and marshalling of the troops.

**Scott Howard** (FB) The “Battler”, a man that you want beside you in the trenches. One of those players who you always want in your team because of his effort, spirit and determination. Mr 100% and more importantly the leader of the team in the Club Song.

**Sam Noller** (FB) A young man who has stepped up into the big time and is learning the finer points of the game every time he takes the field. Needs to keep remembering the basic rules and “draw that line in the sand”.

**Pat Casey** (HB) Mr Reliable, always there doing his job with the minimum of fuss. He kept disappearing to 1<sup>st</sup> grade each week, so that shows you the skill he has. Great player to have in your side.

**Alex (Mouse) Manou** (HB) the youngest player in the side, shows that he will be a force to be reckoned with in the future. Showed maturity above his years with the skills to match. If he keeps up his intensity and remembers “your last pass has to be my best pass” the world is his oyster.

**Brad Goodridge** (HB) One of the older establishment of the team who always gave his all each game. A great role model to the younger players with his tenacity and drive. Steadied the ship when things were not going our way in defence.

**Simon Wark** (FOR) He was the role model in drive and spirit, never gave up and always did the unselfish running for the team in defence in the attacking half. Cut defences to pieces with his skill and pace to score or set up his fellow team mates.

**Scott Cleary** (FOR) One of the young very talented players, a real game breaker with his deft stick work and his work rate in attack and defence. Is a very intelligent player and is still learning to think a few passes ahead. When he masters that, watch out world.

**Anderson (Ando) McDonald** (FOR) Found his form in the latter part of the season, an intelligent player with the ability to turn the opposition inside out with his ball running and leading. Would like him to keep his concentration up for the whole game.

**Andrew Cheong** (FOR) Bleeds Maroon and white, great team man who draws that “line in the sand” each week. Works extremely hard in both defence and attack just needs to be aware of what is happening around him before he gets the ball.

**Ross Bougoukas** (FOR) Another one of the very young talented players in this side, has great skills and speed to burn, always a handful for the opposition defence with his in-your-face playing style. When he develops more game knowledge will be another one to watch out for.

**Josh LaSpina** (FOR) A very talented player with pace and a great little jink to eliminate opposition players. When he was on song he was a pleasure to watch the way he cut opposition defences to pieces but I would like him to sing that song for the full 70 minutes.

**Special Mention** Cory Morrow, Jake Ribrosiki, Alex Shead, younger players who filled in when required. With great skills and a willingness to succeed, we are very lucky to have such fine young men.

































## MENS THIRD GRADE REPORT



**L to R:** Oliver Holyoake, Ross Bougoukas, Peter Bush, Brayden Mead, Cristian Campano, Corry Morrow, Michael Bougoukas, Paul Jowett, Chris Holmes, Jake Ribarovski, Adam Campano, Alex Shead

Absent: Daniel Carey, Ben Gaywood

Tough year. Let's not kid ourselves. While Glebe was always in the mix for a semi-finals spot (until the penultimate round of the season), the side found it difficult to get any kind of consistency or momentum going due to a combination of factors including illness, injury, work commitments, holidays, players being promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (a good thing for the club) and 3<sup>rd</sup>s being located at an alternative venue to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

All excuses aside (I better call the wah-mbulance), the 35 players who represented Glebe 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in season 2008 acquitted themselves well and improved as the season went on. In particular, many of the young players who were not ready for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at the start of the year and who were then thrown in there despite some reservations from the Captain-Coach, trained and played hard, hung in there and got to a stage where they became key players in the team and some went on to represent 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and hold their own. Congrats to those boys.

Thank you very much to the Brains Trust firm of Peter Busch and Paul Jowett for their support, leadership and encouragement throughout what was a tough year. Pete, in particular, was a mentor of mine when I was a junior player (yes, many moons ago) and I'm sure all the players appreciated his calmness and perspective at half-time talks, especially when I just wanted to blow off steam and give the team a gob full. Of course, stern words are sometimes required,

especially when you are 5-1 down to a Moorebank side who has only won 3 games all season and your own season is hanging precariously on the line.

You know it was a difficult year when you count as your highlights two close one goal losses to the Minor Premiers Ryde. Truly, Ryde were far and away the best side this season losing only one preliminary round game to Manly, and we took them to the brink of defeat on both occasions. However, our Achilles Heel prevented us from winning these tight games – Goal Scoring. In 20 games, we were only able to score only 37 times. It is hard to win a game averaging less than two goals scored per game. End of story. We were also held scoreless in an incredible 5 games (one quarter of our games). It's pretty hard to defend against that. We also had five different goalkeepers play in 3rds which did not do wonders for establishing good working relationships between defenders.

I honestly believe that 3<sup>rd</sup> grade was greatly disadvantaged by the current competition structure sanctioned by SHA. While we are happy to play in a tough competition often against 1<sup>st</sup> grade sides from other clubs, we are not happy to play at different locations to our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade sides and to a lesser extent, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade sides. This certainly affected the make up of the team on a week to week basis which in turn affected results.

Thanks to the occasional players who filled in (too many to name), the Management Committee, Selectors, and in particular the Club Captain, Danny O'Brien, who supported me throughout the season and most importantly the following players:

**Rob Blamire** (7 games): New goalie from the UK who moved to us from rivals Sydney Uni. Lanky and agile, Rob showed great promise before sustaining a season ending injury.

**Mick Bougoukis** (9 games): The glorious Greek came to our assistance when Rob got injured and had a couple of magnificent man of the match performances in goals showing some amazing agile reflex saves. Marshalls his defence well.

**Aleks Manou** (11 games, 2 goals); Super talented kid. Plays backs, halves and inside forward. Too good for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and showed it making the transition to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade with ease. Good kid and very down to earth to boot.

**Brayden Mead** (16 games): Hailing from Bunbury, 175 km south of Perth, 'Lovechild' as he became known was a super acquisition by the club playing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade most weeks. Good level of fitness and massive work load. Will get better in 2009.

**Adam Campano** (19 games): Tried hard. Made sure that the umpires always knew he was there or thereabouts. All time greatest Player Profile photo (being sent from the field for dissent – allegedly). Loves putting shit on his brother.

**Alex Sheard** (16 games, 3 goals): Skinny, blonde kid. Does not look like a hockey player but boy, did he come on. Alex's rate of development was incredible. He has a good passing and dribbling game; can play anywhere in the halves or forward line; and has an uncanny on-field relationship with Jake, where they just know where the other is going to be at any one given time. Close to best overall performer.

**Daniel Carey** (10 games): A battler of a bloke who has not trained for some years since his junior playing days but always gives 100% when he plays and is prepared to put his body on the line to keep goals out. A hamstring injury kept him out of the closing games of the season and may have reduced our chances of making finals.

**Jake Ribarovski** (18 games, 1 goal): A shy and unassuming kid, Jake has silky stick skills and a beautiful turn and drag that often left opposing defenders for dead. Great work rate as an inside forward and often can anticipate and intercept opposition passes which is a great skill for one so young. Played a bit of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Has a massive future.

**Cristian Campano** (16 games, 6 goals): Pino had an interesting year as our centre striker for most of the year. After a hatrick in the first game of the season, the goals dried up a bit for Pino and instead he focused on providing assists for goals (or so he tells us). Always worked back well in defence and was a good influence on the young kids with his stories of the life of a rock and roll star.

**Ben Gaywood** (15 games, 1 goal): Gay by name, Gay by nature? That's right. Benny, our little hombre from Devon, England, had a really positive effect on the team with his big smiles, cheeky jokes and general great attitude to life. Benny was also integral to the team as it's centre half until his Visa eventually ran out and he was deported to England to join a chain gang (I'm joking, he had to go to Uni).

**Corey Morrow** (11 games, 1 goal): Another of the star Glebe U/17 brigade who started 3<sup>rd</sup>s nervously but quickly established himself in the team and was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade until injury sidelined for much of the second half of the season. Has great potential as a half or striker.

**Oliver Holyoake** (11 Games): Junior Holysmokes is a talented young man who trains hard and shows glimpses of skilful stick work to beat players in games. Mixed up a season of 4<sup>ths</sup> with a half season in 3<sup>rd</sup>s when required and was good back-up when we were short a striker. A good club man and great all round bloke.

**Ross Bougoukis** (10 games, 10 goals): Super talented young striker who is extremely passionate about his hockey and hard as nails to boot. Scored a goal a game for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and improved a lot during the year, which was remarkable considering he didn't train with the men all year. An inspirational player, future leader and great club man.

**Paul Jowett** (17 games, 7 goals): After a few seasons toiling away as an Inside Right with a love of running the ball, Paul decided to pick himself at Centre-Forward in the latter half of the year to great effect scoring almost a goal a game when in that position. Paul is a well loved member of the team and his famous pre-game advice to the team (you have to say it in a thick Belfast accent), "If you just do one thing today, trap the f\*%#&@g ball!" was guaranteed to bring a few smirks from the younger players.

**Peter Busch** (15 games, 3 goals): For a guy well into his forties, it is amazing how Pete was able to produce consistent and calm hockey game after game when those half his age (and younger) struggled to do so. Pete is a seasoned and dare I say, cunning ex 1<sup>st</sup> grader who brings a better balance to what is a very young team. A great leader and inspiration to the younger players (including me) despite a very difficult year for him personally. Thanks for all your help and support Peter as always.



**Chris Holmes** (9 games): Chris was a revelation to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. After Les Wark tried to hide him away for the season to shore up our 5<sup>th</sup> grade side, his solid, tough and non-compromising play warranted immediate promotion to 3<sup>rd</sup>s where he served with distinction throughout the second half of the season. Chris on several occasions saved our bacon with last ditch diving saves on the line to save goals putting himself at risk of injury without any consideration to his safety (ala Scott Howard) and also served as an enforcer, giving it to blokes twice his age and a fair bit larger than him. Also lightens the mood in a dressing room before the game with his banter.

Adam Campano



















# **MENS FOURTH GRADE REPORT**

## **No Team photo taken**

Team: Tim Sutton, Michael Bougoukas, Damon Jones, Alan Doughty, Arvind Hughes, Alan Mills, James Hurrell, Thomas Hurrell, Will McLean, Ross Tapsell, XXX Polous, Braydon Mead, Greg Evans

The 4th grade team season this year initially appeared to be promising, but at the end the result was disappointing, with the team missing out upon the semi-finals for the first time in many years. In fact, the last 5 years have seen four grand final appearances, including 2 flags.

The main reasons for the decline this year were as follows:

- \* Scheduling - although improved from prior years, there were multiple instances of adjoining grades playing in different locations. Hence, when numbers were short, it was sometimes hard for players to play up or down grades.
- \* Player commitment and availability - the lower grades always feature a large number of players being used each year, given player development, representative duties, injuries, different team locations, departures, and players being away at times for various reasons. Given this, unfortunately the trend is for higher turnover and higher rates of player unavailability. It seems to be harder for players to fully commit to their teams and be available on a consistent basis. Perhaps this is a fact of modern life, but there appear to be frequent examples of late unavailability, and rarely will a full team be available until the time that the team runs onto the field (and many players have to frequently double up), making organisation very difficult.
- \* Increased competition - the 4th grade competition was very tough this year (as last year, since the Sydney competition was restructured). There are no easy games, and it is enjoyable to have a good opposition every week. We are finding that teams are better organised, and some teams obviously train together weekly on turf, which is lacking in the Glebe lower grades, where in the past our talent was good enough to beat most opposition.
- \* Experience and talent - there are relatively few experienced players who have played higher grades in recent years that are filtering through to the lower grades. The club is suffering in terms of the ability to mentor and foster talented players. In 4th grade, we have been blessed in recent times with some very talented younger players who have progressed onto higher grades. This year we also have had some very good juniors come into grade, though arguably not as strong as in past seasons.
- \* Finishing - there were a number of games this year where we were the better team over the majority of the pitch, but however we did not finish movements by goal scoring. In hockey you have to take your opportunities, and choose the best option for goal scoring, an area which can definitely improve next year.

Given the above, there were some memorable moments, including a stunning 7-4 win in a monsoon one night over the eventual premiers, UNSW. There were solid contributions by some of the established players, using experience to cover for ever declining pace and fitness. It was



pleasing to see the return of a couple of players to play hockey this year. And there was some good development from some of the younger players, who I am sure will appear in higher grades in the near future.

I would like to say thank you to the players who featured during the year, especially when called upon to double up. I would like to thank Danny O'Brien, who did a great job in terms of organising teams, especially when late unavailability of players resulted in a reshuffle of players through the grades. Danny is a fantastic Club Captain - we should all be proud for Danny to represent Glebe as Club Captain. I would also like to thank the multitude of people who helped behind the scenes with the club in a variety of ways.

I look forward to hockey next year, and to seeing everyone on the field again for Glebe in 2009.

Tim Sutton



L to R: Tim Sutton, Will McLean, Alan Doughty, Michael Bougoukas, Alan Mills





Oliver Hollyoake



Tim Sutton



L to R: Ross Tapsell, Tim Sutton, Arvind Hughes





Thomas Hurrell



James Hurrell



Alan Doughty



L to R: Damon Jones, Craig Bagley  
Tim Sutton, Thomas Hurrell



Jason McDonald



Daniel Poulos



Alan Mills





Michael Bougoukas



Alan Doughty & Oliver Hollyoake



L to R: Alan Doughty, Ross Tapsell, Alasdair Brown, Alan Mills, Michael Bougoukas



## MENS FIFTH GRADE REPORT



**Standing L to R:** Craig Bagley, Jason McDonald, Terren Manou, Kenneth Wark, Will McLean, Les Wark

**Kleening L to R:** Jack Stocker, Will Noller, Dominic Tentner, Tom Schlosser

**Absent:** Tom Pacey, Donald Ball, Alasdair Brown, Danny O'Brien

It was a season of up and down, consistencies and inconsistencies, effort and pride and the opposite of that is ???. Some games we were inspirational playing against the odds and winning and some we were terrible, we could not find any consistency in our play through out the season. It did not help the team cause when a few of the experienced players (a good name for old) had to withdraw with injuries.

As in previous years this team was made up of youth and experience which we all believe is a good formula for nurturing the younger players into the senior ranks. This is a good formula and the Club should consist with this direction for this team.

The really younger players consisted of Alister Brown, Will Noller, Jack Stocker, Chris Holmes, and Dominic Tintner, with Chris and Jack finishing off their season in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade after passing an intense learning course in this Team. The rest will be soon following.

I would like to thank the experienced players, Kenneth Wark, Danny O'Brien, Craig Bagley who really were an inspiration and great role models to the team. They show what skills and character you need when you put on the Maroon and White shirt and play for Glebe, they lead by example. They stressed that there is no giving up, you have of your give your very best to the very end.



I would like to thank all the team members for their support and effort through out the year.

The Team Consisted of, Jack Stocker, Les Wark, Craig Bagley, Tom Pacey, Kenneth Wark, Danny O'Brien, Tom Schlosser, Will Noller, Alasdair Brown, Dominic Tintner, Donald Ball, Jason McDonald, Will McLean, Thomas Hurrell





























## MENS SIXTH GRADE REPORT



**Standing L to R:** Sam Bagley, James Dean McDonald, Eoghan O'Donnell, Andrew Goodrick, Bernard Adcock, Lester Currie, Michael Moseley, Peter Kelly, Chris Loukakis

**Kneeling:** Jeremy Miller

**Absent:** Alex Hart, Clint, Dymond, Arun Aggarwal, John McDonald,

The sixth grade finished 9<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, but none-the-less it was an excellent season.

Losing Hammo straight up and then Googa to injury was a serious blow so early on, but with John and James McDonald we rallied well.

The team as a whole has gone away with the feeling of a successful year irrespective of the result. Playing against top of the ladder teams we'd often hold them to only a one goal lead with a bit of Glebe grit, determination and teamwork.

A superb effort by Eoghan O'Donnell, who didn't miss a game and improved solidly throughout the year. Also Jeremy Miller, in goal, who had some spectacular games.

Next year holds potential, assuming Googa and Hammo manage not to hurt themselves.

Thanks to the all the players who came out and filled in at short notice.



## Glebe Sixths 2008

Eoghan O'Donnell, Jeremy Miller, Peter Kelly, Lester Currie, Sam Bagley, Mic Moseley, James McDonald, Alex Hart, Clint Dymond, Andrew Goodrick, Arun Aggarwal, John McDonald, Chris Loukakis, Bernard Adcock.

Bernard Adcock

























## **MEN'S SEVENTH GRADE REPORT**



**Back Row L to R:** Paul Flanagan, Glen Detering, Richard McKeogh Andrew Sarnadski, Gareth Mair, David Prince, John Cullen, Peter Mitchell

**Middle Row L to R:** Milcho Klimoski, Sam Chrysos, Keith March, Arun Aggarwal, Steve McGill

**Front row:** Terry Kelly

**Absent** Owen Bailey, Andrew Hammett, and Neil Kaye

The story of Grade Seven is a story of work in progress. 2006 we struggled to win 2 games in a season, 2007 we finished just outside the top 4 and 2008 we made the top four and for the first time were series contenders.

To summarise our season, we finished forth in the end, to make the semi's. We played 16 games, won 9; drew 2 and lost 5. No team beat us twice in the season and the points difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> was 3 points, i.e. one win. It was a very close season, with any team on the day able to beat any other.

To re-live some of the highlights 2008 had - 19 goals were scored against the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade in the entire season, which is a strong testimony of the work John Cullen, Graham Durrant and Terry Kelly as goalie at the back. To put this into perspective, their average age of the defensive three is 50+ and they each played in every game of the season.



Both Terry and John had the best seasons I have ever seen them play, with a special mention to Terry who would play games every week, and to dis-spell the ugly rumours, can still slide tackle and get up in the same play... A special mention also should be made of Graham who added allot of experience into the defence throughout the season, which was especially critical in the often tight and furious games that made our season.

In the mid-field we were served well by Peter Mitchell, Gareth Mair, Paul Diaper and John Macdonald. Peter was the fieriest guy in the team, at times ready to take on the whole opposition when they gave him a bit of lip. Peter had a blinder of a year with solid play at right half. I will always remember the reeve up stories of winning the grade 5 final in 82, and if he could do it then – we could win this year. Sorry – mate – one more year to go... Paul went from strength to strength throughout the season at left half and then at left inner, well done mate. John joined us later in the season, but added some much with his experience and a smooth hit that was the envy of us all.

Up front – we had the best season so far with many of the forwards getting on target and putting the ball into the back of the net. Special mention to Glenn Detering who lead the way with 5 goals – he would have gotten the team golden stick trophy if we had one. Arun Aggarwal joined us later in the season but had an immediate impact, scoring 4 goals in 6 games, a very valuable addition in the run up to the finals. We of course had the “POMS”, Simon Rickards and Peter Dodsley up front who both made valuable contributions throughout the season beyond the score board to help make the season a good one for all involved.

Another feature of our game to improve this season was the work done on the wings by Lindsey Owen Talyor, Justin Allen and Sam Crysos who both improved allot through the season, with Lindsey un-lucky not have scored more goals given the strength of his play... We are looking forward to bigger and better things in this coming season...

Finally, last but by no means lease, the season could not have happened without the support of the “Ring-Ins”, the people who backed up from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to help us through the season, playing two games. There are to many to mention you all, though special mention goes to Owen Bailey, who played in a total of 14 of the 17 games. Thank you very much for your support throughout the season. To all the others, we couldn't have gone as far as we did without you. A sincere thanks you all.

To wrap up – it has been a good year for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade. We continue to improve each season and it does beg the question will we go all the way next year... Quietly, not being a betting man, I would be willing to put a tenner on us going all the way next year. I look forward to playing with many of you again next year and going two games further... Have a good summer and see you March09...

Gareth Mair

## MEN'S EIGHTH GRADE REPORT



Back Row L to R : Owen Bailey, Richard McKeogh, Paul Flanagan, Andrew Sarnadsky, Trevor Smith, Phil Wade, Keith March (captain), Simon Rickards  
Center L to R : Steve McGill, Milcho Klimoski, Pete Dodsley, Neil Kaye  
Front Row: Terry Kelly

2008 saw the reintroduction of an 8<sup>th</sup> grade for Glebe. We were extremely happy to have an additional team to help support our 7<sup>th</sup> grade, that has been in existence for a number of years. However, we only had enough players for a team and a half and were uncertain how we were going to make it work. Starting the competition with a positive attitude and manner; we won our first game even though we had a number of players double up. The team managed to come together showing immense enthusiasm. After the second game we were undefeated and were given two extra players that would bolster both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They were a bit hard to understand being from England but they slotted straight into the side. Unfortunately we lost the next game. Regrouping we tended to win more than we lost. It took us half the season to establish ourselves as a real threat to the competition. Finally we ended the season in third position on the ladder.

8<sup>th</sup> grade played 16 games, won 9 drew 2 and lost 5. Our team was defiantly competitive; we were equal second best scoring team and the third best defensive side. These statistics gave us the right to contest the semi finals. Briars were the first hurdle to jump.



Lucky we played on synthetic as the day was one of the wettest Septembers for a long time. Adapting to the condition better than Briars, we came away with a 2 nil win. Our next opposition in the finals where Sydney Uni. Total contrast to the previous week it was one of the hottest and driest days in September. After an epic struggle we came away with a 2 to 1 win. This gave us the right to contest the grand final against Sutherland who where undefeated and minor premiers. The day of the grand final was always going to be a struggle and we where determined to give it our best shot. Being as hot if not hotter than the final we took to the field with great pride having achieved so much this season. Unfortunately we where over powered by a younger side with 4 reserves to our 1. The end result was a 7 to 1 loss to a side that dominated the season. This didn't deter us as most of us vowed to return next year.

Our goal keeper Terry Kelly tended goal for both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the whole year. Terry played the entire season like a professional. He positioned the full backs to make scoring against us as difficult as possible. On many occasions his goal tending helped us win the mach and was an inspiration to the forwards to work harder. Terry achieved his 200<sup>th</sup> game against Manly in 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year.

The fullback where predominantly Keith March and Richard McKeogh. We did have others play there every so often but these two guys made the position there's. No goal against us was a given, the fullbacks made life extremely hard for the opposing forwards. On many occasions they where the starting point of our many attacking raids, with these power clearances they got the ball out of our danger zone and started our attacks.

The work horses of the team our halves comprised of Simon Rickards, Owen Bailey, and Trevor Smith. Owen led the troops in at centre half and also reached a milestone of 100 games played for the club. From this position his work rate was phenomenal and was able to pass off left or right to the other guys which also had an extremely high work rate. These three guys not only attacked but where also vigorous in there defence. It wasn't uncommon to see them in defence and in a short length of time to be in the oppositions D attacking there goals. Simon and Trevor's youth was a great bonus to the team as they had the legs to run for the full 70 minutes of the game. Simon and Owen on many occasions had 2 games per week and never shirked there commitment to 8<sup>th</sup> grade; they ran just as hard if not harder in 8ths which inspired many of our players.

The forwards consisted of Paul Flanagan, Neil Kaye, Andrew Sarnadsky, Pete Dodsley and Milcho Klimoski. Our forwards had a good year in scoring goals; this was attributed to the common bond of not letting the hard team work go to waste. There was no selfishness in scoring if someone was in a better position, the ball generally got to them to make certain of the goal. In attacking they never gave up and this reflected on the score board. Our forwards and halves frustrated may opposition backs with there constant attacking raids. We even where able to score quite a few goals from our short corners.

Impact players Steve McGill and Phil Wade where brought on at strategic times. These two guys played in all position except in goal. They came on and had an emeditate affect on the game. These two players where excellent in all positions that they played. We where very lucky to have such committed and gifted men.

We must thank a number of 7<sup>th</sup> grade players that helped us through the year. In total we had 7 players assist us in the competition, they where Gareth Mair, John Cullen, Justin

Allen, Glen Detering, Peter Mitchell, Paul Diaper and Sam Crysos. These players were always so willing to help, we had to turn them away at times so we didn't exceed the 5 player double up rule. We couldn't have done it without them thanks guys.

Milcho Klimoski (manager)

I would like to praise each and every player of the 8th grade team. Every body played as well as they could and as hard as they could and while 8th grade may not be great spectator sport for those of us on the field this year it has been a truly satisfying and enjoyable experience.

Off the field the level of support and camaraderie between 7th and 8th grade made those evening in far flung places a rewarding part of the season. When your Saturday nights entertainment consists of running around with sweaty blokes in maroon shirts to have players commit fully to each game, to play team hockey with control and purpose and to win more than a few made the weekends worthwhile.

Many thanks and well wishes to our imports Pete and Simon who were instrumental in raising the standard of our attack.

Thanks again to Milcho for brilliantly managed season.

See you all next year.

Keith March (captain)

TEAM: Terry Kelly, Keith March (captain), Richard McKeogh, Simon Rickards, Owen Bailey, Trevor Smith, Neil Kaye, Pete Dodsley, Andrew Sarnadsky, Paul Flanagan, Milcho Klimoski, Steve McGill, Phil Wade.



## WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE REPORT



Back Row (L-R): Alison Cheong, Louise Tapsell, Catherine Wark, Helen Howe, Kate Pearsall, Mary Wark, Emily Smith, Tracy Bradshaw, Phoebe Kershaw, Colin Rochester (coach)

Front Row (L-R): Rachael Wilkinson, Amy Smith, Simone Speet, Eleanor Bath  
Absent: Andrea Lum

It gives me great pleasure to write this report about a great bunch of ladies who gave their best for little reward in season 2008.

The Metro Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Division is a very strong competition with many clubs boosting their ranks each year as a result of buying players and recruiting outsiders and country players which, results in the quality of opposition always being strong regardless of ladder ranking – 2008 was no exception.

This year the team had expectations to improve on its 2007 performance and in many ways the team did so, particularly in terms of pre season fitness work, our style of play, application to the team structure and being more effective in set plays especially with penalty corners. However, too many close games were lost simply due to our inability to execute in the circle. As every hockey player knows, results can only be achieved by scoring goals and this year goal scoring was our weakness.

As a result and despite playing exceptional hockey at times, the team finished the 2008 season at the bottom of the ladder which was an extremely disappointing result for the team. However, I was very proud that the team played each and every week with true

Glebe spirit and was always competitive, who always listened and applied themselves individually to game plans and wore the maroon and white confidently and enthusiastically.

Going forward I'm certain that despite the disappointment of 2008, the team and Glebe women's club will prosper – there's just too many good people and too much potential for it not to succeed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of this year's team for the season, for Raelene, Mary, Helen and the rest of the Committee for their tireless work for the club and to Danny, Dean and Googa for their involvement as coaches.

Well done to all the girls and thank you for your support as your coach over the last two years. I hope that in some small way I've helped you with your game and understanding of the sport we love and I wish you good hockey (and a bit more luck!!) in 2009.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Rochester



Phoebe Kershaw running down the right wing





Mary Wark getting ready to pass to Amy Smith (No. 6)



Simone Speet about to trap for hitter, Helen Howe (No. 4)

## WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE REPORT



Back Row (L-R): Raelene Lindeberg (Manager), Josie Barron, Anna Gosper, Janine Murray, Eliza Holyoake, Kate Gleeson, Krista Jenkins, Danny O'Brien (Coach)  
Front Row (L-R) X, Kristen Crawford O'Brien, Clare Stewart, Elizabeth Wark, Louise Tapsell

I cannot start this report without saying a big thank you to our team manager Raelene Lindeberg. Raelene organised everything and I mean everything. Raelene's enthusiasm knows no bounds.

Raelene was responsible for a 9 week pre-season training program and also during the season arranged special training sessions which were conducted by ex-Australian player Loretta Dorman. Raelene went out of her way to give our teams every opportunity to succeed this year. Rae you are a great inspiration to all in the club.

The season proved to be a tough one for us with only one win, but what a win that was. Luckily for us, it was on the Wark-Trevener Cup day (Glebe v Briars - men and women) and our win, which was unexpected, helped to ensure Glebe won the cup for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.

What that win showed was that we could compete in this grade and match the top teams. Unfortunately, consistency was a big problem along with an inability to score goals or create goal-scoring opportunities. This obviously stopped us from winning games. Defensively the team was great. The team was always competitive and many games saw us only lose by 1-2 goals despite the fact that we were arguably the better team on the day in terms of field position, possession and general play.



There are certainly changes that need to be made if we are to be more competitive in the coming seasons and I know the committee is aware of these and I am sure they will implement them accordingly.

To our first grade coach Colin Rochester, I must also say a big thank you. Colin allowed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to train with his firsts team all year and I really appreciated this and again thank you Colin for this. I know the girls loved being able to train together.

On a final note, to the girls in my team, thank you for a great year. It is always hard to turn up each week despite losing, and yes there were some hiccups along the way, but in general we all turned up each week ready to play and I really enjoyed your company and the friendships I made. Many of you showed great improvement this year and I trust that improvement continues next season.

Danny O'Brien



Left to right: Elizabeth Wark running into the circle, Kate Pearsall about to receive a pass from Louise Tapsell (No. 68)

## WOMEN'S THIRD GRADE REPORT



Back row: Melissa Crocker, Thea Roberts, Dean Benfield, Jo Hargraves, Helen Howe, Ellie Williams.

Front row: Caroline Lake, Lonneka Landzaat, Judith de Pont, Melissa Newton.

Missing: Cy Lindeberg, Taryn Robinson, Anna Zerbies, Danielle Robinson, Kaitlyn Beare, Lizzie Stewart, Elizabeth Hoban, Jessica Whiteman

The objective for this 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Women's team for the 2008 season was quite simple, to develop the group as hockey players and improve their understanding of some of the basic principles of the game. I think that on a whole that's what we achieved. With most players a significant improvement in their basic skills as well as a greater understanding of basic principles of the game was seen.

In my opinion the team definitely could have won more games than they did but it wasn't a case of our players being out classed, we just weren't as fit as our opposition most of the time and they would capitalise on any lapses in concentration. Most players really did try hard and put a lot of effort in during every match.

Within the group this year we only had a few players who at the commencement of the season had played 3<sup>rd</sup> grade previously with most players moving up from 4<sup>th</sup> grade which put behind the eight ball right from the beginning. All players needed to improve basic skills like their passing and receiving of the ball before we could really be competitive. So this became the first order of business. I ran progressional exercises through the year addressing not only the technique of how to make a pass



but also pass timing and pass selection: does a player have enough time to hit the ball or is there an opposition player so close that they would steal the ball if we didn't keep a stick on it and push the ball. I also tried to teach them some different ways to receive the ball, which started our look at some of the principles of the game. The ability to move an opposing player when you don't have the ball in order to create enough space to receive the ball and then eliminate that player while setting yourself up to make the pass to the next line. This isn't as difficult as it sounds and many of the girls made significant headway in this area which allowed them to put quality teams under a lot of pressure.

Most of our players found it difficult to concentrate for extended periods of time and along with low levels of fitness this led to lapses in our defensive structure and subsequently goals being scored against us. This is how most games seemed to get away from us. It was common for us to be leading going into half time through some really good hockey being played only to let the opposition back into the game when physical and mental fatigue set in later in the match. The capacity to concentrate and stay focused is going to be a key area of improvement if we are going to be more successful in future campaigns.

All of the girls looked as though they enjoyed their hockey on game day throughout the year but attendance to training on Tuesday nights dropped to a fairly disappointing level after only a few weeks of competition, which was more than a little frustrating after they started the year with such enthusiasm and promise. I made it abundantly clear to all players that the only way for them to improve their basic skills was through strict attendance to training where they needed to really apply themselves for the entire 1 hour session. The end result for them if they elected to do this should have been a greater improvement in their skills and the ability to concentrate while under pressure. With the exception of a few players who had already put the team and the commitment they made to each other first every week anyway, the message about the benefits having good training ethics seemed fall on deaf ears. I am sure that many would agree that this is not a problem that exists exclusively in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade but is indeed a wide spread problem throughout the top 3 grades. It seems many of our women players at the club struggle for motivation, perhaps this would be a good place to start our rebuilding effort in order to get our club back amongst the elite, where it belongs.

I think at this point it important to note that just being at every training session through the year does not constitute good training ethics and many players are not using their time at training well. Many of the regular attendants to Tuesday night training sessions really don't apply themselves anywhere near as much as they need to and as such fail to capitalise on the opportunity to exercise their minds and improve their ability to concentrate for longer periods of time, make sound decisions under pressure while the game is being played as well as practicing their basic skills at the same time. One thing I have noticed with players from all grades is a reluctance to work on their basic skills and technique for things that a lot of players far younger than them can perform with surprising ease and accuracy. An example of this is when I asked my team to just scoop the ball up off the ground and bounce it on their sticks, most could not even get the ball into air the air from the ground much less control the ball well enough to bounce it. I gave this same warm up task to a group of under 14's I coached and result was vastly different with most players progressing to running while bouncing the ball by the second session. Some of the girls don't seem to realise that they have to really nail those skills in order to progress to more complex skills like

jinking the ball and dragging the ball while it is in the air, which are both becoming more main stream in a far more competitive game where the having the slightest advantage over your opponent can make a huge difference to the performance of the team.

There seems to be a lot of players ready to accept mediocrity from themselves rather than put themselves out of their comfort zone in order to learn new skills or even hone old ones that may need attention. I fully believe that for a player to improve, they have to be demanding of themselves and be prepared to make mistakes and learn from them. Too many players are unwilling to get out of their comfort zone and really test themselves. This fear of failure has prevented our teams from achieving the type of results all teams have shown they are capable of at various points during the year and essentially guaranteed the failure they feared so much.

What we do in the circle at both ends of the field still presents major problems for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and indeed all top 3 grades. As 3<sup>rd</sup> grade coach one of my jobs was to improve these areas and I feel that we did achieve something in these areas, although not as much as I would have liked. Goal shooting and creating goal scoring opportunities improved while skills like tackling and channelling players inside the defensive circle were poor in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for the entire year. The defence conceded far too many penalty corners because the opposing team could easily find the feet of a defender in the circle or a reckless tackle was made. This brings us back to the low standard of physical conditioning. Without the necessary foot speed to make good position to defend or the ability to stay in a strong, balanced position down nice and low for as long it takes to dispossess an opponent it is exceedingly difficult to be effective in defence.

I believe the way we approach physical conditioning needs urgent attention as it has not been effective for us thus far. Perhaps we can learn something from the NSW Institute of Sport and the way they combine fitness training and a skills session. By introducing 30 minutes of intense fitness based exercise to each session we would see marked improvement in participation in fitness training and the subsequent benefits will follow. I suggest that 3<sup>rd</sup> grade commence their skills session at 6pm and conclude their skills session at 7pm to be joined by 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in an intensive 30 minute fitness session on the turf before 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades commence their skills session. If the coaches manage the time properly and players get to training before the session is scheduled to start, there should be ample time to make this work. This approach has proven very useful in teaching athletes in the NSWIS program how to cope with fatigue and minimise the impact it has on the execution of fundamental areas of their game.

The ideas I have put forward and the observations I have made in this report, critical though they may appear are in no way intended to undermine or belittle the efforts of anyone in the club, because without their hard work in past years I feel our great club would be in much worse shape than we find it now. It is critical at this point in the history of the Glebe Hockey Club that we draw on the resources that we do have, we have some developed some of the most gifted and talented players I have ever taken the field with and now is the time to draw on their experience and knowledge while we are able to.



It is my hope that at least some of the observations and feedback contained in my coach's report will be seriously considered with the intention to implement what we can.

Dean Benfield



Anna Zerbes on the ball, with Lizzie Stewart in the circle.



Cy Lindeberg on the attack.

## WOMEN'S FOURTH GRADE REPORT



Back Row (L-R): Jen Holt, Judith dePont, Kate Ticehurst, Jess Hol, Sophie Haydon, Lonneke Landzaat, Emma McCahon, Barbara Doran

Front Row (L-R): Zoe Nazareth, Emily Christie, Gretta Holt, Sara Bala

Absent: Sheridan Alymer, Jane Charleson, Jen Keen, Kathryn Ticehurst, Felicity Mulcachy,

With guest appearances from Mel Newton, Ellie Williams, Kaitlan Beare, Caroline Lake, and Sue Brady

Fourth grade fielded a team of all new players this year. The team came together to show great camaraderie early on in the season and continued to develop great friendships amongst themselves throughout the season. This was evident with great on field communication and the motivation the girls shared together.

The girls worked hard on their short corners during training sessions and the hard work paid off with many goals scored in game time.

After three rounds of the competition the 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls started -3 points behind the rest of the comp. The girls didn't let this stand in their way of a successful season. Staring in the face of finals contention 4<sup>th</sup> grade had to beat Briars in the last game of the season by 4 goals to make it through. Thanks to a super performance by the girls they managed to beet the Briars 4-0! They were in to the finals!

The first finals game was against the mighty St George. In torrential rain the girls managed to out play St George and finish with a 2-0 win, the goals scored by Gretta Holt and Felicity Mulcachy.



Unfortunately the girls couldn't hold off the strength of the dolphins in the semi final and that put an end to their great 2008 season.

Congratulations to Sara Bala for being the clubs leading goal scorer, not to mention being the most entertaining on field with her serious commitment to diving for the ball!

I look forward to seeing 4<sup>th</sup> grade continue to get stronger and win the final next year.

Trophy winners for 2008: Best and Fairest – Jess Hol  
Players Player – Jenny Holt  
Highest Goal Scorer – Sara Bala

Larissa Barton

## **WOMEN'S FIFTH GRADE REPORT**



Back Row (L-R): Zoe Nazareth, Robyn Ainsworth, Prue Brady, Matilda Gillis, Emma Brady, Maddie Smith, Kate Robinson

Front Row (L-R): Barbara Doran, Larissa Barton, Sue Brady, Amelia Rowe

Absent: Shani Dabarera, Sheridan Alymer

Fifth grade fielded the same team as last year alongside new recruits Zoe Nazareth, Shani Dabarera, Amelia Rowe, Prue Brady and Kate Robinson.

It was great seeing Prue Brady come up from juniors and the huge improvement in confidence and skill from Matilda Gillis and Zoe Nazareth.

Thanks to Kate Robinson for donning on the goalies kit to help out, she did a brave and wonderful job.

Sue Brady was our 'rock' on and off the field this year, directing the communication on the field and continually providing assistance and encouragement to all the players.

Unfortunately 5<sup>th</sup> grades season wasn't quite the success of 4<sup>th</sup> grade but we look forward to seeing the team develop further and win a few more games in 2009.

Trophy winners for 2008: Best and Fairest – Sue Brady  
Players Player – Sue Brady / Kate Robinson

Larissa Barton



## VETERANS



Back Row (L to R) Alan Doughty, George Manou, John Cullen, Steve McGill, Chris Walters,  
Front Row (l to R) Alan Jones, Arun Aggarwal, Milcho Klimoski, Michael Bougoukas, Armat Parphu

Missing Peter Busch, Craig Martin, Danny O'Brien, Donald Ball, Craig Bagley

2008 saw the Glebe Veterans team play 14 rounds of hockey, with 23 players registered in the competition. Due to injury and other commitments the team consisted of 10 main members playing over 8 games. This didn't take away from the enjoyment of the competition or the dedication to give it our true Glebe best; in fact, when we played short we were even more deadly than with a full team.

Starting the season in B division, we won 3 games, drew 4 and lost 7, placing us in C division half way through the season; where we managed to complete the season in 5th place overall. The team scored 19 goals and had 25 scored against, thus indicating very close games which could have gone either way.

The chief Goal scorer was Chris Walters on 5, followed closely by Arun Aggarwal on 3 Goals. Four players, Craig Martin, Danny O'Brien, Amrat Parbhu and Milcho Klimoski,

scored 2 goals each. Also contributing with 1 where Mick Bougoukas, Les Wark and Alan Jones. However it needs to be noted that none of these goals were a single player effort and all team members contributed to the attainment of all goals scored.

Our main goal keeper George Manou was as reliable as ever and played with great courage. When you consider he played with injury for most of the season, George constantly frustrated the opposition with his never give up attitude with his great saves. On many occasions George kept the team in the game with his goal keeping.

Mick Bougoukas played the first 4 games in goals and was at his brilliant best. One of the great sights of the season was to see Mick take a stroke against Briars in full goalie gear. Like most goal keepers, Mick aspires to score as many goals as he's had scored against him, so he played in the forward line for the rest of the season.

The full backs consistently made life difficult for the opposition attackers. The core players in this position were John Cullen, Keith March and Alan Doughty. The former 7<sup>th</sup> grade combination of Keith and John made penetration by the opposition of our line as hard as possible. Alan Doughty's effort was as reliable as ever, his talent in that position speaks for itself. Alan also played in the half and forward line which shows how versatile he is on the field, while always giving maximum effort.

The Halve is the workhorse of the team and we had no shortage of players in this position. They included Amrat Parbhu, Craig Martin, Wayne Madden, Danny O'Brien and Chris Walters. These guys are amongst some of the fittest players to play vets. The work load of attacking and defending requires great stamina and ability. They never gave up and consistently won the battle of dominance on the field.

Our forwards and inners also attacked the opposition with great vigour. These positions were occupied by Arun Aggarwal, Donald Ball, Mick Bougoukas, Neil Kaye, Milcho Klimoski, Steve McGill, Mark Twaite and Alan Jones. All the forwards combined well and gave 100% effort. The forwards consistently put the opposition to the test. Short corners were one of our lethal weapons, even if they didn't go in all the time. This wasn't a problem because we were very fortunate to have attacking players that were always there to pounce on any opportunity.

In conclusion it was a tough year due to a lack of available players; however this did not take away from the enjoyment had by all. We gave it our all and got some good memories out of it. Many thanks must go to all the players and especially to George Manou for stepping up once again as Captain of the side. A special mention must go to Les Wark for corresponding between the team and the Sydney Vets Association. I invite all players to return for the 2009 Vets season.

Milcho Klimoski

Team: George Manou (Cptn), Arun Aggarwal, Donald Ball, Mick Bougoukas, John Cullen, Alan Doughty, Neil Kaye, Milcho Klimoski, Wayne Madden, Craig Martin, Danny O'Brien, Amrat Parbhu, Chris Walters, Steve McGill, Keith March, Mark Twaite, Alan Jones, Craig Bagley, Peter Busch, Steve Casey, Keith Issacs, Les Wark, Lex McPhee.



## OUR SUPPORTERS



L to R: Ken Wark(Patron) Ron Richardson, Bob Taylor, Danny O'Brien, Noel Anderson, Martin Howe



L to R: Liz Cleary, Deb & Mark Noller, Deanna & Dean Morrow





Ken Wark, Martin Howe & Robert Wark



Standing L to R: Adam Campano, Steve Howard, Adrian Howe, Jim Oman, Danny O'Brien, Beven Ineson, Martin Howe, Andrew Goodrick.

Middle Row L to R: Hugo Adrian, Ollie Holyoake, Simon Wark, Christian Campano, Braydon Mead, Mark Noller, Les Wark

Front Row: Josie Baron, Helen Howe



Matt O'Donnell



Deb & Mark Noller





Standing L to R: Mark Paterson, Scott Howard, Patrick Wark, Simon Wark, Sam Noller  
 Sitting Back Row L to R: Noel Anderson, Colin & Ann Rochester, Carole Wark, Greg Organ  
 Sitting Front Row L to R: Dean Benfield, Helen Howe, Louise Tapsell, Kate Pearsall, Amy Wark  
 Standing Front L to R: Shaun Wootton, Mary Wark



Geoff Paterson & Les Wark



Braddon Morrow





Life Members Harry Wark and Molly Wark

Molly Wark receiving the Travener/ Wark Trophy



Harry & Les Wark





L to R: Geoff Hammett, Andrew Goodrick, Liz & Steve Howard, Ken Bennett, Geoff Paterson, Merv Goodridge.



L to R: Gabrielle Wark, Helen Howe, Andrew Goodrick, Geoff Bortfield, Adam Farrawell



L to R: Ian Paterson, James Benson, Michael Wark, Danny O'Brien, Mark Paterson, Pat Wark, Zack Farlow, Aaeon Oman, Will McLean





Standing L to R: Geoff Bortfield, Steve Howard, Lex McPhee (far end)  
 Seating top L to R: Dean Morrow, George Manou, Michael Bougoukas, Mark & Deb Noller,  
 Jenny & Hamish Brown, Liz Cleary, Matthew Redenbach, Merv Goodridge, Molly Wark, Chris  
 Bortfield, Liz Howard, Moureen Paterson, Robyn Wark  
 Sitting L to R: Graham Mosley Sam Noller, Dominic Kavanagh, Terren Manou



L to R: Geoff Bortfield, Gus Malfoy, Sam Noller, Scott Cleary, Cory Morrow, Jake Ribarovski,  
 Alex Sheard



L to R: Harry Wark, Molly Wark, Alan Rix, Liz Cleary, Liz & Steve Howard





Michael Bougoukas



Jake, Jenny & George Ribarovski



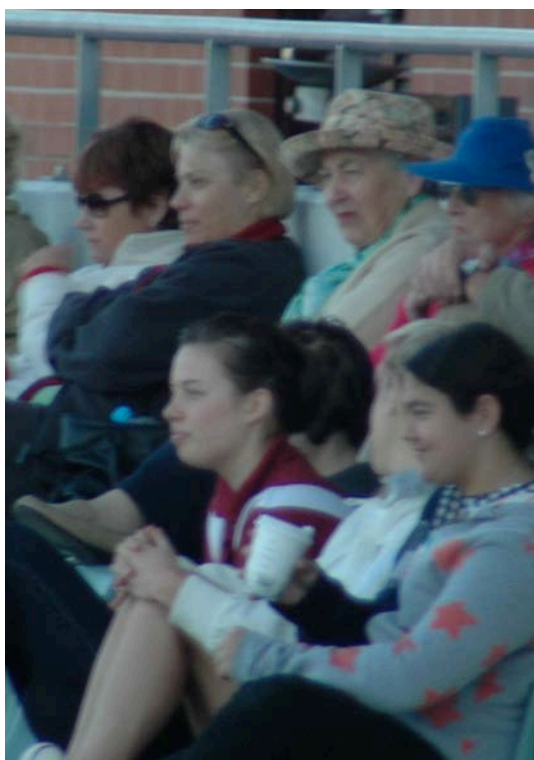
Sitting Top L to R: Molly Wark, Ken Wark, Ann LaSpina  
 Sitting Middle L to R: Robert Wark, Colin Rochester, Charlie Brown, Danny O'Brien, Geoff Paterson  
 Sitting Lower, Dean Benfield





Standing L to R: Robert Wark, Craig McPhee  
 Sitting L to R: Ken Wark, Noel Anderson, Danny O'Brien, Peter Mitchell, Martin Howe, Bob Taylor Lex McPhee  
 Sitting Next Row: Patrick Nilan

Sitting Top L to R: Ann LaSpina, Liz Cleary, Molly Wark, Joyce Wark  
 Sitting Middle Row L to R: Elizabeth Wark, Krista Jenkins



Shane Brown & Bill Stocker



## **Representative Players 2008**

### **Central Area Junior Hockey Association (CAJHA)**

U/17	No trials (Sydney trials in Feb 2009)
U/15	Max McInnes, Jordan Dart, Tim Fleming, Ethan Doughty
U/13	Corey Bolvaren, Mackenzie Noller, Tim Graham, Kris Manou, Jamie Fleming, Dyal Howe
U/11	Hugo Hughes, Jack Beehan, Brayden Morrow

### **Sydney Junior Hockey Association (SJHA)**

U/17-1	Aleks Manou, Ross Bougoukas, Scott Cleary,
U/17-2	Chris Holmes, Alex Sheard, Corey Morrow, Jake Ribarovski, Archie Hughes
U/17-3	William Noller, Alasdair Brown,
U/15-2	Dominic Tintner
U/13-1	Jordan Dart
U/13-2	Edward Noller, Tim Flemming, Harry Doughty
U/13-3	Ethan Doughty
U/11-1	Mackenzie Noller, Kris Manou
U/13-1 Girls	Maddy Shaw

### **Sydney Indoor Hockey Association (SIHA)**

U/21	Alex Manou, Ross Bougoukas
U/17	Aleks Manou, Ross Bougoukas, Alex Sheard, Corey Morrow
U/15	Alex Sheard, Corey Morrow, Jake Ribarovski, Dominic Tintner,
U/13	Jordan Dart

### **Eastern Districts Womens Hockey Association (EDWHA)**

U/15	Emma Brady
U/18	Catherine Wark
	Stephanie Black
	Thea Roberts
Open	Catherine Wark

### **SHA Awards**

Brian Booth	Mark Paterson
Highest Goal Scorer	Michael Wark
SJHA Player of the Year	Scott Cleary

### **NSW State Representation**

U18 Indoor	Aleks Manou, Ross Bougoukas
U21 Indoor	Nathan Dart
NSW UNDER 18 WOMEN	Catherine Wark
NSW UNDER 18 MEN	Ross Bougoukas
NSW UNDER 21 MEN	Ian Paterson, Alister Cullen,
NSW NHL MEN	Mark Paterson, Ian Paterson, Matthew Wark

### **Australian Representation**

AUSTRALIA Under 21	Ian Paterson
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# CLUB HONOURS 2008

## MEN

### Players' Player

1st Grade	Mark Paterson
2nd Grade	Scott Howard
3rd Grade	Peter Busch
4th Grade	Alan Doughty
5th Grade	Jack Stocker
6th Grade	James D McDonald
7th Grade	Garth Mair
8th Grade	Pete Dodsley

### Club Milestones

800 Club Games	Les Wark
300 Club Games	Adam Campano
200 Club Games	Adam Howard Pat Casey Terry Kelly Bernie Adcock
100 Club Games	Jash LaSpina Sam Noller Ross Bougoukas Sam Bagley Owen Bailey
200 1st Grade Games	Aaron Oman
150 1st Grade Games	Dean Benfield Patrick Wark
100 1st Grade Games	Adam Howard Michael Wark Mark Paterson

## WOMEN

### Players' Player

1st Grade	Amy Smith & Tracey Bradford
2nd Grade	Louise Tapsell
3rd Grade	Ellie Williams
4th Grade	Jennifer Holt
5th Grade	Kate Robinson

### Coaches Award for Most Consistant

1st Grade	Helen Howe
2nd Grade	Louise Tapsell
3rd Grade	Cy Lindeberg
4th Grade	Jess Hoi
5th Grade	Sue Brady

### Women's Highest Goal Scorer

Sara Bale

### Club Milestones

200 Club Games	Ellie Williams Robyn Ainsworth Mary Wark
100 Club Games	Kate Gleeson Julie Newton Andrea Lum

## **Club Trophies**

*The Club has eight trophies that are competed for year by year.  
Trophy winners are selected by the Management Committee  
at the conclusion of each season*

### **W. J. TAYLOR CUP**

*The trophy was first awarded in 1941. It was donated by W.J. Taylor, who at the time was the Club Patron. The award was originally for the "Most Improved Player", however, since 1954 the wording was altered to "The Club Member Who Has Set The Best Example by Consistent Play and General Demeanour".*

1941	Frank Murray	1976	Greg Corben
1942	Not awarded	1977	Greg Corben
1943	Jack Taylor	1978	Royce Jenkins
1944	Not awarded	1979	Mike Buckley
1945	Leo Murdoch	1980	Geoff Paterson
1946	Alan Cross	1981	John "Todd" Smith
1947	Bob Needham	1982	Les Wark
1948	Jack Buckley	1983	Danny O'Brien
1949	Fred Needham	1984	Terry Reece
1950	Jack Martin	1985	Bob Barrett
1951	Vince Halls	1986	Colin Rochester
1952	Jack Martin	1987	Tim Sutton
1953	Glen Elliott	1988	Bevan Ineson
1954	Alex Robb	1989	R. "Ted" Edmondson
1955	Vern Turner	1990	Tom Jenkins
1956	Jack Taylor	1991	Bevan Ineson
1957	Reg Matthews	1992	Harry Wark
1958	Paul Rogers	1993	Stephen Casey
1959	Greg Harris	1994	Michael Bougoukas
1960	Greg Harris	1995	Martin Howe
1961	Graeme Gilmour	1996	Brent Gilmour
1962	Ken Wark	1997	Amrat Parbhu
1963	Pat Nilan	1998	Amrat Parbhu
1964	Pat Nilan	1999	Kieran Diviney
1965	Graeme Gilmour	2000	John McDonald
1966	Dave Stevens	2001	Mike Bougoukas
1967	Ken Wark	2002	Phil Winwood
1968	Martin Howe	2003	Steven Casey
1969	Robert Brown	2004	Graham Brown
1970	Keith Vincent	2005	Tom Holyoake
1971	Graeme Gilmour	2006	Tom Holyoake
1972	Vic Westacott	2007	Craig Bagley
1973	Col Smith	2008	Alan Doughty
1974	Pat Nilan		
1975	Ian Mutton		



## A. J. OLDFIELD CUP

*The A. J Oldfield Cup was also first awarded in 1941. The Cup was presented to the Club by the late A. J. (Burt) Oldfield, the former Australian Wicketkeeper.*

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

1941	Jack Taylor	1976	Robert Diviney
1942	Not awarded	1977	Robert Diviney
1943	during	1978	Ken Wark jnr
1944	War years	1979	Ken Wark jnr
1945	John Richards	1980	Ken Wark jnr
1946	John Collett	1981	Danny O'Brien
1947	Not awarded	1982	Ken Wark jnr
1948	Don Campbell	1983	Craig Stubbs
1949	Allan Halls	1984	Ken Bennett
1950	Bob Rodgers	1985	David Rochester
1951	Ken Bolin	1986	Michael Diviney
1952	Len Needham	1987	Julian Dell
1953	Ken Bolin	1988	Wayne Southwell
1954	Paul Rogers	1989	David Annan
1955	Paul Rogers	1990	Shane Nilan
1956	Greg Harris	1991	Stuart Corkery
1957	Vic Westacott	1992	Glen Barnes
1958	Pat Nilan	1993	Patrick McCann
1959	Pat Nilan	1994	Brad Goodridge
1960	Bill Stubbs	1995	Alan Alderson
1961	Pat Nilan	1996	Christian Campano
1962	Robert Brown	1997	Sam Everist
1963	Graham Kirkland	1998	Steve Sherwood
1964	Ross Croker	1999	Yuri Schimke
1965	Marvin Heaston	2000	Aaron Oman
1966	Garry Manou	2001	Aaron Nilan
1967	Harry Wark jnr	2002	Adam Howard
1968	Graham Lisk	2003	Michael Wark
1969	Graham Lisk	2004	Brendan Booth
1970	Royce Jenkins	2005	Ian Paterson
1971	John McDonald	2006	Michael Wark
1972	Wayne Sullivan	2007	Ian Paterson
1973	Les Wark	2008	Ian Paterson
1974	Greg Corbin		
1975	Geoff Paterson		

### **MICHAEL “ABBO” ATTERTON MEMORIAL TROPHY**

*Michael Atterton died tragically in early 1978; the Club awarded this Trophy in fond memory of him. In 1965, at the age of 6, “ Abbo” commenced his hockey with the Club. Whilst still a junior, at the age of 14, he played his first senior games. He was considered to be, potentially, one of the most outstanding prospects in the Club. The Trophy was first awarded in 1978, for the “ Player With the Most Potential “.*

1980	Danny O'Brien	1996	Dean Benfield
1981	Warren Birmingham	1997	Aaron Oman
1982	Leo Kalisperos	1998	Aaron Oman
1983	David Rochester	1999	Darryn Booth
1984	Craig Martin	2000	Darryn Booth
1985	Michael Diviney	2001	Darryn Booth
1986	James Fitzgerald	2002	Mark Paterson
1987	James Fitzgerald	2003	Mark Paterson
1988	David Annan	2004	Ian Paterson
1989	Craig Greaves	2005	Matthew Wark
1990	Craig Greaves	2006	Alister Cullen
1991	Craig Greaves	2007	Alister Cullen
1992	Aaron Nilan	2008	Matthew Wark
1993	Aaron Nilan		
1994	Simon Booth		
1995	Dean Benfield		

### **HARRY WARK SNR TROPHY**

*This trophy is dedicated to the memory of Harry Wark Snr, Club Patron, Life Member who played a record 754 games for the Club, including 1st grade and the lower grades. Harry was a passionate and committed member of the Club who supported the development of younger players and the enjoyment of the game amongst the lower grade players.*

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

2003	Geoff Hammett	2004	Vernon Howe
2005	Andrew Goodrick	2006	Graham Brown
2007	Tim Sutton	2008	Milcho Klimoski



## **V. J. TURNER CUP**

*In their efforts to foster Junior Hockey in the Club, the Management Committee of 1950, decided to present a trophy for the “ Most Improved Junior Under the Age of 17 Years ”.*

*The Cup was named after Vern Turner in appreciation for his work for juniors.*

*Vern was an outstanding player and an equally outstanding Coach. He first started with the Club in 1942, playing Left Wing and soon went into 1st. Grade. He played 261 games and scored 84 goals. His ambition was to coach a winning Under 16's team.*

*This ambition was unfulfilled when he left the Club in 1957.*

*In the following 1958 Season, two teams which he had coached played out the Final.*

1950	Keith Riley	1981	Leo Kalisperos
1951	Bennett Dunn	1982	Kieran Dell
1952	Maurie Cownie	1983	Craig Schubert
1953	Eddy Kenny	1984	Julian Dell
1954	Bill Stubbs	1985	Shane Filewood
1955	John Whittle	1986	James Fitzgerald
1956	Gary Sullivan	1987	Damien Galluzzo
1957	Barry Angus	1988	Brett Stubbs
1958	Brian Howe	1989	Damien Galluzzo
1959	Graeme Gilmour	1990	Aaron Nilan
1960	Dennis Lisk	1991	Aaron Nilan
1961	Harry Wark jnr	1992	Adam Campano
1962	Dennis Brown	1993	Adam Campano
1963	Colin Brown	1994	Christian Campano
1964	Not Awarded	1995	Aaron Oman
1965	Not Awarded	1996	Wayne Benfield
1966	Graham Lisk	1997	Alex Crook
1967	John McMahon	1998	Pat Casey
1968	Wayne Sullivan	1999	Pat Wark
1969	Michael Weatherly	2000	Adam Howard
1970	Wayne Sullivan	2001	Mark Paterson
1971	Les Wark	2002	Matt Wark
1972	Robert Diviney	2003	Zach Farlow
1973	Robert Diviney	2004	Luke Freeman
1974	Robert Diviney	2005	Alistair Cullen
1975	Tony Cowan	2006	Teren Manou
1976	Brian Bissakker	2007	Josh LaSpina
1977	Allen Chu	2008	Ross Bougoukas
1978	Scott Brown		
1979	Peter Cremin		
1980	Leo Kalisperos		

## **J. W. KENNY TROPHY**

*This Trophy was first competed for in 1975. It was donated by Jim Kenny, Patron, Life Member and Foundation Member of the Club. The Committee decided it would take into consideration points allocated in the H A Brian Booth Medal Award. However, since 1980, in making the award, the winner was not necessarily the highest points scorer from the Club in the Brian Booth Medal list.*

1976	Ian Mutton	1993	Ken Wark jnr
1977	Robert Diviney	1994	Ken Wark Jr.
1978	Geoff Paterson	1995	Shane Nilan
1979	Greg Corben	1996	Pat McCann
1980	Graham Bell	1997	Shane Nilan
1981	Garry Manou	1998	Shane Nilan
1982	Warren Birmingham	1999	Aaron Nilan
1983	Ken Wark jnr	2000	Steve Sherwood
1984	Col Rochester	2001	Aaron Nilan
1985	Les Wark	2002	James Wright
1986	Robert Wark	2003	Aaron Oman
1987	Danny O' Brien	2004	Dean Benfield
1988	Peter Busch	2005	Darryn Booth
1989	Danny O'Brien	2006	Dean Benfield
1990	George Manou	2007	Mark Paterson
1991	Ken Wark jnr	2008	Dean Benfield
1992	Craig Stubbs		

## **ROBERT DIVINEY MEMORIAL TROPHY**

*This Trophy was donated by the Club in memory of Robert Diviney who died in 1982. He was hit by a car on his way home from hockey training at Jubilee Oval. The trophy is awarded to the Most Outstanding Club Player, Junior or Senior.*

1982	Warren Birmingham	1997	Ken Wark Junior
1983	Ken Wark Junior	1998	Steve Sherwood
1984	Craig Stubbs	1999	Aaron Nilan
1985	Grant Martin	2000	James Wright
1986	David Rochester	2001	Aaron Nilan
1987	Ken Wark Junior	2002	Darryn Booth
1988	Ken Wark Junior	2003	Darryn Booth
1989	Ken Wark Junior	2004	Shane Nilan
1990	Craig Greaves	2005	Dean Benfield
1991	Ken Wark Junior	2006	Mark Paterson
1992	Ken Wark Junior	2007	Aaron Oman
1993	Craig Stubbs	2008	Mark Paterson
1994	Warren Birmingham		
1995	Warren Birmingham		
1996	Shane Nilan		



## PAT NILAN TROPHY

*Pat Nilan, ex Triple Olympian, donated this Trophy to the Club. It is to be presented to the "Most Outstanding Club Member", Junior or Senior, for the year as adjudged by the Management Committee.*

1984	Graeme Gilmore	Eddy Crook
1985	Keith Paterson	Rodney Hammett
1986	Keith Paterson	Jim Oman
1987	Martin Howe	Marilynne Smith
1988	Gary Wark	Robert Taylor
1989	Eric "Chook" Frazer	David Trodden
1990	Col Rochester	Harry Wark Snr
1991	Harry Wark Jnr	Les Wark
1992	Jim Oman	2000 Glenn Dunn
1993	Maureen Paterson	2001 Bob Taylor
1994	Les Wark	2002 Michael Bougoukas
1995	Maureen Paterson	2003 Harry Wark
1996	Anne Wark	2004 Ron Cheong
1997	Margaret Howe	2005 John Nilan
1998	Jim Oman	2006 Geoff Paterson
		2007 Raelene Lindeberg
		2008 Mark Noller
1999	The Artificial Turf Committee Harry Wark Jnr (Convenor)	

## Margaret Howe Encouragement Award

*Margaret Howe held many committee positions over the years. Hardworking and generous with her time, she was an organiser, supporter, selector, financier and general propagator of club spirit. An enthusiastic champion of Women's hockey at all levels, her contributions were felt from sixth to first grades. This trophy is awarded annually in her memory to a younger club member who has consistently provided the best example of club spirit in their contribution to the club, on and/or off the field. In conferring this award the club recognizes the achievements of the recipient and hopes to encourage their continued involvement.*

2005 Alison Cheong and Amy Smith  
2006 Nikki Watters and Elizabeth Wark  
2007 Catherine Wark  
2008 Alison Cheong

## **Carole Wark Trophy for Most Outstanding Umpire**

*Carole Wark began umpiring in 1981. Since that time she has achieved a number of notable milestones.*

*She was the first women's club member to achieve a State A badge and has umpired at the State and National Under 21 levels. She gained an Australian A badge in 1991 and her talent was recognized when she was awarded the NSWHA umpire of the year in 1993. Carole continues to generously donate her time and make a significant contribution to the Club by both umpiring herself and assisting in the development of our umpires.*

*This trophy is awarded annually to the umpire who has helped out generously throughout the year through club commitments and/or representative duties. The winner should be an umpire who always strives to improve their knowledge and skills, and performs to their best each time they take the field.*

2005: Not Presented

2006: Michelle Hancock

2007 Caroline Lake

2008 Caroline Lake

## **Natalie White trophy for Most Outstanding Junior**

*Natalie has contributed enormously to the development of junior players within the Women's Club.*

*During her time with the Club she has coached the first and third grade sides and exposed players of all ability to top level coaching. She established a youth development squad aimed at fostering junior talent within both the men's and women's Clubs and always showed a commitment to raising the standard of hockey.*

*This trophy is aimed at recognising Natalie's contribution to the Club and encouraging junior players to play to the best of their ability. It is awarded annually to the junior player (under 18 years of age) who has displayed the most potential throughout the year.*

2005: Catherine Wark

2006: Catherine Wark

2007 Elizabeth Wark

2008 Phoebe Kershaw

## **WOMENS MOST CONSISTENT INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE**

*As adjudged by the coaches and committee.*

*Players making consistent contributions by their play and general demeanour.*

1st Grade	Helen Howe
2nd Grade	Louise Tapsell
3rd Grade	Cy Lindenberg
4th Grade	Jess Hol
5th Grade	Sue Brady



## **MOLLY WARK TROPHY**

*The Trophy was donated by Molly Wark, the first President of the Ladies' Division of the Hockey Club, who remained in office for over ten years. Molly was instrumental in initiating the formation of the Ladies' Club in 1997 and has been actively involved since then in affairs of the Club.*

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

1985	Jackie McNichol
1986	Anne Rochester
1987	Carol Purdy
1988	Lisa Williams
1989	Jill Strachan
1990	Elaine Trodden
1991	Jane Goldsmith
1992	Carole Wark
1993	Margaret Howe
1994	Michelle Minett
1995	Anne Rochester
1996	Carole Wark
1997	Margaret Howe
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1999	Natalie White
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2001	Natalie White
2002	Moirra Williams
2003	Lisa Usher
2004	Moirra Williams
2005	Moirra Williams
2006	Helen Howe
2007	Louise Tapsell
2008	Helen Howe

<b>MENS GAMES</b>		
Les	WARK	803
Stephen	CASEY	720
Danny	OBRIEN	575
Colin	ROCHESTER	566
George	MANOU	548
Peter	MITCHELL	547
Peter	BUSCH	522
Michael	BOUGOUKAS	517
Alex	MCPHEE	503
Kenneth	WARK	437
Brad	GOODRIDGE	372
John	MCDONALD	334
Andrew	GOODRICK	332
Tim	SUTTON	330
Adam	CAMPANO	326
Aaron	OMAN	280
Patrick	WARK	277
Milcho	KLIMOSKI	260
Geoffrey	HAMMETT	255
Dean	BENFIELD	243
Christian	CAMPANO	228
Terry	KELLY	224
Patrick	CASEY	222
Peter	WARK	219
Adam	HOWARD	208
Bernard	ADCOCK	207
Ross	TAPSELL	203
Damen	JONES	176
Andrew	CHEONG	175
Michael	MOSELEY	171
Michael	WARK	168
Mark	PATERSON	166
Simon	WARK	161
Stephan	MADYCKI	160
Zach	FARLOW	157
Daniel	CAREY	157
Matthew	WARK	155
Scott Steven	HOWARD	144
Wayne	BENFIELD	132
Ian	PATERSON	128
Josh	LASPINA	123
Owen	BAILEY	123
Neil	KAYE	122
Alister	CULLEN	118
Craig	BAGLEY	117
Sam	NOLLER	106
Greg	EVANS	103
Ross	BOUGOUKAS	103
Sam	BAGLEY	101
Teren	MANOU	99
Jason	MCDONALD	97
Paul	JOWETT	97
James	BENSON	96
Paul	FLANAGAN	90
Gareth	MAIR	87
Aleks	MANOU	80
Nathan	DART	78
Daniel	CLEARY	77
Anderson	MCDONALD	71
Richard	McKEOUGH	70
Dominic	KAVANAGH	66

John	CULLEN	62
Scott	CLEARY	59
Andrew	SARNADSKY	58
Keith	MARCH	55
Sam	CHRYCOS	53
Alex	SHEARD	52
Stephen	McGILL	52
Oliver	HOLYOAKE	48
Allan	MILLS	46
Jack	STOCKER	44
Tom	SCHLOSSER	44
Alan	DOUGHTY	44
Donald	BALL	44
Jake	RIBAROVSKI	43
Glen	DETERING	43
Matthew	REDENBACH	42
Lester	CURRIE	41
Corry	MORROW	37
Pete	DODSLEY	32
Simon	RICKARDS	30
Brayden	MEAD	30
James	HURRELL	29
Arun	AGGARWAL	29
Arvind	HUGHES	27
Clint	DYMOND	24
Eoghan	ODONNELL	22
Chris	HOLMES	22
Ben	GAYWOOD	22
William	NOLLER	21
Peter	KELLY	19
Jeremy	MILLER	18
Graeme	DURRANT	18
Trevor	SMITH	17
Daniel	POULOS	16
James Dean	McDONALD	16
Alexander	HART	16
Alasdair	BROWN	16
Thomas	HURRELL	15
Will	McLEAN	14
GUS	MALFROY	14
Christopher	LOUKAKIS	14
Tom	PACEY	13
Lindsay	OWEN TAYLOR	13
Paul	DIAPER	12
Justin	ALLAN	12
Dominic	TINTNER	11
Philip	WADE	9
Robert	BLAMIRE	8
Malte	BODE	1
Tony	WALL	1
Ming Hong	TAN	1

## WOMENS GAMES

Helen	HOWE	320
Melissa	NEWTON	294
Kylie	LAWSON	281
Robyn	AINSWORTH	209
Ellie	WILLIAMS	209
Mary	WARK	204
Rebecca	HOWE	195
Raelene	LINDEBERG	195
Amy	WARK	187
Rachel	WILKINSON	173
Kate	PEARSALL	159



Louise	TAPSELL	159
Clare	STEWART	148
Andrea	LUM	133
Catherine	WARK	124
Julie	NEWTON	118
Nikki	WATTERS	113
Dione	MARTIN	109
Angela	PHILLIPS	107
Kate	GLEESON	104
Eliza	HOLYOAKE	97
Elizabeth	WARK	90
Amy	SMITH	87
Josie	BARRON	82
Sheridan	AYLMER	70
Caroline	LAKE	68
Kaitlin	BEARE	67
Alison	CHEONG	67
Cy	LINDEBERG	61
Kristen	CRAWFORD O'BRIEN	51
Melissa	O'NEILL	51
Sue	BRADY	50
Thea	ROBERTS	49
Neillie	FARLOW	48
Krista	JENKINS	44
Emma	BRADY	41
Janine	MURRAY	39
Sarah	SUTHERLAND	38
Angela	HARE	34
Emily	SMITH	32
Tracey	BRADFORD	31
Stephanie	BLACK	31
Clare	CROSSWAITE	28
Taryn	ROBINSON	28
Matilda	GILLIES	26
Maddie	SMITH	25
Sara	BALA	24
Jane	CHARLESON	24
Jen	HOLT	23
Danielle	ROBINSON	21
Jess	HOL	20
Phoebe	KERSHAW	20
Emma	MCCAHOH	20
Larissa	BARTON	19
Sue	EVANS	18
Gretta	HOLT	18
Simone	SPEET	17
Emilie	CHRISTIE	17
Liz	HOBAN	17
Sophie	HAYDON	17
Felicity	MULCHAY	17
Zoe	NAZARETH	17
Grace	NAGLE	17
Liz	STEWART	17
Sarah	SHARPLES	17
Anna	ZERBES	17
Elenor	BATH	15
Alicia	DOYLE	15
Joanne	HARGREAVES	15
Jen	KEAN	14
Kate	TICEHURST	14
Rebecca	DE WEERD	13
Anna	GOSPER	12
Shani	DABARERA	12

Kate	ROBINSON	12
Elizabeth	TRAN	12
Pru	BRADY	11
Eden	BOOTNEY	11
Sarah	CHUBB	11
Jessica	WHITEMAN	11
Kylie	ROURKE	10
Judith	DE PONT	9
Lonneke	LANDZAAT	9
Emilie	SAUVEN	8
Amilia	ROWE	8
Ellouise	FALLON	8
Grace	DOUGHTY	8
Barbara	DORAN	7
Rachel	BOR	5
Abbi	BARTON	4
Catie	CURTIN	4
Mel	CROCKER	4

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